

## MISSION STATEMENT

GATHERED – RENEWED – SENT

Gathered by the Spirit. Renewed by the Word. Sent to Serve.

**Pastor's Office Hours:** Pastor Bob may be reached at the church office, 715-772-3150, Wednesday through Friday, and Saturday morning. In the event of an emergency or hospitalization, he can be reached at 612-270-3838 (cell), or by email at [PastorBob@wwt.net](mailto:PastorBob@wwt.net). (Note: The old Menomonie phone number, 715-235-4900, is no longer in service.)

**W/ELCA Meetings:** The next regular WELCA meeting will be held Thursday, August 8, beginning with the bible study at 9:30 a.m. Monthly meetings are held the second Thursday of each month, immediately following the bible study. All women of the church are invited to attend.

**Tuesday Community Supper:** St. Mary's Church will be serving the Tuesday Community Supper from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6 in the Fellowship Hall at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. The menu is: chicken taco salads, fruit and dessert bar. Please join us!

The Tuesday Community Supper is served the first Tuesday of the month at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 1350 Florence Street, Baldwin, Wisconsin. This is a free meal open to anyone in the community. Area churches, businesses and organizations take turns preparing and serving good nutritious food.

### **Give Blood. Give Another Chance.**

American Red Cross is holding a blood drive at Zion Lutheran Church, 221 N. Lockwood St., Woodville on Thursday, August 15, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Zion Lutheran Church in the search box.

## CHURCH SECRETARY VACANCY

Applications for the Church Secretary position will be received through Sunday, August 11. Anyone interested in this position is invited to obtain a position description and application form from Pastor Bob.

This is a part-time position with flexible day-time hours of approximately 5 – 15 hours per week (Monday through Saturday morning) depending on need. The current salary is \$250 per month.

## GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS SUNDAY.

September 8 has been designated church-wide as "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday, an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America: one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. "God's Work. Our Hands." service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ — every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life — flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

This years' service project will be to participate in the Feed My Starving Children's food packing event scheduled for Saturday, September 21 from Noon to 1:45 p.m. at the FMSC facility in Eagan, MN. Adults and youth, members and friends, are invited to participate. Contact Pastor Bob to sign up.



### Rally and Sundae Sunday!

Help welcome our youth and teachers back for Sunday School following the 9:00 a.m. service on September 8. Enjoy ice cream sundaes with a variety of yummy toppings and sprinkles! As a fun “extra”, there will also be an “Indoor Farmer’s Market” featuring produce, baked goods, crafts, etc. for a Fall Fund-Raiser activity. Proceeds will go toward the mission work of Wilson WELCA. See you there for a joyful gathering. 😊



#### ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Month	Altar Care	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Sundays
August	Vicki Glampe and Shirley Rostamo	Tracy Davis	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>	4 Sundays
September	Karen Esanbock and Barb Lamb	Barb Knopps	Rex and Janet Brandt	4 Sundays

**Please check the clipboards on the table in the narthex for months still needing your help.** If you’re unable to serve the entire month, perhaps you could share the Sundays with another person? Please let Pastor Bob know if you are able to help, or sign up on the sheets in the narthex.

#### ACOLYTE and READER SCHEDULE

Month	Date	Acolyte	Reader
August			
	4	Owen	Don Hogenson
	11	Aran	Becca Stoltman
	18	Brady	Darren Peterson
	25	Lucie	Linda Powers
September			
	1	Owen	Ginny Overland
	8	Aran	Barb Knopps
	15	Brady	Tracy Davis
	22	Lucie	Deeann Rambo
	29	Owen	Owen Hauge

#### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays				Anniversaries	
Aug 5	Chad McVey	Aug 16	Craig Kongshaug	Jul 27	Kevin & Mona Finder
Aug 7	Linda Rambo	Aug 19	Kyle Gregerson	Aug 21	Ben & Theresa Pomasl
Aug 8	Junalee Hogenson	Aug 19	Carter Deppa		
Aug 10	Kari Deppa	Aug 21	Bjorn Larson		
Aug 11	Mitchell Wittmer	Aug 24	Sara Langer		
Aug 12	Allyson Lamb	Aug 29	Mike Ellefson		
Aug 16	Babe Jacobson				

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

August 2024 – Season After Pentecost

“During the time after Pentecost, we use the color green in our worship space to reflect this long season of growth. In the fifteenth century Hildegard of Bingen coined the word *viriditas* to mean the greening force of the Holy Spirit. Hildegard says that the ‘Holy Spirit is the greening power of motion, making all things grow, expand, celebrate’.

In parts of North America we see an abundance of different greens through the growing season: from the springtime yellow-green to the more mature true greens of July, and finally deep greens tinged with the golds, russets, and browns of autumn. [Speaking of Mark’s gospel.] This natural pattern found in much of the northern hemisphere can also reflect the growing complexity of Jesus’ teachings, and the reactions of those around this time.” *Sundays and Seasons Year B 2024*.

### **Sunday, August 4 – Pentecost 11**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesians 4:1-16
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 6:24-35: Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

### **Sunday, August 11 – Pentecost 12**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 6:35,41-51: After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

### **Sunday, August 18 – Pentecost 13**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 6:51-58: In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

### **Sunday, August 25 – Pentecost 14**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 6:56-69: The "hard saying" that offends Jesus' disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: "To whom shall we go?"

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Prayer Ventures  
August 2024**

**1** Pray for those recovering in the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl in the Caribbean, the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico and the Texas Gulf Coast region. Pray that their faith and the care and support of neighbors near and far will sustain their hope and reassure them that they are not alone in this time of suffering. Give thanks for the support of congregations, synods and Lutheran Disaster Response.

**2** “Elisha said, ‘Give it to the people and let them eat’” (2 Kings 4:42). The food that Elisha intended for the hungry crowd wasn’t scraps or leftovers; it was from the “first fruits” — the first and best of the harvest that was offered to God. Pray that our generosity toward our neighbors in need will come from our first fruits for the sake of their dignity and well-being.

**3** Remember our neighbors who are most vulnerable to hot weather, including older adults, children, people who are ill and those without shelter. Pray that they will find public cooling centers and neighbors offering relief.

**4** Pray for the Spirit’s presence and work, which enable our words and actions as we stir hope, inspire faith in Jesus Christ and pursue justice and peace for all people.

**5** Give thanks for the gift of Christian community, through which the Spirit unites us with siblings offering hospitality, encouragement, wisdom and skills for doing God’s work in the world together.

**6** Be persistent in praying for peace, justice and reconciliation in the world, including in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, the Palestinian territories, Sudan, Yemen, Ethiopia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

**7** Pray that we will be mindful of our oneness — one body, one baptism, one Spirit, one Lord, one God and one faith — while also valuing our diversity, which strengthens and enriches our life together for bearing public witness to God’s boundless love.

**8** Thank God for the ELCA’s special relationship with the Moravian Church in America, a full communion partner since 1999 and one of the oldest Protestant denominations in Christianity. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find

strength, resources and encouragement for the work of sharing the gospel, serving our neighbor and growing the church.

**9** Praise God, for God provides all that is good and sustains us, imploring us to use these gifts to care for our neighbors in need.

**10** Praise God for deacons who are called to serve as ministers of Word and Service in diverse settings and contexts — congregations, special ministries, social services, parish nursing, schools and beyond. Pray that we will identify and encourage siblings in Christ as they discern how they might serve the church, our society and the world.

**11** Give thanks to God for the gift of faith in Jesus Christ, the bread of life and son of God, and that this faith brings a new life that stretches beyond human understanding and imagination — eternal life with God.

**12** Pray for teachers, school staff and administrators as they prepare to welcome students to a new school year. Ask the Spirit to inspire their energy, creativity, wisdom, compassion for students and enthusiasm for their vocation; promise to affirm those involved in the education and care of our children and youth.

**13** “Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you” (Ephesians 4:31-32). What could be more relevant than Paul’s letter to the church in Ephesus? Pray that the Spirit will equip us to live by the gospel of Jesus Christ and be imitators of God in all we say and do.

**14** Pray for congregational leaders and volunteers who will be launching Christian education opportunities, faith formation programs and community ministries for all ages and abilities this fall.

**15** As we discern who should serve as leaders of our nation, ask the Spirit to stir within us civility, wisdom, compassion for our neighbors in need and faith that we are bound together as children of God, with abundant and diverse gifts for uplifting one another and resolving persistent problems and injustices.

**16** Pray for high school, college and university athletes, that they will be safe and will embrace the values of teamwork and mutual care and respect.

**17** “Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!” (Psalm 130:1-2). Make time today to pray from the depths of your inner being about those things that weigh heavily on you.

**18** Give thanks for the sacrament of Holy Communion, in which Jesus Christ comes to us with grace, love and forgiveness, nourishing and strengthening us for doing God’s work in the world.

**19** Observe the world around us and give thanks for the multitude of little things that inspire our gratitude, stir our curiosity, make us smile, remind us of someone we need to reach out to, or draw our attention to God’s presence in the world.

**20** Remember children and youth who will soon begin a new academic year; pray that they are filled with anticipation and will feel safe, cared for and supported by their parents, teachers and peers.

**21** “Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul,” wrote Martin Luther. “It is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us.” Praise God for the gift of music in your daily life and when you gather for worship.

**22** Remember in prayer pastors and deacons discerning God’s call to service and accepting calls to new places where they are needed. Pray for the Spirit to open their hearts, give them wisdom and strengthen their families during their moves and transitions.

**23** Pray for the work of Sumud: For Justice in Palestine and Israel (formerly Peace Not Walls), a new ELCA initiative of accompaniment, advocacy and awareness-raising with our partners in the Holy Land and in the United States, that together we will find the justice required for peace in the Middle East.

**24** Pray for youth and adults who experienced the ELCA Youth Gathering and related events, that they will bear spirited witness far and wide to God’s love and presence in the world and that the Spirit will continue

to nourish their faith and identity as bold disciples of Christ.

**25** “Jesus asked the twelve, ‘Do you also wish to go away?’ Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God’” (John 6:66-69). Ask the Spirit to renew and strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ, the living Word of God, especially when we grapple with the hard sayings of Jesus and wonder how to live by the gospel.

**26** Give thanks for Sunday school teachers, volunteers, Bible study leaders and faith formation coordinators, who share their faith, time and gifts to build up the church and equip all ages for our baptismal journey of witness and service.

**27** Give thanks and praise to God for young adults who served at Lutheran summer camps across the country, impacting the lives of children, youth and adults. Pray that they will continue to seek opportunities for ministry in response to God’s call for service and leadership.


**28** Pray for understanding that the “whole armor of God” (Ephesians 6:10) is a gift from God to protect our faith in Christ when we are confronted by temptation and things that weaken our faith.

**29** Pray for our siblings in Christ around the world who are baptized as children of God, and for our common journey of lifelong growth and learning as we witness to God’s mercy, care for others and celebrate God’s presence in our lives.

**30** Give thanks and praise to God for responding to our cries for help — silent and spoken — in times of trouble, when our spirits are crushed.

**31** Who or what has drawn your attention and inspired your prayers today? Ask the Spirit to embolden you to move forward and respond.

# AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
<b>4</b> 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	5 Pastor's Sabath	6 Pastor's Day Off	7	8 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 WELCA Meeting 12:30 Council Meeting	9 <b>Pastor Vacation</b>	10 
11 9:00 Worship <b>Pastor Vacation</b>	12 Pastor's Sabath	13 Pastor's Day Off	14	15	16	17
18 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	19 Pastor's Sabath	20 Pastor's Day Off	21 <b>Pastor Vacation</b>	22	23	24
25 9:00 Worship <b>Pastor Vacation</b>	26 Pastor's Sabath	27 Pastor's Day Off	28	29	30	31