

# Calling Card



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

# January February 2023 Bi-Monthly Newsletter

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**On Christmas Eve, we will be holding one service. It will be at 4:00 pm with Rev. Mark Jolivet leading**

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

**There will be no Sunday School or Church service on Christmas Day, Sunday December 25**

**or on New Years Day, Sunday, January 1.**

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**Church Council President, Justin Arndt**

***For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government will be upon His shoulder.  
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9:6 KJV***

**As we prepare for Christmas, make sure you take time to celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ. It can be watching the Christmas pageant at St. Paul's at 4 pm on Christmas Eve, worshipping at another church during your holiday travels or taking a moment at home to marvel at God's greatest gift during this chaotic season. Even though Christmas is but one day, the birth of Jesus is to be celebrated throughout the year.**

**On January 29<sup>th</sup>, we will once again gather for our Annual Meeting. We will be electing several new council members to serve our congregation. If you are interested in serving as the president-elect, secretary, or at-large member, please let me know. I would like to thank Angie Gruen and Arlis Ballwahn for their years of service. Their dedication to the church is appreciated. The Annual Meeting will also have an initial report from the transition committee and a discussion on the front steps.**

**Speaking of the transition committee, if you have not filled out the survey yet, please do so by the end of the year. We look forward to your input.**

**Finally, my term as president will come to an end at the upcoming Annual Meeting. I wanted to thank you for the privilege of leading this congregation. There have been some challenges over the past 3 years, but that has brought us to some exciting opportunities in the near future. Together we will strive to make St. Paul's a better place. Thank you for your continued support.**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

## Church Contact Information

### In case of emergency, you may contact:

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

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**\*\*The Website & Facebook pages were developed & are administered by April Kroeger**

**April also developed the front page of the Newsletter**

**Newsletters, past and present, are on the Church Website in Color.**

### Church Council

Justin Arndt  
*President*

John Ornes  
*President Elect*

Arlis Ballwahn  
*Secretary*

Lori Brueggen  
*Treasurer*

Ayawyn Conner  
Joel Arndt  
April Arndt Kroeger  
Angie Gruen  
Jerry Von Haden



## **January/February**

The following are the Scripture readings we will be sharing in worship during the months of January and February, 2023.

### ***First Sunday of Christmas***

#### ***January 1***

Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 8;  
Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:15-21

### ***Baptism of Our Lord***

#### ***January 8***

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29;  
Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

### ***Second Sunday after Epiphany***

#### ***January 15***

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11;  
1Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

### ***Third Sunday after Epiphany***

#### ***January 22***

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9;  
1Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

### ***Fourth Sunday after Epiphany***

#### ***January 29***

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15;  
1Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

### ***Fifth Sunday after Epiphany***

#### ***February 5***

Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 112:1-9;  
1Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20

### ***Sixth Sunday after Epiphany***

#### ***February 12***

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

### ***Transfiguration of Our Lord***

#### ***February 19***

Exodus 24:12-1; Psalm 2;  
Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

#### **THOSE SERVING IN JANUARY**

##### **ALTAR:**

Nalani and Greg Bever

##### **READERS:**

8<sup>th</sup> Barb Bever

15<sup>th</sup> Barb Ornes

22<sup>nd</sup> Arlis Ballwahn

29<sup>th</sup> Ava Gruen

##### **COMMUNION SERVERS:**

Lori and Joel Arndt

#### **THOSE SERVING IN FEBRUARY**

##### **ALTAR:**

Lila Speicher and Bev Graunke

##### **READERS:**

5<sup>th</sup> Miranda Arndt

12<sup>th</sup> Karen Arzt

19<sup>th</sup> Bud Osteboe

26<sup>th</sup> Lori Arndt

##### **COMMUNION SERVERS:**

Justin and Kirstin Arndt

### ***First Sunday in Lent***

#### ***February 26***

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32;  
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

# W-ELCA - TRANSTION

## W-ELCA NEWSLETTER JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023



A general meeting was held on November 17, in which decisions were made as to the distribution of funds. Gifts were given to Ayawyn Conner and to ELCA Good Gifts in the name of Nalani and Greg Bever and the Sunday School. Carolyn Dougherty will purchase Christmas poinsettias in memory of George for the altar.

The 2023 Booklet will be assembled in January. Please notify the church office if you have a change in telephone number. This is especially important if you drop your land line and have only a cell phone number.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ecumenical breakfast will tentatively be hosted by St. John's in January.

ELCA General Meeting will be held on January 19, 2023, at 10:00 am in the church basement. Quilting will also be resumed in January. Watch the bulletin for dates. We invite all women of the church to join in these activities. We need participation from everyone.

Arlis Ballwahn, Secretary

**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.**

**The committee needs your input. There are blank questionnaires in the Narthex as the committee is seeking individual feedback not family feedback.**

**You have until the end of the year, (Dec. 31), please complete and return the questionnaire soon! 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.**



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.

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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?

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Not comfortable

## Willing to support

## What concerns might you have?

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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?

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Not comfortable

## Willing to support

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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?

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

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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?

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS****JANUARY, 2023**

Sun.	1st	No Sunday School or Worship	
Wed.	4th	6:30-8:00 PM	Confirmation
Sun.	8th	9:00 AM	Sunday School
		10:15 AM	Worship - Pastor Hallemeier
Wed.	11th	6:30-8:00 PM	Confirmation
Sun.	15th	9:00 AM	Sunday School
		10:15 AM	Worship - Pastor Dumke
Wed.	18th	6:30-8:00 PM	Confirmation
Thur.	19th	10:00 AM	WELCA - General Meeting
Sun.	22nd	9:00 AM	Sunday School
		10:15 AM	Worship - Pastor Hallemeier
Wed.	25th	6:30-8:00 pm	Confirmation
Thur.	26th	9:00 AM	Quilting
Sun.	29th	9:00 AM	Sunday School
		10:15 AM	Worship
		11:15 AM	<b>Annual Meeting</b>

**FEBRUARY, 2023**

Wed.	1st	6:30-8:00 PM	Confirmation
Sat.	4th	7:00-11:30 AM	Blood Drive
Sun.	5th	9:00 AM	Sunday School
		10:15 AM	Worship - Pastor Hallemeier
Wed.	8th	6:30-8:00 PM	Confirmation
Sun.	12th	9:00 AM	Sunday School
		10:15 AM	Worship
Wed.	15th	6:30-8:00 PM	Confirmation
Sun.	19th	9:00 AM	Sunday School
		10:15 AM	Worship - Pastor Dumke
Sun.	26th	9:00 AM	Sunday School
		10:15 AM	Worship

**JANUARY, 2023****BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES**

4th	Rachel Conner, Lois Reineke
5th	Jennifer Gruen
6th	Spencer Arndt
8th	Addison Arndt, Lori Arndt, Braxton Holthaus
14th	Vanessa Anderson
15th	Sarah Culpitt
17th	Kari Radke
18th	Gina Rae
19th	Ann McKelvey, Kevin Buchholz
21st	Kelly Reuter
22nd	Kurt Radke, Mia Anderson
23rd	Anna Radke
24th	Thadyn Conner
27th	Barb & John Ornes
29th	Ayawyn Conner

**FEBRUARY, 2023****BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES**

5th	Stacey Pagel
12th	Anita Steinke, Wayne Schindler
14th	Scott Niedfeldt
21st	Lana Ross, Daphne Arndt
22nd	Tyler Brandau
26th	Karen Arzt, Jerry Von Haden



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