



We're almost there! We are waiting for the delivery and installation of 5 additional door, which will match the two already installed at the top of the stairs.

Thank you to all who supported this endeavor financially, and continue to do so. We are blessed.

CHRIST'S CALLING CARD
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2025

NOVEMBER

Sun. 2 nd	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
Sun. 9 th	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Community Dinner - Norwalk	4-6:00 PM
	Church Council	11:30 AM
Sun. 16 th	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Children Sing	
	Cake & Coffee Fellowship	
Sun. 23 rd	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Thanksgiving Worship	5:00 PM
Sun. 30 th	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM

READERS

2nd Arlis Ballwahn
 9th Emily Bever
 16th Dakota Adams
 23rd Leonard Arndt
 30th Barb Bever

ALTAR

Nalani & Greg Bever

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st Florence Dougherty
 3rd Carlee Niedfeldt
 Branden & Taylor Fleming
 4th Gail Riedesel
 8th Lori and Rick Brueggen
 11th Camden Niedfeldt
 15th Pam and Steve Brandau, Sr.
 18th Justin Arndt
 20th Gideon Young
 27th Lori and Joel Arndt
 28th Karen and John Arzt
 29th Gannon Tormoen

DECEMBER

Thur. 4 th	Amazing Gray's	11:30 AM
Sat. 6 th	Blood Drive	7:00 AM
	Wilton Community Center	to 11:30 AM
Sun. 7 th	Program Practice	8:00 AM
	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
Sun. 14 th	Program Practice	8:00 AM
	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Council Meeting	11:15 AM
Sun. 21 st	Program Practice	8:00 AM
	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
Sun. 24 th	Christmas Sing	6:00 PM
	Christmas Eve	7:00 PM
Sun. 28 th	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM

READERS

7th Karla Richie
 14th Kirstin Arndt
 21st Greg Bever
 28th Joel Arndt

ALTAR

Barb & Karla Richie

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the days get shorter we start looking forward to the season changes this brings. The fall offers perfect opportunities to notice how amazing creation is. Seedtime has now turned into the harvest; the cooler weather is so pleasant, the trees changing into vibrant colors and the fall festivities that include pumpkin and apple favorites.

The fall season also brings a lot of busyness, and it can make it hard to feel rested and caught up. Especially when we think about all the things coming up and our to do list; we may not feel ready to embrace what's coming.

So, let's adjust our focus. In this season, let's focus on finding true rest in Jesus and renewal for our souls.

Jesus said in Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." We are invited to draw near to Jesus to quiet our hearts and minds and to rest. I believe that as we do this on a continual basis we will find we are able to embrace our lives more fully.

Let's not forget this is the season of Thanksgiving. Fall is the perfect time to be purposeful to notice and thank God for the bountiful blessings all around us. Practicing gratitude reminds us to "praise God from whom all blessings flow." In 1 Chronicles 15:34 it reads "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love endures forever."

As fall deepens and we draw near to the actual dates for Thanksgiving and Christmas we want to be mindful of letting His light shine through us to others. We all have coworkers, friends and family, the people in our circle. Think of ways to be hospitable to those in your circle and new friends. It can be as simple as a card or phone call, having coffee with someone, or your Thanksgiving or Christmas celebration with family.

Also, Advent is a wonderful time to prepare our minds and hearts for the greatest gift ever given. Incorporate daily prayer, and Scripture readings, and create a festive atmosphere through music and baking. Focus on the Christmas story in preparing for the holiday season.

These are all ways we can bring rest to our souls: focus on Jesus, be thankful and let your light shine.

Christmas is beautiful. Think about it: It is the celebration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ coming to Earth to show us how to love others, how to walk in His path, and how to be still in His loving arms. He came to life on Christmas day to give us life so we can be free of sin. Christmas. Is. Beautiful.

In His Service,

Karen

FALL GATHERING W-ELCA

Submitted by Louise Buchholz

The 2025 Fall Gathering of La Crosse Area Synod of Women of the ELCA gathered at Trinity in La Crosse on Oct. 19, 2025. It was a relaxing and energizing day filled with upbeat hymns, a keynote speaker, a quilt parade, and meeting new and old friends. Karen Sparing and I attended.

The keynote speaker was retired pastor Al Erickson. He started a program that has gone nation wide entitled ADULTS SAVING KIDS. It started as a result of adults having children caught up in human trafficking. In 1990 he had a daughter that was a victim of human trafficking.

The work of this program is to prevent harm to our kids by preparing the parents and grandparents to get them faith stories and support. Stories to support their identity in Christ through Baptism and teach them how to avoid the traps set for the kids. Erickson brought to our attention those who are out there setting traps - child molesters, bullies, internet porno, scammers, drug dealers, traffickers, and domestic violators.

The statistics he presented to us to show the need to protect and prepare young people are alarming. Check the website for this organization - www.AdultsSavingKids.org.

Erickson has set up a curriculum and has 2 books have been written for those who want more information. Karen has these 2 books. The whole program is faith based. He quoted scriptures to illustrate his points.

He ended up with this thought:

PASS ON THE FAITH

TEACH WISDOM AND SHREWDNESS

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

QUILTING

Submitted by Arlis Ballwahn

Quilt tying will be held on Thursday, November 20 and Thursday, December 11 at 9:00 am in the church basement. We welcome anyone to come for a morning of service and fellowship. If you can hold a needle, you can help. Thirty-three quilts were delivered for LWR a couple weeks ago and we would like to do more this year. If there is a desire for another day or time to get involved, or you would like more information, please contact Arlis (608/435-6406) or Louise (608/435-6435).

Many thanks to Lori Brueggen and her family for using their Thrivent grants to purchase materials for the quilts. Lori and her sister, Sandy Parrish sew most of the quilt tops. We couldn't do it without their contributions.

A HEARTFELT THANKS FROM SUGAR CREEK

"Your kindness and support has made a big difference. Whether you donated to the auction, volunteered your time, or created beautiful quilts, you've helped make our ministry and event a success.

With appreciation,

Your sugar Creek Staff, Board, and Campers"

A total of \$34,325.50 was raised at the auction, country store, and food sale. The quilt donated by St. Paul's sold for \$250.00!! Thank you ladies!!

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

We're going out of our comfort zone this year and holding the Thanksgiving service on Sunday, November 23, with a tentative time at 5:00 PM. The service will combine St. Paul's, Norwalk Methodist, and Grace Haven Church from Ontario, with Grace Haven hosting the service.

So often, Wednesday evening services make it difficult for folks to attend. Many are travelling to family away from the area, or they are making preparations for hosting their family Thanksgiving. It is important that we gather and give thanks to God for his many blessings. We are hopeful St. Paul's will be well represented.

CHRISTMAS EVE HYMN SING

We recognize the days of December leading up to Christmas Eve & Christmas Day are a part of the Advent season and translate into few if any Christmas hymns being sung as a part of the worship service. They are reserved for the Sunday services following Christmas Day. Of course, trees are down, presents put away and we consider Christmas as being OVER!

Therefore, on Christmas Eve evening, we are inviting our members as well as folks from the community, to gather anytime between 6:00 and 7:00 to share in the many hymns and carols of Christmas. Our worship service will follow and all are welcome to stay.

PROJECT UPDATES

While the demolition and construction of new steps has been the largest of the projects undertaken, we have also completed the following during 2025:

- Installed a chair lift from the basement level to the sanctuary level
- Installed new furnaces and air conditioning units
- Cleaned the ducts throughout the church (there are more than you realize)
- Replaced all exterior doors

Projects for 2026:

- Design and place a new sign on the outside (NOT LED)
- ADA compliant bathroom in the basement

The council wishes to thank you for your support in addressing the continued upkeep of our church building and grounds. With that said, we need to continue raising funds to cover the costs.

CELEBRATION

We have two milestones to celebrate. The first being the 150th anniversary of the congregation of St. Paul's in 2025 and the second being the church building's 100th anniversary in 2026.

The council has chosen the weekend of November 14th and 15th, 2026 as a time to celebrate and give thanks for all who came before and those who will carry the church to the next milestones.

Lori Brueggen has been busy collecting addresses of the many folks who were baptized, confirmed, married, were members, or had a connection of any kind with the congregation or building. Karla Richie has been *assembling a data* base of addresses as we prepare to send a "Save the Date" notifications to all the folks we can locate, and there are a lot!!

We need your help finding addresses for the following folks:

Donna Denter	Brendon Conway
Darin Denter	Katie Conway
Theresa Denter	Denise Stoikes
Sylvia Tillman	Judith Huff
Donna Mathesen	Kaoline Kledehn
Nancy Babbitt	Tari Burkhalter
Art Tillman	Scott Wright
Beverly Bell	Tina Stewart
Kathy Turner	Kelly Rasmussen
Shirley Ward	Sarah Dibbert
Jeffrey Hett	Arlie Jenks
Alvadore Pasch, Jr.	Kim Raines
Brittany Gage	Brian Schultz
Pam Conway	Daniel Schultz

If you have an address for any of those listed, please text or leave a message on the church telephone 608-435-6647, go to our Facebook page: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wilton, WI or pass the address along to a member of St. Paul's. Thanks for your help and remember to mark your 2026 calendar!!

THE Bethlehem Event

EXPERIENCE the JOURNEY

Experience the sounds and smells of ancient Bethlehem at the time of Christ's birth at English Lutheran Church in La Crosse, WI in December 2025! Much of the church turns into the village and many of its members and others become its residents for "The Bethlehem Event." Cast and crew of around 300 recreate the city of David at the time Christ was born more than 2,000 years ago.

A 70x14' mural that includes city streets, a wash house and a peek outside the city walls, serves as the backdrop for the indoor recreation of Bethlehem. Goat herders - with live goats - goldsmiths, perfumers, cheese makers, bakers, and other townspeople retell what happened. Planners rely on historical accuracy and detail to make the re-creation of the first Christmas a memorable experience.

The Bethlehem Event is from Noon until 5:00pm on Saturday and Sunday, December 13 and 14, at 1509 King Street. Admission is free, but visitors must register. Free-will donations are accepted. Please watch for the registration link to go live in November 2025.

The office will make a reservation for any folks wishing to attend. Perhaps there will be an opportunity to carpool.