

CHRIST'S CALLING CARD

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Karen's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This time of year is known for many things: If you have children it's back to school, restart of sports, clubs and groups, and other obligations. Fall is a season that comes with real weather characteristics to be considered, we are adjusting routines, revisiting priorities, and deciding what deserves space on our calendar.

In this season there can be so many things vying for our time and our attention. How do we choose? In Luke 10:41-42: Jesus tells Martha she is worried about many things, but "Mary has chosen the good portion" by sitting and listening to Jesus instead of being distracted by her tasks.

Living in a much simpler world, Martha was worried and distracted by many things. Now fast forward 2,000 plus years later. Add in cell phones and television, social media and the 24/7 news cycle. To be distracted by many things is to be human, especially in our day and age. We live in a time of never-ending worries and distractions, don't we? So how do we keep our faith strong when so many things are pulling at us?

One thing we can learn from Martha and Mary is to "sit at Jesus feet." Have a time when we quiet the noise around us. We are encouraged in Psalm 46:10 to "Be still, and know that I am God." Hebrews 12:1

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Encourages us to "lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares "and run our race with endurance." The plain truth is we have to prioritize our walk with Jesus. Carve out time to read the Bible, make attending Sunday Services a priority (Heb. 20:25), spend time communicating with Jesus. The hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" has great insights to the benefits of prayer.

Let's decide in this season to clear away some of the busyness and focus on God. Let's copy Mary and as one Bible version put it "Mary has made the right choice..."

Enjoy this amazing harvest season!!

In His Service,

Karen

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday school will begin on September 13th at 9:00 AM. Although it only seems like yesterday when we were excited to celebrate the end of the school year, here we are starting up again!!

Miranda Arndt, Ava Gruen, Justin Arndt and Greg Bever are our teachers for Pre-K through grade 6. The 7th & 8th graders will be having confirmation class after participating in the opening at the classroom in the parsonage with Karen.

We collect an offering each Sunday in support of Olivier, who lives in Rwanda and is 8 years old. Olivier will be in 5th grade this year, tells us he is a good student, and is learning about Jesus at school as well. Pray for Olivier and all the children in Rwanda. So often, the children and the families are caught in the middle of tribal wars and end up losing their lives.

The children will continue to sing on the 3rd Sunday of each month, and collect the noisy offering in church on that day as well.

On the day of your child's baptism, a commitment was asked of you.

"As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

- ♦ to live with them among God's faithful people,
- ♦ bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
- ♦ teach them the Lord's Prayer,
- ♦ the Creed, and
- ♦ the Ten Commandments,
- ♦ place in their hands the holy scriptures, and
- ♦ nurture them in faith and prayer,

so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Did you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Having our children learn about God is as important as learning the ABC's or 1-2-3's. It is no less important for a young person to wear God's armor, than an adult. The internet, social media, AI, etc., target young people with many inappropriate messages. The devil is at work and never rests.

God's Word is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Learning God's Word, learning about his love and the sacrifice he made for them, will strengthen them in their ability to turn away from the temptations provided by those who would harm them, and walk in his way. Bring your child to Sunday School, sit with them in church, and join the battle against the devil.

RALLY DAY PICNIC

Once upon a time we had a picnic on the first day of Sunday School. We're going to try and restart that tradition once again, but we need everyone to attend, regardless of whether you have a student in Sunday School.

We'll meet in the park after service and share a meal. Please bring a dish to pass along with the plates, silverware and cups for your family. You'll need to bring your drinks as well.

After lunch we'll have games for the kids AND adults to play. Cards, boardgames and a sack race for the older generation and an egg toss, balloon toss and other games for the kids.

MEATBALL DINNER

We need to raise money toward an ADA bathroom in the basement. Unfortunately we cannot combine the two we have, but they will still be available.

So, it seems the folks enjoyed the change from chicken last year and we'll try the meatballs once again. The meal will consist of the meatballs, potatoes and gravy, vegetable, cranberry salad and a dinner roll. All for \$15.00/plate.

We need to SELL tickets in advance. Please get your tickets from Nalani and call your relatives and friends and tell them they can take the day off from cooking and support St. Paul's. Oh yea, the date of the meal is Sunday, October 4. Nalani will be in Scotland but will anxiously await the news of the success of the fundraiser.

QUILTING

Mark these dates on your calendar!

Quilt tying will resume on September 10th and continue on October 8th and 22nd. We meet at 9:00 am in the church basement and generally are done by 11:00 am. The completed quilts will be packed for delivery to La Crosse and then make their way to all corners of the world, as well as our country.

PERSONAL CARE QUILTS

It might be a little early but keep your eyes open for sales of towels, combs, hand soap, nail clippers and toothbrushes.

CONFEST

Synod-wide One Night Event for Confirmation Youth and their Leaders to gather for Worship, Games, a Meal and Learning. 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM on October 14th and 21st

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Bart Arndt	Janelle Buchholz	4 Kay & Gene Dougherty	5
6	7 Rhonda Cook	8	Hudson Biirkholz		11	12 Elliott Ornes
13 Bryce Gruen	14	15	16 Darcy Buchholz, Gloria Meltesen, Nolan Buchholz, Amber & Ethan Sebranek	17	18	19
20 Julitta & Marty Arndt	21	22	23 Duke Sebranek	24 Barb Bever	25	26
27	28 Joanne Schachtely Kari & Kurt Radke	29 Amber Pokorny	30 Kathy Cale			

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Judi Arndt Mary Ann Arndt Brady Zimmerman
2 Angie & Jared Gruen	3	4 Duane Roscovius	5	6	7 Sierra Cook Mark Gruen	8
9 Kirstin & Justin Arndt	10 Kaden Brandau Marcus Buchholz	11 Donovon Riedesel	12	13 Don Buchholz Darcy & Don Buchholz	14 Marah Gruen Brek Anderson	15 Kristy & Scott Tormoen Aria Brueggen
16 Tim Deichler	17 Ann Anderson	18	19 Barb & Ron Savall	20 Deb & Morry Path Wanda & Ken Thorsen	21	22 Randy Schwerin Nalani & Greg Bever
23	24 Richard Cale Rhonda & Todd Cook	25 Linus Arndt	26	27 Sarah Gruen	28 Madelyn Gruen	29 Peyton Oleson
30	31					5

WE NEED YOUR HELP

While planning for the anniversary celebration we find that we are woefully absent of several confirmation pictures. Following are the years and the students of the class. If you had a student in the class, please search through your pictures and see if you have a picture of the group and the pastor who confirmed them.

2003—Haley Dougherty, Chelsea Drews, Jessie Stoikes

2012—Addison Arndt, Callie Fleming, Dana Cale, Rogert Cale, Kody Tormoen, Austin Genninger, Makayla Zimmerman

2016—Avery Arndt, Kaylin Gruen

2017—August Arndt, Kaden Brandau Krita Cook., Emma Gruen

2019—Katie Gruen

2020—Vanessa Anderson, Ayawyn Conner, Brooklyn Gruen, Marah Gruen

2022—Bria Gruen

2023—Miranda Arndt, Ava Gruen, Jayda Leis, Carlee Niedfeldt

FUNERAL CIRCLES

Since disbandment of our official W-ELCA group, we have had problems organizing for serving at funerals. The job has fallen to a few people. We are all aging. If you would be able to take over responsibility for this service please contact Louise (608-435-6435), Arlis (608-344-9600) or Nalani (608-387-2311). A couple people working together would make for an easier task. All may someday need this service.

We are hopelessly outdated on the phone numbers to reach our people. Several landlines have been replaced with cell numbers, with the church office not being notified of the new number. Please be sure we have your current number by checking the list on the table in the narthex.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

November 15 is just around the corner. Pastor Dan Dibbert along with Pastor Dawn Lindberg (tentative) and Karen will lead the worship service. You will soon be receiving information regarding the dinner and program, which will be held at the Community Center.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We're working on the finishing touches of the directory and hope to have it to the printer by mid-September.



EVERYTHING CHRISTMAS SALE

Fri., Oct. 30th - 7:30 am to 5 pm
Sat., Oct. 31st - 7:30 am to 12 pm

St. Paul's Church Basement
401 Mill St., Wilton, WI 54670

We'll have a variety of gently used
Christmas decorations available for
purchase. Proceeds from the sale benefit
St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

BAKE SALE

Proceeds benefit the
N-O-W School District Safety Patrol.

WORSHIP NOTES

September & October 2026

The following are the Scripture readings being shared in worship during the months of September and October 2026.

Sept. 6th – 15th Sunday after Pentecost
Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40;
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Sept. 13th – 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Flood and Promise
Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17

Sept. 20th – 17th Sunday after Pentecost
The Call of Abraham
Genesis 12:1-9

Sept. 27th – 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Joseph in Prison
Genesis 39:1-12

October 4th – 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Rescue at Sea
Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

October 11th – 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Covenant and Commandments
Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17

October 18th – 21st Sunday after Pentecost
Joshua Renews the Covenant
Joshua 24:1-15

October 25th – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
David and Bathsheba
2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9

THOSE SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

Readers: 6th Cooper Powell, 13th Mia Anderson
20th Karla Richie, 27th Barb Ornes

Altar: Lori Brueggen and Amber Sebranek

Communion Servers: Kirstin and Justin Arndt

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September

Sun 6th Worship, 9:00 am

Sun 13th Sunday School, 9:00 am
Worship, 10:15 am

Sun 20th Sunday School, 9:00 am
Worship, 10:15 am –
Children Sing / Noisy Offering
Birthday & Anniversary Fellowship

Sun 27th Sunday School, 9:00 am
Worship, 10:15 am

October

Sat 3rd Blood Drive, 7:00 – 11:30 Community Ctr

Sun 4th NO Sunday School
Worship, 10:15 am
Meatball Drive Through Dinner
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Sun 11th Sunday School, 9:00 am
Worship, 10:15 am

Sun 18th Sunday School, 9:00 am
Worship, 10:15 am
Children Sing / Noisy Offering
Birthday & Anniversary Fellowship

Sun 25th Sunday School, 9:00 am
Worship, 10:15 am

THOSE SERVING IN OCTOBER

Readers: 4th Karen Arzt, 11th Miranda Arndt,
18th Barb Bever, 25th Arlis Ballwahn

Altar: Pat and Jerry Von Haden

Communion Servers: John and Barb Ornes