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May June Christ's Calling Card



St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Wilton, Wisconsin
ELCA

Interim Pastor Brad Lindberg



You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

- to live among God's faithful people,
- to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Affirmation of Baptism ELW

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Website - <http://www.stpaulswilton.com>

It's hard to believe, but the calendar continues to march us towards summer. One of the prime markers of this shift is graduation, which we will celebrate with many this May.

On May 20 we will also celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism rite with our 8th graders. One of the dangers of celebrating this so close to graduation ceremonies is that some might mistake being confirmed with

graduating from the church. As I've shared with many over the years, Confirmation Sunday is not the end but rather just the beginning. In the rite for the Affirmation of Baptism the students are standing up and claiming those promises made by their parents and sponsors at their baptism for themselves. They are publicly proclaiming that their faith is something

Sun 27th

No Sunday School

Worship Service 9:00 am

Mon 28th

Memorial Day

Wilton American Legion Post 508,

Pastor Brad Con't

that makes a difference in their life and they are pledging to, with the help of God, to continue to live their lives out of this grounding of faith and to continue to nurture their relationship with God. Perhaps this can be an opportunity for the rest of us to honestly reflect upon our walk with Christ. How are you doing living out the promises made at your baptism and/or your confirmation?

It is my prayer that when we celebrate moments like the Affirmation of Baptism we are reminded that when it comes to living out our faith, if you are not dead you are not done yet. This last month we celebrated the life of Arline Budde, who I learned continued to care for family and friends through cards, visits with visitors, and other ways that I'm not even aware of up until her death at the age of 89. I hope we all might live out our promises to the very end.

On May 20 we will also celebrate Pentecost Sunday. Amongst many things Pentecost Sunday reminds us that the work of Christ continues in this world through the Holy Spirit, through us. It wasn't that long ago we were reminded of the depth of God's love for us as Jesus died on the cross. We celebrated with joy the defeat of sin, death, and devil at the empty tomb. We will, now, soon celebrate the Holy Spirit breaking into this world reminding us that even death cannot stop the work of God. If death can't stop God, then I think it's fair to say that if you're not dead you're not done yet.



What are you not done with yet? In what ways is God calling you to affirm your baptism? How is God calling you to live out your faith?

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Brad Lindberg" followed by a stylized flourish.

W-ELCA NEWSLETTER MAY/JUNE 2018

The Congregation has been collecting items for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We are happy to report that with personal donations and grants from Thrivent, 275 Kits have been assembled. Thank you to all who contributed to this project and to George and Carolyn for delivering them to Minneapolis. The Spring Rummage sale will be held on May 11 & 12. 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.

The next General Meeting will be at 10:00 am on Thursday, May 17 in the church basement. This will be our final meeting until September. More participation is needed. Please consider attending these meetings. The Quilting Group has completed the quilts for our 2018 high school graduates, Angel Brueggen, Tyler Brandau and Katie Pagel. Lois O'Rourke has completed 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!!!; especially if you help.

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

The February Pancake Supper was a great success with lots of visiting and fellowship.

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

First Quarter Financial Report

Offerings, January 1 – March 31 \$20,396
Expenses for same period (22,440)
Net (\$ 2,044)

We did purchase a new laptop which increased our expenses by \$700.00 and, due to weather conditions, cancelled a service in January which affected our offerings.

The second quarter offerings were off to a good start, however, poor weather conditions caused another service cancellation.

We can't go into the summer \$2000 in arrears.

Please consider giving a special offering of at least 2 times your weekly amount, or more if you can afford it.

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Council Activity

Council Minutes are now posted on the web site after meetings. They may be clarified as they are reviewed and approved at the following meeting. www.stpaulswilton.com See also p.7

Online Giving Anyone?

For many, a weekly church service is part of their normal routine. For others, the demands of raising a family, jobs, etc., make weekly attendance difficult. Absence in the pews directly affects our financial support of the church. Why not consider offerings to the church online? The frequency and amount are easily set-up. You might consider giving \$5.00 or \$10.00 per week and possibly supplementing that amount with an envelope from time to time.

If this seems like a program that would work for you, please stop by or call the church office and you can begin the process. For several years Thrivent Financial provided a vehicle for online donations, however, they transferred their program to VANCO Financial. Both programs allow for members to directly initiate their online offering, which allows for privacy.

Church: wiltonchurch@gmail.com

***Website: <https://www.stpaulswilton.com/>**

***Facebook Home Page: St. Paul's Lutheran Church Wilton WI**

***The Website & Facebook page were developed & are
administered by April Arndt**

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, 2018.

May 6 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98;
1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

May 13 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1;
1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

May 20 - Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;
Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

May 27 - The Holy Trinity

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29;
Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

June 3 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Psalm 81:1-10;
2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23—3:6

June 10 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130;
2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1; Mark 3:20-35

June 17 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15;
2 Corinthians 5:6-10[11-13] 14-17;
Mark 4:26-34

June 24 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32;
2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

THOSE SERVING IN MAY

Greeters: Karen Arzt and Ed Ross

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

Altar: Karen Arzt and Darcy Buchholz

Readers: 6th Greg Bever; 13th Karen Arzt;
20th Larry Ballwahn; 27th Leonard
Arndt

Communion Server: Kathy Cale

THOSE SERVING IN JUNE

Greeters: Dixie and Leonard Arndt

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

Altar: Dixie and Leonard Arndt

Readers: 3rd Arlis Ballwahn; 10th Lori Arndt;
17th Barb Ornes; 24th Kathy Cale

Communion Server: Leonard Arndt

SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP

Openings are still available at Sugar Creek for the 2018 Summer Camp sessions. Camp brochures are available in the narthex. St. Paul's pays 50% of the camping fee for children.

Also: Students entering grades 1-5 can attend a one-day Day Camp. Information went home with Sunday School students.

Contract the church office for more information.

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



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May

Wed 2nd Confirmation 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
 Sun 6th Sunday School 9:00 am
 Worship Service 10:15 am
 Wed 9th Confirmation 6:30pm – 8:00 pm
 Thur 10th Rummage Sale set-up – volunteers
 needed – see Bev Graunke for time
Fri 11th & Sat 12th Rummage, Bake & Plant Sale
8:00 am – 1:00 pm (both days)
Sun 13th Church Council 9:00 am
 Sunday School 9:00 am
 Worship Service 10:15 am
 Mother's Day – children sing
 Honor Graduates/Scholarship
 Wed 16th Confirmation 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
 Thur 17th W-ELCA General Meeting 10:00 am
 Sun 20th Sunday School 9:00 am
 Worship Service/Noisy 10:15 am
 Confirmation
 Birthday, Anniversary Fellowship
Sun 27th No Sunday School
Worship Service 9:00 am
 Mon 28th Memorial Day
 Wilton American Legion Post 508,
 Cemetery Service, 9:30 am

June

Sat 2nd Monroe County Dairy Breakfast
 Brian Friske – Valley Hill Farm
 25635 Morningside Road, Kendall
 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM
 Sun 3rd Worship Service 9:00 am
 Fri 8th Synod Assembly opens @ English
 Lutheran in LaCrosse
 Sat 9th Synod Assembly at Western Tech
 College through Sunday, June 10th
 9th Blood Drive 7:00 – 11:30 am
 Sun 10th Worship Service 9:00 am
 Church Council 10:15 am
 Sun 17th Worship Service 9:00 am
 Noisy Offering
 Birthday & Anniversary Fellowship
 Su 24th Worship Service 9:00 am
 Strawberry Social to be announced

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May

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



June

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



For information see Synod webpage; link on St. Paul's Website



2018 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

June 8-10

English Lutheran Church *(Friday evening)*

Western Technical College *(Saturday & Sunday morning)*

The poster is a vertical rectangular graphic with a dark background. At the top, it features a close-up photograph of two hands cupped together, holding a large amount of golden-brown grain. Below this, the text "Team up with others from your congregation to 'buy a sheep' for our campaign to end world hunger. Each sheep represents \$500." is written in a white, sans-serif font. To the right of this text, the title "Feed My Sheep" is prominently displayed in a large, white, serif font, followed by "John 21:17" in a smaller font. Below the title, "2018 Hunger Project" is written in a white, sans-serif font. In the center, there is a square photograph of a brown sheep looking directly at the camera. Below the sheep photo, the text "Paint and decorate your wooden cut-out sheep. Be creative. All sheep will be on display at the Synod Assembly on June 9th." is written in a white, sans-serif font. At the bottom left, there is a small, white, stylized line drawing of a sheep. At the bottom right, the text "La Crosse Synod Subcommittee on World Hunger" is written in a white, sans-serif font.

Excerpts—April Council Meeting

Survey Results: There were a total of 11 responses. C. Stanek, is requesting that we as a council seek out other congregation members and have personal conversations to get more feedback.

“Revamp” Project:

The Survey results top ideas included expanding the Narthex, re-carpet the church, video screen, repaint, new floor in basement. ELCA does have a consultant that can come. D. Buchholz will bring a consultant in as well to give us ideas and options on the main entrance and accessibility.

St. Paul’s Scholarships:

K. Arndt makes a motion to award Angel Brueggen and Tyler Brandau the 2018 Scholarships, Rachel 2nd, MC

Thrivent funds:

N. Bever asked for the designation of the monies coming in from Thrivent funds. The choices are to keep that money in the General Fund or to add it to the Side Walk Account vs. the Improvement Fund? Motion to start depositing Thrivent Fund monies into the Improvement Fund, D. Buchholz, S. Brandau; MC

Mowing:

C. Stanek will talk to Corey Dutton to cover if and when needed.

Confirmation:

Pastor Lindberg reported on confirmation. He gave the Confirmation Expectations Checklist. He made a note that they were required to be at Wednesday night service, and many were not and same with Sunday worship. He is requesting advisory in whether or not we confirm them come May. Council suggested Pastor send a letter that your child is not being confirmed but they can complete a second chance project.

AED Purchase:

A congregation member donated the funds to purchase an AED (defibrillator); there will be some costs to maintain, but council was in agreement that that was to be expected and appreciative of the very and thoughtful generous donation.

Brush Creek:

D. Buchholz talked to Gwen Hatfield and they are interested in investigating more opportunities with our church.





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