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

# March April 2023 Bi-Monthly Newsletter



#### Easter Sunday is April 9.

"Lent is a season when we turn toward God and think about how our lives need to change. This is also a time to remember our baptism and how that gift gives us a new start every day. The color for Lent is purple, symbolizing repentance. Lent begins Ash Wednesday and lasts 40 days, (not including Sundays) and ends the Saturday before Easter Sunday." source, The Lutheran Handbook

#### **Church Council President, John Ornes**

As we enter into the Lenten Season, we look forward to the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We will be observing Lent with pastors from the East conference as they will be doing round robin messages.

At our last council meeting we assigned the committee leaders. Education chair is Rachel Conner, Kirsten Arndt will chair the finance committee, Jerry Von Haden the property committee, Social Ministry is Barb Bever and Ayawyn Conner leads the Worship Committee. If you would like to help on any of the committees, please reach out to the chair of the committee.

Coming up on April 16th is our popular chicken dinner. Plans are in the works and proceeds will go towards repair/updating the front steps. Tickets will be available soon. Nalani Bever and Lori Brueggen chair that activity.

The children have resumed singing on the 3rd Sunday of the month. With their help Noisy offering will also be collected on this Sunday. The children will decide where the money goes. Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries with cake and fellowship will follow this service.

Thank you to all members that service the church especially on council, on committees, on W-ELCA or work with the youth. Many hands help make the job easier.

I look forward to serving the church as Council President.

# Church Contact Information

# In case of emergency, you may contact:

Nalani at 608-387-2311. Nalani also texts

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

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

# **Church Council**

John Ornes

President

Joel Arndt

President Elect

Emily Bever Secretary

Lori Brueggen
Treasurer

Kirsten Arndt Barb Bever Ayawyn Conner Rachel Conner Jerry Von Haden

#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

# MARCH

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W	1 <sup>st</sup> Lenten Service	7:00 PM		
SU	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday School	9:00 AM	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Patty Von Haden
	Worship*	10:15 AM	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Krista Cook
W	8 <sup>th</sup> Lenten Service	7:00 PM		Dennis Dougherty
SU	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday School	9:00 AM	5 <sup>th</sup>	Matt Bever
	Worship**	10:15 AM		Katie Pagel
	Church Council	11:15 AM	9 <sup>th</sup>	James Brandau
W	15 <sup>th</sup> Lenten Service	7:00 PM	11 <sup>th</sup>	Darrin Gruen
TH	16 <sup>th</sup> W-ELCA		15 <sup>th</sup>	Callie Fleming
	General Meeting	10:00 AM	16 <sup>th</sup>	Vanessa Ornes
SU	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday School	9:00 AM	17 <sup>th</sup>	Don & Gail Riedesel
	Worship*	10:15 AM	19 <sup>th</sup>	MaKenzie Powell
W	22 <sup>rd</sup> Lenten Service	7:00 PM	20 <sup>th</sup>	Joel Arndt
TH	23 <sup>rd</sup> Quilting	9:00 AM	21 <sup>st</sup>	Curt Dougherty
SU	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday School	9:00 AM	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Dean Brandau
	Worship**	10:15 AM		Phyllis & Jan Brandau
W	29 <sup>th</sup> Lenten Service	7:00 PM	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bria Gruen
				Lila Speicher
	*Pastor Hallemeier		24 <sup>th</sup>	David Stanek
	**Pastor Sparling		28 <sup>th</sup>	Kaylin Gruen

MARCH

# **APRIL**

\*\*\*Pastor Horn

				APRIL
SU	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday School	9:00 AM		
	Worship***	10:15 AM	<b>1</b> <sup>st</sup>	Caitlyn Stanek
TR	6 <sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday	7:00 PM	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vicky Weiner
FR	7 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday	7:00 PM	5 <sup>th</sup>	Pam Brandau
	Prayer Vigil	8:00 PM		Kimberly Buchholz
SA	8 <sup>th</sup> Prayer Vigil	6:30 AM	9 <sup>th</sup>	Madalyn Dougherty
SU	9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday School	9:00 AM	11 <sup>th</sup>	Rich & Kathy Cale
	Worship*	10:15 AM	12 <sup>th</sup>	Jack & Mary Ann Arndt
SU	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday School	9:00 AM	16 <sup>th</sup>	Louise Buchholz
	Worship**	10:15 AM	17 <sup>th</sup>	Julie Acker
	Chicken Dinner	11:30 AM		Logan Buchholz
SU	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday School	9:00 AM	18 <sup>th</sup>	Rick Brueggen
	Worship*	10:15 AM		Jared Gruen
	Church Council	11:15 AM		Ron Savall
TH	27 <sup>th</sup> Quilting	9:00 AM		Jennifer & David Gruen
SA	29 <sup>th</sup> W-ELCA Spring		21 <sup>st</sup>	April Kroeger
	Conference			Katie Gruen
SU	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday School	9:00 AM	24 <sup>th</sup>	Eloise Evans
	Worship***	10:15 AM		Tanya & Scott Niedfeldt
			26 <sup>th</sup>	Riley Brueggen
	*Pastor Hellemeier		28 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Brandau
	**Pastor Sparling			Matt Ornes

#### **WORSHIP NOTES FOR**

# March, April

The following are the Scripture readings we will be sharing in worship during the months of March and April 2023.

# Second Sunday in Lent - March 5

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

# Third Sunday in Lent - March 12

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

### Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 19

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

### Fifth Sunday in Lent - March 26

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

### Palm Sunday - April 2

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14--27:66

# Easter Sunday - April 9

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2,14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

# Second Sunday of Sunday - April 16

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

# Third Sunday of Sunday - April 23

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

# Fourth Sunday of Sunday - April 30

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

### THOSE SERVING IN MARCH

**ALTAR**: Dixie & Leonard Arndt

#### **READERS**:

5<sup>th</sup> Ava Gruen

12th Greg Bever

19th Carolyn Dougherty

26th Arlis Ballwahn

**COMMUNION SERVERS:** Barb & John Ornes

# **THOSE SERVING IN APRIL**

ALTAR: Lori Brueggen & Barb Ornes

#### **READERS**:

9<sup>th</sup> Dan Buchholz

16th Pastor Sparling

23rd Kirstin Arndt

30th Bud Osteboe

**COMMUNION SERVERS:** Kirstin & Justin Arndt

# Plan on attending Wednesday Evening Lenten Services!

# W-ELCA

# W-ELCA NEWSLETTER MARCH/APRIL 2023



Valentine greeting cards were composed and sent by Louise Buchholz to our "over 80" seniors. Thank you, Louise, for using your "crafty" talents. Louise is also working with April Kroeger in sending greeting cards to congregation members.

The Prayer for Christian Unity Breakfast was held in January at St. John's in Wilton. This is an ecumenical event that rotates among various local churches. Several from our Congregation attended and heard an interesting program from the St. Clare Health Mission.

A successful Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper was held to help raise funds for the Mission Youth trip in July. Thank you to all who attended or helped in any way. We had great assistance from some young families.

The 2023 booklets are ready and may be picked up in the office.

There will be a General Meeting on March 16 at 10:00 am in the church basement. If available, please come. Quilting continues through March and April. We are also working on quilts for our High School graduates.

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

If there is interest in evening meetings, please organize and schedule as desired, keeping Nalani in the loop for necessary communication.

Possible Resource: <a href="https://www.womenoftheelca.org/">https://www.womenoftheelca.org/</a>

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. Needed items are: Bath-size soap; bath towels (lt. weight, between 20x40 to 52x27, dark color); Tooth brushes (adult, in original package); Large tooth combs; metal nail clippers

# ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION JANUARY 29, 2023

President Justin Arndt called the meeting to order at 11:15 am with 31 members present. President Justin offered a welcome and the opening prayer.

Motion by John Ornes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Bever to accept the minutes of the 2022 meeting. MC Larry Ballwahn of the Auditing Committee reported that the books were in order. Motion by Joel Arndt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Artz to accept the Financial Reports. MC

The 2023 Budget of \$94,360 was presented as approved by the Council. Motion by Larry Ballwahn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dixie Arndt to accept the 2023 Budget. MC

The Nominating Committee of Bud Osteboe, Larry Ballwahn and Steve Brandau presented the following candidates: Motion by Nalani Bever, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barb Ornes to elect Joel Arndt as President Elect, Motion by Addison Arndt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Ornes to elect Emily Bever as Secretary, Motion by Barb Ornes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barb Bever to affirm Ayawyn Conner for her 2<sup>nd</sup> year, and Jerry Von Haden for his 2<sup>nd</sup> two year term, Motion by Greg Bever, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Arzt to elect Barb Bever to complete a one-year term of Joel Arndt, Motion by Karen Arzt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dixie Arndt to elect Kirsten Arndt and Rachel Conner for 2 year terms. All motions affirmed.

Committee Nominations were made: Cemetery: Leonard Arndt; SS Superintendent: Greg Bever; Financial Secretary: Barb Ornes, Dixie Arndt, Asst., Audit Committee: Barb Bever, Pam Brandau & Karen Arzt; Nominating Committee: Justin Arndt, April Kroeger, Angie Gruen, & Arlis Ballwahn, Assembly Delegates: Bud Osteboe & Carolyn Dougherty, Alternates: Arlis & Larry Ballwahn Motion by Arlis Ballwahn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Artz to accept the Committee Nominations. All nominations approved.

**Old Business:** Justin reported the organ installation is going forward. Some minor adjustments had to be made to the space and will be completed soon.

Justin also gave a brief synopsis of the progress on the front steps project. The initial designs were deemed too expensive for our congregation. The architect and contractor are working on additional plans.

New Business: Addison Arndt, Rachel Conner and Kirsten Arndt gave a summary of the Transition Committee findings. Options for St. Paul's are an ELCA mult-parish ministry, a co-op with a non-ELCA congregation, becoming a satellite congregation of a larger church, a half-time pastor, if one could be found, or a lay-led ministry. Based on the findings, the recommendation of the committee is to explore a co-op ministry with an ELCA congregation.

Recommendation/Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Ballwahn. MC Motion by Pam Brandau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bud Osteboe to explore the requirements to employ Karen Sparks as a lay minister. MC

**President's Comments:** Justin reported that the kitchen renovation in the parsonage is completed. Much appreciation to Lori Brueggen and Nalani Bever for all the work done around the church and parsonage. Thank you for continued support of St. Paul's and the Council.

Bud Osteboe offered an acclamation of appreciation to Justin Arndt, Arlis Ballwahn, Angie Gruen and April Kroeger for their service on the Council.

Motion by Barb Ornes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Brandau to adjourn the meeting. MC The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

# **BISHOP MALPICA**



Turns out, if everything goes well with his schedule, Bishop Malpica will indeed lead our Wednesday Lenten service on March 29. We will have a soup and sandwich supper prior to service to give folks an opportunity to meet and visit with the Bishop (pending Council approval).

# CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER FOR STEPS REPLACEMENT PROJECT

While we aren't sure exactly what the steps will cost to remove and replace, we do know we do not want to exhaust our funds on hand, so it's chicken dinner time, AGAIN!!

Same old, same old, Sunday after Easter (April 16, 2023). Barbeque chicken, beans, potato salad, dinner roll, and cranberry sauce (Lori just loves that cranberry sauce). Jamie Thomas will again be grilling the chicken.

We debated about increasing the cost, but a \$10.00 bill is so easy for folks to pull out of their pocket, and we are always very lucky to have donations to help take care of the expenses.

Tickets will be available after service on March 5. Start practicing your sales pitch!!

Nalani Bever, Co-Chair

Inviting people to journey with Christ's family in spreading God's love and mercy.





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