

**Wilson Lutheran Church  
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**Mission Statement  
Gathered. Renewed. Sent**

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

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



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## **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

November 2024 – Season After Pentecost

“Of all three years of the lectionary, this year’s All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John’s gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah’s feast to come.” (*Sundays and Seasons, Year B 2023, Augsburg Fortress.*)

### **Sunday, November 3 – All Saints Sunday**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 11:32-44: Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

### **Sunday, November 10 – Pentecost 25**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Readings: 1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Mark 12:38-44: After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

### **Sunday, November 17 – Pentecost 26**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-25
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Mark 13:1-8: In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

“Even after Israel has experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still long for a true king to set things right. He would have the king’s title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the “one like a human being” (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel’s vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.” (*Sundays and Seasons, Year B 2023, Augsburg Fortress.*)

### **Sunday, November 24 – Christ the King Sunday**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-9
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 18:33-37: In John’s gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

## MISSION STATEMENT

GATHERED – RENEWED – SENT

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**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).

**W/ELCA Meetings:** The next regular WELCA meeting will be held Thursday, November 14, 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 October 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes

President Tracy Davis called the meeting to order at 11:04 AM. Tracy led us in prayer.

5 members present: Sharon Bowell, Janet Brandt, Louanne Anderson, Tracy Davis and Karen Esanbock

Secretary's report read. Motion by Louanne, second by Sharon to approve, so moved.

Treasurer's report read. Beginning balance of \$1302.07 and ending balance of \$1520.79. Sharon reported the Trivent card is nearly used, less than \$2.00 remains. Motion by Karen and second by Janet to approve, so moved.

#### Old Business:

- Final kits will be assembled Oct 17 at 9 AM. Tracy and Karen will deliver to the LWR collection warehouse the following week.
- Tracy reported a gift was given to Tori.

#### New Business:

- None brought forward.

Next Meeting November 14<sup>th</sup> following Bible Study at 9:30AM

Motion by Janet, second by Tracy to Adjourn.

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Karen Esanbock, secretary

#### Wilson Lutheran Church Council Meeting Highlights – October 10, 2024

- There are 4 baptisms pending.
- New member Sunday has been moved to November 24<sup>th</sup>
- Pastor Bob gave a health update.
- There have been no applications for the church secretary position. A church voiced interest and was given an application to fill out and return. Janet Brandt has been helping with secretary tasks.
- There has been no word on replacement of the front doors. Suggestion made to look at changing out the weather stripping and maybe the threshold. Dave Powers will speak with Mike Ellefson about this.
- Blessing of Susan's Mission will be held on Sunday October 13 during worship.
- The last packaging of the Mission items will be held on October 17<sup>th</sup> in the church basement.
- Nevin's will be coming next week to re-stretch the cancel carpet.

**Food Pantry Support:** Thank you for your continuing support of our hunger ministry. Your contributions are making a difference. October contributions are going to Glenwood City. November contributions will go to Elmwood.

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:** Peace Lutheran Church will be serving the Tuesday Community Supper from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. The menu is: thanksgiving casserole, cranberries and bars/cookies. Thankfully 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.

**Glenwood City Veteran's Day Program:** The School District of Glenwood City's Annual Veteran's Day program will be held on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in the Elementary Gymnasium. All veterans and community members are invited to attend.

Veterans are invited for breakfast sponsored by the Glenwood City FFA starting at 7:45am in the high school cafeteria before the program begins.

Questions about the program may be directed to Mr. Matt Lamb at 715-265-4266 #7618 or [matt.lamb@gcsd.k12.wi.us](mailto:matt.lamb@gcsd.k12.wi.us)

### Church Secretary

We continue to seek someone interested in filling the position of church secretary. 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.

### New Member Sunday

We're planning to receive new members on Sunday, November 24. While we continue to welcome anyone who comes to worship at Wilson , those who would like to formalize their membership are invited to contact Pastor Bob.

### UPCOMING EVENTS – 2024

DATE	Time	EVENT
November 3	9:00 a.m.	All Saints Sunday
November 10	9:00 a.m.	Baptism
November 24	9:00 a.m.	New Member Sunday
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

**ACOLYTE and READER SCHEDULE**

Month	Date	Acolyte	Reader
<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
<b>December</b>			
	1	Aran	Ginny Overland
	8		Barb Knopps
	15	Maggie	Kathy Borton
	22		Tracy Davis
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	24	Aran and Maggie	Janet Brandt
	29	Maggie	Rex Brandt

**ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP**

Month	Altar Care	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Sundays
November	Susan Timm – 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sundays Tracy Davis – 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	Peggy Timm	Esanbocks 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sundays	4 Sunday Thanksgiving Evening
December	Rex and Janet Brandt	Volunteer	Lamb Family	5 Sundays Christmas 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	
Nov 1	Doug Larson	Nov 14	Sue Timm	Nov 1	Chad & Mary Kay McVey
Nov 1	Karen Esanbock	Nov 16	Kale Blegen		
Nov 5	Liam Gregg	Nov 21	Cade Lamb		
Nov 8	Sharon Bowell	Nov 23	Jenny Finder		
Nov 11	Pam Finder	Nov 18	Michelle Faber		

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New Serenity Prayer: "God grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change, the courage to change the one I can, and the wisdom to know it's me." (Author Unknown)

These days I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter: I go somewhere to get something and then wonder what I'm here after.

I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

## CONFIRMAND FAITH STATEMENTS

### Brady Lamb

As I stand here today for my confirmation, I want to share what my faith in God means to me.

Growing up, I've always known about God through my family, church, and Sunday school with Papa Chuck. But as I've gotten older, I've begun to understand what it means to have faith. My faith is more than just going to church on Sundays it's about trusting God in everything I do.

I've also learned that faith is not just about what I believe, but also about what I do with the blessings God has given me. One verse that speaks to this is 1 Peter 4:10, which says, *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."* This verse reminds me that I have a responsibility to use my gifts, not just for myself, but to help those around me.

### Owen Hague

Now, if you really know me, you would know that I love sports. But if you are just meeting me and if you can get me talking there is a good chance that you will hear something about sports. I am usually wearing sports gear whether it be from my high school sports teams the Spring Valley Cardinals, the Green Bay Packers, The Milwaukee Brewers, The Milwaukee Bucks, or the Iowa Hawkeyes. You probably thinking "did he just say Iowa after saying all of them Wisconsin teams?" Yes, I did say Iowa. Ever since I was about 10 or 11, I have wanted to go to the University of Iowa Hawkeyes for college. Being just a freshman in high school means I have a long ways to go and a lot of work to do.

The things I have just mentioned is the reason I have chosen the verse, Micah Chapter 2 verse 10 from the bible, it states: "Arise and go for this is no place to rest because of uncleanness that destroys with a grievous destruction". You could interpret this in many ways but to me this verse means do not give up no matter what you face. Nothing should stop you from accomplishing anything you want in life.

God has a path for everyone and all of them are a little different. But no matter what path God has for you God will be with you every step of the way. There will be some bumps in the road, but when you believe that God is there with you, God will be by your side the whole time.

Believing in Jesus Christ being with you is very similar, the only difference is that Jesus was human and divine. Jesus had a path as well just like every human and his path was to die for our sins. That may seem like a very difficult path which I am sure it was. But the point is even though Jesus' path was hard he didn't give up on it. Jesus was human and had bumps in the road on his path as well but he was determined to complete his path even though it was hard. He didn't give up even though others disliked him.

The Holy Spirit is also by your side. Believing in the Holy Spirit is what brings it all together as one. It is like the last little boost that gets you to the finish line.

Through confirmation I have learned a lot about how God never leaves your side. The whole time in confirmation I have learned about what happens in a relationship between us and God. My faith is important to me because as I have mentioned it's all about your path. I will not give up on faith because my path in life will not be easy. I will remember the verse I have chosen and remind myself not to give up. Everyone's faith is important because everyone has their own path.

My mom and dad have influenced my faith journey. My mom and dad believing in faith and the holy spirit has led me in the same direction. They are always supportive and helpful and are always there for me no matter what. They always pick me up after practice and always make time to help me and my brothers.

So no matter what your path is and what bumps in the road you face, God is always there for you so don't give up ever on your path.

### **Lucie Gray**

Believing in Jesus is a big part of my life and I believe that he is a very important factor. In the Creed we confess, "I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord." To me, Jesus is God's son who was crucified, then rose for us and for all be believed in him. Jesus helps us all the time and it does us a lot of good to believe in him. One of the ways Jesus helps us in our lives includes saving us from our sins by forgiving us.

Many people have helped me in my faith journey and supported me along the way. To start, my parents have done so much for me. They have brought me to church and confirmation classes. My great grandma Ruth also had a big impact on me. She made sure to show her love for God no matter where she was. She would always talk about how, once she passed, she looked forward to meeting God. My church is also very supportive of me and many others on our faith journey of serving God. I have many people to thank for all the help that have given on my faith journey.

I believe the Holy Spirit keeps me faithful, strengthens me in my faith, and assures me of God's promise for me. The presence of the Holy Spirit, which was received as a gift in my baptism, guides my daily life by giving me direction and helping me to make different decisions.

I know that God will always love me even after I make mistakes. God has taught me how to love others as well. God knows what is best for me and God will always be there to guide me. Since God created me, along with heaven and earth, I know that I am very important to God. God creating me gives value to my life.

The confirmation program I have experienced has helped me to learn so much more about God. Each class helped to give me a deeper understanding. I hope to learn more and more about God everyday so I can expand my knowledge. This will help me to always be the best version of myself that I can be.

In the future, I plan to keep thanking God through prayer, as well as coming to church as often as possible. I plan to keep looking to God whenever I may need advice or help deciding a tough decision that may need to be made. I can just simply thank God for what he has done for me as well.

My favorites verse is John 1:4-5, "In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." This bible verse stood out to me. It explains that even when things get tough, you will always be capable of working through the challenge. God always has a plan for you, and that plan will end up working out for you.



### SUSAN'S MISSION – PERSONAL CARE KITS

Wilson WELCA prepared more than 300 Personal Care Kits for distribution through Lutheran World Relief to our neighbors in need at home and abroad. The kits consist of a bath towel, bar soap, tooth brush, comb and nail clippers.

Thank you to everyone who contributed the supplies and assembled the kits, which were delivered to the collection point in Minneapolis for distribution.





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

**1** *All Saints Day* Remember and give thanks for saints who are now in God's eternal, loving care. Praise God for their significance in your life — their influence, example and faith.

**2** *American Indian Heritage Month* Give thanks for our Indigenous neighbors and siblings in Christ, whose diverse gifts, traditions and wisdom help shape and enrich society and the church. Pray for the work of ELCA Indigenous Ministries and Tribal Relations and the Association of American Indians and Alaska Natives of the ELCA. Ask God to guide and further the work of our church and society to build better, right and just relationships with Indigenous peoples.

**3** Pray that we will love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and that God's abundant love and mercy will be reflected in our love for others.

**4** Praise God for the wonders of the heavens, which stir our awe, curiosity and gratitude for God's infinite power and creativity. Give thanks for scientists, astronomers and explorers who deepen our knowledge and respect for creation and its mysteries.

**5** *Election Day* "The right hand of God is planting in our land, planting seeds of freedom, hope, and love" (ELW 889). Ask the Spirit to help us exercise concern for our neighbor, the well-being of communities, and racial, gender and economic justice as we discern whom to elect as our leaders and public servants. Give thanks for ELCAvotes, an initiative to help us understand our role in promoting dignity and respect for all.

**6** Pray for the Spirit to inspire us to share the good news of Jesus Christ and teach every generation about God's word, loving ways and active presence in the world, today and throughout history.

**7** *National Homeless Youth Month* Remember and pray for young people who have no shelter or place where they feel safe, secure and cared for. Pray for community programs and ministries of our church that provide shelter, food, resources and support for developing self-sufficiency, and physical, emotional and spiritual care for youth.

**8** Give thanks for the joy and certainty we experience when we walk in God's ways and follow God's

commandments as revealed to us in Scripture and the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

**9** Pray for those in the Gulf Coast and other regions of the Southeast who are grieving loss and recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Helene. Pray that their hope, faith and determination will remain strong and that we will offer generous support and assistance through Lutheran Disaster Response, communities of faith, volunteers and disaster recovery agencies — for as long as needed.

**10** Pray for outdoor ministry leaders gathering for the Leadership Training Event and Lutheran Outdoor Ministries conference in Baltimore, Md. Ask God to equip and renew them for ministry with people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

**11** *Veterans Day* This is a day when we remember, honor and give thanks for the service and sacrifice of veterans of the armed forces who have defended our country and worked for freedom and justice in the world. Pray that their families, caregivers and survivors will receive the support and care they need. Give thanks for the work of Federal Chaplaincy Ministries of the ELCA and of congregations with ministries serving veterans and their families.

**12** Praise God for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, who took upon himself the burden of our sins and human weaknesses so that we can know true freedom, be renewed for doing God's work in the world and take comfort in the promise of eternal life with God.

**13** Remember in prayer our ministries in seven countries in the Asia-Pacific region. Pray for ELCA Global Mission personnel, including the missionaries, teachers, International Women Leaders and Horizon seminary interns working alongside companion churches to spread the gospel, grow the church and respond to community needs.

**14** Pray for ELCA Church Council members meeting in Chicago to oversee and govern the ELCA churchwide organization. Pray for the Spirit to guide their discussions, their counsel and their decisions for the well-being, vitality and growth of the church.

**15** Pray for Lutheran and Episcopal school leaders gathering in collaboration at the National Association of Episcopal Schools (NAES) Biennial Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Give thanks for the ministries of the NAES and the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association that equip, inspire and support Christian educators.

**16** Ask God to help us welcome and treat immigrants, refugees and asylum-seekers with respect and compassion, accompanying them through the complex process of rebuilding their lives in our country.

**17** Jesus warned that being his disciple is never easy or safe, but we are never alone or ill-equipped for doing God's work in the world — we are accompanied by the Spirit and our siblings in Christ. Praise God!

**18** Give thanks for those who work in hospice care and attend to the comfort and quality of life of people as they approach the end of life, and who provide emotional and spiritual support for their families.

**19** Ask the Spirit to nurture and sustain the confidence, wisdom, humility and faith of leaders in our church, synods, congregations and special ministries.

**20** "You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy" (Psalm 16:11). Express your gratitude to God, the light that guides us through life and brings true joy and fulfillment.

**21** There are approximately 369,000 infants, children and youth in foster care in our country. Pray that foster families will provide them with stability, love, support and encouragement so that they thrive. Give thanks for foster parents and pray for the Spirit to equip them with wisdom, empathy, strength and skills for parenting.

**22** "Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another" (Hebrews 10:24-25). Pray that we — individually and as communities of faith — will be catalysts for love, kindness and inspiration in the church, our society and the world.

**23** Remember in prayer our ministries in nine countries in the Latin America and Caribbean regions. Pray for ELCA Global Mission personnel, including the missionaries, teachers, International Women Leaders and Young Adults in Global Mission working alongside global companions to spread the gospel, strengthen and grow the church, and respond to community needs.

**24** In a world of force, intimidation and superiority, pray that we will take to heart the leadership of Jesus Christ, whose power manifests in humility, love, mercy and justice.

**25** Give thanks for the people and experiences that break into our daily routines, interjecting joy and laughter.

**26** Ask God to make us enthusiastic witnesses to our faith through words, kindness, love for our neighbors in need and commitment to justice and peace. Pray that we will be mindful of opportunities to invite others to become followers of Jesus Christ and to welcome them into our communities of faith.


**27** Praise God for gathering our collective gifts and resources through ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response to respond to the needs of our neighbor and end hunger and poverty.

**28** *Day of Thanksgiving* Give thanks today — and every day — for what God provides to strengthen and sustain us and for those who work to feed the world, including farmers, agricultural workers, ranchers, commercial fishermen, food pantry staff and administrators of hunger relief programs such as ELCA World Hunger.

**29** *Native American Heritage Day* "Let us remember the Indigenous peoples and tribal nations who were the first to love, pray, grow, celebrate, cry, drum, dance and sing upon these lands" (land acknowledgment from the 2022 Churchwide Assembly). Give thanks for the cultures, values, accomplishments and spirituality of Native Americans that continue to shape our nation and church. Pray that we will be persistent and sincere in learning more about Indigenous peoples and tribal nations and in working together to correct inaccuracies and injustices of history.

**30** *Andrew, the Apostle* Andrew was the first of the 12 disciples to drop what he was doing and accept Jesus' invitation to follow him. Ask the Spirit to stir our faith and courage to respond to the call to do God's work in the world, wherever it takes us and whatever it requires of us.

# November 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>3</b> 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Sunday School <b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b> <b>First Communion</b> <b>All Saints Sunday</b>	<b>4</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>5</b> Pastor's Day Off <b>Election Day</b>	<b>6</b> 6:00 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	<b>7</b> 9:00 All Conference Gathering – Rice Lake (Tentative)	8	9
<b>10</b> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School <b>Holy Baptism</b>	<b>11</b> Pastor's Sabbath <b>Veteran's Day</b>	<b>12</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>13</b> 6:00 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	<b>14</b> 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 WELCA 12:30 Council	15	16
<b>17</b> 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Sunday School <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>18</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>19</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>20</b> 6:00 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	21	22	23
<b>24</b> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School <b>Christ the King Sunday</b> <b>New Member Sunday</b>	<b>25</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>26</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>27</b> 7:00 Thanksgiving Eve Service	<b>28</b> 	29	30