

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

June, 2025 Newsletter for Wilson Lutheran Church



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It's Time to Get Green!

I'm not referring to Spring, although it is good to see it finally coming to pass, but to the "Green Season" of the church year – Pentecost – and the season after Pentecost, the longest of the church year we also call "Ordinary Time."

We'll celebrate the Day of Pentecost on June 8 this year, the day when the Holy Spirit was given to the apostles while they were gathered together in Jerusalem. You may recall Jesus commanded them not to leave Jerusalem following the Resurrection, but to stay *"in the city until [they] have been clothed with power from on high"* (John 24:49b) That power was the gift of the promised Holy Spirit.

Acts describes that event as *"a sound like the rush of a violent wind"*, with *"divided tongues, as of fire"* (Acts 2:2-3) swirling around their heads and resting on them. What happened next is recorded in chapter 2 of The Acts of the Apostles. It was nothing short of life changing, an event which resulted in Peter preaching what may well have been his most powerful sermon. I encourage you to read it for yourselves. Peter finally got it right!

Few of us remember our baptism, the day we were "marked with the Cross of Christ and sealed by the Holy Spirit forever", but it was the day each of us received that same precious gift given to the Church in Christ's "Great Commission". As Jesus has commanded (Matthew 28:19-20), so the Church has done throughout the ages; giving to each of us the gift of *"a rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit."* (Titus 3:5) That which was given Peter and the other Apostles on the Day of Pentecost, changing their lives, is given to us and so changes our lives.

What's more, it's one of those gifts that just keeps on giving. The same Spirit we first received in our baptism continues to give us new life each day, working to create and sustain faith in Jesus Christ wherever the Gospel is proclaimed and the Sacraments celebrated; uniting all who believe into one body as the church, which is the Body of Christ, a community of faith in communion with God the Father and God the Son. What could be more life changing than that?

As the "Green Season" comes upon us, I hope you will all have a wonderful summer, basking not only in the warmth of the sunshine, but in the warmth of the Spirit who will be with you each and every day.

Pastor Bob

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

June 2025 – Season of Pentecost

Sunday, June 1 – Easter 7

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 17:20-26: Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

Sunday, June 8 – Day of Pentecost

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Red
- ❖ Readings: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-27
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 14:8-17, 25-27: Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

Sunday, June 15 – Holy Trinity

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 16:12-15: Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

Sunday, June 22 – Pentecost 2

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Readings: Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 8:26-39: Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

Sunday, June 29 – Pentecost 3

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 9:51-62: Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

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.

W/ELCA Meetings: The next regular WELCA meeting will be held Thursday, June 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.

W/ELCA Meeting April Minutes – May 8, 2025

President Tracy Davis opened the meeting with prayer and then called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

7 Members present: Tracy Davis, Sharon Bowell, Mary Brandt, Linda Powers, Louanne Anderson, Linda Rambo, Peggy Schram

Secretary's report read. Motion to approve by Louanne, seconded by Tracy, motion carried.

Treasurer's report read with beginning balance of \$407.05; ending balance of \$1,962.97. Motion to approve by Linda R, seconded by Mary, motion carried.

Old Business

- Pancake Supper
- Attendance was disappointing
- Advertising may need to be changed to cover more digital outlets
- Maybe time to consider other options
 - Pie and Ice Cream Social
 - Brunch
 - Other Ideas
- Thrivent Card
 - The remaining balance on the Thrivent card will be used to buy towels for Susan's Mission
- Quilts for Graduates
 - Three quilts (one made by Karen and two purchased from Christ Lutheran for \$40 each) will be presented to this year's graduates on Sunday, May 11, 2025.

New Business

- Rally Sunday – Start planning for first Sunday after Labor Day
- Susan's Mission

No Round Table

Motion to adjourn by Sharon, seconded by Louanne, motion carried.

Next Meeting Thursday, June 12, 2025 following Bible Study at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Powers, Acting Secretary

Wilson Lutheran Church Council Meeting Highlights – May 8, 2025

- Pastor Bob gave an update on his health.
- Pastor Bob will be on vacation from May 18 until May 25. Pastor Kristin Kallaher will preside both Sundays.
- 69 virtual Easter Lilies were sold.
- Dave reported on the replacement of the new doors of the narthex. One door is built. The other door is back ordered for approximately 7-10 days.
- Jeremy Faber will be taking over lawn care.
- Dan Roach from Quality Asphalt will be coming tomorrow to repair the crack in the asphalt on the driveway.
- There will not be coffee after worship during the summer months. Coffee will restart when school starts. In the meantime, if anyone wants to sign up and serve coffee this summer, they are welcome to do so.
- The July and August newsletter will be combined.
- There will be no council meeting in July.
- WELCA has made the decision to no longer hold pancake suppers. WELCA will be planning other events to take the place of pancake suppers.

Food Pantry Support: Thank you for your continuing support of our hunger ministry. Your contributions are making a difference. May contributions went to the Spring Valley Food Pantry. The June contributions will go to Woodville pantry.

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, June 3rd in the Fellowship Hall at Gethsemane. The menu is Mac and Cheese, Lettuce, Garlic Bread and Cakes.

The Tuesday Community Supper is served the first Tuesday of the month at Gethsemane Lutheran, 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.

Wilson Lutheran Church 2025 Virtual Easter Lily Gifts

Pastor Goofed 🙄. The names below were inadvertently omitted from the Virtual East Lily list in the May newsletter.

From:	In Memory Of:
Jan Timm	Dennis (Denver) Timm
	Bob & Dorothy Larson
Charlie and Sharon Howell	To the Glory of God (Two Lilies)

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays				Anniversaries	
Jun 2	Mary Brandt	Jun 18	Wes Timm	Jun 2	Mike & Sherry Ellefson
Jun 4	Jolene Finder	Jun 18	Maxx Wittmer	Jun 6	Phil & Linda Eng
Jun 4	Pat Butler	Jun 18	Nicole Witter	Jun 13	Rex and Janet Brandt
Jun 4	Phillip Eng	Jun 22	David Gedatus	Jun 14	Darren & Heidi Peterson
Jun 5	Kelly Arlen Kerr	Jun 22	Connor McVey		
Jun 8	Luke Deppa	Jun 23	Jaimie Wittmer		
Jun 8	Conrad Timm	Jun 27	Barb Lamb		
Jun 9	Wyatt Faber	Jun 28	Karen Keck		
Jun 10	Don Spielman	Jun 29	Shirley Rostamo		
Jun 12	Abigail Pomasl	Jun 29	Debrah Tolvanen		
Jun 12	Becky Stahl	Jun 29	Dennis Blegen		
Jun 13	Jesse Lamb	Jun 30	Chad Langer		
Jun 13	Milo Curtis	Jun 30	Ryan Peterson		
Jun 15	Kerry Wittmer				

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Month	Altar Care	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Sundays
June	Help Needed	Help Needed	Mike and Sherry Ellefson	5 Sundays
July	Barb Lamb and Karen Esanbock	Becky Stoltman Barb Knopps	Louanne Anderson and Barb Lamb	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
June			
	1	Aran	Rex Brandt
<i>Pentecost Day</i>	8	Maggie	Lucie Gray
<i>Holy Trinity</i>	15	Aran	Janet Brandt
	22		Kathy Borton
	29	Maggie	Dean Rambo
July			
	6	Aran	Ginny Overland
	13		Linda Powers
	20	Maggie	Darren Peterson
	27		Beka Stoltman

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Prayer Ventures
June 2025

1 Pray that our words and actions will glorify God and reflect the immeasurable, unprejudiced grace God has shown humankind through the gift of Jesus Christ.

2 *Pride Month* Give thanks to God for the gifts, wisdom, leadership and faith of our LGBTQIA+ neighbors and siblings in Christ. Ask the Spirit to embolden us as we work together for justice, total inclusion and love for humanity in all its diversity.

3 Remember in prayer ELCA outdoor ministries across the country as they equip young adults to lead summer camp programs for people of all ages and abilities, encouraging spiritual growth, developing life skills and fostering relationships in Christ-centered communities.

4 Give thanks for the beauty, bounty and awe-inspiring complexity of nature — a gift from God that nourishes all of us. Promise to exercise wisdom and responsibility in using, protecting, sharing and restoring creation.

5 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Central/Southern Illinois, Central States, Indiana-Kentucky, Lower Susquehanna and New Jersey synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

6 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the La Crosse Area; Metropolitan Washington, D.C.; Northeastern Iowa; Southern Ohio; and Southwestern Minnesota synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

7 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the East-Central Synod of Wisconsin and Eastern North Dakota Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

8 *Day of Pentecost* “The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to

you” (John 14:26). We are never alone or forgotten. Give thanks to God that we have received the gift of the Spirit, who accompanies us throughout our baptismal journey.

9 Pray for summer ministries that serve congregations and their surrounding communities by sharing the gospel, stirring faith, providing day care and serving neighbors in need.

10 Ask God to help us nurture a new generation of leaders for our church, our communities and our nation — people of faith, wisdom, compassion, creativity and courage.

11 Pray for our neighbors and siblings in Christ who languish in jails, prisons, correctional facilities or immigration detention centers, that the Spirit will inspire their faith and hope and that they might access skilled legal, physical, spiritual and emotional care.

12 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Florida-Bahamas, Grand Canyon and South Carolina synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

13 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Illinois, Northwestern Pennsylvania, Southwestern Washington, Upper Susquehanna, Virginia and Western Iowa synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

14 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Sierra Pacific Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

15 *The Holy Trinity* “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us” (Romans 5:5). Pray that our faith in Jesus Christ, the embodiment of God’s unwavering love and forgiveness, will strengthen our confidence in both the reality and the mystery of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

16 For Father's Day (June 15), remember in prayer biological fathers, stepfathers, adoptive fathers and foster fathers, that they will treasure the joys of fatherhood and find support and wise counsel for the challenges of parenting, passing along their faith, teaching compassion and respect, and encouraging and guiding their children.

17 Pray that in times of uncertainty and anxiety, we will find comfort and strength in God's steadfast love and that, from this foundation, we will confidently and courageously bear God's peace, justice and reconciliation into the world.

18 Amid conflict and war, pray for national leaders, diplomats and other representatives whose negotiations might bring ceasefires and lasting peace. Ask the Spirit to guide their deliberations and stir their humility, respect, compassion and mercy.

19 *Juneteenth* This day of celebration, dating back to June 19, 1865, commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. Give thanks and praise to God for creating humankind in all its diversity, and ask God's forgiveness for yielding to fear, suspicion and intolerance of others. Ask God to guide and strengthen our work of including all people in the church and society.

20 *World Refugee Day* On this day, we honor the courage and resilience of refugees and immigrants, and work to build empathy and support for people who have fled their home countries because of conflict, natural disaster or economic crisis. Give thanks that we can respond together through AMMPARO Migrant Ministry, ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, Global Refuge and Lutheran social service organizations.

21 Lift up prayers of joy and thanksgiving for the first day of summer in the Northern Hemisphere (June 20). Give thanks for longer days, growing crops and opportunities to enjoy the outdoors — gifts from God that awaken our senses and lift our spirits.

22 Pray for high school youth attending the Lutheran Summer Music program at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind., that their musical gifts will be nurtured and encouraged in a welcoming faith community of youth from across the country.

23 Give thanks for community resilience, support and justice grants, which our church awards to programs and projects, in the United States and around the

world, that focus on global mission, social justice and humanitarian assistance in vulnerable communities.

24 Give thanks for the relief work we do together through Lutheran Disaster Response, and remember in prayer those impacted by disasters and severe weather as they rebuild their lives and communities. Pray that we will be generous with our prayers, encouragement, volunteer assistance and financial support until they recover — physically, spiritually and emotionally.

25 Pray for Seafarers International House in New York City, a mission affiliated with the ELCA that has served mariners and immigrants since 1873. Remember in prayer seafarers who work under difficult and dangerous conditions and are isolated from family, friends and faith communities for long periods.

26 Give thanks that God teaches us love, mercy and radical hospitality through the example of Jesus, the wisdom of Scripture and the encouragement of our siblings in Christ.

27 Pray for synods, newly elected bishops and leaders, and mission endeavors initiated during assemblies, that they will be effective and fruitful in spreading the gospel and doing God's work in the world.

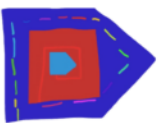
28 Pray that, where religions conflict, the Spirit will help us bridge divides through dialogue, collaboration and mutual respect as we care for neighbors in need and advance justice in our communities.

29 "Peter felt hurt because [Jesus had asked him], 'Do you love me?' ... [Peter] said to [Jesus], 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep'" (John 21:17). Ask God to forgive us when we stray from the work Jesus left us, the work of loving and serving our neighbors and our siblings in Christ. Pray that Christ's selfless, sacrificial, far-reaching love will inspire us to embrace God's work in the world.

30 Ask the Spirit to open us to new insights and wisdom when we read Scripture — the ageless word of God that guides, inspires and informs our daily life.

Revised Common Lectionary
Daily Readings – Year C
June 2025

Date	Day	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
1	Sunday	Psalm 97	Acts 16:16-34	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26
2	Monday	Psalm 29	Exodus 40:16-38	Acts 16:35-40	
3	Tuesday	Psalm 29	2 Chronicles 5:2-14	Acts 26:19-29	
4	Wednesday	Psalm 29	Ezekiel 3:12-21		Luke 9:18-27
5	Thursday	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Isaiah 32:11-17	Galatians 5:16-25	
6	Friday	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Isaiah 44:1-4	Galatians 6:7-10	
7	Saturday	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	2 Kings 2:1-15a		Luke 1:5-17
8	Sunday - <i>Pentecost</i>	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Acts 2:1-21	Romans 8:14-17	John 14:8-17, 25-27
9	Monday	Psalm 48	Joel 2:18-29	1 Corinthians 2:1-11	
10	Tuesday	Psalm 48	Ezekiel 11:14-25	1 Corinthians 2:12-16	
11	Wednesday	Psalm 48	Numbers 24:1-14		Luke 1:26-38
12	Thursday	Psalm 8	Proverbs 3:13-18	Ephesians 1:17-19	
13	Friday	Psalm 8	Proverbs 3:19-26	Ephesians 4:1-6	
14	Saturday	Psalm 8	Proverbs 4:1-9		Luke 2:41-52
15	Sunday - <i>Holy Trinity</i>	Psalm 8	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
16	Monday	Psalm 130	2 Chronicles 29:1-19	Galatians 3:1-9	
17	Tuesday	Psalm 130	2 Chronicles 30:1-12	Galatians 3:10-14	
18	Wednesday	Psalm 130	2 Chronicles 30:13-27		Mark 2:1-12
19	Thursday	Psalm 22:19-28	Isaiah 56:9-12	Romans 2:17-29	
20	Friday	Psalm 22:19-28	Isaiah 57:1-13	Galatians 3:15-22	
21	Saturday	Psalm 22:19-28	Isaiah 59:1-8		Matthew 9:27-34
22	Sunday	Psalm 22:19-28	Isaiah 65:1-9	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
23	Monday	Psalm 64	Job 18:1-21	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	
24	Tuesday	Psalm 64	Job 19:1-22	Ephesians 2:11-22	
25	Wednesday	Psalm 64	Ezekiel 32:1-10		Luke 9:37-43a
26	Thursday	Psalm 16	Leviticus 9:22-10:1	2 Corinthians 13:5-10	
27	Friday	Psalm 16	2 Kings 1:1-16	Galatians 4:8-20	
28	Saturday	Psalm 16	Deuteronomy 32:15-27, 39-43		Luke 9:21-27
29	Sunday	Psalm 16	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62
30	Monday	Psalm 140	Genesis 24:34-41, 50-67	1 John 2:7-11	



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JUNE 2025


MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
02 Office Closed Mondays	03 9:30AM Strong Bodies 1PM Music at SV Health Care Campus	04	05 10AM 🍷 Team Sudoku 1:30PM Coffee & Conversation	06 9:30AM Strong Bodies 10AM 🍷 Donut Day
09 Office Closed Mondays	10 9:30AM Strong Bodies 10AM Memory Cafe 10AM 🍷 Farmers Market Vouchers 1PM Valley Villas Resident Concert	11 10AM 🍷 Monthly Birthday Celebration + Baked Treat	12 9:30AM Foot Care Clinic	13 9:30AM Strong Bodies 10AM 🍷 Fun Fact Friday 2PM C.R.A.F.T
16 Office Closed Mondays	17 9:30AM Strong Bodies	18 10AM Bird-watching Walk	19 10AM 🍷 Team Sudoku	20 9:30AM Strong Bodies
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30 Office Closed Mondays				

Weekend Events:

- Saturday 6/28: 2PM **10th Anniversary Block Party**

For more information, to schedule services or to RSVP, call 715-778-5800!

June 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	2 Pastor's Sabbath	3 Pastor's Day Off	4	5	6	7
8 9:00 Worship Holy Communion Day of Pentecost	9 Pastor's Sabbath	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 Holy Communion Holy Trinity Sunday Newsletter Deadline	16 Pastor's Sabbath	17 Pastor's Day Off	18	19	20	21
22 9:00 Worship	23 Pastor's Sabbath	24 Pastor's Day Off	25	26	27	28
29 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	30 Pastor's Sabbath	July 1 st Pastor's Day Off	2	3	4 	5