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**Mission Statement  
Gathered. Renewed. Sent**

**We are:  
Gathered by the Spirit.  
Renewed by the Word.  
Sent to Serve**

## *September, 2024 Newsletter for Wilson Lutheran Church*



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

THE REV. MARTIN R. HALOM ELECTED BISHOP OF THE NORTHWEST  
SYNOD OF WISCONSIN – ELCA

The Rev. Martin R. Halom was elected June 8, 2024, to a six-year term as bishop of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) at the synod's assembly June 7-8 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.



*<sup>1</sup>“Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.” This refrain, from the song, Christ Be Our Light, will be my guiding principle. In all that I do, in all that I say, Christ will be the central purpose.*

Halom was elected on the fourth ballot receiving 241 votes of 354 votes cast. The Rev. Karen Behling, currently serving Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls received 57 votes and the Rev. Diane House, currently the Director of Evangelical Mission for the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, received 56 votes.

The bishop-elect is pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bloomer, Wisconsin. He has served that congregation since 2012. Prior to that, he was campus pastor at University Lutheran Church, East Lansing, Michigan (2003-2012); associate pastor, American Lutheran Church, Rantoul, Illinois. (1999-2003); youth and family ministries director, Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota (1995-1997, youth ministry associate, Lutherdale Bible Camp, Elkhorn, Wisconsin (1994-1995), and program associate at Green Lake Bible Camp, Spicer, Minnesota (1993-1994).

Halom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa and a Masters of Divinity at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. He and his wife, the Rev. Melinda Halom, have three grown sons, Nicholas, Jaden, and Dylan. His installation as bishop will be September 15, 2024, at Hope Lutheran, Eau Claire at 3:00 p.m.

The Northwest Synod of Wisconsin is one of 65 synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The synod is comprised of 192 congregations, over 73,000 members, and over 300 clergy and rostered leaders.



<sup>1</sup>Ferrell, Bernadette. “Christ, Be Our Light.” *The Evangelical Lutheran Worship, published by Augsburg Fortress, 2006, p. 715*

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

September 2024 – Season After Pentecost

### **Sunday, September 1 – Pentecost 15**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23: Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

### **Sunday, September 8 – Pentecost 16**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-17
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Mark 7:24-37: In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

### **Sunday, September 15 – Pentecost 17**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38: This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

### **Sunday, September 22 – Pentecost 18**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Readings: Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37: Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

### **Sunday, September 29 – Pentecost 1**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Mark 9:38-50: On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

## 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, September 12, beginning with the bible study at 9:30 a.m. The bible study is open to all members – men and women – of the congregation and friends. Monthly WELCA meetings are held the second Thursday of each month, immediately following the bible study. All women of the church are invited to attend.

### Wilson Lutheran Church W/ELCA August 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes

President Tracy Davis called the meeting to order at 11:15AM  
Mary led us with the opening prayer.

6 members present: Peggy Schram, Sharon Bowell, Mary Brandt, Tracy Davis, Louanne Anderson, Linda Rambo

Secretary report read, Motion by Sharon, second by Mary to approve as read.

Treasurer report read. Beginning balance \$778.35 and ending balance \$813.41. Motion by Louanne, second by Mary to approve as read.

#### New Business:

- Sharon shared an informative thank you for the gift of money sent to Malawi at the end of 2023.
- Sharon also shared a letter about the Summer Retreat to be held August 17th at Ezekiel Lutheran in River Falls.

#### Old Business:

- The fabric square requested from the church has been sent.
- Personal Care Kits:
  - Updated inventory report will be shared in the August newsletter.
  - Still needed: 114 towels and 162 soap sets.
  - Sharon will use a new Thrivent card to purchase about 80 towels. Older Thrivent cards were used to purchase towels also.
  - Assembling of kits will start Thursday August 29 and September 26 at 9 AM. All are welcome to help.
- Rally Sunday: September 8. Sharon has purchased gifts for the kids. Will again serve ice cream sundaes. Tracy will purchase 2 gallons of ice cream. Members volunteered to bring various toppings. Karen will make a flyer. Linda will get bowls. Also will have a Farmers Market/ Bake sale.

Next meeting September 12 following Bible Study at 9:30 AM

Motion by Mary, second by Peggy to Adjourn

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Linda Rambo, acting secretary

## Wilson Lutheran Church Council Meeting Highlights – August 8, 2024

- Service Master cleaned the basement carpet recently. The carpet looks very nice.
- The new BUNN coffee maker has arrived.
- We did not make budget for June and July. This is not out of the ordinary for the summer months.
- Pastor Bob gave us an update on his health. He recently had a follow up CT scan completed. He is waiting for his doctor to get the results. He had a second ablation done on his back. He feels it is helping. He has restarted immunotherapy infusions.
- Becky Davis will preside over worship on August 11 and 25<sup>th</sup> while Pastor Bob is on vacation. Pastor Bob will preside over worship on August 18.
- Dave Powers and Mike Ellefson spoke with Nick Pax about replacement of the front doors to the narthex. There are several things wrong with the current doors making it not feasible to try to repair them. Nick will speak with Wadena Door Company to see if they can manufacture doors with the same hinge type as the doors we have now.
- Nevins Carpet gave a bid on replacing the carpet on the back steps and in the sacristy. The bid came to \$2380 to replace the carpet. The bid includes removal and disposal of the current carpet, moving and returning furniture and installation. The salesman said the current carpet is more than 40 years old. The council approved replacing the carpet.
- There have been no applications for church secretary as yet. Applications must be in by this Sunday. There is one person considering applying.
- Towel and washcloth sets are still needed for Susan's Care Package mission. The supplies need to be prepackaged and taken to Christ Lutheran Church in Menomonie in October. Volunteers are needed to assemble the Care Packages. If you are interested in helping, we will be meeting at 9AM here at Wilson on the last Thursday of August and September. Thrivent donated \$200 to go toward this project.
- The Glenwood City Schools Music Department is interested in the Clavinova that is downstairs in the basement. It is in working condition. Decision made to donate the Clavinova to the school with the understanding they would need to haul it.

**Food Pantry Support:** Thank you for your continuing support of our hunger ministry. Your contributions are making a difference. August contributions are going to Woodville. September contributions will go to the Spring Valley. We continue to hear about the increase in the number of families using food shelf programs. Plus the elimination of federal food share programs has impacted our senior citizens and those with disabilities, which means local food shelves are in even greater need of our support. Please remember our neighbors in need. Your contributions to the food pantry box in the narthex are making a real-world difference in the lives of others.

**Tuesday Community Supper:** First Reformed Church will be serving the Tuesday Community Supper from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3rd in the Fellowship Hall at Gethsemane. The menu is: Chicken Stuffing Hot Dish, Jello Salad and Cookies. 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.

**Vanco (GivePlus) Online Program:** Want an easy way to make your weekly offering? The Vanco GivePlus Online Giving Program allows you to set up your regular offerings for “auto-pay”, eliminating the need to write a check each week. Special one-time donations are an additional option. Contributions may be made to the General, Benevolence, Memorial, or Building Funds. Gifts to the Memorial and Building Funds may be designated for specific projects, such as the parking lot resurfacing. MasterCard, Visa, and Discover are accepted, or you can contribute using your financial institution's debit card, checking or savings account. To set up your GivePlus account, visit our Web site at [www.wilsonlutheran.org](http://www.wilsonlutheran.org) and click the “Give Online” link in the menu bar near the top of the Home page. Contact Pastor Bob if you need help.

### UPCOMING EVENTS – 2024

DATE	Time	EVENT
September 8	9:00 a.m.	Rally Sunday / God’s Work. Our Hands Sunday / Sunday School Registration / Sundae’s Sunday and Craft Sale
September 15	9:00 a.m.	Third Grade Bible Sunday
September 18	6:30 p.m.	Parent’s Confirmation Meeting
September 21	12:00 p.m.	Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing Event
September 25	6:30 p.m.	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Begins
September 29 – October 1		Pastor’s Fall Ministry Retreat
October 19	10:00 a.m.	Confirmation Rehearsal
October 20	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Sunday
October 27	9:00 a.m.	Reformation Sunday
November 3	9:00 a.m.	All Saints Sunday
November 10	9:00 a.m.	New Member Sunday (Tentative)
November 27	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
December 18	7:00 p.m.	Service of Healing and Hope
December 24	3:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship

#### 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.

As this years’ service project we will participate in a Feed My Starving children food packing event on Saturday, September 21 from Noon to 2:00 p.m. at the FMSC facility in Egan. Twelve spaces have been reserved for our group. Speak with Pastor Bob is you are interested in being part of our service project.

## SAVE THE DATE

### September 8 - Rally and Sundae / Flower and Craft Sale Sunday!



Help welcome our youth and teachers back for Sunday School following the 9:00 a.m. service. 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. 😊



### CALLING ALL BAKERS AND GARDENERS

Bring your bake goods and garden produce to Rally Day, September 8th.

We’ve added a Farmers Market to Rally Day!

Funds raised will be used for W/ELCA service projects.

### Women of the ELCA

#### Northwest Wisconsin Synod

**To Women of Wilson Lutheran Church:** Thank you for your \$1000 contribution for Malawi wells. We sent your contribution and others to the Northwest Synod of WI synod office as they are the custodian of the Malawi accounts. I hope you heard about the Bishop’s Initiative this spring, culminating with synod assembly about raising \$40,000 to build two solar wells in Malawi. That fund the last I heard had reached nearly \$70,000 so the synod has received funds to build three solar wells and maybe by now, four wells. Your contribution is included in those funds. Three wells providing clean water for the people of Malawi will have a great impact on their communities. Thank you for your participation in the Malawi well project.

### “Susan’s Mission” Update

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Personal Care Kits in honor of Susan Dahm. So many of you have shown interest in continuing her mission. Our goal is to send 300 kits to Lutheran World Relief. This was Susan’s goal also. The current totals of donated items are below:

Item	# Donated	Remaining # Needed
Bath Towel – dark color (20” x 40” or 27” x 52”	186	114
Soap – 2 or 3 bars to equal 8 to 9 oz.	138	162 sets of bars to equal 9 oz per kit.
Toothbrush – adult size	303	0
Nail Clipper	320	0
Comb	420	0

Anyone wishing to contribute may still do so. Donated items may place in the bins in the narthex. Packing will take place 9:00, Thursday August 29 and 9:00 a.m. Thursday, September 26. Volunteers are needed and welcome.

### Church Secretary

Darelene’s last day as our church secretary will be Monday, September 30. Join us as we recognize and give thanks for her ministry during worship on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, and with a gathering following worship.

We continue to seek someone interested in filling that important position. If that someone might be you, please contact Pastor Bob. This is a very part-time position with flexible hours. The current salary is \$250 per month.

### ACOLYTE and READER SCHEDULE

Month	Date	Acolyte	Reader
<b>September</b>			
	1	Owen	Ginny Overland
<i>Rally Sunday</i> <i>Gods Work. Our Hands Sunday</i>	8	Aran	Barb Knopps
	15	Brady	Tracy Davis
	22	Lucie	Deeann Rambo
	29	Owen	Owen Hauge
<b>October</b>			
	6	Owen	Kathy Borton
	13	Aran	Janet Brandt
<i>Confirmation</i>	20	Maggie	Rex Brandt
<i>Reformation</i>	27	Aran	Dean Rambo
<b>November</b>			
<i>All Saints Sunday</i>	3	Maggie	Sherry Ellefson
	10		Doug Faber
	17	Aran	Linda Powers
<i>Christ the King Sunday</i>	24	Maggie	Don Hogenson
<i>Thanksgiving Eve</i>	27		Beca Stoltman

### ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Month	Altar Care	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Sundays
September	Karen Esanbock and Barb Lamb	Volunteer	Rex and Janet Brandt	4 Sundays
October	Tracy Davis	Janet Brandt	Jerry and Vicki Glampe	4 Sundays
November	<b>Help Needed</b>	Peggy Timm	Esanbocks – 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sundays <b>Need Help – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays</b>	4 Sundays Thanksgiving Eve

**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.

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays				Anniversaries	
Sep 1	Jordan Gedatus	Sep 11	Dakota Langer	Sep 2	Leroy & Karen Esanbock
Sep 4	Ben Pomasl	Sep 15	Duane Butler	Sep 9	Dwight & Karen Johnson
Sep 5	Douglas Brandvold	Sep 20	Dean Timm	Sep 13	Barry & Lisa Brandvold
Sep 5	Steve Bowell	Sep 25	Tessa Olson		
Sep 7	Andy Lamb	Sep 30	Lydia Wittmer		
Sep 8	Margaret Gray	Sep. 30	Lindsey Asher		
Sep 10	Brianna Wyss	Sep. 30	Stephanie Butler		



**Revised Common Lectionary**  
**Daily Readings – Year B**  
**September 2024**

Date	Day	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
1	Sunday	Psalm 15	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
2	Monday	Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48	Deuteronomy 4:9-14	1 Timothy 4:6-16	
3	Tuesday	Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48	Deuteronomy 4:15-20	1 Peter 2:19-25	
4	Wednesday	Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48	Deuteronomy 4:21-40		Mark 7:9-23
5	Thursday	Psalm 146	Isaiah 30:27-33	Romans 2:1-11	
6	Friday	Psalm 146	Isaiah 32:1-8	Romans 2:12-16	
7	Saturday	Psalm 146	Isaiah 33:1-9		Matthew 15:21-31
8	Sunday	Psalm 146	Isaiah 35:4-7a	James 2:1-17	Mark 7:24-37
9	Monday	Canticle: Isaiah 38:10-20	Joshua 6:1-21	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	
10	Tuesday	Canticle: Isaiah 38:10-20	Joshua 8:1-23	Hebrews 12:3-13	
11	Wednesday	Canticle: Isaiah 38:10-20	Judges 15:9-20		Matthew 17:14-21
12	Thursday	Psalm 116:1-9	Joshua 2:1-14	Hebrews 11:17-22	
13	Friday	Psalm 116:1-9	Joshua 2:15-24	James 2:17-26	
14	Saturday	Psalm 116:1-9	Joshua 6:22-27		Matthew 21:23-32
15	Sunday	Psalm 116:1-9	Isaiah 50:4-9a	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
16	Monday	Psalm 119:169-176	1 Kings 13:1-10	Romans 3:9-20	
17	Tuesday	Psalm 119:169-176	1 Kings 13:11-25	Colossians 3:1-11	
18	Wednesday	Psalm 119:169-176	Isaiah 10:12-20		John 7:25-36
19	Thursday	Psalm 54	Judges 6:1-10	1 Corinthians 2:1-5	
20	Friday	Psalm 54	1 Kings 22:24-40	Romans 11:25-32	
21	Saturday	Psalm 54	2 Kings 17:5-18		Matthew 23:29-39
22	Sunday	Psalm 54	Jeremiah 11:18-20	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
23	Monday	Psalm 139:1-18	2 Kings 5:1-14	James 4:8-17	
24	Tuesday	Psalm 139:1-18	2 Kings 11:21-12:16	James 5:1-6	
25	Wednesday	Psalm 139:1-18	Jeremiah 1:4-10		John 8:21-38
26	Thursday	Psalm 19:7-14	Exodus 18:13-27	Acts 4:13-31	
27	Friday	Psalm 19:7-14	Deuteronomy 1:1-18	Acts 12:20-25	
28	Saturday	Psalm 19:7-14	Deuteronomy 27:1-10		Matthew 5:13-20
29	Sunday	Psalm 19:7-14	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50
30	Monday	Psalm 5	Zechariah 6:9:15	1 Peter 1:3-9	

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

**1** “It is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, debauchery, envy, slander, pride, folly” (Mark 7:21-22). Recognizing that evil intentions and actions come from the human heart, confess your weakness to God, who is rich in mercy and loves us even in our imperfection.

**2** *Labor Day* Recognize and pray for the work people do to sustain their families and benefit their communities and society. Pray that all will receive fair wages, work in safe environments, be renewed through times of sabbath, and experience joy and fulfillment in their labor. Pray for those who seek employment and for the care, support and well-being of people unable to work.

**3** *National Suicide Prevention Month* Pray for those who feel lonely, depressed and hopeless, that they will find compassion and spiritual renewal in times of darkness and suffering. Ask the Spirit how we might best respond to our neighbors and siblings in Christ who are struggling.

**4** Ask the Spirit to help us be doers and hearers of the word of God, looking beyond our own needs and attending to the needs of our suffering neighbors.

**5** Give thanks for the thousands of young people who attended the ELCA Youth Gathering in July and raised nearly \$100,000 for Generation Zero-Hunger, supporting ELCA World Hunger in its work to end hunger and poverty and to transform lives, families and communities around the world.

**6** Pray for communities and congregations vulnerable to the hurricanes, that they will be prepared, resilient and ready to serve their neighbors impacted by severe weather. Give thanks for the many ways — immediate and long term — that Lutheran Disaster Response gathers resources to relieve suffering, support recovery and healing, and stir hope.

**7** Pray for ELCA campus ministries across the country as they engage students, faculty, staff and others to experience God’s abundant grace through worship, study, fellowship, service and pastoral care.

**8** “*God’s work. Our hands.*” *Sunday* On this annual day of service, give thanks for the opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor. Give thanks for our partnerships of compassion, service and advocacy with other congregations and ecumenical partners, Lutheran health and human service agencies, and community organizations.

**9** “I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long” (Psalm 146:2). Thank God for all we have and for God’s loving and merciful presence in our lives.

**10** Remember those who deliver food, goods and other resources by truck, merchant ship or train, across the country and around the world. Pray for their safety and well-being, especially when they are separated from family, friends and community. Pray that their loneliness might be eased by the knowledge that we are always connected, as children of God and siblings in Christ, through a faith that has no bounds.

**11** Pray for ELCA missionaries and International Women Leaders serving alongside our global companions in the Middle East and North Africa to share the good news of Jesus Christ, advocate for justice and peace, support communities and leaders, and invite all to journey together as children of God.

**12** Ask the Spirit to strengthen our faith in God’s immeasurable power to heal, renew and create hope where there is tragedy, suffering and despair. Pray that God will equip us to respond to our neighbors in need and to bear hope, healing and love into the world.

**13** Remember in prayer young adults using their faith, gifts and passion in the church, the workplace, the military, volunteer organizations and community service agencies.

**14** Racism and bias are persistent and perplexing problems that infect our society, church, institutions and systems. Ask God to forgive us when we disparage and separate ourselves from children of God whom we perceive to be different and less valued. Pray for the courage, wisdom and humility to confront our biases and to strive for love, respect, equity and unity.

**15** *First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month* Give thanks to God for the gifts, contributions and rich cultural diversity of our Latiné neighbors and siblings in Christ. Pray for the growth and vitality of the ELCA's 147 Latiné ministries as they share the gospel, support rostered and lay leaders, promote inclusivity and diversity, and serve their neighbors. Pray for the Spirit to guide and further the work of the ELCA Latino Ministries Association.

**16** "[Jesus] asked [the disciples], 'But who do you say that I am?'" (Mark 8:29). Pray for the Spirit to help us express our faith in Jesus Christ as Son of the living God — our savior, liberator, teacher, healer and true hope for the world.

**17** Give thanks for the Christian Education Network of the ELCA, which connects professionals and volunteers and encourages their mutual care and support as they serve in vocations of lifelong faith formation in congregations and other ministries.

**18** "[The Lord has] delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling" (Psalm 116:8). Give thanks and praise to God for hearing our pleas, responding, and accompanying us through every difficulty.

**19** Pray that we might honor our Creator by treating people with love and mercy, giving thanks for what we have, practicing generosity, managing natural resources responsibly and telling others of God's amazing power and grace.

**20** Recognizing that we each have strengths and shortcomings, pray that we will attend to one another's needs, mindful of God's forgiveness and grace that surround us and of our renewal in the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

**21** Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with the United Church of Christ, a full communion partner since 1997. 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.

**22** Pray for a spirit of humility and attentiveness to the needs of our neighbor, a spirit shaped by the example of Jesus Christ and uninterested in personal recognition, reward or praise.

**23** Pray for those gathered in Portland, Ore., for the conference offered by the ELCA Stewardship and Generosity team in partnership with the Presbyterian Foundation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Ask God to bless their time together, to strengthen stewardship leaders, to equip them with tools to encourage congregational generosity, and to cultivate new approaches to supporting Christ's mission in the world.

**24** Ask God to bless our synod bishops, presiding bishop and secretary as they gather in Chicago for the Conference of Bishops, that they might support and encourage one another and help identify, invite and equip new leaders in the church.

**25** Pray that our actions, words and relationships will reflect the love of God, which stirs humility, joy, kindness and generosity.

**26** Pray that God will strengthen and guide us in the essential work of ending poverty, hunger and homelessness, here and around the world, for the sake of humanity and to honor God as our creator and source of life.

**27** Give thanks that God is our help and strength in every situation, and that our faith will be sustained through the work of the Spirit and the care we receive from our siblings in Christ.

**28** "Could it be that we are called for such a time as this?" (*All Creation Sings* 1003). In this time of unrest and uncertainty we may feel that we have nothing of significance to offer. Pray that we will hear and respond to God's call to use our unique gifts, experiences and wisdom to be an active, compassionate and faithful presence in the world.

**29** Rejoice and give thanks to God for empowering us to gather our strength and resources as communities of faith, serving our neighbors in need in ways we could never imagine on our own.

**30** Pray for the new members of your congregation, that they will feel included in a faith community that responds to their need for spiritual growth, shares in their joys and sorrows, and welcomes their diverse gifts for doing God's work in the world.



At

Wilson Lutheran Church

Sunday September 8

Worship 9 AM

Followed by Ice Cream Sundays

Farmer's Market and Bake Sale!!!

In the Fellowship Hall

- ~ Sunday School Sign up for Youth and Leaders
- ~ Kick off a New Year of Christian Learning and Fellowship
- ~ Gifts for All

Celebrate our Youth.....of all ages!

# SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	2 Labor Day Holiday	3 Pastor's Day Off	4	5	6	7
8 9:00 Worship <b>Rally and Sundaes Sunday</b> <b>God's Work Our Hands Sunday</b>	9 Pastor's Sabath	10 Pastor's Day Off	11	12 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 WELCA Meeting 12:30 Council Meeting	13	14
15 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Sunday</b> <b>Bishop Halom's Installation – Eau Claire</b>	16 Pastor's Sabath	17 Pastor's Day Off	18 6:30 Parent / Confirmand Meeting	19	20	21 12:00 FMSC Event - Eagan
22 9:00 Worship	23 Pastor's Sabath	24 Pastor's Day Off	25 6:00 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	26 9:00 Susan's Mission Personal Care Kit Packing	27	28
29 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion <b>Pastor's Fall Ministry Retreat - Trego</b>	30 Pastor's Sabath	October 1	2 6:00 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	3	4	5