



September-October, 2024

CHRIST'S CALLING CARD

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Karen Sparling, Synod Authorized Minister

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In Genesis 8:22 it reads, "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." We see summer quickly fading away and we are starting to see signs of fall. I noticed this morning the birds starting to flock on the wires and my neighbor's maple tree starting to change colors. Fall is many people's favorite time of year and with fall; so many changes come our way. It's not just the weather but also school starts and our kids (or grandkids) will again be busy with school activities.

They now step up one grade level and you are keenly aware of how rapidly they grow up. When my son was younger, people would tell me to cherish every moment with him while he was growing up. Of course, I didn't listen. Now I get it I would give every dime I have to reverse the clock back to those years.

The schools that our children attend are precious resources and deserve our partnership in every way we can. Our goal is not to keep our kids young and dependent forever, but to help them become mature, responsible adult Christians. Mary and Joseph must have been so proud of their oldest son as they watched him grow: Luke 2:52 says. "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men". It's so important to bring your children to Sunday school and church so we as families can all grow in wisdom and stature together.

May the harvest we see from the gardens and field around us remind us of the abundance we have been given from Your hand.

In His service,

Karen

WORSHIP NOTES

September & October 2024

The following are the Scripture readings being shared in worship during the months of September and October 2024.

Sept. 1st - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15;
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sept. 8th - 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146;
James 2:1-10, 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

Sept. 15th - 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9;
James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

Sept. 22nd - 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54;
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

September 29th - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29;
Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20;
Mark 9:38-50

October 6th - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8;
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

October 13th - 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17;
Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

October 20th - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16;
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

October 27th - Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126;
Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52



SEPTEMBER

Readers:

1st Arlis Ballwahn
8th Barb Bever
15th Ava Gruen
22nd Leonard Arndt
29th Greg Bever

Altar: Nalani & Greg Bever

Communion Server: Barb Bever

1 st	Worship	9:00 AM
8 th	Sunday School	10:15 AM
	Worship	9:00 AM
15 th	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Noisy Offering	
	Birthday & Anniversary Fellowship	
22 nd	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
29 th	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM

**Confirmation will be held on the 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th. The time has yet to be determined.

OCTOBER

Readers:

6th Carolyn Dougherty
13th Joel Arndt
20th Linus Arndt
27th Bud Osteboe

Altar: Bob & Louise Buchholz

Communion Server: Justin Arndt

5 th	Blood Drive	7:00 AM
6 th	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	MEATBALL DRIVE-UP DINNER	
13 th	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
20 th	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Children Sing/Noisy Offering	
	Birthday & Anniversary Fellowship	
26 th	Christmas Sale	8:00 AM
27 th	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM

**Confirmation will be held on the 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th. The time has yet to be determined.

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd Bart Arndt
3rd Janelle Buchholz
4th Kay and Gene Dougherty
7th Rhonda Cook
13th Bryce Gruen
15th Lois and Gordie O'Rourke
16th Darcy Buchholz, Gloria Meltesen
Nolan Buchholz, Amber & Ethan Sebranek
20th Julitta and Marty Arndt
24th Barb Bever
28th Joanne Schachtely, Kari and Kurt Radke
29th Ava Gruen
30th Kathy Cale

OCTOBER

- 1st Judi 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, Brek Anderson,
Joanne and Jim Schachtely
15th Kristy and Scott Tormoen, Aria Brueggen
16th Tim Deichler
17th Ann Anderson
19th Barb and Ron Savall
20th Deb and Morry Paeth,
Wanda and Ken Thorsen
22nd Randy Schwerin, Nalani and Greg Bever
24th Richard Cale, Rhonda and Todd Cook
25th Linus Arndt
27th Sarah Gruen
28th Madelyn Gruen

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are excited to be greeting our children back to Sunday School on September 8th.

Our teachers this year will be:

Pre-K & Kindergarten:

Miranda Arndt & Ava Gruen

Elementary Age Children:

Justin Arndt

Grades Six through Eight:

Greg Bever

The children will continue to sing on the 3rd Sunday of each month, and collect the noisy offering in church on that day as well.

Having our children learn about God is as important as learning the abc's or 1-2-3's. It is no less important for a young person to wear God's armor, than an adult. The internet, social media, etc., target young people with many inappropriate messages. The devil is at work and never rests.

God's Word is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Learning God's Word, learning about his love and the sacrifice he made for them, will strengthen them in their ability to turn away from the temptations provided by those who would harm them, and walk in his way. Bring your child to Sunday School, sit with them in church, and join the battle against the devil.



Sunday School
MAKES A DIFFERENCE

OCTOBER FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

We continue to raise funds in an effort to offset the amount of borrowing, that may become necessary, with regard to the church renovations. We are hopeful the renovations will include a lift, that will operate between the basement and sanctuary level, ADA bathroom, new indoor stairway to the sanctuary, direct access to the basement, as well as the possibility of continuing to house the organ motor at the basement level. A tall order, no doubt. With that in mind, we are embarking on two fundraising opportunities during October.

DRIVE-UP MEAL



We will hold a drive-up dinner consisting of meatballs, mashed potatoes & gravy, cranberry salad, vegetable, and dinner roll on Sunday, October 6. The ticket price will be \$15.00 per plate. We promise we will not use separate containers for the food items.

Tickets will be available on September 1st. Sales for this meal last year were 600. If everyone pitches in and sells to family, friends, and neighbors, we should be able to meet that number again. BUT, we will only do so with YOUR help.

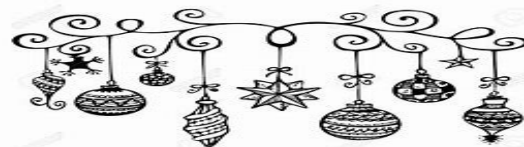
Sign-up sheets for food preparation (October 4th & 5th) and meal assembling, distribution, and clean-up (Oct. 6th) will be coming out shortly.

GENTLY USED, OR MAYBE NEVER USED, CHRISTMAS DECORATION SALE

We have been gathering items for this sale, which is being held on Saturday, October 26, beginning at 8:00 AM, for the past several weeks. In view of the limited space in the church basement, we are holding this event at the Wilton Community Center.

We are looking for more Christmas decoration donations. Do you have any gently used decorations that you just haven't been using? Anything that might have been on a tree, wall, end table, wherever, you can donate them to the cause!! If you're like me (Nalani), you've been adding decorations along the way (40+ years) and keeping the others, even though they haven't been out on display for years!! We enjoyed them, time to give others that opportunity.

Of course, we not only want you to recycle your Christmas decorations, but come to the sale and buy "new to you" decorations! Be on the lookout for more information as we get closer to October.



thank you

Larry and Arlis Ballwahn have been putting together the St. Paul's newsletter for years. They have earned a retirement and we cannot begin to adequately thank them for their dedication to this ministry. As they unpack in a few weeks at their new home, just down the road from their current home, they are free of worrying about any more deadlines, etc. We hope they will put their rocking chairs on the back porch, and rock the days away.

Lutheran World Relief Quilts & Personal Care Kits

In the next few weeks, we will be delivering 52 personal care kits and 29 quilts to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in St. Paul. These items will be distributed in our country as well as to those with need in countries being ravaged by war, famine, drought, and other disasters occurring in our world.

Vacation Bible School Camp Firelight

Children from St. Paul's Lutheran, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, as well as their guests attended Vacation Bible School here, at St. Paul's, on July 28-31.

Thank you to our teachers: Karen Sparling, Greg Bever, Justin Arndt, Marissa Buchholz, Carley Niedfeldt, Ayawyn Conner and to the folks from St. Paul's and St. John's for providing the meals.

The children learned to Trust God to;

- Go with Us!
- Lead the Way!
- Share Wisdom!
- Give Us Peace!
- Spark Joy!

The kids are gathering on the church steps to visit and enjoy their supper.



Songs are always a great part of VBS. The DVD usually have motions as well.



Counselor Greg meeting with a group of the children.



Joint Picnic with Grace Lutheran

Generally a picnic is held outdoors, most often in a park. That is what we intended to do until the Kendall Park shelter was flooded a few days prior to our picnic. So the good folks of Kendall offered their Community Hall at no extra charge.

The suggestion to have a time of fellowship with the folks of Grace came from Karen and the Grace SAM, Kris. There was a time when church picnics were part of everyday life, but not so much anymore. Both councils were receptive and we gathered on Sunday, July 21. Around 40 folks attended and both churches were well represented.

There is always something nice about a church picnic....never a lack of food! No one went away hungry and there was indeed a great time of fellowship. Perhaps an annual event? Let's hope so.



JOB POSITION AVAILABLE CHURCH JANITOR

Please contact Nalani if you are interested in the position.

Update on Renovation Project:

As you will recall, the results of the survey taken earlier this year indicated members would support a project up to 650K. With that number in mind, the council directed HSR to seek tighter numbers with regard to the scope of our project.

We will be meeting with HRS on Friday, August 30, and are hopeful we will be in a position to move the project along to the next step.

Fleece Blanket Donations

Our Savior's Lutheran Church in La Crosse is asking for donations of fleece blankets for the homeless. Exclude prints, just single color blankets work the best. Bring your donated blankets and we'll get them to La Crosse. Thank you.

Please Lift Our Children in Prayer

Lord, Jesus Christ, I bring to you:

Jada, Myles, & Conner Garske; Britain Hahn; Amara Brandau; Chase Brandau; Avery Brueggen; Riley, Aria & Hudson Brueggen; Nolan & Logan Buchholz; Thadyn & Ayawyn Conner; Vanessa & Elliott Ornes; Lailah Eckes, Maevis Shock; Lena Ornes; Porter Sorenson; Josie Ornes; Brooklyn, Madelyn, Kaylin, Emma, Bryce, Marah, Bria, Ava, Katie, & Benjamin Gruen; Braylee Zimmerman; MaKenzie & Cooper Powell; Wesson & Arden Mayne; Vanessa, Mia, & Brek Anderson; Tyler & Jaden Bever; Carlee, Collin, & Camden Neidfeldt; Morgan Speicher; Krista & Sierra Cook; Franklin & Douglas Wildes; Sophia, Derek & Deacon Erdman; Kody Tormoen; Callie Fleming; Miranda, Daphne & Linus Arndt; Emma Elder; Bryson Lamb, Elizabeth Wildes; Alaina & Braxton Holthaus; Jayda Leis; David, Sam & Zachary Ross; Gannon & Ellory Tormoen; Jase & Margo Picha; Watson Sebranek, Violet Ford, Hunter Puhl, Eason Kelbel, Cole, Caleb & Connor Redding; Brooke,

Claire, Grace & Bree Olson; Alayna, Alivia & Levi
Wyttenbach; Luke Kroeger; Peyton Oelson, Greyson
Resop; children throughout the world.

Church Council Minutes
July 10, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President-Elect Joel Arndt.

Those in attendance: Joel Arndt, Barb Bever, Steve Brandau, Jerry Von Haden, Kirstin Arndt, Rachel Conner .

Absent council members: Emily Bever, Ayawyn Conner, John Ornes

Also in attendance: Karen Sparling and Nalani Bever

Financial

- June Financial Report – Motion by Steve Brandau, second by Barb Bever to accept the report. MC
- Bills for August 2024 – Motion by Steve Brandau, second by Barb Bever to pay the August bills. MC
- Edward Jones Accounts –
Motion by Kirstin Arndt, second by Jerry Von Haden to;:
- change the market account (137-21315-4) from 75/25 to 60/40.
- split the building fund monies which are currently in the “various” account to an individual account and add the monies (\$28,000.00) currently at ERGO Bank to that account. Invest in a one year CD.
- establish an “organ fund” account (\$15,000.00) at Edward Jones from the funds currently at ERGO Bank. Invest in a one year CD.
- transfer monies currently in the Youth and and Continuing Education account at
- transfer \$10,000.00 from the ERGO Bank general fund checking account to the ERGO general fund account.

MOTION CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Education Committee (Rachel)

VBS will be July 28-31 from 5:30 – 8:00 PM.

Financial Committee (Jerry) See above

Property Committee (Steve)

- Motion by Barb Bever, second by Steve Brandau to approve the purchase of a sump pump pit. MC

Social Ministry Committee (Kirstin)

The committee continues with the birthday and anniversary cards. In view of the joint picnic with Grace Lutheran on July 21, we will not have cake and ice cream after church that day.

Worship Committee (Ayawyn)

Nalani reported Ayawyn has the liturgy tapes and they will be discussing the possibility of recommending a change after the summer months.

Old Business

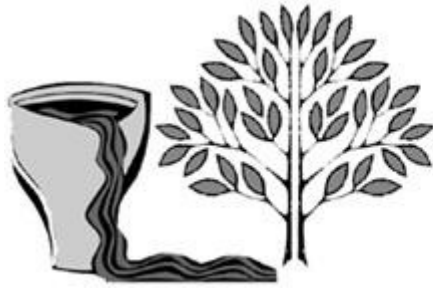
- Building Project - Nothing to report at this time.

New Business

- Motion by Kirstin Arndt, second by Rachel Conner to donate \$500.00 to Sugar Creek for their fundraising with regard to their horses. MC

The next meeting will be held on August 14, 2024, 6:00 PM.

Adjournment following the Lord's Prayer. Motion by Kirstin Arndt, second by Rachel Conner to adjourn. MC



ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
WILTON, WISCONSIN

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

August 14, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Council President John Ornes:

Roll Call: Present: John Ornes, Joel Arndt, Barb Bever, Steve Brandau, Sr., Kirstin Arndt
Absent: Emily Bever, Rachel Conner, Jerry Von Haden, Ayawyn Conner

Also present were Karen Sparling and Nalani Bever

Karen led us in an opening prayer.

Pastor's Report

Karen advised;

- Classes will begin in September and monthly thereafter. This is requirement of all Synod Authorized Ministers. Karen and the SAM from Grace will be riding together and sharing other expenses.
- VBS went well with children from St. Paul's, St. John the Baptist and other youth, some visiting their grandparents during the time of VBS.
- Linus Arndt will serve as an acolyte and communion server when we return to our fall schedule.

There were no committee reports.

Motion by Steve Brandau, Sr., second by Kirstin Arndt to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2024, council meeting. MC

Motion by Joel Arndt, second by Steve Brandau, Sr., to approve the July financial report and pay the August bills. MC

Old Business

- Building Project – Still waiting to hear from HSR>

New Business

- Janitor Position – The position will be advertised internally.

The September meeting will be held on September 22, 2024, immediately following worship.

Motion by Steve Brandau, Sr., second by Barb Bever to adjourn the meeting following the Lord's Prayer. MC

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