

Christ's Calling Card



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

May - June 2022
Bi-Monthly Newsletter



Church Council President, Justin Arndt

Happy Spring! The warm temperatures of this past weekend give us a glimpse of the coming weeks ahead. Spring is not just warmer weather and longer days, it is also a time of renewal and growth. At St. Paul's, we will be looking to do the same. With the departure of Pastor Morris, we will be taking the next few months to do a self-evaluation as we plan how to move forward.

On Palm Sunday, the church council had the opportunity to meet with Reverend Dione Stepanek, the Assistant to the Bishop and the Director of Evangelical Mission for the La Crosse Area Synod. It was a very informative conversation, including these highlights:

There is a shortage of pastors. There are more than 10 open positions in the La Crosse Area Synod. Similar shortages are seen throughout the ELCA.

Pastors willing to serve in a part-time capacity are not readily available.

If we want to look at partnering with another congregation, the Synod will help facilitate that.

Many smaller congregations are using a transition team to self-evaluate prior to entering the call process.



Rev. Dione Stepanek

See: <https://lacrosseareasynd.org/synod-staff>

Our congregation's location, size and financial position offer St. Paul's some unique challenges and opportunities. After our conversation with Rev Stepanek, the council decided to move forward with a transition team – a committee of five or six individuals – to engage congregation members, the Synod, and outside entities to explore the future direction of the congregation. The committee will explore a wide range of options, which may include but not limited to: maintain the status quo, returning to a full-time pastor, partnering with another congregation (ELCA or a denomination in full communion with the ELCA), merging with another congregation and even preparing to close our doors. Findings will be brought to the council and congregation to help determine our next steps.

During this process, we would greatly appreciate your help. Some of you will be asked to serve on the transition committee and I hope that you prayerfully consider and accept the call. Everyone will be asked to provide input through surveys/questionnaires.

As we move forward together, thank you for your continued support of St. Paul's. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Look what the Organ Pipes Covered

What Bible story is being represented here?



A view from the front of the St. Paul's that most of us have never seen.

Just one of the jobs that Steve has done to maintain the character of the Church.



WORSHIP NOTES FOR MAY & JUNE, 2022

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

May 1 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6; Psalm 30;

Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

May 8 – 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23;

Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

May 15 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148;

Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

May 22 – 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67;

Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

John 14:23-29

May 29 – 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97;

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21;

John 17:20-26

June 5 – Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34,35b;

Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17

June 12 – The Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8;

Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

June 19 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28;

Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

June 26 -3rd Sunday after Pentecost

1 KINGS 19:15-16, 19-21; PSALM 16;

GALATIANS 5:1,13-25; LUKE 9:51-62

THOSE SERVING IN MAY

Readers:

May 1st Greg Bever

May 8th Leonard Arndt

May 15th Justin Arndt

May 22nd Bud Osteboe

May 29th Ava Gruen

Altar: Larry & Arlis Ballwahn



THOSE SERVING IN JUNE

Readers:

June 5th Arlis Ballwahn

June 12th Lori Arndt

June 19th Barb Ornes

June 26th Kirstin Arndt

Altar: Janelle Buchholz & Joann Schachtely

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****The Website & Facebook**

pages were developed & are

administered by April Arndt

Graduation Recognition Service

The graduating high school seniors have been invited to St. Paul's May 15 worship service. The honored graduates are

Gracie Brandau, daughter of Daniel Brandau and Becky Hahn
Thadyn Conner, son of Ryan and Rachel Conner
Deacon Erdman, son of Hank Erdman and Sarah Culpitt
Bryce Gruen, son of Mark and Sarah Gruen
Madelyn Gruen, daughter of David and Jennifer Gruen
Franklin Wildes, son of Tina Wildes and Sam Wildes
Brady Zimmerman, son of Jamie Zimmerman and the late Brad Zimmerman

Graduation is a truly exciting and important event in their lives. An event, as their church family, we want to celebrate with them. We want to give thanks for their accomplishments and send them forth with our prayers and God's blessings. Please plan to attend this service.

NEWSLETTER IN COLOR

The newsletter is always on the church website in color for reading, printing (just a page if you want) or reference. The church Website: <https://www.stpaulswilton.com/>

Have you ever really explored the Church Website? The "links" listed in About Us for example or the newsletters, bulletins and council minutes at the bottom of the home page?

Pastor Cathy Morris, after serving as half-time Pastor at St. Paul's for three years, accepted a call to serve Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Florence, and First Presbyterian Church in Florence, WI. Office Manager Nalani Bever is now arranging for Worship Leaders while St. Paul's future course is being determined



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May

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| Sun., 1 st | Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:15 am |
| Sun., 8 th | Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:15 am Mother's Day |
| Sun., 15 th | Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:15 am Graduate Recognition |
| Sun., 22 nd | Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:15 am |
| Sun., 29 th | Worship Service 9:00 am |
| Mon., 30 th | Memorial Day |

MEMORIAL DAY

Wilton American Legion Post #508 Schedule

9:30 AM ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CEMETERY

(Following times are approximate)

9:45 AM HILLSIDE CEMETERY

10:00 AM HIGHWAY 131 BRIDGE

10:15 AM ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CEMETERY

10:30 AM SOUTH RIDGE LUTHERAN CEMETERY

10:45 AM CAL DAY CEMETERY

11:00 AM DORSET RIDGE CEMETERY



June

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| Sat., 4 th | Blood Drive, 7:00 – 11:30 am |
| Sun., 5 th | Worship Service 9:00 am |
| Sun., 12 th | Worship Service 9:00 am |
| Sun., 19 th | Worship Service 9:00 am Father's Day |
| Sun., 26 th | Worship Service 9:00 am |

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May

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

June

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| 1 st | Jada Garske |
| 2 nd | Brent Garske |
| 3 rd | Bob Buchholz |
| 4 th | Myles Garske |
| 5 th | Eric Steinke |
| 6 th | Dan Brandau |
| 8 th | Leonard Arndt |
| 10 th | Dan and Janelle Buchholz, Ryan and Rachel Conner |
| 11 th | Emma Gruen |
| 12 th | Larry Bever |
| 13 th | Katie and Brent Garske, Rob and Lana Ross |
| 15 th | Allen Roscovius |
| 16 th | Larry Ballwahn |
| 19 th | Alaina Holthaus |
| 21 st | Jack Arndt |
| 23 rd | Jim and Carol Brandau |
| 27 th | Lori Brueggen |
| 28 th | Collin Niedfeldt |
| 30 th | Miranda Arndt, David Gruen |

Easter 2022



**Resurrection of
Our Lord**

April 17, 2022

Pastor: Chris
Fahey

Thanks to a loan
by Peace Lutheran
and some willing
musicians, there
was special music!



W-ELCA/ Cemetery Committee Thanks



W-ELCA NEWSLETTER MAY/JUNE 2022

We have continued quilting during the winter months. Quilts have been completed for our High School seniors who will be graduating this year.

W-ELCA will not participate in the Village Wide Rummage Sales in May, since the basement is not available.

A General Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19 at 10 am in the Church Basement. This will be our last meeting until September. All women of the church are invited to participate.

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

THANK YOU

The St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery Committee would like to extend our heartfelt thank you to the following merchants who donated supplies for our recent chicken dinner:

Walmart – Tomah
Walmart – Sparta
Hansen's Grocery – Elroy
Terina Laufenberg – Ontario

Thank you to the folks who bought tickets and helped to make the fundraiser a success. Of course, we also want to thank those who sold tickets on our behalf.

Next, thank you to the St. Paul's potato peeling ladies: Arlis Ballwahn, Lois O'Rourke, Karen Arzt, Dixie Arndt, Carolyn Dougherty, Lila Speicher, Barb Bever, Pat Von Haden, and Louise Buchholz.

The next groups to thank are the workers who helped to prepare the potato salad, fill the cranberry and bean containers, bag the rolls & butter, transport the grilled chicken from Norwalk to Wilton (the Wilton Legion for the transport containers) and those preparing the orders as folks arrived for their meals: Lana Ross, Ann McKelvey, Sayde Barth, Pat & Jerry Von Haden, Joel & Lori Arndt, John & Barb Ornes, Rick Brueggen, Angie Gruen, Karla Richie, Dawn Murphy, and Amber Brueggen.

Last, but not the least, thanks to Lori Brueggen and Nalani Bever, co-chairs who coordinated the event.

St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery Committee
Leonard Arndt, Greg Bever, Steve Brandau, Sr.



Gift

While many of you may not know Wynn Liersch Capps, he graduated from Wilton High School in 1961. He was confirmed at St. Paul's by Pastor Eisner in 1957, as was Arlis Arndt Ballwahn, Pam Liefke Eaton, Paul Heinz, Connie Loff, and Wynn. You may recall that Pam Liefke Eaton, who died recently, has also been a generous supporter of St Paul's.

Wynn recently began chemo treatments at Gundersen in La Crosse. I (Nalani) shot a text his way and asked if he minded if

we placed him on our prayer chain, as well as in our weekly bulletin. Wynn replied, "That would be wonderful, Thank you very much". He continued, "I would like to make a small donation to St Paul's for all of the wonderful memories I have of growing up in the church and hopefully help with its preservation. Who do I make the check out to and who do I send it to? One more request; any reference to the donors must be Wynn Liersch Capps and Joyce E. Capps. Liersch is who everyone knows me by".

On Saturday, April 16, we received a gift of \$25,000.00. The council will surely send a thank you, but perhaps it would be nice for Wynn and Joyce to receive a note from others thanking them for their gift, as well as letting them know they are in our prayers during this stressful time.

Their address is: 1271 Bentgrass Court, Onalaska, WI 54650



Church Information

Chicken Dinner Fundraiser for the Cemetery

We have one bill remaining but it looks like we will have a profit of \$4,600.00 on the recent chicken dinner fundraiser to help with the yearly maintenance, as well as continue stone repair at the cemetery.



We served a record 608 chicken dinners. Jamie Thomas does such a great job grilling the chicken; folks buy tickets when they hear he is our “grillmaster”. Please be sure to read the thank you located in the newsletter.

We also want to acknowledge donations made directly to the cemetery in 2022:

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| Arlis & Larry Ballwahn | \$2,000.00 |
| Albert Arndt | 250.00 |
| Tom & Jane Hericks | 100.00 |
| Jill Shaffer | 50.00 |
| Gregory Kruse` | 50.00 |
| Stu & Toni Landis | 500.00 |
| Vicky Pasch | 200.00 |
| Deb Wendt | 500.00 |

We are paving the “front” road this summer and recently had several trees removed from the north driveway.

We have hired The Lawn Guy (Mark Pitel) to provide maintenance for the 2022 season. Mark mows several township cemeteries in our area, and comes to us with impeccable references. Contributed by Nalani Bever

In case of emergency, you may contact:

Justin Arndt (608-435-6336, 414-587-6642 (cell), or Nalani at 608-387-2311. Justin and Nalani also text.

To activate the prayer chain, please contact Nalani (608-387-2311)

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