

Calling Card



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



Nov - Dec 2023
Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year, our seasons are filled with special events such as baptisms, birthdays, confirmations, graduations, weddings, anniversaries and funerals. These events naturally foster growth in our relationships with our natural and Church family. Attending Church events and Services fosters growth in our relationship with our Savior Jesus and with one another by sharing corporate worship, hearing and growing in the Word, and opportunities to pray and help meet needs one for another. Time at Services help us to realign our focus from the things of this world back to God.

Thanksgiving will soon be upon us. This is a time when we especially ponder the blessings we have received individually and corporately as a Church body. As we take stock, it allows us to recognize God's goodness and hand on all the celebrations, as well as, the times that have been particularly hard. A time we set aside to thank our Heavenly Father and often we will again be gathering to celebrate with friends and family. Please plan to attend the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service set for the eve of Thanksgiving. This is a wonderful time to come together to worship as a community.

Soon we will be entering the season in our church calendar called Advent. This is the time of year where we renew our anticipation and expectation in all the birth of Jesus means.

During the month of December, we will have many opportunities to come together and celebrate this event that is central to our faith.

I really enjoy this scripture where the Prophet Isaiah declares: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6.

Blessings,

Pastor Karen

W-ELCA



November/December W-ELCA NEWSLETTER

A group of interested individuals gathered on October 18 to learn a bit more about the Lutheran World Relief Quilt Project. Several are interested in sewing tops and some are interested in helping with quilt tying. We tied quilts on October 26 and will be scheduling more dates soon.

Watch the bulletin for information. **Twin size sheets are needed for the quilt backing. Do you perhaps have a Thrivent Grant that could be used?** Come and find out what fun quilting can be. We sent 23 quilts to the LWR warehouse this fall. Can we do better in 2024?

New hands and minds are needed. While the women of the church continue to serve food for funerals, help is always in short supply. Please consider volunteering for this mission. With the loss of two of our Circle Co-ordinators, the two Funeral Circles have been combined. Also, you may be called for a dessert, but will not be called for a monetary donation. However, donations of \$5 toward funeral refreshments will be accepted. Contact Louise Buchholz(435-6435), Arlis Ballwahn (435-6406), Carolyn Dougherty(435-6265), or Nalani Bever(387-2311) if you have questions.

A General Meeting is scheduled for November 16 at 10:00 am in the church basement. All are welcome.

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

From the W-ELCA site available on the St. Paul's website (about us; links):

OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

"As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world."

HOLIDAY GIVING

Do you remember several years back when Pastor Steinbrecher, during a sermon, asked the ushers to pass out slips of paper to all the adults in attendance? He then asked those who had a purse or billfold with them to write the amount of cash they had with them on the slip of paper. The ushers collected the slips and Pastor made a tally. I don't remember the total, but I do remember most folks were shocked by the amount!

What if he had asked what our household spends on Christmas gifts each year? How much do our gifts for those less fortunate add up to?

We have, for the past twenty or so years supported Operation Christmas Child by sending shoeboxes filled with gifts for children who have probably never received many gifts in their lifetime. The caveat of this program is children also receive the "Good News" of Jesus Christ. The hope is the entire family shares in the "Good News" and commits their life to Jesus and begins on their personal relationship with him. However, it seems the commitment of the congregation has been waning over the years as evidenced by the fewer numbers of boxes and members participating.

So, for this year, the Council has chosen to provide members with possible organizations you might consider giving a donation, in addition to your gifts throughout the year:

ELCA Good Gifts – Order blanks in the narthex.

Compassion Gift Catalog – Order blanks also available in the narthex.

Operation Christmas Child – We have shoeboxes available. The last day of collection is Monday, November 20, with the closest drop-off location at Grace Community Church in Ontario.

World Vision

Mercy Ships

Save the Children

Unicef

Lutheran World Relief

As well as many local agencies who provide hope and help for families at Christmas and throughout the year.

Might we all consider a gift to one of the above organizations, in the name and in honor of those on our Christmas list?

Nalani



GIVING
IS A **HEART** CONDITION



Calendar



NOVEMBER

READERS

- 5th Miranda Arndt
- 12th Barb Ornes
- 19th Barb Bever
- 26th Leonard Arndt

Altar

Lori Brueggen - Barb Ornes

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|--|
| Sun. 5 th | Sunday School | 9:00 AM | |
| | *Worship | 10:15 AM | |
| | Drive-Up Dinner | 11:30 AM | |
| Sun. 12 th | Sunday School | 9:00 AM | |
| | Worship | 10:15 AM | |
| | Comm. Dinner | 4:00 PM | |
| | Norwalk | To 6:00 PM | |
| Sun. 19 th | Sunday School | 9:00 AM | |
| | *Worship | 10:15 AM | |
| | Church Council | 11:30 AM | |
| Wed . | 22 nd Thanksgiving Eve | TBD | |
| Sun. 26 th | Sunday School | 9:00 AM | |
| | Worship | 10:15 AM | |
| | *Communion | | |

DECEMBER

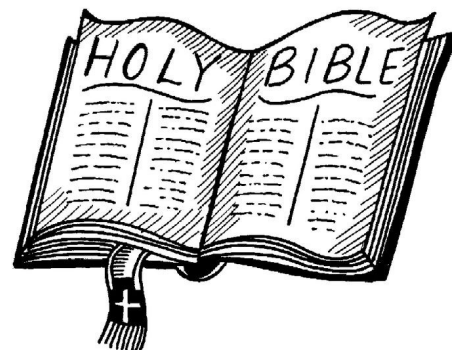
READERS

- 3rd Kirstin Arndt
- 10th Ava Gruen
- 17th Ayawyn Conner

Altar

Karen Arzt & Barb Bever

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| Sat. | 2 nd | Blood Drive | 7:00 AM | |
| | | Comm. Center | To 11:30 AM | |
| Sun. | 3 rd | Sunday School | 9:00 AM | |
| | | **Worship | 10:15 AM | |
| Sun. | 10 th | Sunday School | 9:00 AM | |
| | | Worship | 10:15 AM | |
| Sun. | 17 th | Sunday School | 9:00 AM | |
| | | **Worship | 10:15 AM | |
| | | Council Meeting | 11:15 AM | |
| Sun. | 24 th | Chritmas Eve | 7:00 PM | |
| Sun. | 31 st | No Service | | |
| | | **Communion | | |



WORSHIP NOTES – November & December, 2023

The following are the Scripture readings we will be sharing in worship during the months of November and December, 2023.

Nov. 5th – All Saints Sunday

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalms 34:1-10, 22

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

Nov. 12th – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:18-24

Psalms 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

Nov. 19th – 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalms 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

Nov. 26th – Christ the King Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalms 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

Dec. 3rd – First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

Dec. 10th – Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

Dec. 17th – Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalms 126

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Dec. 24th – Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Luke 1:46b-55

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

Dec. 31st – First Sunday of Christmas

Isaiah 61:10--62:3

Psalms 148

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40



BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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

What follows is a draft copy. It has not received Council approval. Approved minutes are typically found on the church website.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES **October 15, 2023**

Members Present: John Ornes, Emily Bever, Rachel Conner, Ayawyn Conner, Kirstin Arndt, Jerry Von Haden
Lori Brueggen, Joel Arndt, Barb Bever

Also Present: Nalani Bever, Pastor Karen Sparling

The meeting was called to order by Council President John Ornes. Pastor Sparling led us in prayer.

Motion by Barb Bever, second by Kirstin Arndt to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 17, 2023 and the Special Meeting minutes of September 17, 2023. MC

Motion by Lori Brueggen, second by Ayawyn Conner to approve the September financial report and pay the October, 2023 bills. MC.

Committee Reports:

Education – No Report

Financial – Kirstin, John, and Nalani will meet with Griffin Moe of Edward Jones on Tuesday, October 17.

Property – Jerry reported Tony Siger will be here today to spray for pests.

Social Ministry – Barb reported movie night went well, and she anticipates meeting in November, although probably earlier than 7:00 PM.

Worship – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

We are up for hosting the Thanksgiving Eve service. Nalani will contact Pastor Fran of the Norwalk Methodist church to begin preparations.

Nalani advised the Tri-State Business monthly maintenance will be \$66.00 for the 23/24 cycle. During the past year the monthly charge was \$60.00.

Motion by Joel Arndt, second by Rachel Conner to give a \$3,000.00 donation to Lutheran Disaster Relief and to earmark the donation for the Israeli-Palestine conflict.

Operation Shoebox – We will have shoeboxes available if individuals wish to make a shoebox. We will also provide members with other projects to support, i.e. Good Gifts through the ELCA.

OLD BUSINESS:

STEPS – The Council will gather at 8:00 AM on October 29, for a working session on the stair/lift project.

SAM – No report.

ORGAN – There is possibility we will be able to re-locate the blower on the basement level. If we are able to determine it is possible, we could proceed with having Fred install the organ in the balcony area.

Living Faith Partnership – John will contact members to begin developing the story of St. Paul's.

OTHER ITEMS:

The next meeting will be held on November 12, 2023, following worship.

Motion by Kirstin Arndt, second by Barb Bever to adjourn the meeting following the Lord's Prayer. MC

Emily Bever
Secretary

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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