

St. Paul's Lutheran
Church
401 Mill Street
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May June 2019

Bi-monthly Newsletter



Christ's Calling Card



Pastor Cathleen Morris*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

The Easter Season has arrived, and with it we celebrate with Christians throughout the world Christ's resurrection and the promise of eternal life. We give thanks for our baptism, where we daily die to sin and rise to new life in Christ. We give thanks for creation which celebrates with us through green grass, budding flowers, and other signs of renewal and new life.

In this time of new beginnings, let us pray for "the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all." When we hear of sad and painful events, let us join in prayer to lift up the broken-hearted and support the weak. Let us participate as members of the body of Christ, praying for those in need, including those on our prayer list.

Every morning and evening, the members of our W-ELCA group pray for the young people of our church. As some joined them in prayer during the Easter Vigil, let us as a family of believers join them in prayer throughout the year. An updated copy of the prayer is included in this newsletter for your use.

Let us especially pray for our young people as each one's school year comes to a close. May we encourage them as they prepare for graduation, confirmation, summer jobs, Vacation Bible School, camp, and other activities. As an assembly, we will celebrate on Sunday, May 19, with Katie Ann Gruen, who will be confirmed, and Avery James Arndt, who will be graduating from Brookwood High School. Please join us for this special day!

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Cathy

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Sunday, May 19

Sunday School 9:00 am

Worship Service 10:15 am

Confirmation

Honor Graduates / Scholarship

Birthday, Anniversary Fellowship &

Graduate Reception after worship

Sunday, May 26 No Sunday School

Worship Service 9:00 am



Installation of Cathleen Ann Morris –Saturday, April 7, 2019

Bishop Arends was the Presiding Minister for the Installation Ceremony at St Paul's. As Bishop Arends pointed out, it was simply the formalization of her ministry which had begun on the first of March. Pastor Cathy was certified as a "... coworker in the gospel as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament. A number of her friends and relatives were in attendance and a reception was held immediately following the service.

If you did not read the biographical information that was in the March April newsletter, that Calling Card is available on the Website. Take time to read, or reread it. If you have not met her yet, introduce yourself as you leave church. If you wish to meet with her for any reason, contact her by text, 608-865-1074; email, cathleenmorris@go.mccormick.edu. You may also call the church office 608-435-6647 and Nalani will arrange an appointment.



Florence Dougherty



Picture by Sara Parker (County Line)

Church Council President Dan Buchholz presents a gift to Florence for 55 years of dedicated service to St. Paul's. A thank you reception followed for Florence and her family.

HELP WANTED: Janitor for St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilton. 4 to 8 hours per week depending on agreed-upon duties. If interested, call 435-6126.

Ad From County Line; if interested please call soon.

Anyone wishing to work for or serve St. Paul's in a grounds keeping and/or janitorial capacity please contact Dan Buchholz or one of the Church Council members. Duties may include lawn mowing, outside building upkeep, snow shoveling (in season), interior cleaning, or specialized clean-up projects.

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WORSHIP NOTES FOR MAY/JUNE

The following are the Scripture readings that we will be sharing in worship during the months of May and June 2019.

May 5 – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]; Psalm 30;

Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

May 12 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

May 19 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148;

Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

May 26 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67;

Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5; John 14:23-29

June 2 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97;

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21;

John 17:20-26

June 9 – Day of Pentecost

John 17:20-26; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;

Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17 [25-27]

June 16 – The Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8;

Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

June 23 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28;

Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

June 30 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16;

Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

THOSE SERVING IN MAY

Greeters: Carolyn Dougherty & Kathy Cale

Ushers: Leonard Arndt, Jerry Von Haden, Greg Bever, Steve Brandau, Sr.

Altar: Anita Steinke and Julie Acker

Readers: 5th Greg Bever; 12th Kathy Cale; 19th Justin Arndt; 26th Karen Arzt

Communion Server: Kathy Cale

THOSE SERVING IN JUNE

Greeters: Leonard & Dixie Arndt

Ushers: Lori Arndt, Joel Arndt, Barb Ornes, John Ornes

Altar: Barb Bever and Karen Arzt

Readers 2nd Thadyn Conner;

9th Natalie Stanek; 16th Amber Brueggen; 23rd Joel Arndt; 30th Larry Ballwahn

Communion Server: Arlis Ballwahn

SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP

Openings are still available at Sugar Creek for the 2019 Summer Camp sessions. Camp brochures are available in the narthex. St. Paul's pays 50% of the camping fee for children.

Help us spread the word! Invite a friend to attend camp along with you!



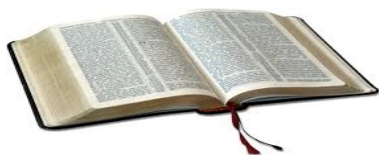
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May

W 1 st	Confirmation 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Su 5 th	Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:15 am
W 8 th	Confirmation 6:30pm – 7:30 pm
Fr 10 th -	Rummage, Bake & Plant Sale in
Sa 11 th	church basement, 8:00am-1:00 pm
Su 12 th	Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:15 am Mother's Day - Children Sing Noisy Offering
W 15 th	Confirmation 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Th 16 th	W-ELCA General Meeting 10:00 am
Su 19 th	Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:15 am Confirmation Honor Graduates / Scholarship Birthday, Anniversary Fellowship & Graduate Reception after worship
Su 26th	No Sunday School Worship Service 9:00 am
M 27 th	Memorial Day Wilton American Legion Post 508, Cemetery Service, 9:30 am

June

Sa 1 st	Monroe County Dairy Breakfast Hall Dairy Farm, 10317 CTH E Tomah, WI 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Su 2 nd	Worship Service 9:00 am
Su 9 th	Worship Service 9:00 am
F 14 th - 16 th	Synod Assembly opens @ Our Saviors Lu- theran and continues on Sat. & Sun. at UW-La Crosse Student Union, The Bluffs Ballroom, 2 nd Floor
Sa 15 th	Red Cross Blood Drive, at St. Paul's 7:00 am – 11:30 am
Su 16 th	Worship Service 9:00 am Noisy Offering Birthday & Anniversary Fellowship Father's Day
Su 23 rd	Worship Service 9:00 am
Su 30 th	Worship Service 9:00 am



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May

2 nd	Brodie Stanek, Amy Steinke
3 rd	Debra Paeth
8 th	Connor Garske
9 th	Ryan Conner
10 th	Florence Krause
11 th	Tammy and Duane Roscovius
14 th	Robert Cale, Matt and Diana Ornes, Bud and Lila Speicher
16 th	Deacon Erdman
18 th	Fynlie Stanek
20 th	Kody Tormoen
22 nd	Brooklyn Gruen, Carol Nevin
27 th	Rachel Fleming
29 th	Gary and Barb Bever
31 st	Nalani Bever, John T. Dougherty



June

1 st	Jada Garske
2 nd	Brent Garske
3 rd	Bob Buchholz
4 th	Myles Garske
5 th	Eric Steinke
6 th	Dan Brandau
8 th	Leonard Arndt
10 th	Dan and Janelle Buchholz, Ryan and Rachel Conner
11 th	Emma Gruen
12 th	Larry Bever
13 th	Katie and Brent Garske, Rob and Lana Ross
15 th	Allen Roscovius
16 th	Larry Ballwahn
19 th	Alaina Holthaus
21 st	Jack Arndt
23 rd	Jim and Carol Brandau
27 th	Lori Brueggen
28 th	Collin Niedfeldt
29 th	Kim Creviston
30 th	Miranda Arndt, David Gruen



Front Church Steps



Anne Gerriets, Church Building Consultant for ELCA Mission Investment Fund, submitted her report following the walk-through of the church. President Dan had emailed it to the Council prior to the meeting but highlighted some areas. Among the materials submitted was a plan to expand the front of the church to accommodate steps, a lift and a handicapped bathroom. This was a model used by one of the churches she had worked with and was submitted as an idea that might work for us.

Church Step/Remodel Discussion: Motion by Bud Osteboe, second by Larry Ballwahn; Approve the Committee members named by President Buchholz to coordinate this effort: Dan Buchholz, Steve Brandau, Justin Arndt and Tim Deichler.



2019 Synod Assembly

WALK. LOVE. DO.

June 14-16

Our Savior's, La Crosse &
UW-L Student Union

The importance of the Synod is detailed elsewhere in the Newsletter. Each congregation has a say in its operation at the Synod Assembly. John and Barb Ornes are St Paul's delegates again this year. Leonard & Dixie Arndt are the alternates.

Prayer for the Young People of St. Paul's



We ask that all members join the Women of ELCA and pray this prayer as you rise in the morning and as you prepare to retire each evening.

Lord, Jesus Christ, I bring to you:

Jada, Myles, & Connor Garske; Britain Hahn, Gracie & Kaden Brandau; Katie Pagel, Amara Brandau; Chase Brandau; Avery Brueggen; Riley Brueggen; Nolan & Logan Buchholz; Thadyn & Ayawyn Conner; Vanessa & Elliott Ornes; Lailah Eckes; Kennedy, Josie Ornes & Lena Ornes; Porter Sorenson; Brooklyn, Madelyn, Kaylin, Emma, Bryce, Marah, Brie, Ava, Katie, & Benjamin Gruen; Mikayla & Brady Zimmerman; MaKenzie & Cooper Powell; Wesson Mayne; Vanessa, Mia, & Brek Anderson; Tyler & Jaden Bever; Carlee, Collin, & Camden Neidfeldt; Morgan Speicher; Avery, August & Addison Arndt; Krista & Sierra Cook; Tyler Brandau; Franklin & Douglas Wildes; Sophia, Derek & Deacon Erdman; Kody Tormoen; Angel Brueggen; Robert & Dana Cale; Callie Fleming; Sara Osteboe; Miranda, Daphne & Linus Arndt; Natalie, Brodie & Fynlie Stanek; Emma Elder; Bryson Lamb; Alaina & Braxton Holthaus; Jada Leis; David, Sam & Zackery Ross; Gannon Tormoen; Jase & Margo Picha.

That your spirit will dwell with them according to your will. That they will grow in the knowledge of you and know that they are dearly loved by you. I pray that you will protect them from deception by the evil one and all his darts that would lead them astray. May they do well in school, learning and discerning what direction you have in mind for them. I also pray for all children every where, that you would keep them in your care. In Jesus name I pray. Amen

Christian Outreach



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Have you thought about the impact you have as a member of St. Paul's? As an active member of the congregation, you not only help to assure that we have a local ELCA church for our spiritual needs, but through the synod and the world-wide church you help make the world a better place for many people. St. Paul's sends 10% of contributions to the LaCrosse Area Synod. To appreciate the scope of their work, visit:

<https://www.lacrosseareasynod.org/what-we-do>

It is through the synod that much of our support of the world-wide church happens:

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work> But a review of the W-ELCA minutes reveals much more.

On the local level, St. Paul's has a considerable history. Nalani has detailed the Blood Drive's past. The Food Pantry has a similar story. Started as an outreach of all of the Wilton Churches, all still contribute. For whatever reason, the operation has been the responsibility of St. Paul's for a number of years. Arlis Ballwahn was the Coordinator for 15 years when the Pantry was located in the Bank Basement. Upon her retirement, Lorrie Bever has undertaken the role and contributed the article that follows.

St. Paul's Community Outreach

ST. PAUL'S FOOD PANTRY

St. Paul's Food Pantry continues to serve many needy families in the Wilton area. Over the last two years we have had over sixty different families visit the pantry, and about thirty of these families use it regularly. All are welcome to use the pantry once a month, but in times of need they may visit more often. The pantry has been located in many different places over the years, but our present location in the Wilton Community Center seems to be the perfect spot. It is handicapped accessible which allows many people to visit the pantry who were unable to do so in the past. The pantry is extremely thankful to all the people in the Wilton area who regularly donate food and money. We are especially grateful for St. Paul's continuous support. Without your help, the pantry would not be the success that it is.

Contributed by Food Pantry Coordinator, Lorrie Bever

Wilton Community Blood Drive

St. Paul's Social Ministry Committee hosted the first blood drive in October, 1996. This undertaking was spearheaded by Gina Rae and Beth Dibbert. What began as an annual event changed in 2002 when the Red Cross asked if we would be willing to host a drive every 8-10 weeks. The logic was simple. Regular drives translate into regular donors, rather than a hit and miss here and there. It took awhile to figure out the best day and time, but before long we decided Saturday morning worked the best.

The drives were initially held in the church basement but, happily, we outgrew the space!! In fact, one Saturday morning it looked like we were going to have to send folks up into the sanctuary to wait their turn!! We now hold our drives at the Wilton Community Center.

The Red Cross website has our statistics from 2008 forward. In that time, we have hosted 78 drives and collected 3,833 units. One unit of blood has the potential to help save 3 lives. Do the math.....our donors have helped to save 11,499 lives.

Did you know only 3% of the eligible donors actually take the time, an hour or so, to fill this vital need? We need to continually add to our donor list because, for a variety of reasons, folks have to defer from donating. Medications and health issues are two reasons. We have worked with the Brookwood High School FFA in hopes of reaching out to students and helping to establish them as regular donors. But, remember when you were in high school? Did you want to drag yourself out of bed on Saturday morning for any reason? Times have not changed!! We will, however, keep holding joint drives and eventually they'll understand the importance of becoming a regular donor.

On a personal note; having received 5 units when our daughter Ann was born, if I could track those 5 people down I would give them the biggest hug. Without the blood transfusion the Doctor made it very clear to Greg I would likely have died. My family knows first hand the blessing of blood donors. You, no doubt, know someone who also benefited from the gift of blood.

Our next drive is June 15 from 7:00 AM- 11:30 AM. If you are a blood donor now, bring a friend, or two or three. If you've never made a blood donation, there is no time like the present to start your journey. We promise a time of community fellowship along with a great breakfast. In return, you will have helped save a life.

Contributed by Nalani Bever, Blood Drive Coordinator



Church Council

Council Minutes are posted on the web site after meetings. They may be clarified later as they are reviewed and approved at the following meeting. Under "About Us" on the website you will also find copies of the Worship Bulletins and past and present Newsletters. Look there also for related links.

The Council is still in the process of organizing and setting priorities.

W-ELCA NEWSLETTER May/June 2019

The Congregation has been collecting items for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Last Thursday, we assembled 139 kits and there are more to be assembled. Thank you for your donations.

The Spring Rummage sale will be held on May 10 & 11. This is one of the main fundraisers each year, so clean your closets and bring good, usable items for the sale. Leave your items on the stage area of the basement.

The Quilting Group has completed the quilt for St. Paul's 2019 High School graduate, Avery Arndt. Lois O'Rourke is working on the quilts for the fall raffle and for the Sugar Creek quilt auction. Tickets for the fall raffle will be available for sale by early August. This will be an especially valuable quilt, so tickets should sell fast!!



Several women assisted at the March birthday celebration at Heritage Manor in Elroy. Small gifts were purchased for each resident with a birthday during the month.

The February Pancake Supper was a great success serving 44 adults and 9 children. Net income was \$227.

The next General Meeting will be at 10:00 am on Thursday, May 16 in the church basement. This will be our final meeting until September. More participation is needed. Please consider attending these meetings.

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

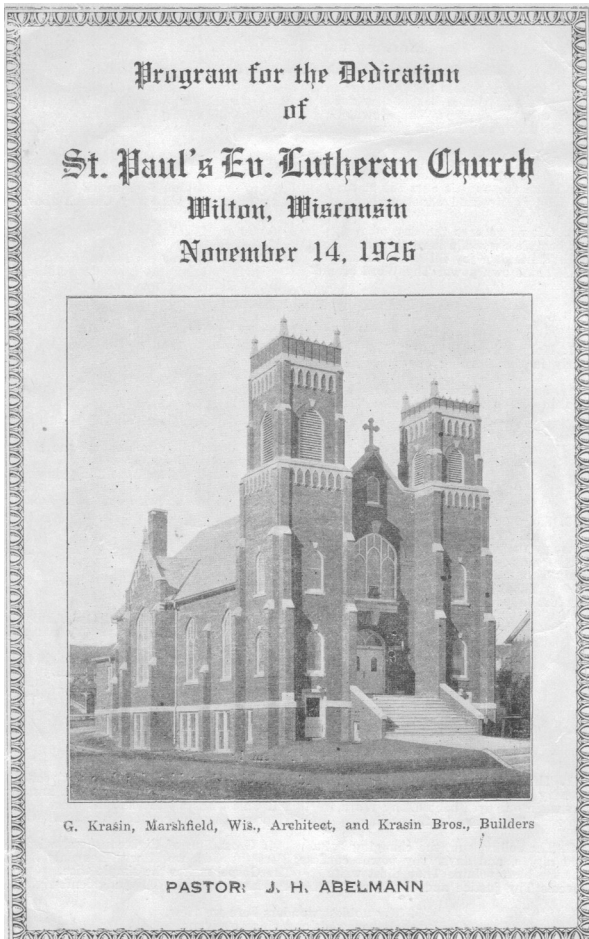
Cemetery Committee News

Memorial Day or Decoration Day as many folks call it, is just around the corner. Flowers will soon be appearing on and around the graves.

The Cemetery Committee requests flowers be placed either on the tombstone itself or above the ground on posts. Flowers placed in the ground require the groundskeeper to stop, pick them up, weed whip or mow the area, and then place them back in the ground. Many cemeteries completely forbid ground flowers. While we are not going to that extent at this time, we will have the groundskeeper remove the ground flowers on June 15.

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