

St. Paul's Lutheran
Church
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La Crosses Area Synod



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Bi-monthly Newsletter

Christ's Calling Card



Pastor Cathleen Morris*

***Pastor Cathy begins her ministry at St Paul's on March 1**

Pastor Cathy was born and raised in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Her ancestors on her mother's side were from Bohemia, now known as the Czech Republic, and England. (Pastor Cathy has been told that there are many Czech people in Hillsboro, and some in Wilton.) Her ancestors on her father's side, came from Wales and Scotland, in the mid-to-late 1800's. They were farmers who tended livestock and crops in Great Britain, and upon coming to America, continued farming in rural Wales, Wisconsin. Her paternal grandfather moved the family into Waukesha, because he was allergic to hay, at a time when there was little medical assistance for such health issues. Thus, she grew up in Waukesha, surrounded by a large extended family.

Pastor Cathy's parents, John and Eloise Morris; and most of her other relatives were Presbyterians who lived out their Christian values. Her mother was a Bible major at Carroll College (now Carroll University). Her father came from a very religious family, which included her great uncle, (Rev.) Dr. Zachariah (Zac) Davies, who was a professor and chair of the Religion Department at Carroll College for 30 years. Her parents and brothers, Leslie, Richard and Robert; and she, attended First Presbyterian Church, almost every Sunday while growing up. Her parents were members, and when her brothers and she were confirmed, they became members, too. They participated in Sunday school, choir, Confirmation class, youth group, and many other activities. After graduating from high school, and during her entire adult life, Pastor Cathy has continued to attend church almost every Sunday and to be involved in the life and work of Christ's church in the communities in which she has lived.

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Tuesday, March 5,
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Ordination Service of Cathleen Ann Morris –Saturday, February 23, 2019

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Pastor Cathy and her late husband, Ron, had been members of a rural church. Her living at Wartburg Seminary, and participating in classes and worship there, helped her realize that she was being called to serve in rural ministry as a Lutheran pastor! She continued to discern her call while taking classes at Lutheran seminaries and completed her Master of Divinity degree at McCormick Theological Seminary. She participated in field experiences as a Synodically Authorized Minister at three Lutheran churches: First Lutheran in Glenville, Minnesota; Medo Lutheran in rural Mapleton, Minnesota; and Blair Lutheran in Blair, Wisconsin. She also completed her Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Gundersen Hospital in La Crosse, Wisconsin. In May 2018, Pastor Cathy received her Certificate of Lutheran Learning and Faith Formation from Wartburg Theological Seminary.

Pastor Cathy has been called to share her love of God, her educational and administrative skills, and experience. She is looking forward to participating in the many activities of the church, Wilton community, and surrounding communities, and to be a shepherd for the flock of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Florence Dougherty

At the end of March, Florence Dougherty is retiring. To take a line from a hymn out of context, "the world is about to turn." Florence has been St Paul's custodian since 1964. For many years before that, her parents, Art & Ella Brehmer, did the work.

Florence, until recently with husband John, were custodians in the largest sense of the word. Many think of the job as keeping the Church clean. That they did, the vacuuming, dusting, emptying the trash, etc.

But the basement floor had to be scrubbed & waxed periodically, more in the winter, the pews waxed once a year and then there was the outside work. The lawn needed to be mowed and the snow shoveled. Often the Doughertys donated their own equipment for the tasks.

Being custodian means opening and closing the building on Sundays and whenever there are meetings, turning up the heat or turning down the air conditioning, setting up and taking down tables, posting the hymn boards and more. And with Florence we had a bonus. John was a jack of all trades. He could fix the locks, repair the vacuum cleaners and make the basement floor shine. He was also a respectable furnace man and electrician.



For most of us, Florence has been the only custodian we've known at St Paul's. She's set the gold standard. From the congregation, thank you for a job well done. LB

St. Paul's Scholarship Program

Two scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each are available to graduating high school seniors of our congregation or to other members pursuing their post-secondary education who have not previously received a scholarship. You must complete or have completed one semester of post-secondary education and be enrolled in your subsequent semester to receive your scholarship. Applications are available on the table in the narthex or call Nalani at the church office and an application will be mailed to you. Applications must be mailed to or returned to the church office by Monday, April 1, 2019. Good luck!!

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WORSHIP NOTES FOR MARCH/APRIL

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

March 3 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99;
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2;
Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

March 6 – Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17;
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10;
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 10 – First Sunday in Lent

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

March 17 – Second Sunday in Lent

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

March 24 – Third Sunday in Lent

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

March 31 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

April 7 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

April 14 – Palm Sunday

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

April 21 – Easter Sunday

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

April 28 – Second Sunday of Easter

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

THOSE SERVING IN MARCH

Greeters: Anita Steinke and Lois O'Rourke

Ushers: Bob Buchholz, Brian Buchholz,
Ed Ross, Justin Arndt

Altar: Steve and Pam Brandau

Readers: (3) Kirstin Arndt (10) Leonard
Arndt (17) Justin Arndt (24) Barb Bever
(31) Karen Arzt

Communion Server: Justin Arndt

THOSE SERVING IN APRIL

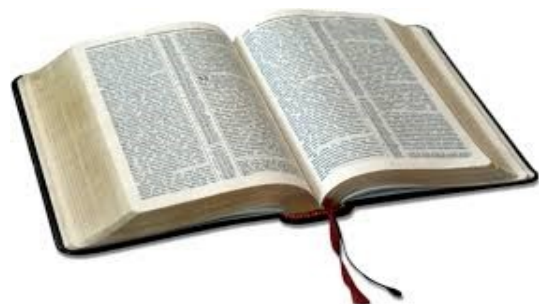
Greeters: John and Barb Ornes

Ushers: Tim Deichler, Bud Osteboe,
Bart Arndt, George Dougherty

Altar: Bev Graunke and Lila Speicher

Readers: (7) Barb Ornes, (14) Lori Arndt,
(21) Sunrise: Dan Buchholz,
10:15 am: Greg Bever.
(28) Joel Arndt

Communion Server: Leonard Arndt



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March

Su 3rd Sunday School 9:00 am
 Worship Service 10:15 am
 T 5th **Pancake Supper, 4:30 – 6:30 pm**
 W 6th **Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm**
 Su 10th Church Council 8:30 am
 Sunday School 9:00 am
 Worship Service 10:15 am
 W 13th Lenten Service 7:00 pm
 Su 17th Sunday School 9:00 am
 Worship Service 10:15 am
 Noisy Offering/Children Sing
 Birthday & Anniversary Fellowship
 W 20th Lenten Service 7:00 pm
 Th 21st W-ELCA General Mtg., 10:00 am
 S 24th Sunday School 9:00 am
 Worship Service 10:15 am
 W 27th Lenten Service 7:00 pm
 S 31st Sunday School 9:00 am
 Worship Service 10:15 am

April

M 1st Scholarship Application Deadline
 W 3rd Lenten Service 7:00 pm
 S 6th Synod W-ELCA Conference
 8:30 am – 3:00 pm
 Bethany, New Lisbon
 Blood Drive 7:00 am – 11:30 am
 Su 7th Sunday School 9:00 am
 Worship Service 10:15 am
 W 10th Lenten Service 7:00 pm
 Su 14th Sunday School 9:00 am
Palm Sunday Worship Service 10:15
Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm
Good Friday Service 7:00 pm
Prayer Vigil 8:00 pm
Prayer Vigil 6:30 am – 5:00 pm
Sa 20th Sunrise Easter Service 6:30 am
Su 21st Easter Breakfast 7:15 – 8:30 am
Sunday School 9:00 am
Easter Service 10:15 am
 Su 28th Sunday School 9:00 am
 Worship Service 10:15 am

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March

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



April

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



Front Church Steps

As you know, attempting to find a solution for the crumbling front steps has led to finding additional problems. With the present codes, etc. it is impossible to simply replace the steps as is. The Council has determined that it is appropriate to look at the concerns raised by various Congregation members and develop an overall plan. As a start, President Dan arranged to meet with Anne Gerrietts, Church Building Consultant for ELCA Mission Investment Fund. This took place on Monday, February 11. Council members who were available were there as was Cathleen Morris (Pastor Cathy to us as soon as she is ordained) and her aunt.

Dan led the group on a tour of the church and explained the ideas that had surfaced so far. Ms. Gerrietts offered her thoughts as we moved along. She cited examples of what other similar churches had done and said she would send examples and other information. Since one of the things being considered is expansion of the entry narthex, she suggested that this could be tried at no cost by removing a couple of pews in the back and setting up some coffee after church. She also suggested that the short pew for wheelchairs should be where the congregation actually sits if it isn't. Another point made was that it would be appropriate to move the office into the Church at some time.



She was impressed with the window & roof work already done. Also discussed was the value of having a complete renovation plan for the church so priorities could be set and the work done in stages that all fit together. Unless a congregation is significantly growing, it is unwise to take on too much debt at one time.

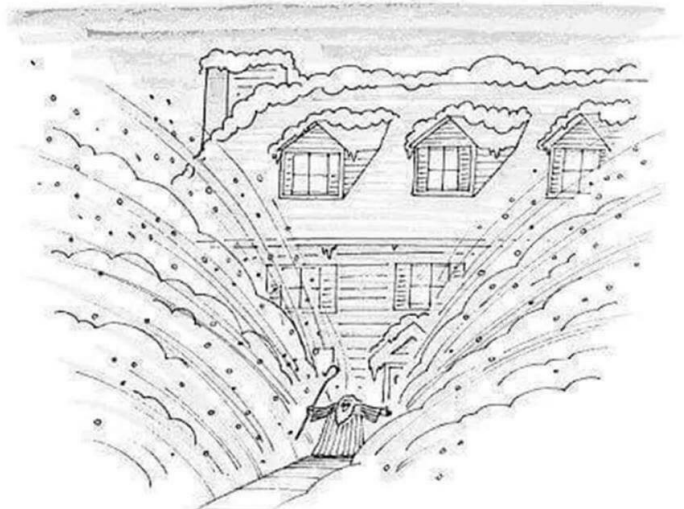
Dan also toured Ms. Gerrietts and Pastor Cathy through the parsonage and discussed the future of the parsonage, the pastor's needs and her move.

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All you can eat pancakes,
applesauce with 2 sausages.
Adults \$5, age 6-12 \$3, 5 &
under, free. Additional
sausages 2 for .50



Moses in Minnesota

Apparently we still have to use a
snowblower, or shovel, in Wisconsin

FYI - Prochnow Martalock

Every month the church treasurer presents a report of the reconciled balances regarding church finances. Two of the accounts are named for individuals. As time passes, their contributions to St. Paul's and the reasons for the account names fade. With that in mind, this is an effort to refresh the collective memory.

PROCHNOW YOUTH EDUCATION FUND

Named for Herbert V. Prochnow, this account is the result of stock given by him and the actions of the Finance Committee and Church Council. Born and raised in Wilton, Herbert V. Prochnow (May 19, 1897- September 29, 1998) was a banking executive, a noted toastmaster and author. He also served in the Eisenhower Administration in the mid 1950's. He maintained a residence in Wilton as well as an interest in St. Paul's. In June of 1968 he wrote a letter to Pastor Gary Flatgard citing the value of the stock he had purchased for the church and requesting two things: that the church provide flowers each year on the Sunday nearest his Mother's and Father's wedding anniversary and secondly that the " ... Church itself would never use the: principal funds " but the" ... income may be used as the church sees fit." At the May 7, 1969 Church Council meeting, a motion was passed to use the resultant dividends "primarily for youth work or at the discretion of the Church Council." In May of 2001, at the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Church Council passed a resolution regarding the Church Financial structure. A portion of that resolution follows.

The Prochnow Youth Education Fund shall be funded from three existing certificates of deposit, * as reported in the 2000 Annual report, totaling \$37,100. This funding and subsequent gifts or bequests shall be considered permanent principal. Investment income from these monies shall be used to assist in the youth education programs of the Church as under current Council policy.

* The certificates of Deposit that hold the principal have since been combined and are listed as Herb Prochnow Memorial Funds on the Finance reports with the described Youth Fund listed separately. These funds have been loaned internally for such projects as the roof work but returned in full with interest being paid to the youth fund.

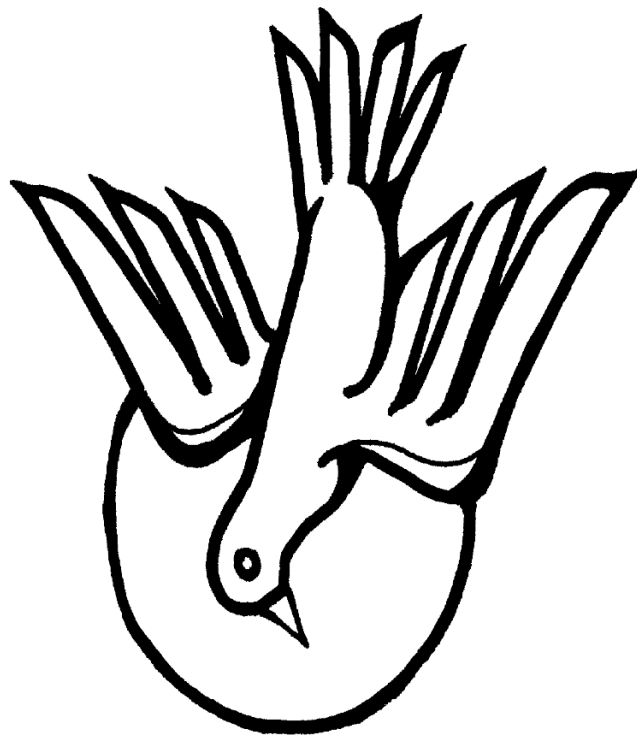
MARTALOCK SUSTAINING FUND

Named for Louella Wendorf Martalock, this account is the result of a bequest from her estate and the actions of the Finance Committee and Church Council. Louella Wendorf Martalock (December 19, 1907 - July 14, 1999) was a long-time teacher in the Wilton area, retiring as a 6th grade teacher at Wilton Elementary. For many years she was the organist for St. Paul's. As a result of the bequest, at the May 15, 2001 Church Council meeting, the following recommendation from the Finance Committee was adopted.

The Martalock Sustaining Fund shall be initiated with initial funding of \$8,000 from the Louella Martalock bequest of \$25,000. This initial funding and subsequent gifts or bequests shall be considered permanent principal. Investment income from these monies shall be used to assist in sustaining the general budget of the Church. At the direction of Council, the Treasurer may borrow from the trust principal amounts sufficient to sustain General Account balances necessary to meet the monthly obligations of the Church. Such borrowings from principal shall be repaid by year end from the General Account or by special offerings.

The sustaining fund has been used as described on numerous occasions. It has proven its worth as a cash flow fund, and has been repaid as funds allowed. The remainder of Louella's bequest was used to establish a sub-fund in the Improvement account for the eventual replacement of the organ. By Congregational action that fund has since been used for a more immediate need: the window project. Compiled by Larry Ballwahn

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Laying On Of Hands





Church Council

Council Minutes are posted on the web site after meetings. They may be clarified 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 in the process of assisting the Pastor's move and reorganizing with committee appointments, etc.

W-ELCA NEWSLETTER March/April 2019

Church Council

**Dan Buchholz,
President
Justin Arndt
Larry Ballwahn
Steve Brandau,
Marcus Buchholz
Rachel Conner,
Tim Deichler,
Angie Gruen
Bud Ostobe**

The ecumenical Prayer for Christian Unity Breakfast was held at St. John's Catholic in January. The presentation by Monroe County Det. Clay Tester was on opioid trafficking and addiction in Wisconsin and the area. There was a good representation from several area churches.

The 2018 Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on March 5 from 4:30-6:30 pm. Prices are very reasonable, so plan to bring the family and enjoy "all you can eat" pancakes, 2 sausages and applesauce.

Valentines and cookie plates were assembled and delivered to approximately 20 senior members of St. Paul's. Thank you to all who donated cookies and helped prepare the plates. They are much appreciated by the recipients.

There will be a General Meeting on March 21 at 10:00 am in the church basement. All are welcome. Quilting continues through March and April. Watch the bulletin for dates. We are also working on quilts for our High School graduates. We are considering replacing some of the altar paraments.

W-ELCA members will be helping at the March birthday party at Heritage Manor at Elroy.

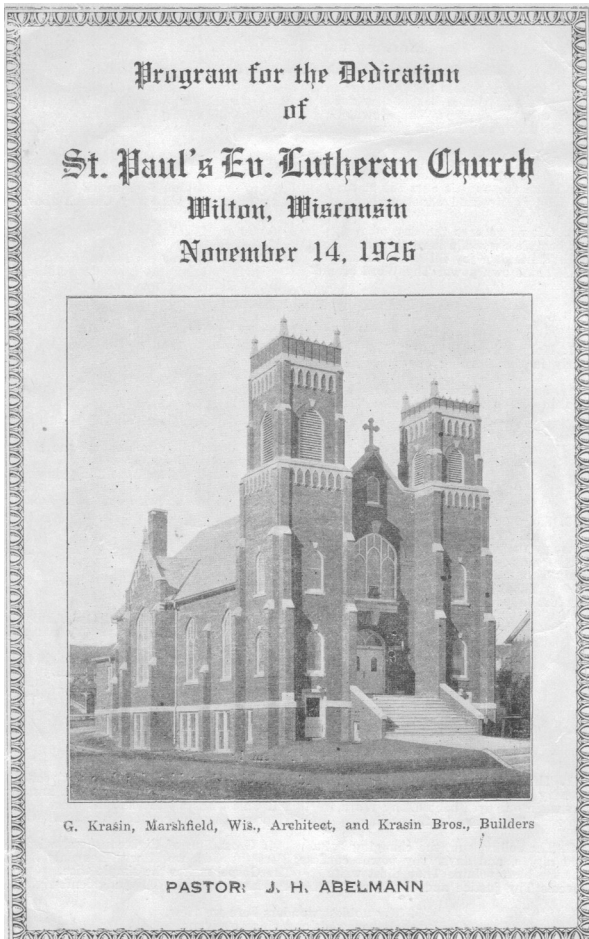
The Spring Rummage sale will be coming up in May. Since we haven't been holding a fall sale, we expect a huge sale in the spring. This is one of the main fundraisers each year. Leave your items on the stage area of the basement.

Remember: Please check your mailbox in the narthex for your 2019 booklet or pick up one on the table there. All women of St. Paul's are members of W-ELCA and new faces are always welcome at any and all events. Arlis Ballwahn, Secretary



The W-ELCA organization is again collecting items to complete **Personal Care Kits** for Lutheran World Relief. Baskets are on the south side pew to place your donated items. Monetary donations are also welcome for the purchase of items to complete the kits. Donations can be given to Carol Osteboe, Treasurer of W-ELCA.

Needed items are: bars of soap; bath towels (lt. weight, between 20x40 and 52x27, dark color); toothbrushes (adult, in original package); Large tooth combs; nail clippers (metal).



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