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Mission Statement  
Gathered. Renewed. Sent

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

## *July / August, 2025 Newsletter for Wilson Lutheran Church*



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## **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

July / August 2025 – Season of Pentecost

“The summer brings back ‘ordinary’ time in the flow of the church year. The last festival of Holy Trinity serves as a hinge-point between the sparkly season of Easter through Pentecost and a extended time of Sundays without festivals. However, this is not idle time or a break from gospel celebration. Rather, the liturgical color turns to green as a sign of sprouting and growing faith in the resurrection life in Christ. Our paraments often include representations of growth such as vegetation or trees bearing fruit, just as that same growth and fruiting happens in the natural world of the northern hemisphere.”

“As we turn to a more continuous reading of the Gospel of Luke for this season, we pick up the narrative of Jesus’ life in mid-ministry at the height of his teaching, storytelling, and healing. There is a little bit of everything in mid-Luke, with some well-known passages to experience again; the sending out of the disciples, the parable of the good Samaritan, Jesus visiting Mary and Martha, and instruction on prayer. These snapshots of Jesus’ ministry highlight various facets of discipleship practices: welcome, hospitality, praying, peacemaking, rejoicing and more. (*Sundays and Seasons, Year C 2025, Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis, MN*)

### **Sunday, July 6 – Pentecost 4**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9; Galatians 6:1-16
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20: Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.

### **Sunday, July 13 – Pentecost 5**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Readings: Deuteronomy 30:9-14; psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 10:25-37: Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

### **Sunday, July 20 – Pentecost 6**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15-28
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 10:38-42: During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.

### **Sunday, July 27 – Pentecost 7**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Readings: Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-19
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 11:1-13: In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus

on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

### **Sunday, August 3 – Pentecost 8**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23; Psalm 49:1-12; Colossians 3:1-11
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 12:13-21: In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

### **Sunday, August 10 – Pentecost 9**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 12:32-40: Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

### **Sunday, August 17 – Pentecost 10**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29-12:2
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 12:49-56: Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

### **Sunday, August 24 – Pentecost 11**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 13:10-17: Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

### **Sunday, August 31 – Pentecost 12**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14: Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

## 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 Bible Study:** The July Bible Study will be held Thursday, July 10, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The bible study is open to all members and guests, men and women.

**W/ELCA Meetings:** The next regular WELCA meetings will be held Thursday, August 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.

### W/ELCA Meeting Minutes – May 9, 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

## **W/ELCA Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2025**

President Tracy Davis called the meeting to order at 11:25

8 Members present: Janet Brandt, Linda Rambo, Louanne Anderson, Linda Powers, Peggy Schramm, Tracy Davis, Kathy Borton, Karen Esanbock

Secretary's report read. Motion by Janet, second by Kathy to approve. Motion carried.

Treasures' report tabled.

Old Business:

Susan's Mission- collected supplies will be counted today;

Green Jar will be out on Sundays this summer for monetary donations; {\$125 has been collected thus far. Reminders of this ongoing project will be in the newsletters and bulletins going forward.

Rally Sunday- will plan in August

New Business;

None

No Round Table

Motion by Louanne, second by Linda R to adjourn

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Esanbock, 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.

## **Wilson Lutheran Church Council Meeting Highlights – June 12, 2025**

- Pastor Bob gave an update on his health.
- Pastor Bob notes Charlie Lamb has enlisted in the Air Force. On July 20<sup>th</sup> during worship, Pastor Bob will perform "The Soldier's Blessing. This will include a separate communion for Charlie and his family.
- First Communion class will be held on August 6. Rocky and Ruby Clements will be attending the class. The family may join our congregation.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> graders receiving Bibles this year are Brantly Bonte, Kamdyn Stahl, and Harper Timm.

- The locks on the new front doors have been adjusted and are working.
- There will not be a church council meeting in July.
- The basement door needs replacement. Dave will talk to Mike Ellefson and Lindus out of Baldwin about this.

**Food Pantry Support:** Thank you for your continuing support of our hunger ministry. Your contributions are making a difference. June contributions went to the Woodville Food Pantry. The July contributions will go to Baldwin pantry. August contributions go to the Glenwood City 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:** Gethsemane Lutheran Church will be serving the Tuesday Community Supper from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> in the Fellowship Hall at Gethsemane. The menu is Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Pasta Salad, Beans, Chips and a Cookie.

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.

### **Help Keep the Supply Afloat, Give Blood**

Blazoning a summer blood drive at Zion Lutheran Church, 221 N. Lockwood St., Woodville on Thursday, August 14th from 11:00am to 5:00pm. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Zion Lutheran Church in the search box.

### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

<b>Birthdays</b>				<b>Anniversaries</b>	
Jul 20	Angela Spielman	Jul 29	Darlene Dehkes	Jul 5	Duane & Pat Butler
Jul 20	Jan Timm	Aug 5	Chad McVey	Jul 11	Tyler & Tori Timm
Jul 22	Bill Krueger	Aug 7	Linda Rambo	Jul 19	Matt & Chandra Lamb
Jul 24	Scott Borton	Aug 8	Junalee Hogenson	Jul 27	Kevin & Mona Finder
Jul 25	Matt Lamb	Aug 10	Kari Deppa	Aug 21	Ben & Theresa Pomastl
Jul 26	Erica Frohn	Aug 11	Mitchell Wittmer		
Jul 28	Sherry Ellefson	Aug 29	Tori Timm		

### **ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Altar Care</b>	<b>Communion Assistant</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Sundays</b>
July	Barb Lamb and Karen Esanbock	Becky Stoltman Barb Knopps	Louanne Anderson and Barb Lamb	4 Sundays
August	Vicki Glamp and Shirley Rostamo	Volunteer	Help Needed	5 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	Lector
<b>July</b>			
	6	Aran	Ginny Overland
	13		Linda Powers
	20	Maggie	Darren Peterson
	27		Beka Stoltman
<b>August</b>			
	3	Maggie	Owen Hague
	10		Jes Lamb
	17	Aran	Barb Knopps
	24		Rex Brandt
	31	Maggie	Janet Brandt



Welcome to our newest members, Sylvia and Parker Holmstrom. Sylvia and Parker were received Sunday, May 27.

Sylvia is the Director of the Cardinal Kids Club for the Spring Valley School District, and Parker is an Engineer at Anderson Windows in Bayport.

We're glad to have Sylvia and Parker as part of the Body of Christ at Wilson.

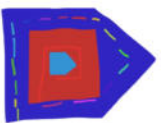
#### SPECIAL SENDING

Please join us as we send Charlie Lamb off to serve in the U.S. Air Force, with a special blessing and service of Holy Communion during our regular 9:00 a.m. worship on July 20.

Then join Charlie and his family for a Farewell Gathering at the Wilson American Legion Hall from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to wish Charlie well as he prepares to leave for basic training on August 5. Cake and beverages will be served.

#### The Rousers Return

The Red Cedar Rousers Barbershop Quartet will return to worship with us in their own style of song on Sunday July 13 during our regular 9:00 a.m. worship. Be sure to join us for this fun worship opportunity.



**Staying Put, Inc.**  
Caring – Connecting – Contributing

**JULY 2025**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	01 9:30AM <b>Strong Bodies</b> 10AM 🎲 <b>Cribbage</b>	02 10AM 🍷 <b>Ice Cream Social</b>	03 9:30AM <b>Foot Care Clinic</b> 1:30PM <b>Coffee &amp; Conversation</b>	04 <b>4th of July - Office Closed</b>
07 <b>Office Closed Mondays</b>	08 9:30AM <b>Strong Bodies</b> 10AM <b>Memory Cafe</b> 1:15PM <b>Music at SV Health Care Campus</b>	09 10AM 🎂 <b>Monthly Birthday Celebration + Baked Treat</b>	10	11 9:30AM <b>Strong Bodies</b> 2PM <b>C.R.A.F.T</b>
14 <b>Office Closed Mondays</b>	15 9:30AM <b>Strong Bodies</b> 12:30PM <b>Music at Valley Villas</b>	16 5:30PM <b>Fish Fry</b>	17	18 9:30AM <b>Strong Bodies</b> 10AM 🎲 <b>Fun Fact Friday</b>
21 <b>Office Open 9AM-2PM</b>	22 9:30AM <b>Strong Bodies</b> 10AM <b>Memory Cafe</b>	23	24 9:30AM <b>Foot Care Clinic</b>	25 9:30AM <b>Strong Bodies</b>
28 <b>Office Closed Mondays</b>	29 9:30AM <b>Strong Bodies</b>	30 10AM 🎲 <b> Euchre</b>	31	

**Weekend Events:**

- Saturday 7/26: **UFO Days Booth**
- Sunday 7/27: **UFO Days Booth/Parade/Puzzle**

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



Revised Common Lectionary  
Daily Readings – Year C  
July 2025

Date	Day	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
1	Tuesday	Psalm 140	Jeremiah 3:15-18	Ephesians 5:6-20	
2	Wednesday	Psalm 140	Jeremiah 23:16-22		Matthew 10:16-25
3	Thursday	Psalm 66:1-9	2 Kings 21:1-15	Romans 7:14-25	
4	Friday	Psalm 66:1-9	Jeremiah 51:47-58	2 Corinthians 8:1-7	
5	Saturday	Psalm 66:1-9	Zechariah 14:10-21		Luke 9:1-6
6	Sunday	Psalm 66:1-9	Isaiah 66:10-14	Galatians 6:1-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
7	Monday	Psalm 119:73-80	Jeremiah 6:10-19	Acts 19:21-27	
8	Tuesday	Psalm 119:73-80	Jeremiah 8:4-13	Acts 19:28-41	
9	Wednesday	Psalm 119:73-80	Joshua 23:1-16		Luke 10:13-16
10	Thursday	Psalm 25:1-10	Genesis 41:14-36	James 2:14-26	
11	Friday	Psalm 25:1-10	Genesis 41:37-49	Acts 7:9-16	
12	Saturday	Psalm 25:1-10	Leviticus 19:1-4; 32-37		John 3:16-21
13	Sunday	Psalm 25:1-10	Deuteronomy 30:9-14	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
14	Monday	Psalm 25:11-20	Job 24:1-8	James 2:1-7	
15	Tuesday	Psalm 25:11-20	Proverbs 19:1-17	1 John 3:11-17	
16	Wednesday	Psalm 25:11-20	Ecclesiastes 9:13-18		Matthew 25:31-46
17	Thursday	Psalm 15	Genesis 12:10-20	Hebrews 5:1-6	
18	Friday	Psalm 15	Genesis 13:1-18	Ephesians 3:14-21	
19	Saturday	Psalm 15	Genesis 14:1-16		Luke 8:4-10
20	Sunday	Psalm 15	Genesis 18:1-10a	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
21	Monday	Psalm 119:97-104	Exodus 18:1-12	Colossians 1:27-2:7	
22	Tuesday	Psalm 119:97-104	Proverbs 9:1-18	1 John 2:1-6	
23	Wednesday	Psalm 119:97-104	Deuteronomy 12:1-12		John 6:41-51
24	Thursday	Psalm 138	Esther 2:19-3:6	Acts 1:15-20	
25	Friday	Psalm 138	Esther 3:7-15	Acts 2:22-36	
26	Saturday	Psalm 138	Esther 4:1-17		Luke 8:22-25
27	Sunday	Psalm 138	Genesis 18:20-32	Colossians 2:6-19	Luke 11:1-13
28	Monday	Psalm 55:16-23	Esther 5:1-14	Colossians 2:16-3:1	
29	Tuesday	Psalm 55:16-23	Esther 6:1-7:6	Romans 9:30-10:4	
30	Wednesday	Psalm 55:16-23	Esther 7:7-8:17		Matthew 5:43-48
31	Thursday	Psalm 49:1-12	Proverbs 23:1-11	Romans 11:33-36	

Revised Common Lectionary  
Daily Readings – Year C  
August 2025

Date	Day	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
1	Friday	Psalm 49:1-12	Proverbs 24:1-12	Ephesians 4:17-24	
2	Saturday	Psalm 49:1-12	Ecclesiastes 1:1-11		Mark 10:17-22
3	Sunday	Psalm 49:1-12	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
4	Monday	Psalm 127	Ecclesiastes 2:1-17	Colossians 3:18-4:1	
5	Tuesday	Psalm 127	Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:8	Colossians 4:2-6	
6	Wednesday	Psalm 127	Ecclesiastes 12:1-8, 13-14		Luke 12:22-31
7	Thursday	Psalm 33:12-22	Job 21:1-16	Romans 9:1-9	
8	Friday	Psalm 33:12-22	Ecclesiastes 6:1-6	Acts 7:1-8	
9	Saturday	Psalm 33:12-22	Genesis 11:27-32		Matthew 6:19-24
10	Sunday	Psalm 33:12-22	Genesis 15:1-6	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
11	Monday	Psalm 89:1-18	2 Chronicles 33:1-17	Hebrews 11:1-7	
12	Tuesday	Psalm 89:1-18	2 Chronicles 34:22-33	Hebrews 11:17-28	
13	Wednesday	Psalm 89:1-18	Jeremiah 33:14-26		Luke 12:41-48
14	Thursday	Psalm 82	Joshua 7:1, 10-26	Hebrews 10:26-31	
15	Friday	Psalm 82	1 Samuel 5:1-12	Hebrews 10:32-39	
16	Saturday	Psalm 82	1 Samuel 6:1-16		Matthew 24:15-27
17	Sunday	Psalm 82	Jeremiah 23:23-29	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
18	Monday	Psalm 32	Jeremiah 23:30-40	1 John 4:1-6	
19	Tuesday	Psalm 32	Jeremiah 25:15-29	Acts 7:44-53	
20	Wednesday	Psalm 32	Jeremiah 25:30-38		Luke 19:45-48
21	Thursday	Psalm 103:1-8	Numbers 15:32-41	Hebrews 12:3-17	
22	Friday	Psalm 103:1-8	2 Chronicles 8:12-15	Acts 17:1-9	
23	Saturday	Psalm 103:1-8	Nehemiah 13:15-22		Luke 6:1-5
24	Sunday	Psalm 103:1-8	Isaiah 58:9b-14	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
25	Monday	Psalm 109:21-31	Ezekiel 20:1-17	Hebrews 3:7-4:11	
26	Tuesday	Psalm 109:21-31	Ezekiel 20:18-32	Revelation 3:7-13	
27	Wednesday	Psalm 109:21-31	Ezekiel 20:33-44		Luke 6:6-11
28	Thursday	Psalm 112	Proverbs 15:13-17	1 Peter 3:8-12	
29	Friday	Psalm 112	Proverbs 18:6-12	1 Peter 4:7-11	
30	Saturday	Psalm 112	Proverbs 21:1-4, 24-26		Matthew 20:20-28
31	Sunday	Psalm 112	Sirach 10:12-18	Hebrews 13:1, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
**Prayer Ventures**  
**July 2025**

**1** Remember in prayer congregations, synods and outdoor ministries that have applied for an ELCA Disability Ministry grant. These grants support projects and programs that identify and prepare people with disabilities for leadership positions and equip members of congregations to welcome them to full participation in the life of the church.

**2** Nothing is impossible for God. Our sins, fears, demons and eccentricities are no match for God's power to forgive, heal and renew us. Give thanks to God for surrounding us with siblings in Christ who extend to us their mercy and love.

**3** Our church has missionaries in 35 countries, and its Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program covers six countries/territories. Pray that God will bless these missionaries as they serve alongside companion churches in education, evangelism, administration, parish ministry, leadership development, justice and health.

**4 Independence Day** Give thanks for the freedom we enjoy in our country. Promise to be responsible with that freedom and attentive to those marginalized by poverty, prejudice, persecution, unjust laws or malevolent ideologies.

**5** "Insofar as a Christian is free, no works are necessary. Insofar as a Christian is a servant, all kinds of works are done" (Martin Luther, *The Freedom of a Christian*). Praise God for freeing us from sin through the redeeming love of Jesus Christ. Ask the Spirit to inspire our service, our acts of kindness and mercy, and our praise for God, the true source of absolute freedom.

**6** God sends us into the world equipped to share the gospel, care for neighbors in need, inspire hope and strive for justice and healing. Give thanks for the strength and encouragement we receive from our church, our faith communities and our siblings in Christ.

**7** Pray for the ELCA Domestic Mission unit and its renewal team, which help synods to equip congregations for engaging in renewal ministry and

for growing as vibrant and diverse communities of faith.

**8** Give thanks for community gardens that feed our neighbors, and pray for the people who tend them with love and purpose.

**9** Pray for people traveling this summer, that they will be enriched by their experiences, filled with awe at creation, and inspired to share the good news of Jesus Christ everywhere they go.

**10** Pray for the ELCA stewardship leaders network, which grows well-equipped mission interpreters, stewardship key leaders, ventures steward leaders and stewardship coaches to serve as resources for congregations and nurture generosity across the church.

**11** "Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith" (Galatians 6:9-10). Pray for our nation, that we will be renewed in our resolve to uplift neighbors who are excluded, forgotten or ignored.

**12** Stewardship and generosity are daily expressions of how we respond to God's immeasurable grace. Pray that the Spirit will nurture within us a lively spirit of generosity to respond to the needs of others, do God's work in the world and grow the church.

**13** Pray for the compassion to care for our neighbors in need, just as the good Samaritan stopped to assist a stranger robbed, beaten and left for dead.

**14** "Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand; listen to the voice that began creation; listen even if you don't understand" (ACS 974). May we be open and attentive to how God speaks to us, reaching into our souls every day to stir our faith, knowledge and wisdom.

**15** Praise God that in baptism we are marked as forgiven and freed from the grip of sin and death; empowered to act with love, kindness and mercy; and welcomed into a vast community of siblings in Christ.

**16** Ask God to help us advocate for and improve access to public spaces for older adults and people with disabilities.

**17** Pray for congregations and special ministries that work for wholeness, peace and justice in your community, across our country and throughout the world.

**18** Promise to love and serve our neighbors in need with the same boundless grace and concern that God has shown us, unhindered by suspicion, prejudice, exclusion or the belief that someone must work or suffer as we have to earn our respect.

**19** We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world — together! Companion synod relationships of the ELCA connect our synods and congregations with Lutheran churches throughout the world. Praise God that this program nurtures all involved for life and ministry through prayer, study, communication, exchange of visitors and sharing of resources.

**20** What have you witnessed or learned that reminds you of God's presence and activity in the world? Lift up prayers of joy and thanksgiving!

**21** Pray for voting members, church leaders and congregation observers as they prepare for the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix, Ariz. Ask the Spirit to fill them with enthusiasm for the church's mission and guide their discernment of how we should do God's work in a changing and challenging world.

**22** Ask the Spirit to renew the energy of staff serving in summer camps and outdoor ministries. Pray that they will be enriched by their ministry experiences and inspired to pursue vocations of service in the church and society.

**23** "When all our words seem frail and hollow, God heeds the prayers within our tears" (ACS 1050). Praise God for hearing and grasping the depth of our prayers and lamentations, especially when they feel clumsy, inadequate and incoherent.

**24** Praise God for gathering us in a church that welcomes all, strives to be faithful to the gospel and

equips us to serve in a world of complexity, tension and ambiguity.

**25** Give thanks for the Spirit, who strengthens our trust in the steadfast love of God and calms our disbelief and anxiety when we question how anyone can truly love us as we are.

**26** Pray for children, youth and young adults in your congregation, that their faith will be nurtured, that their gifts will be valued and used, and that they will be included in every aspect of the church's mission.

**27** Thank God for Jesus Christ, "from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God" (Colossians 2:19).


**28** Pray for the voting members, church leaders and volunteers gathering at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix, Ariz., for decision-making and spiritual discernment on behalf of the entire church.

**29** Ask the Spirit to grant us humility and courage, that we might recognize and repent for our legacy of injustice, false history and mistreatment of Indigenous people, which persist today. Pray that our church and society will work toward truth, repentance, healing and unity — God's work of reconciliation in the world.

**30** *International Day of Friendship* Promise to build bridges between individuals, countries and cultures, stirring empathy, inspiring peace and promoting mutual understanding and respect for diversity.

**31** Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with the Reformed Church in America, a full communion partner since 1997. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

# July 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	30  Pastor's Sabbath	1  Pastor's Day Off	2	3	4 	5
6 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	7  Pastor's Sabbath	8  Pastor's Day Off	9	10 9:30 Bible Study  No WELCA or Council Meeting in July	11	12
13 9:00 Worship with the Red Cedar Rousers	14  Pastor's Sabbath	15  Pastor's Day Off	16	17	18	19
20 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	21  Pastor's Sabbath	22  Pastor's Day Off	23	24	25	26
27 9:00 Worship	28  Pastor's Sabbath	29  Pastor's Day Off	30	31	1	2

# August 2025

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