

Calling Card



St. Paul's Lutheran Church ELCA
401 Mill Street Wilton, WI 54670

November - December 2022
Bi-Monthly Newsletter



Church Council President, Justin Arndt

I hope that everyone is doing well. The beautiful fall weather of the last couple weeks has been a pleasant distraction. It is going to make the eventual change to winter that much harder.

At church every week, the youth are increasing their faith in God. The Sunday school has been well attended with 10-15 children participating in song and learning each week. After taking a 2 ½ year hiatus, they have returned to singing in front of the congregation on the third Sunday of the month. We hope that you join us as we resume this great tradition. In confirmation, we have three wonderful young women exploring the Old Testament. Their understanding of and faith in God grows as they make their way to reaffirming their baptism next spring.

The Transition Committee continues to explore opportunities for the church's sustainability. The next step in the process is to survey the congregation (see survey later in the newsletter). Your input will help guide the committee as they continue to explore. If you have any question about the survey or the process, please reach out to anyone on the Transition Committee or me. We would be happy to discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

A few reminders:

Day light saving is Saturday night, Nov. 5. Make sure that you set your clocks back and enjoy an extra hour of sleep.

Next Tuesday is election day. Please vote.

On Christmas Eve, we will be holding one service. The service time is still unknown at this point.

The youth will once again be participating in the telling of the Christmas story.

There will be no service on Christmas Day, Sunday December 25.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Paul's. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

W-ELCA - TRANSTION

W-ELCA NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2022



W-ELCA sponsored a successful rummage sale on October 7 and 8. Thank you to everyone who donated items for sale or helped in any way. There was an overwhelming variety of items. Income from the sale was about \$350, which doesn't seem like much, but is one of our few fundraisers.

A General Meeting is scheduled for November 17 at 10:00 am in the church basement. We will be quilting on November 10 beginning at 9:00 am. Come to assist or just for the fellowship. All are welcome.

Giving thanks. Giving joy. Giving back.

It's the time of year when we reflect on our blessings. Many Lutheran congregations collect a special **Thankoffering** to support the work of the Women of the ELCA (WELCA). The Thankoffering tradition honors generations of women joyfully joining together in God's service to other women, giving thanks for what God has given us. A Thankoffering envelope will be included in the bulletin on 2 successive Sundays in November. Please consider "Giving thanks. Giving joy. Giving back." Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Women of the ELCA!

All women of St. Paul's are members of W-ELCA and new faces are always welcome at any and all events.

Transition Committee

Addison Arndt, Rachel Conner, Kirstin Arndt, Jerry Von Haden (Council Member) and Pat Von Haden.

A questionnaire follows; the committee needs your input. There will also be blank questionnaires in the Narthex as the committee is seeking individual feedback not family feedback.

You have until the end of the year, but please complete and return the questionnaire as soon as it is convenient for you. Return completed questionnaires to the drop box in the Narthex or mail them to Transition, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, PO Box 129, Wilton WI 54670.



Transition Committee Survey

Name_____

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we the Transition Committee of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, are inviting you to participate in a survey as we contemplate the future of our ministry. Our goal as a committee is to make a recommendation to the congregation about how to proceed as we prepare to search for a new pastor. While we have had some success with obtaining a part-time pastor in the past, finding another will likely be difficult due to a shortage of pastors in the area. We are exploring other options and would like your thoughts on the scenarios below. Please understand how valuable your responses will be to our process. Names will only be seen by one person of the committee – responses will essentially be anonymous. Any confirmed member of the congregation may respond – more than one response per family is encouraged. Thank you for your prayerful consideration regarding the vision and vitality of our church.

A Cooperative Ministry (multi-point parish) occurs when two or more congregations agree to remain in their existing buildings, remain separately incorporated, and share one pastor for the congregations in the co-op. Often this results in changes to worship times.

1. How comfortable would you be with the thought of developing a Cooperative Ministry with another ELCA church?

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Not comfortable								Willing to support		

What concerns might you have?

2. How comfortable would you be with the thought of developing a Cooperative Ministry with a full communion partner church of a different denomination? (Presbyterian, Methodist, United Church of Christ, etc.)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Not comfortable								Willing to support		

What concerns might you have?

In an Anchor Church Model, a smaller congregation (such as St. Paul's) would partner with a larger congregation to share resources. The two congregations maintain separate buildings and remain separately incorporated. This might involve sharing an associate pastor that also works for the larger congregation. Often this results in changes to worship times.

3. How comfortable would you be with the thought of developing an Anchor Church Model with another ELCA church (if an appropriate partner would be available)?

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Not comfortable								Willing to support		

What concerns might you have?

Lay Leadership is a situation where a member of the church or community is raised up by the La Crosse Area Synod to become a Synodically Authorized Minister (SAM). SAMs are trained through the Lay School of Ministry, entranced into candidacy, and authorized by the bishop. SAMs can preside over communion.

4. How comfortable would you be with the thought of becoming a lay-lead ministry?

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Not comfortable Willing to support

What concerns might you have?

Most recently we have been hiring part-time pastors. The drawback to this is that the process of finding a new pastor may take years due to a lack of pastors looking for the combination of part-time work and rural placement.

5. How comfortable would you be continuing to search for a part-time pastor?

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Not comfortable Willing to support

What concerns might you have?

Further questions to help us during this process:

6. What are the most convenient times for you to worship in person at St. Paul's?

7. How would you feel about commuting for service on occasion? (ex: traveling Lenten services, worshipping at a partner church on a monthly basis)

8. How often would you prefer to commune?

9. How is St. Paul's congregation currently providing ministry in our community?

How could we be doing better? _____

10. What is your dream for our congregation? _____

How have you experienced the love of Jesus through our congregation?

Please return by the end of 2022 either by mail or the drop box in the narthex.

WORSHIP NOTES – November & December 2022

The following are the Scripture readings we will be sharing in worship during the months of November and December, 2022.

Nov. 6th – All Saints Sunday

- Job 19:23-27a

Psalm 17:1-9

- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
- Luke 20:27-38

Nov. 13th – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

- Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalm 98

- 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
- Luke 21:5-19

Nov. 20th – Christ the King Sunday

- Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

- Colossians 1:11-20
- Luke 23:33-43

Nov. 27th – First Sunday of Advent

- Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

- Romans 13:11-14
- Matthew 24:36-44

Dec. 4th – Second Sunday of Advent

- Isaiah 11:1-10
- Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
- Romans 15:4-13
- Matthew 3:1-12

Dec. 11th – Third Sunday of Advent

- Isaiah 35:1-10
- Psalm 146:5-10
- James 5:7-10
- Matthew 11:2-11

Dec. 18th – Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Isaiah 7:10-16
- Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
- Romans 1:1-7
- Matthew 1:18-25

Dec. 25th – Christmas Day

- Isaiah 62:6-12

Psalm 97

- Titus 3:4-7
- Luke 2:8-20



CALANDAR

NOVEMBER

READERS

6th Miranda Arndt
 13th Barb Ornes
 20th Barb Bever
 27th Leonard Arndt

COMMUNION

Karen Arzt & Barb
 Bever

Sun.	6 th	Sunday School	9:00 AM
		**Worship	10:15 AM
Thu	10 th	Quilting	9:00 AM
Sun.	13 th	Sunday School	9:00 AM
		Worship	10:15 AM
		Comm. Dinner	4:00 PM
		Norwalk To	6:00 PM
Thu	17 th	W-ELCA Gen Mee	10:00AM
Sun.	20 th	Sunday School	9:00 AM
		**Worship	10:15 AM
		Church Council	11:30 AM
Wed			
.	24 th	Thanksgiving Eve	TBD
Sun.	27 th	Sunday School	9:00 AM
		Worship	10:15 AM
		**Communion	

CALANDAR

DECEMBER

READERS

4th Kirstin Arndt
 11th Ava Gruen
 18th Ayawyn Conner

COMMUNION

Kirstin & Justin
 Arndt

Sat.	3 rd	Blood Drive	7:00 AM
		Comm. Center To	11:30 AM
Sun.	4 th	Sunday School	9:00 AM
		**Worship	10:15 AM
Sun.	11 th	Sunday School	9:00 AM
		**Worship	10:15 AM
Sun.	18 th	Sunday School	9:00 AM
		**Worship	10:15 AM
		Council Meeting	11:15 AM
Fri.	24 th	**Worship	TBD
		**Communion	

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER

- 1st Florence Dougherty
- 3rd Carlee Niedfeldt
- 4th Gail Riedesel
- 5th Rhonda Cook
- 8th Lori and Rick Brueggen
- 11th Camden Niedfeldt
Julie and John Acker
- 15th Pam and Steve Brandau, Sr.
- 18th Justin Arndt
- 20th Gideon Young
- 26th Jacob Picha
- 27th Lori and Joel Arndt
- 28th Karen and John Arzt
- 29th Gannon Tormoen

DECEMBER

- 2nd Tammy Roscovious
- 4th Dixie Arndt
- 5th Tanya Niedfeldt
- 7th Branden Fleming
- 9th Jenna Picha
- 11th Angel Brueggen
- 12th Emily Bever, Steve Brandau, Sr.
- 13th Dan Buchholz
- 17th Julitta Arndt
- 20st John Ornes
- 21st Richard Krause
- 22st Kari Lydon
- 23rd Rob Ross
- 27th Makayla Zimmerman
- 29th Renee Mayne
- 30th Seth Tormoen
- 31st Cooper Powell

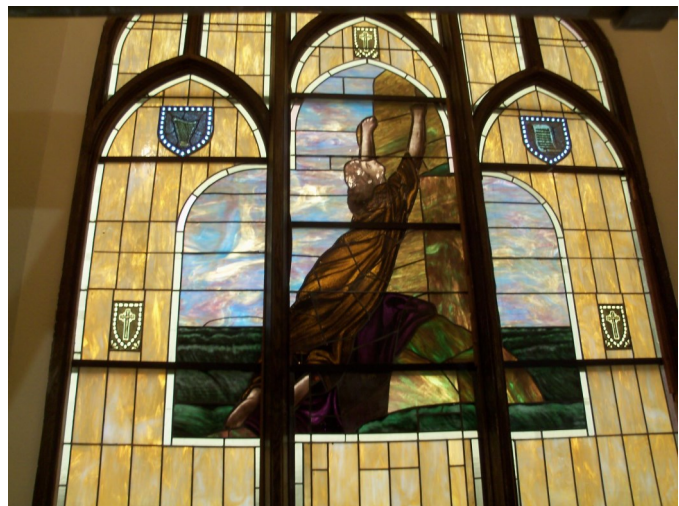
ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS

Have you considered electronic offerings? St. Paul's vendor for this service is VANCO Payment Solutions (endorsed by ELCA). We currently have a small number of members using this service. The expression "out of sight, out of mind" can apply to church offerings. Attend the service and the offering is usually dropped in the plate. Unable to attend the service and the offering is often not made or made-up.

For most members, electronic payments to public utilities or other businesses are common. With electronic offerings, you may choose the amount as well as the timing, i.e. weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly, etc. You may also determine your funding source, checking, savings, credit card. You may establish electronic offerings either directly with VANCO or through the church office. Nalani will provide you with additional information, if you so desire.

NEWSLETTER IN COLOR

The newsletter is always on the church website in color for reading, printing (just a page if you want) or reference. The church Website: <https://www.stpaulswilton.com/>



Note Dinner Location

25th Annual

Community Thanksgiving Dinner!

Cena para la Comunidad para el DIA de GRACIAS



Sunday, November 13

4:00-6:00 p.m.

at Norwalk Fire Station, 113 W. South St

Everyone Welcome

If you would like, you can bring:
vegetables, salad, desserts, door prizes

*Turkey &
mashed*



*dressing,
potatoes*

*& gravy, rolls &
cranberries will be provided*

If you need a ride or dinner delivered, contact:
Theresa Lehner at 823-7942

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For more information, contact Theresa Lehner, 823-7942

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Church Contact Information

In case of emergency, you may contact:

Justin Arndt (608-435-6336, 414-587-6642 (cell), or Nalani at 608-387-2311. Justin and Nalani also text.

To activate the prayer chain, please contact Nalani (608-387-2311)

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**Newsletters, past and present, are on the
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Inviting people to journey with Christ's family in spreading God's love and mercy.



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