

Christ's Calling Card



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

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Bi-Monthly Newsletter



Message from Pastor Cathy Morris

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,...(Philippians 2:1-5, NRSV)



Recently, a word popped into my mind, "accompanying." As a former music major, my first thought was about Nalani playing the organ or piano on Sunday mornings while we sing! But then I thought of "accompanying" as it was most often used when I was in seminary-- "accompanying," as in "walking with one another, or walking together."

A week later, I was reading an article in the September 2020 issue of "Living Lutheran." Our new bishop of the La Crosse Area Synod, Bishop Felix Malpica, had written an article in which he stated the following:

Accompaniment, defined as "walking together in solidarity that practices interdependence and mutuality," is driven by the core values of mutuality, inclusivity, vulnerability, empowerment and sustainability. Accompaniment has become central to how we do church today globally and locally. This framework continues to draw the church into the difficult questions of how to be church for tomorrow." (pg. 11)

What comes to your mind when you think of "accompanying" others? How can "accompanying" help us today and in the future? Following are some Con't



St Paul's Angel Tree

Christmas 2020

Pastor Cathy Con't

some examples of "accompanying"--

- * being with a person (or perhaps an entire family) who has lost a loved one; walking with them in the days, weeks, and months that follow.**
- * supporting the ministries of the ELCA--hunger eradication, racial and social justice, disaster relief, global missions, peace initiatives, and more.**
- * calling, sending cards, and/or visiting a shut-in(s) on a regular basis.**
- * reaching out to church members who no longer attend for various reasons. Encouraging them as a brother or sister in Christ to return.**
- * serving on a church committee as an active member--sustaining on-going programs, meeting regularly, defining needs and accomplishing goals.**
- * working on a major project team for the church--gathering ideas, creating a shared vision, planning and identifying ways to see the component parts to completion.**
- * walking with the children and youth of the church, teaching them through your own life experiences what you have learned about God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.**
- * encouraging your church council members, committee chairs, church secretary/organist, church custodian, pastor, and others.**
- * participating in worship as a reader, soloist, communion server, greeter, etc.**
- * helping with Sunday school, Confirmation, Vacation Bible School, or other educational endeavors of the church.**
- * bringing others with you to church. Inviting friends, family members, colleagues, neighbors and acquaintances to join you at a worship service at St. Paul's.**
- * contributing to the ongoing ministry of the church by making regular offerings and additional gifts to support the work of the church, the heating of the church buildings, the purchasing of supplies, the maintenance of the buildings and grounds, salaries, and more.**
- * supporting the ministries of the church through school kit collections, quilting, personal care kit collections, special offerings, Samaritan Purse shoe boxes, ELCA good gift purchases, and more.**

While there are many other ways of "accompanying" one another, let us remember Bishop Felix Malpica's words. Let us "walk together" as we look for ways that we can promote "mutuality, inclusivity, vulnerability, empowerment and sustainability" for the church, for one another, and for all persons in God's world.

Peace,

Pastor Cathy



From the Council President



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We discussed some options for a program at our last council meeting. After discussion amongst the members of the education committee, **it is with sadness that we have decided that there will not be a Christmas program this year.** Discussion of Covid, masking, crowds and safety measures led us to feel that this is the best option this year.

Justin

There will be two worship services on Christmas Eve

24th Worship 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM Fri

25th Christmas

26th Worship 10:15 AM Sun

Year-To Date Financial Report Nalani

I am truly sick to my stomach as I prepare this report. With any luck, after you read the numbers, you are too.

January – October, 2021	
Income:	\$61,072
Expense:	(\$72,064)
Deficit	(\$10,992)
Chicken Dinners	\$ 7,601
Net DEFICIT	(\$ 3,391)

We have November and December left. Even with the fundraisers is the congregation of St. Paul's able to generate enough revenue to support a church? We only have a half-time Pastor now.
Larry B

WORSHIP NOTES – November & December, 2021

The following are the Scripture readings we will be sharing in worship during the months of November and December, 2021.

Nov. 7th – All Saints Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalms 24

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

Nov. 14th – 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalms 16

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

Nov. 21st – 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalms 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

Nov. 28th – First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 25:1-10

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

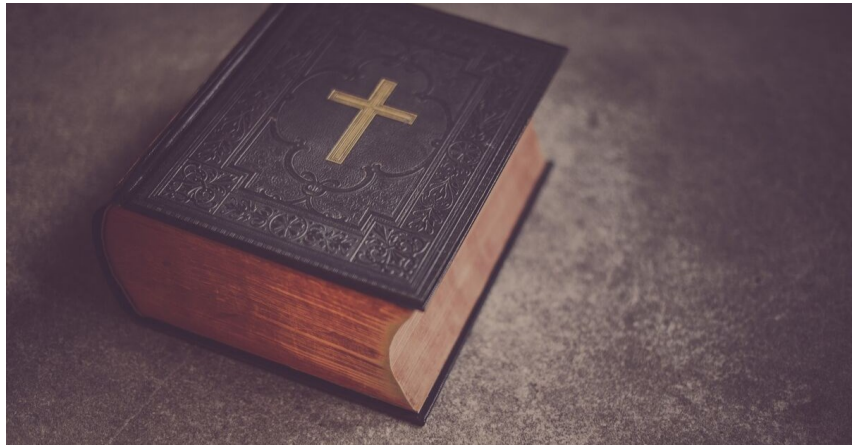
Dec. 5th – Second Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6



Dec. 12th – Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

Dec. 19th – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:46b-55

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

Dec. 26th – First Sunday of Christmas

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Psalms 148

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:41-52

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NOVEMBER CALANDAR

READERS

7th Miranda Arndt
14th Barb Bever
21st Arlis Ballwahn
28th Thadyn Conner

COMMUNION

Karen Arzt and Barb
Bever

Sun.	7 th	Sunday School	9:00 AM
		Worship	10:15 AM
Sun.	14 th	Sunday School	9:00 AM
		Worship	10:15 AM
Sun.	21 st	Sunday School	9:00 AM
		Worship	10:15 AM
		Church Council	11:30 AM
Wed.	24 th	Thanksgiving Eve	TBD
Sun.	28 th	Sunday School	9:00 AM
		Worship	10:15 AM

DECEMBER CALANDAR

READERS

5th Bria Gruen
12th Lori Arndt
19th Larry Ballwahn
24th Justin Arndt 4:30 PM
Joel Arndt 6:30 PM
26th Karen Arzt

COMMUNION

Justin and Kirstin
Arndt

Sat.	4 th	Blood Drive	7:00 AM
Sun.	5 th	Sunday School	9:00 AM
		Worship	10:15 AM
Sun.	12 th	Sunday School	9:00 AM
		Worship	10:15 AM



BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER

1st Florence Dougherty
3rd Carlee Niedfeldt
4th Gail Riedesel
5th Diane Gloede
8th Lori and Rick Brueggen
11th Camden Niedfeldt
Julie and John Acker

15th Pam and Steve Brandau, Sr.
18th Justin Arndt
20th Gideon Young
26th Jacob Picha
27th Lori and Joel Arndt
28th Karen and John Arzt
29th Gannon Tormoen

DECEMBER

2nd Tammy Roscovious
4th Dixie Arndt

5th Tanya Niedfeldt
7th Branden Fleming
9th Jenna Picha
11th Angel Brueggen
12th Emily Bever, Steve Brandau, Sr.
13th Dan Buchholz
17th Julitta Arndt
20th John Ornes
21st Richard Krause
22nd Kari Lydon
Rob Ross
27th Makayla Zimmerman

29th Renee Mayne
30th Seth Tormoen
31st Cooper Powell

DECEMBER CALANDAR CON'T

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Afghanistan Refugee Assistance

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse are the lead agency in providing information with regard to the needs of the refugees at Ft. McCoy. We will collect items each Sunday and deliver them to Ft. McCoy during the following week.

"From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked" (Luke 12:48)

- Underwear (women & children)
- Socks (women & children)
- Sweatpants (men, women, & children)
- Prayer mats (can be yoga mats)
- Ponchos
- Clothespins
- Diapers
- Backpacks for Children
- Flashlights
- Baby onesies and sleepers

THERE IS AN AREA OF EMPHASIS IN EACH SUNDAY BULLETIN.

THEY ARE DELIVERED TO THE SPARTA ARMORY WEEKLY.

MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ALSO WELCOME Larry B



American Red Cross

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – BLOOD DRIVE COORDINATOR

St. Paul's began hosting Red Cross blood drives some twenty years ago, in the church basement. We have been fortunate to have had the support of the community, outgrew the church basement, and have hosted drives the past five years at the Community Center.

As the drive coordinator you will open and close the Community Center on the Saturday drive days. We currently partner with the Brookwood High School FFA and the students have been great in volunteering their time to assist at the drives. Perhaps one other volunteer to handle the reception desk. Our donors have been accustomed to making appointments, with the Red Cross also contacting eligible donors. The Red Cross provides snacks and water for the donors.

Interested? Please contact April Arndt, Social Ministry Council Chair.

The first drive in 2022 will be held on February 5



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Norwalk Friends of the Community will be hosting the 24th annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 14. The dinner of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, rolls and cranberries will be served from 4:00 PM—6:00 PM at the Norwalk Fire Station, 113 W. South Street. There is no charge.

W-ELCA - Church Information



The W-ELCA ladies' activities have been greatly curtailed due to the Covid pandemic. The approximately 25 quilts assembled were donated to help the Afghan refugees housed temporarily at Fort McCoy.

The next General Meeting will be Thursday, November 18 at 10 am in the Church Basement. Meeting times are adjusted according to member participation. Active members of W-ELCA are Carolyn Dougherty, Bev Graunke, Louise Buchholz, Arlis Ballwahn, Lois O'Rourke, Nalani Bever and Anita Steinke.

If the organization is to continue, more participation is needed. All women of St. Paul's are members of W-ELCA, whether or not you are active

Arlis Ballwahn, Secretary



ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS

Have you considered electronic offerings? St. Paul's vendor for this service is VANCO Payment Solutions (endorsed by ELCA). We currently have a small number of members using this service. The expression "out of sight, out of mind" can apply to church offerings. Attend the service; the offering is usually dropped in the plate. Unable to attend the service; the offering is often not made or made-up.

For most members, electronic payments to public utilities or other businesses are common. With electronic offerings, you may choose the amount as well as the timing, i.e. weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly, etc. You may also determine your funding source, checking, savings, credit card. You may establish electronic offerings either directly with VANCO or through the church office. Nalani will provide you with additional information, if you so desire.

ADAGIO CARILLON

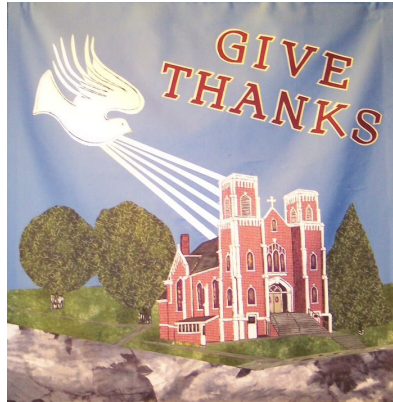
Lyle and Betsy Schindler have graciously donated a new Adagio Carillon to St. Paul's and we anticipate the installation will take place by the end of October. Just as our outdated and beyond repair carillon provided in years past, this new carillon will be provide members of St. Paul's, as well as the Wilton community, the opportunity to enjoy the music of church bells for many years to come.

NEWSLETTER IN COLOR

The newsletter is always on the church website in color for reading, printing (just a page if you want) or reference.

Inviting people to journey with Christ's family in spreading God's love and mercy.

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