

Christ's Calling Card



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

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Bi-Monthly Newsletter



Message from Pastor Cathy Morris

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 3:10-11, NRSV).



As I was driving the other day, I was reminded of trips taken with my parents and brothers in years' past. Sometimes, especially when the journey was a long one, we would play games along the way. I recall two of the games—looking for license plates from different states, and for different kinds of cars. Perhaps you recall some of the games that you played, as well.

As I got older, I started to play a new game when I was traveling alone. I would look at a house and wonder what it would be like to live there. I would look at what was in the yard (e.g. a dog, cornhole boards, a satellite dish, a ceramic goose dressed in an NFL team's jersey, etc...). But the game could involve even more of my imagination— What would it be like to live on this farm? What chores would I have? What would it be like to live in this community? What would it be like to go on a regular basis to the village grocery store, or library, or ice cream shop?

In recent years, as a pastor, I would look at churches along the way and wonder—What would it be like to be a member of this church? If there were signs in the church yard, I might think about the upcoming Lenten services; or in the summer, about Vacation Bible School; or in the fall, about an upcoming Lutefisk dinner!

While I will never actually know what it might be like to live in any of these homes or communities, it does remind me, that people can make decisions about attending a church based on how inviting it looks. Con't



Annual Meeting - Abridged

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION JANUARY 29, 2022

President Justin Arndt called the meeting to order at 11:15 am with 34 members present.

Pastor Morris offered the opening prayer.

Pastor's report was complete as written in the 2021 Annual Report.

Larry Ballwahn of the Auditing Committee reported that the books were in order.

Nalani noted that we have received the additional funds for the carillon from Lyle and Betsy Schindler. There will be a formal dedication in the Spring when the Schindlers can be present.

The 2022 Budget was presented as approved by the Council. The Secretary received a \$600 raise, water and sewer rates have increased, all else being essentially the same. There was clarification that the ELCA Benevolence is not based on membership, but on 10 percent of general giving.

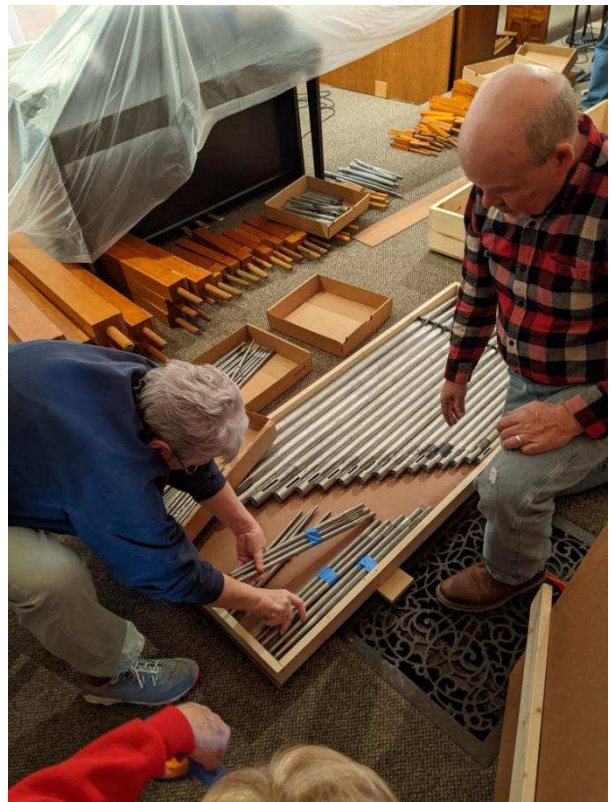
The Nominating Committee of Bud Osteboe and Larry Ballwahn reported that Lori Brueggen as Treasurer and Joel Arndt will accept a 2nd two-year term. **They were unable to find an additional member to fill the term of Steve Brandau, who is not eligible for a 3rd term.**

Old Business: Nalani Bever gave an overview of the Organ status. Attempts to repair the existing organ have not been successful. The majority of the existing organ has been removed from the balcony. Nalani has purchased an organ from a church in Mineral Point that must be removed in the next month. There would be a significant cost (\$10-15K) to install it. Considerable discussion followed on desire to have an organ and whether the congregation wants to move forward with installing it. A motion was made by Lori Brueggen, 2nd by Bud Osteboe to proceed with installation of the organ at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 and provide a letter to the congregation updating them on the situation. MC There was a suggestion that the proceeds from the chicken dinners could be used for this purpose, since they were not previously designated elsewhere.

The Council brought forth a proposal to use the \$21,000 + from the Garey Estate to investigate a proposal for redoing the front of the church (steps, etc.) After discussion, the motion by the Council was 2nd by Larry Ballwahn and the Motion Passed.

New Business: The Council asked for investment direction of part of the Garey Estate. Motion by Jerry Von Haden, 2nd by Leonard Arndt to allow Council to invest up to \$50,000 in moderate risk funds and the remainder to remain as is. MC

President's Comments: Thank you to Steve Brandau for serving on the Council for 4 years. Justin also thanked everyone for their patience during this time of caution. He stated that he hoped with covid numbers going down, we would soon be able to return to full singing, etc.



Pastor Cathy Con't

While I hesitate to use the word, "curb appeal," there is an aspect of this real estate term that applies even to churches. What do people see when they look at our church building? Do they see the beautiful brick and the stained glass windows? Do they see the front steps that need to be replaced?

Sometimes, it is good to look at a church building with "fresh eyes." By imagining that this is the first time that we have seen or been inside the church building, we can perhaps imagine what others who are unfamiliar with St. Paul's see. People of different ages and abilities will most likely see the building differently. How inviting and welcoming is St. Paul's church building to people who need a fully handicapped accessible church?

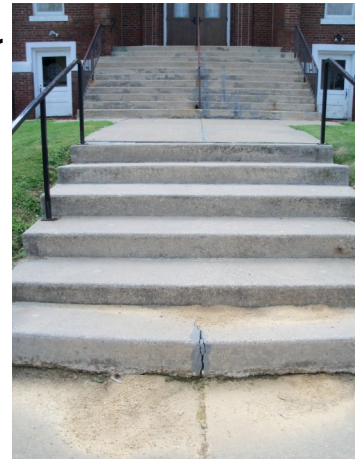
Our council frequently talks about opportunities and challenges that are present in the St. Paul's church building. If you have ideas, or suggestions, or want to offer your assistance, please let a council member know.

On another note, the season of Lent will be upon us very soon! Ash Wednesday is March 2nd, with a worship service at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's. The following Wednesday, the pastors in the East Conference of the La Crosse Area Synod, Bishop Felix Malpica, Pastor Dione Stepanek (DEM/Asst. to the Bishop) and some lay persons, will begin participating in a Round Robin of mid-week Lenten services. The pastors/lay persons will travel to different churches, or provide video sermons, so that each week, the participating churches will have a different person providing the sermon. This will be a special way for us to work together during this time of preparation and waiting during the season of Lent.

Please join others at St. Paul's on upcoming Wednesdays (beginning March 9) at 7:00 p.m. for these special mid-week Lenten services. And of course, please join others at St. Paul's on Sunday mornings for worship, as we give thanks and praise to God for all that God does for us! Thanks be to God!

Peace,

Pastor Cathy



St. Paul's Post Secondary Education Scholarship

Are you graduating from high school this year? Are you planning to continue your education at a university or technical college or other post secondary school? If so, you might consider applying for the \$500.00 scholarship offered by St. Paul's. If you are interested, please send an email to the church (wiltonchurch@gmail.com) or call the church office 608-435-6647 and leave a message. We will mail the application to you. Please return the completed application, along with your essay, to the church office by April 1. Feel free to place it in the drop box if the office isn't open.

WORSHIP NOTES FOR

March, April

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

First Sunday in Lent March 6

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16;
Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

Second Sunday in Lent March 13

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27;
Philippians 3:17--4:1; Luke 13:31-35

Third Sunday in Lent March 20

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8;
1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

Fourth Sunday in Lent March 27

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32;
2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Fifth Sunday in Lent April 3

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

Palm Sunday April 10

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14--23:56

Easter Sunday April 17

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

Second Sunday of Sunday April 24

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29;
Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

THOSE SERVING IN MARCH

ALTAR: Dixie & Leonard Arndt

READERS:

6th Ava Gruen
13th Kirstin Arndt
20th Barb Bever
27th Ayawyn Conner



COMMUNION SERVERS: Thadyn Conner &
Ayawyn Conner

THOSE SERVING IN APRIL

ALTAR: Lori Brueggen & Barb Ornes

READERS:

3rd Arlis Ballwahn
10th Carolyn Dougherty
17th Joel Arndt (Sunrise)
Barb Ornes
24th Miranda Arndt

COMMUNION SERVERS: Arlis Ballwahn &
Barb Ornes

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MARCH

W	Ash Wednesday	7:00 PM
SU	6 th Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
W	9 th Lenten Service	7:00 PM
SU	13 th Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Church Council	11:15 AM
W	16 th Lenten Service	7:00 PM
TH	17 th W-ELCA General Meeting	10:00 AM
SU	20 th Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
W	23 rd Lenten Service	7:00 PM
TH	24 th Quilting	9:00 AM
SU	27 th Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
W	30 th Lenten Service	7:00 PM

APRIL

SU	3 rd Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
W	6 th Lenten Service	7:00 PM
SU	10 th Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Maundy Thursday	7:00 PM
FR	15 th Good Friday	7:00 PM
	Prayer Vigil	8:00 PM
SA	16 th Prayer Vigil	6:30 AM
SU	17 th Easter Sunrise	6:30 AM
	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
SU	24 th Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Chicken Dinner	11:00 AM
TH	28 th Quilting	9:00 AM



MARCH

2 nd	Patty Von Haden
3 rd	Krista Cook
	Dennis Dougherty
5 th	Matt Bever
	Katie Pagel
9 th	James Brandau
11 th	Darrin Gruen
15 th	Callie Fleming
16 th	Vanessa Ornes
17 th	Don & Gail Riedesel
19 th	MaKenzie Powell
20 th	Joel Arndt
21 st	Curt Dougherty
22 nd	Dean Brandau
	Phyllis & Jan Brandau
23 rd	Bria Gruen
	Lila Speicher
24 th	David Stanek
28 th	Ken Koebernick
	Katlin Gruen

APRIL

1 st	Caitlyn Stanek
2 nd	Vicky Pasch
5 th	Pam Brandau
	Kimberly Buchholz
9 th	Madalyn Dougherty
11 th	Rich & Kathy Cale
12 th	Jack & Mary Ann Arndt
16 th	Louise Buchholz
17 th	Julie Acker
	Logan Buchholz
18 th	Rick Brueggen
	Jared Gruen
	Ron Savall
	Jennifer & David Gruen
21 st	April Arndt
	Katie Gruen
24 th	Eloise Evans
	Tanya & Scott Niedfeldt
26 th	Riley Brueggen
28 th	Carol Brandau
	Matt Ornes

Church Council

Notes from the February 13 Meeting

Committee Reports:

Education: No report

Financial: See Garey gift below.

Property: Joel Arndt has been appointed head of Property Committee to replace Steve Brandau.

Nalani inquired about having someone program the thermostat for better heating management. Approval to contact Bart Arndt to do so.

Social Ministry: April will be meeting with her Committee on March 6 to prepare cards to send to Congregation members. She also asked for guidance on obtaining a license for holding a monthly movie night. Motion by John Ornes, 2nd by Angie Gruen to investigate pricing up to \$200. MC

Worship: April Arndt was appointed interim Worship Committee Head.

Nola Garey gift: Jerry reported that he has been advised caution on more investment for now, given the current market situation. The informal consensus was to leave the funds as is for now and get more information from Edward Jones, Thrivent and perhaps the ELCA Mission Fund.

The permanent tree is on hold until plans for the front of the church are complete.

New Business:

Since there was no nomination for the Council position, it will remain unfilled for now. John Ornes suggested we might approach a younger member, suggesting Ayawyn Conner. (Ayawyn has agreed; Council approval pending)

Nalani requested approval of the chicken dinner on April 24 as a fund raiser for the Cemetery. Motion by John Ornes, 2nd by Arlis Ballwahn to advertise the chicken dinner as a fund raiser for the Operating Budget of the Cemetery. MC

Next Meeting will be on March 13.

President Justin is drafting a letter regarding the organ status to be mailed to members of the congregation.



Church

Council

Justin Arndt
President

John Ornes
President Elect

Arlis Ballwahn
Secretary

Lori Brueggen
Treasurer

Vacant

Joel Arndt

April Arndt

Angie Gruen

Jerry Von Haden



W-ELCA

MARCH/APRIL 2022



In place of our annual Valentines “cookies for seniors”, Valentine greeting cards were composed and sent by Louise Buchholz. Thank you, Louise, for using your “crafty” talents. Louise is also working with April Arndt in sending greeting cards to Congregation Members.

The Prayer for Christian Unity Breakfast was held on January 29 at St. Paul’s. This is an ecumenical event that rotates among various local churches. We were happy to have guests from St. John’s Catholic and Norwalk Methodist. The attendance was small, but we enjoyed a nice continental breakfast and an Epiphany program.

There will be a General Meeting on March 17 at 10:00 am in the church basement. All are welcome. Quilting continues through March and April. We are also working on quilts for our High School graduates.

The 2022 booklets are ready and may be picked up in the office.

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

Personal Care Kits



The W-ELCA group will be collecting items during Lent to complete **Personal Care Kits** for Lutheran World Relief. Donated items may be left at the office. Call Nalani (387-2311 or 435-6647) for availability. Monetary donations are also welcome for the purchase of items to complete the kits. Donations can be given to Louise Buchholz, Treasurer of W-ELCA.

Pastor Fran sent Pastor Cathy an email message. He said, "I wish you would express my appreciation to all who worked with the Prayer Breakfast. It was a wonderful job done!"

As I mentioned on Sunday, it was very nice to be able to share this experience with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Pr. Cathy

NEWSLETTER IN COLOR

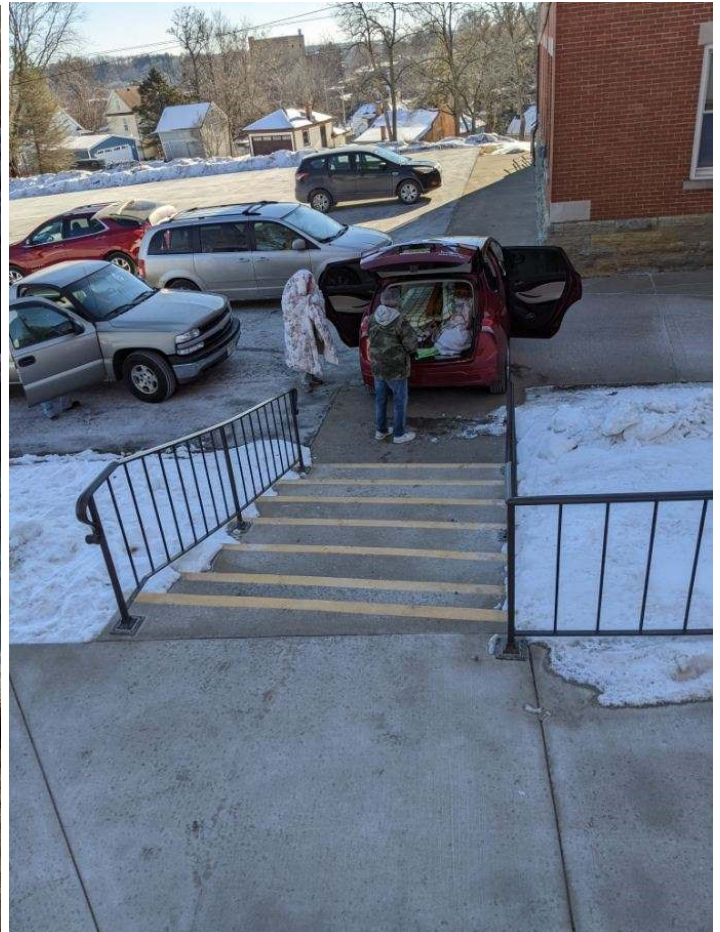
The newsletter is always on the church website in color for reading, printing (just a page if you want) or reference.

PIPE ORGAN

As you know, St. Paul's pipe organ is beyond repair. Nalani and Fred Hermes have found one in Mineral Point, it has been purchased and will be installed at St. Paul's. The pictures and comments are from the initial effort to bring the organ here.

Jerry and Patty Von Haden, Terry and Lana Sullivan, Fred and Nancy Hermes, along with Nalani, made the trek to Mineral Point and began the rather tedious task of removing the pipes from the organ chamber, crating the metal pipes, and then loading the crates in Nalani's van for the ride home. Jerry and Pat's car is loaded down with the wooded pipes. Luckily, the painters were willing to load the filled crates on their lift and lower them to the main floor. Saved us a tremendous amount of work not to have to go up and down the steps carrying two pipes at a time. Thank you to Lana Sullivan for recording the day's events. There is much left to do, but we accomplished a great deal in the 4 hours we were able to work.

From the February 13 Council meeting. "Organ: The organ cabinet is the only item still to be moved from Mineral Point. Help will be needed to clean remaining items from the pipe alcove and then move the replacements upstairs. Nalani Bever will solicit help when it is needed.



Church Information

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The social ministry committee will meet the first Sunday every two months to create cards for congregation members birthdays and anniversaries. All congregation members are welcome to share their time and talents with us. **The next session will be March 6th after church.** April Arndt

BARBEQUE CHICKEN FUNDRAISER

We will be holding the fundraiser on Sunday, April 24, 2022. The menu will be as in the past; ½ barbeque chicken, potato salad, cranberry sauce, beans, and dinner roll. Ticket price remains the same, \$10.00 per plate.



The council approved the profits be for the benefit of the cemetery to help in the annual maintenance costs.

Tickets available from Nalani. We need your help in selling tickets, not just buying for yourself and family members.

In case of emergency, you may contact:

Pastor Cathleen, via text, 608-865-1074, as well as 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)

Office Hours: Wednesday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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Nalani Bever: nalanib@gmail.com

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