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# St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

CELEBRATING OUR CONGREGATION & CHURCH BUILDING



**100 YEARS**  
IN OUR CHURCH BUILDING

**151 YEARS**  
AS A CONGREGATION

**November 15, 2026**

**10:15 A.M.**

Worship at St. Paul's

**12 P.M.**

Lunch/Program at Wilton Community Center

Join us for worship at St. Paul's (401 Mill St., Wilton, WI 54670)  
with a special meal and program to follow at the  
Wilton Community Center (400 East St, Wilton, WI 54670).

**For more information, call 608.435.6647.**

# Karen's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As spring arrives the scripture in Genesis 8:22 comes to mind "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

In this season we see farmers preparing their fields, people starting gardens, and others putting together plants in pots for decoration. You may notice new construction, hear people planning their vacations and other events, or just like at New Year's resolving to put this time to good use.

In Ecclesiastes 3:1& 2b, we read "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven... A time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted,"

This means that there are times for initiating, starting, setting things in place for a desired result and then times for ending, removing, or reaping what was started or sown. It calls for knowing when to start new ventures (planting) and when to harvest end, sell, or remove old ones (plucking).

There are 14 pairs of opposites listed in Ecclesiastes 3:2-8 that we all pretty much deal with at some point in our lives; both good and bad times are temporary and hold value. One commentary on Ecclesiastes 3:1 said, "Things change in our lives and it is important that we learn to navigate them with grace. Letting go of things we have invested time and effort into is not always easy, but it always becomes necessary at some time in life.- Let's pray to make changes gracefully, and trust God to help us."  
Author Unknown

In May and June we celebrate our parents, that we were blessed to be parents, and for those who have nurtured us in our lives. May you all be blessed and have wonderful family times on Mother's and Father's Day. On these days, if you are alone or can include someone, it would be a wonderful opportunity to connect with someone else who would appreciate companionship. Think of whom you could call, go visit, invite to visit you, or make a plan to go somewhere. God's blessing on you all! You are greatly loved by the Father.

In His service,

Karen

## News from W-ELCA

The 2025 Fall Gathering of La Crosse Area Synod of women of the ELCA was held at Trinity in La Crosse on Oct. 19, 2025. It was a relaxing and energizing day filled with upbeat hymns, a keynote speaker, a quilt parade, and meeting new and old friends. Karen Sparing and I attended.

The keynote speaker was retired pastor Al Erickson. He started a program that has gone nationwide entitled ADULTS SAVING KIDS. It started because of adults having children caught up in human trafficking. In 1990 he had a daughter that was a victim of human trafficking.

The work of this program is to prevent harm to our kids by preparing the parents and grandparents to get them faith stories and support. Stories to support their identity in Christ through Baptism and teach them how to avoid the traps set for the kids. Erickson brought to our attention those who are out there setting traps - child molesters, bullies, internet porno, scammers, drug dealers, traffickers, and domestic violators.

The statistics he presented to us to show the need to protect and prepare young people are alarming. Check the website for this organization - [www.AdultsSavingKids.org](http://www.AdultsSavingKids.org).

Erickson has set up a curriculum and has 2 books have been written for those who want more information. Karen has these 2 books. The whole program is faith based. He quoted scriptures to illustrate his points.

He ended up with this thought:

PASS ON THE FAITH

TEACH WISDOM AND SHREWDNESS

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Contributed by Louis Buchholz

## WORSHIP NOTES FOR MAY & JUNE 2026

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

### May 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16;  
1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

### May 10 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20;  
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

### May 17 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35;  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11;  
John 17:1-11

### May 24 – Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23

### May 31 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 1:1—2:4a; Psalm 8;  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13;  
Matthew 28:16-20

### June 7 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 5a; 15-6:6; Psalm 50:7-15;  
Romans 4:13-25  
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

### June 14 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100;  
Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35—10:8

### June 21 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18;  
Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

### June 28 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18;  
Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

### THOSE SERVING IN MAY

#### Readers:

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Lorrie Bever  
May 10<sup>th</sup> Leonard Arndt  
May 17<sup>th</sup> Linus Arndt  
May 24<sup>th</sup> Arlis Ballwahn  
May 31<sup>st</sup> Joel Arndt

**Altar:** Lori Brueggen and Amber Sebranek

### THOSE SERVING IN JUNE

#### Readers:

June 7<sup>th</sup> Barb Ornes  
June 14<sup>th</sup> Lori Arndt  
June 21<sup>st</sup> Barb Bever  
June 28<sup>th</sup> Kirstin Arndt

**Altar:** Karla Richie and Barb Bever

### SYNOD ASSEMBLY SOCK & UNDERWEAR OFFERING

During the month of May, we will be collecting new socks and underwear for the homeless and those in need. Both children and adult sizes. They will be delivered to Synod Assembly on June 6.



Dear Church Family,  
It's time for a New Directory!



## Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

~ Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.

~ Every sitting photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!

~ Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finishes and framing options for the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to your family and friends.

**Set your appointment with Universal today at [ucdir.com](http://ucdir.com)!**

Gathering families, Connecting generations.



*Celebrating faith.*

*Connecting families.*

*Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while.

Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

*Directory Committee*

Photography Dates  
Tue – Wed, June 9-10  
Hours  
2:00 – 8:30 PM

Online Scheduling Site  
[www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com)  
Click on photography appointment scheduling login  
Church Code = wi472  
Members password = 472mem  
Log In  
Choose your date and time.  
It is as simple as that!