

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



September
October 2019

Bi-monthly Newsletter



Christ's Calling Card



Pastor Cathleen Morris

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each day is fresh and new. Each day is a brand-new gift from God. Therefore, each and every day, let us give thanks to God for the gift of creation, the gift of life, and the many blessings that God gives us. Thanks be to God for God's amazing love.

As we draw closer to the end of August, we are reminded of the start of the school year for our children, youth, young adults and others. We see the anticipation and frequently the excitement in their eyes, as they prepare to meet their new teachers, classmates, and begin their school activities. We buy pencils, crayons, spiral notebooks, scissors, and other items for children in other places through the School Kit collection. We pray each day to Jesus for our young people, saying, "May they do well in school, learning and discerning what direction you have in mind for them." And we "...pray for all children everywhere, that you would keep them in your care."

But learning is not limited to the young. Jesus was a teacher who taught people of all ages; both young and old. His message was of life-long learning. Therefore, we are all encouraged to read the scriptures, to hear God's holy word in worship through scripture and preaching, to participate in Bible Studies and to read religious books that further our understanding of God and God's work in our lives.

With this in mind, St. Paul's Education Committee is planning educational opportunities for all ages--Sunday School for our elementary-age children, Confirmation classes on Sunday mornings, and several Wednesdays, for our junior high youth; gatherings for our high school students, and adult education classes. More information will be presented soon about the offerings for these last two age groups, but it is anticipated that the adult classes will include reading God's word and perhaps another book, and discussing current topics related to the readings.

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Youth Education
September 4
Confirmation
September 8
9:00 Sunday School
10:15 Church

Pastor Cathy, Continued:

Perhaps you have heard me say, that we become children of God in our baptism, and we remain children of God throughout our lives. No matter what our age, we are God's children. Jesus tells us that we are to have a child-like faith. This does not mean an immature faith, but a faith through which we can joyfully experience the wonder found in God's world and our lives. To be "childlike," in this way, speaks of our innocence, trust, humility and childlike joy. May we experience this joy and wonder as we read God's word, hear God's word in worship, begin faith-based classes, and experience God and God's kingdom in new ways. Thanks be to God.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Cathy



HEADS UP CONFIRMATION STUDENTS!!

Confirmation classes will be learning about The Old Testament and studying Luther's Catechism. Confirmation classes will resume on **Wednesday, September 4**, from 6:30-8:00PM. The students and parents will receive additional information from Pastor Morris in the coming week.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will resume on September 8, at 9:00 AM. We encourage children to bring a friend. We will continue to praise God in song during the worship service on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Noisy offering will also be gathered at worship on that day.

WORSHIP NOTE

The organist will play during the prelude to the Church Service. The congregation is asked to limit conversation during this time. Prepare for worship.

LOOKING AHEAD

We'll be participating in "God's Work, Our Hands" on a date to be determined.



Feed My Starving Children

The Tomah Community was host to a Feed My Starving Children Mobile Food Pack on July 12-13. The success of hosting the Mobile Food Pack depends on two things: donations before the event and volunteers during the event.

Approximately \$80.00 will feed one child for a year.

During the two days of the pack, about 500 volunteers are needed (100 for each two-hour shift).



A number of people represented St. Paul's & Norwalk Methodist on Saturday, July 13 at the Tomah Recreation Park.

Volunteers pack the following MannaPack, taking each ingredient from bulk boxes and putting them into plastic bags and the bags into boxes.



MannaPack™ Rice: Our original food formula consists of vitamin packed flavoring, dried vegetables, soy protein and rice.

Contrary to the way it looks, Steve and Larry are not just standing around. The picture catches us in a moment when we are waiting for the others to get us something to do. :)

WORSHIP NOTES FOR September/October

The following are the Scripture readings that we will be sharing in worship during the months of September and October, 2019

Sept. 1 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112 ;
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sept. 8 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1;
Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

Sept. 15 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10;
1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Sept. 22 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113;
1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Sept. 29 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146;
1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

October 6 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9;
2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

October 13 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111;
2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

October 20 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121;
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

October 27 – 30th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22; Psalm 84:1-7;
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

THOSE SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

Greeters: Louise and Bob Buchholz

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

Altar: Arlis and Larry Ballwahn

Readers:

1st Leonard Arndt, 8th Lori Arndt ,
15th Marah Gruen, 22nd Bud Osteboe,
29th Barb Bever

Communion Server: Kirstin Arndt

THOSE SERVING IN OCTOBER

Greeters: Bev Graunke and Lila Speicher

Ushers: Lori and Joel Arndt,
John and Barb Ornes

Altar: Nalani and Greg Bever

Readers:

6th Joel Arndt, 13th Amber Brueggen,
20th Ayawyn Conner , 27th Kaylin Gruen

Communion Server: Greg Bever

If you are unable to read on your assigned date, please let Nalani know and a substitute will be found. You are also welcome to find your own substitute and contact Nalani with that information as well. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September

Sun 1st Worship, 9:00 am
 Wed 4th Confirmation 6:30--8:00 pm
 Sun 8th Church Council, 8:30 am
 Sunday School, 9:00 am
 Worship, 10:15 am
 Wed 11th Confirmation, 6:30--8:00 pm
 Sun 15th Sunday School, 9:00 am
 Worship, 10:15 am
 Children Sing / Noisy Offering
 Birthday & Anniversary Fellowship
 Wed 18th Confirmation, 6:30--8:00 pm
 Thur 19th W-ELCA General Meeting, 10:00 am
 Sun 22nd Sunday School, 9:00 am
 Worship, 10:15 am
 Wed 25th Confirmation, 6:30--8:00 pm
 Sun 29th Sunday School, 9:00 am
 Worship, 10:15 am

October

Mon 1st Yesterday's Youth - Sugar Creek,
 Leave church @8:00 am
 Wed 2nd Confirmation, 6:30--8:00 pm
 Sun 6th Church Council, 8:30 am
 Sunday School, 9:00 am
 Worship, 10:15 am
 Mission Pot-Luck Dinner, 11:30 am
 Raffle Drawing, 12:15 pm
 Wed 9th Confirmation, 6:30--8:00 pm
 Sat 12th Blood Drive, 7:00--11:30 am
 LWR Boxcar in La Crosse 7:00--11:00 am
 Sun 13th Sunday School, 9:00 am
 Worship, 10:15 am
 Wed 16th Confirmation 6:30--8:00 pm
 Sun 20th Sunday School, 9:00 am
 Worship, 10:15 am
 Children Sing / Noisy Offering
 Birthday & Anniversary Fellowship
 Wed 23rd Confirmation 6:30 -- 8:00 pm
 Sun 27th Sunday School, 9:00 am
 Worship, 10:15 am

September

1st Dylan Dougherty
 2nd Bart Arndt
 3rd Janelle Buchholz
 4th Kay and Gene Dougherty
 5th Libby Thorsen
 6th Jessica Steinke
 7th Rhonda Cook, Amanda Ross
 13th Bryce Gruen
 15th Lois and Gordie O'Rourke
 16th Darcy Buchholz, Gloria Meltesen
 20th Julitta and Marty Arndt
 24th Barb Bever
 25th Dale Graunke
 28th Joanne Schachtely, Kari and Kurt Radke
 29th Ava Gruen, Amber Pasch
 30th Kathy Cale

October

1st Judy Arndt, Mary Ann Arndt,
 Brady Zimmerman
 2nd Angie and Jared Gruen
 4th Jan Brandau, Ed Ross, Jr., Duane Roscovius
 7th Sierra Cook, Mark Gruen
 9th Kirstin and Justin Arndt
 10th Kaden Brandau, Marcus Buchholz
 11th Donovan Riedesel
 13th Don Buchholz, Darcy and Don Buchholz
 14th Marah Gruen, Joanne and Jim Schachtely
 15th Kristy and Scott Tormoen
 16th Tim Deichler
 17th Ann Anderson
 19th Barb and Ron Savall
 20th Dana Cale, Deb and Morry Paeth,
 Wanda and Ken Thorsen
 22nd Randy Schwerin, Nalani and Greg Bever
 24th Richard Cale, Tracy Schwartz,
 Rhonda and Todd Cook
 25th Linus Arndt
 27th Sarah Gruen
 28th Madelyn Gruen
 29th Laura Roscovius



MISSION FEST RAFFLE

DRAWING

October 6, 2019

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The Grand prize is this 93" by 95" quilt made by Lois O'Rourke

There will be many other donated prizes

Income from this project is used for church projects/outreach

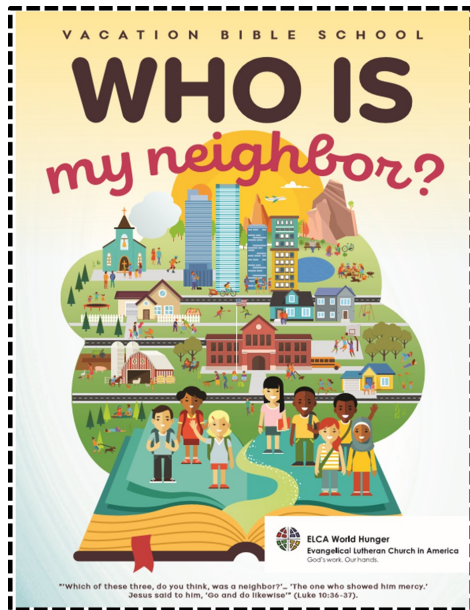
Tickets: \$2 each or 6 for \$10

Tickets will be distributed after Church in September. All church families are expected to sell, and buy, raffle tickets

Winners need not be present to win



2019 Joint Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School

Approximately 45 children from Tomah, Norwalk, and Wilton attended Vacation Bible School held the week of July 7th at St. Paul's. The theme this year was "Who's My Neighbor". Each night the children learned about the countries of Malawi, Columbia, Rawanda, Central African Republic, and our own United States. The children learned we are all children of God, regardless of where we live or the color or our skin. We are ALL neighbors.

We were especially fortunate to have Missy Herek and her daughter Claire spend time with us and share about their trip to Malawi, and the fund-raising Claire and her sister Emma have been a part of for the past several years. We here in the United States are so lucky to walk a few feet to our kitchen sink and turn on the tap for water. In Malawi and other countries, children walk daily 4 to 5 miles one way to find

water and bring it back to their homes. Most often, this task is completed by the girls of the family. A community well can be installed at a cost of around \$10,000.00, a large sum of money to folks in our area, but an insurmountable amount to folks who barely earn enough in a year to feed their family. Claire and Emma have raised upwards of \$75,000.00 to help with the cost of installing wells. They have made and sold bracelets for \$5.00 each, hosted bake sales, yard sales, and sought donations from members of their home church, Grace Lutheran of Elroy, and their grandparents church in Chetek, WI.

The children were very attentive and well-mannered as Claire and Missy showed them pictures of their trip as well as items they brought back from Malawi. They also had excellent questions after the presentation and came away realizing they have a connection with the children and people of Malawi. We are, indeed, ALL neighbors.

As a follow-up to VBS, the Norwalk United Methodist sent a donation of \$100.00 to the "Emma and Claire Well Fund", St. Paul's sent \$500.00, and the bracelet sales during VBS totaled around \$200.00. The ELCA Northwest Synod of Wisconsin coordinates the donations to Malawi. As an aside, Emma and Claire's grandfather is a retired Bishop, having served the Northwest Synod.

We have a supply of bracelets and will be happy to show them to you if you are interested in purchasing one or more.

Thank you to all who helped make the VBS experience fun and informative for our children. Nalani





Church Council

Council Minutes are posted on the web site after meetings. They may be clarified later as they are reviewed and approved at the following meeting. Under "About Us" on the website you will also find copies of the Worship Bulletins and past and present Newsletters. Look there also for related links.

"Dan Buchholz emphasized, and Justin Arndt seconded, that the step replacement project is a lengthy process (two years or more). The steps cannot be replaced as is; there will need to be some type of structural change. Designs must be agreed upon, bids obtained, etc."

Church Council

Dan Buchholz,
President
Justin Arndt
Larry Ballwahn
Steve Brandau
Marcus Buchholz
Rachel Conner
Tim Deichler
Angie Gruen
Bud Osteboe

W-ELCA NEWSLETTER

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W-ELCA activities have slowed during the summer months, but now is the time for activity. A General Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19 at 10:00 am in the church basement. Quilting will tentatively resume in September. Watch the Sunday bulletin for any changes. All women of the church are invited to participate in all activities.

The Annual Mission Fest will be on Sunday, October 6 and will include a potluck dinner immediately following Worship. There will be packing of School Kits and Quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The annual raffle will be held featuring a beautiful quilt made by Lois O'Rourke. Consider donating additional items. They may be left in the piano area of the basement. There was a good response for ticket sales at the WTD Sundae table, but we have a long way to go to realize a profit. Have you gotten tickets to sell? Ask folks if they will buy a ticket or a full book. If they say "no", you're no worse off. But they may say "yes" to support this W-ELCA project. While we refer to this as a W-ELCA project, it is in fact for the benefit of the whole Congregation. The ladies have always been generous in donating their money to support projects of the church, i.e. the roof, the windows or the general budget. Ask Arlis for a book or two to sell and buy a couple for yourself. **THIS IS A CONGREGATION PROJECT.**

Statement of Purpose: Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

"As 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."

We need you

The Mission Statement of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of American says that we are a community of women called to discipleship in Jesus Christ. This means **ALL WOMEN**. Why not join in fellowship at W-ELCA events. General meetings are held 6 times a year and ongoing events are scheduled. Meeting times can be altered to meet participants' needs. More participation is needed. Please consider attending a meeting. Perhaps you would like to join in the quilting sessions. That is a fun time of fellowship

Church Contact Information save for reference

In case of emergency, contact Pastor Cathleen, via text,** 608-865-1074,
or Dan Buchholz 608-435-6126 or 608-487-6525.

**in addition to sending a text to Pastor at 608-865-1074, you may now reach her at
608-435-0097. The telephone being used on the 435-0097 line has the caption
feature. Please realize it takes time between when you speak, the caption appearing
for Pastor, and then Pastor being able to continue the conversation.

To activate the prayer chain, please contact Nalani
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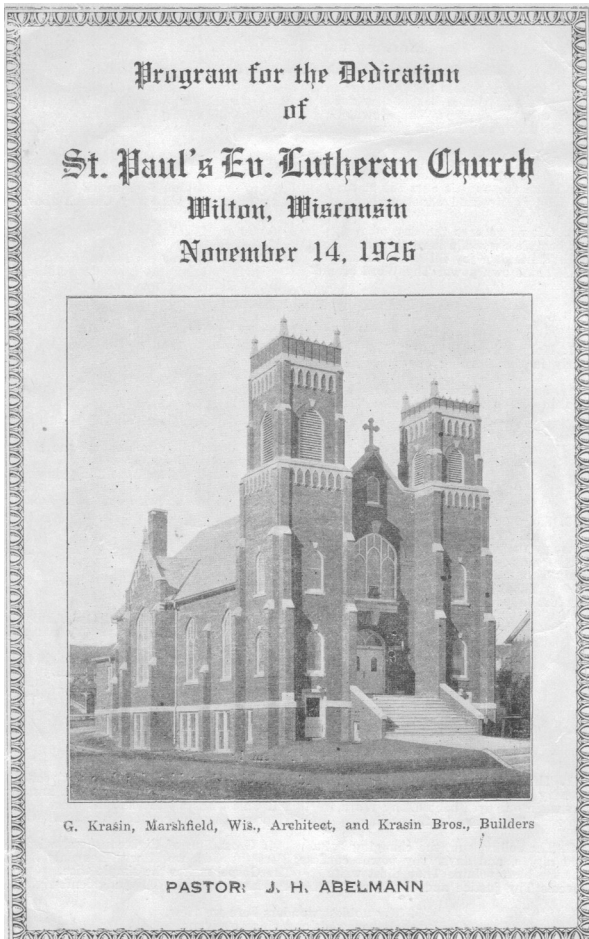
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