

CHRIST'S CALLING CARD
ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
WILTON, WI

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

In 1 Thessalonian 5:16 we are told... in all things give thanks. We have just witnessed many turbulent and devastating things that happened in the southeastern part of our country. Many people are still missing their daily necessities: shelter, heat, food and water. Just think if we were in their shoes what could we look to, to be thankful? If we were in their situation it would shine a new light on giving thanks in all circumstances. How would we move forward from this devastation and look deep inside us to find things to be truly thankful for? We look to Jesus and the Bible and its promises. Psalm 147:3 says "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear for I am with you..." In the Lord's Prayer we pray "give us this day our daily bread." Please continue to pray for those in need in the southeastern states and all over our country. Our Father hears and answers prayer.

We are coming swiftly upon the "Holiday" season. This time of year, has many fond memories and traditions that we love. As we get closer to Thanksgiving we may be thinking of things like hunting and family gatherings. Being with family and friends that we don't always get to see.

There are lots of traditions we look forward to at Christmas, one of the most common is Christmas carols. They are full of the many things we love about Christmas. Soon many of the places we go will be playing Christmas carols in the background, we may play them at home, and we will sing them in our Services. Martin Luther wrote the famous carol "Away in the Manger". The last part of the first verse reads "The stars in the bright sky look-d down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay". The foundation of this wonderful holiday is summed up in: "For God so loved the world, that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life". John 3:16

My encouragement to all of you is to allow yourself to enlarge your perspective on what is important, to truly count your many blessings, to not just be thankful for the things we have here, but also what we have in God, knowing that He loves us and is here for us. May your Thanksgiving and Christmas be truly blessed by the one who gave it all for us. In His Service,

Karen

Women of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

The La Crosse Area Synod W-ELCA recently held a Fall Renewal at St. Peter's Church in Prairie du Chien. I attended as the East Conference Representative.

Our theme was based on Micah 6:8 "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" The speakers spoke to parts of this verse. Ann Wales, La Crosse County Jail Minister, spoke on the surprises of Jail Ministry. Melissa Erickson spoke on her trip to Peru as a Synod delegate. She shared about the lives, culture, and physical surroundings. Pastor Libby Howe shared more information on the LGBTQIA+ community.

The afternoon program was "Mission Moments" from Sugar Creek, thanking the women for their continued support. Information from Lutheran World Relief; in the last 25 years over 9.1 million quilts and 9.5 million other kits (school, personal care, baby care, fabric) have gone to 95 countries.

ALL women church members are part of W-ELCA. Your involvement keeps this organization up and running. You may contact Arlis or myself to find out more/or to get involved.

Louise Buchholz

AGES SIXTY-FIVE AND ABOVE TO GATHER IN DECEMBER

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the gathering on Friday, December 4 from at Noon until 4:00 PM or so. We'll have lunch and then spend the remainder of our time together visiting, playing cards, etc. We have a new game that comes highly recommended! Transportation will be provided, just call. We might even let you try out the stair chair for fun!

BOWLING WITH THE 7TH-12TH GRADERS

We are hoping to take the kids to the Hooter Bowl in Hustler, this Saturday, November 2nd. The kids are so very busy these days but perhaps an afternoon of bowling, along with pizza and refreshments will give them some "down" time and relaxation. For those who need rides, please give Nalani a call (608-387-2311). Please be at the church at 12:30 PM and we'll head on over to Hustler.

FINANCIAL RECAP

As we consider replacement of the front steps and installation of a chair lift from the basement level to the sanctuary, I'm sure many of you are wondering where the money will come from. We will have balances on all our accounts at the meeting on November 3.

◀ October

November 2024

December ▶

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>NOVEMBER READERS: 3rd: Miranda Arndt 10th: Barb Ornes 17th: Barb Bever 24th: Leonard Arndt</p> <p>Communion Assistant: Jerry Von Haden Altar: Karla Richie & Barb Bever</p> | | | | | <p>1 Florence Dougherty</p> | <p>2 7th-12th Grade Bowling Party at Hooter Bowl in Hustler 1:00 - 4:00 PM</p> |
| <p>3 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 11:30 Congregational Meeting Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24 Revelation 21:1-6a John 11:32-44</p> <p>Carlee Niedfeldt Brandon & Taylor Fleming</p> | <p>4 Gail Riedesel</p> | <p>5 9:00-10:00 East Conference Zoom</p> | <p>6 5:00-6:00PM Confirmation via Zoom</p> | <p>7 Karen at Synod office in La Crosse for Boundaries Training</p> | <p>8 EVERYTHING CHRISTMAS SALE 8:00AM - 4:00 PM Church Basement Karen@ Chippewa Falls for SAM Lay School 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM Rick & Lori Brueggen</p> | <p>9 EVERYTHING CHRISTMAS SALE 8:00AM - 2:00 PM Church Basement Lay School Continues 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM</p> |
| <p>10 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 1Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-88</p> | <p>11 Camden Niedfeldt</p> | <p>12 9:00-10:00 East Conference Zoom</p> | <p>13 5:00-6:00 PM Confirmation via Zoom</p> | <p>14 Karen: 12:30-2:30 PM Lay School Covenant Lesson ZOOM</p> | <p>15 Pam & Steve Brandau, Sr.</p> | <p>16</p> |
| <p>17 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Children Sing Noisy Offering Birthday & Anniversary Daniel 12:1-3 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 Mark 13:1-8</p> | <p>18 Justin Arndt</p> | <p>19 9:00-10:00 East Conference Pastors Meeting - location TBD</p> | <p>20 5:00-6:00 PM Confirmation via Zoom Gideon Young</p> | <p>21 9:45 AM - 10:45AM Worship Service at Fair View Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Mauston</p> | <p>22</p> | <p>23</p> |
| <p>24 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37</p> | <p>25 9:00 AM Quilting in church basement. <u>On the job training!</u> If you can hold a needle and tie a knot, we can use YOU!</p> | <p>26 9:00-10:00AM East Conference Pastors - Zoom Jacob Picha</p> | <p>27 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service at Norwalk United Methodist Lori & Joel Arndt</p> | <p>28 Thanksgiving Day GIVE THANKS Karen & John Arzt</p> | <p>29 Gannon Tormoen</p> | <p>30 9:00 AM Decorate Church & place Nativity scenes outside</p> |

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| 1 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 Program Practice 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36 | 2 Tammy Roscovious | 3 | 4 5:00-6:00 PM Confirmation via Zoom Dixie Arndt | 5 Tanya Niedfeldt | 6 Ages 65 and up Gathering at parsonage 12:00-4:30PM | 7 Blood Drive 7:00 - 11:30 AM Community Center Branden Fleming |
| 8 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 Program Practice 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 1:68-79 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6 | 9 Jenna Picha | 10 | 11 5:00-6:00 PM Confirmation via Zoom Angel Christopherson Devon Christopherson | 12 Karen: 12:30-2:30 PM Lay School Covenant Lesson ZOOM Emily Bever Steve Brandau, Sr. | 13 Karen: SAM Lay School via Zoom 5:00PM-10:00 PM | 14 Karen: SAM Lay School continues via Zoom 8:00AM-1:00 PM |
| 15 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 Program Practice 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18 | 16 | 17 Julitta Arndt | 18 5:00-6:00 PM Confirmation via Zoom | 19 | 20 | 21 Richard Krause |
| 22 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 Program Practice 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:46b-55 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45 Kari Lydon | 23 5:00 PM Program Dress Rehearsal Rob Ross | 24 CHRISTMAS EVE 7:00 WORSHIP Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14 | 25 CHRISTMAS DAY Isaiah 62:6-12 Psalm 97 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2: 8-20 | 26 | 27 Makayla Zimmerman | 28 |
| 29 FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52 Renee Mayne | 30 SethTormoen | 31 Cooper Powell | DECEMBER READERS: 1st Kirstin Arndt 9th Ava Gruen 15th Barb Ornes 22nd Linus Arndt 29th Karla Richie Communion Server: John Ornes Altar: Nalani & Greg Bever | | | |

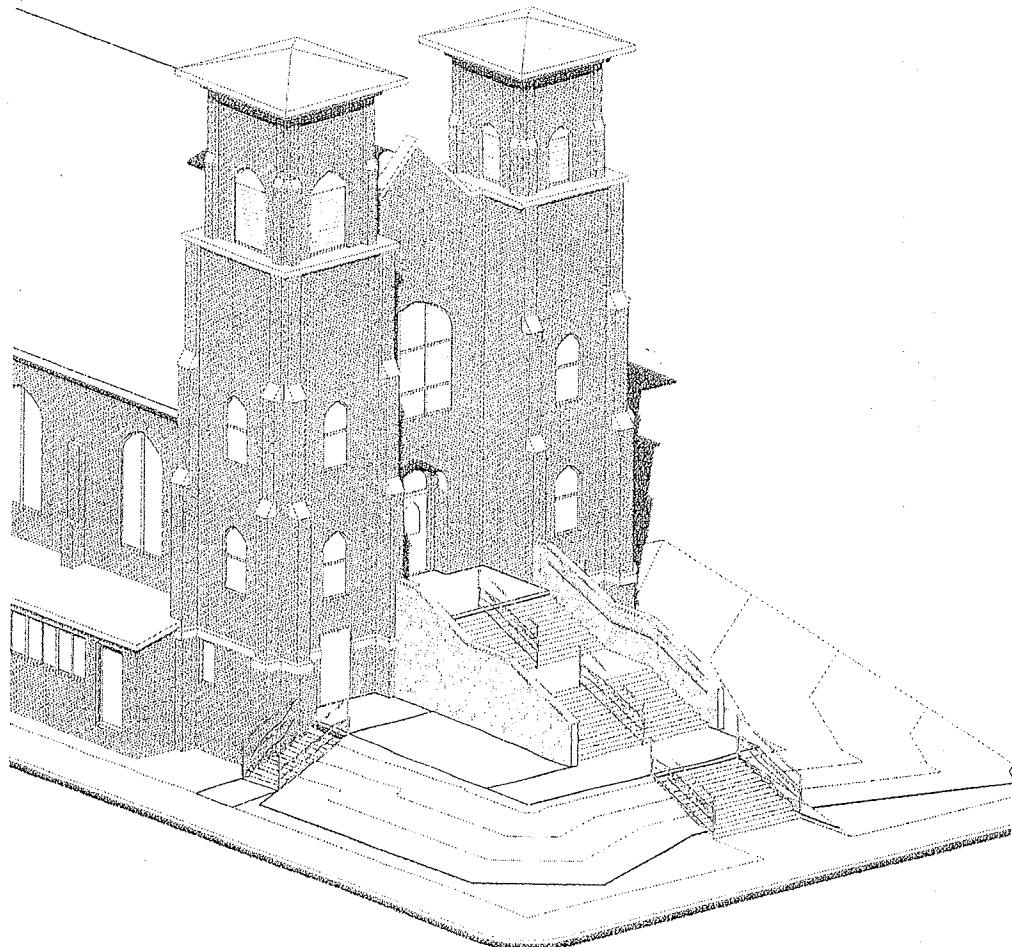
SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A special congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 3, 2024, immediately following the regular worship service. The agenda items are as follows:

1. Approval to enter into a contract with Access Elevator, Inc., La Crosse, WI for the installation of a Bruno Commercial Curve Stairlift at a cost of \$19,500.00.
2. Presentation of recommendation by Church Council for replacement of existing front steps.
3. Approval to enter into a contract with HSR Associates, La Crosse, WI, in the amount of \$40,750.00.

(Phase 1: Construction Documents: \$32,750 Lump Sum
Phase 2: Bidding and Construction Administration 8,000 Lump Sum
(Total \$40,750)

The project is estimated to cost \$350,000-\$450,000. We have asked to include storage under the steps. The architect feels this might drive the project toward the higher amount and might, in fact, be cost prohibitive. We won't know until we get bids.





EVERYTHING CHRISTMAS SALE

Fri., Nov. 8th - 8 am to 4 pm
Sat., Nov. 9th - 8 am to 2 pm

St. Paul's Church Basement
401 Mill St., Wilton, WI 54670

We'll have a variety of gently used
Christmas decorations available for
purchase. Proceeds from the sale benefit
St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

BAKE SALE

Proceeds benefit the
N-O-W School District Safety Patrol.

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

October 13, 2024

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

Roll Call: Present: John Ornes, Joel Arndt, Steve Brandau, Sr., Emily Bever, Jerry Von Haden

Absent: Rachel Conner, Ayawyn Conner, Kirstin Arndt, Barb Bever

Also present were Karen Sparling and Nalani Bever

Karen led us in opening prayer.

Pastor's Report

Karen Advised:

- Continued to attend class at Chippewa Falls. Reviewing the Old Testament, Martin Luther, music and covenants.
- Confirmation class is going well. They are going over the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Commandments.
- Karen is planning on having another youth gathering where they will go bowling. Eventually will have another gathering for the 65 and older congregation members.
- Hoping to find a Sunday for the choir to meet after church and pick songs. Wants to have the choir sing on the first Sunday of the every month.

Motion by Joel Arndt, second by Steve Brandau Sr. to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2024 meeting. MC

Motion by Jerry Von Haden, second by Emily Bever to approve the September financial report and pay the October bills. MC

There were no committee reports.

New Business

- Mission Dinner-The dinner was a success with many people complimenting how good the meal was. The dinner made \$3,495.
 - o Motion by Joel Arndt, second by Jerry Von Haden to donate \$3,000 to Lutheran Disaster Relief and \$495 plus the mission offerings to St Clare Mission in Sparta. MC

Old Business

- Building Project (Steps and stair lift)—Reviewed the plans from HSR. Nalani will contact and ask HSR for a cost estimate to present at the congregational special meeting.
- Organ-Tabled
- Janitor Position—Motion by Jerry Von Haden, second by Emily Bever to hire Adam and Allie Brueggen as the new church janitors. MC
- Special Congregational Meeting—Motion by Joel Arndt, second by Steve Brandau Sr. to hold congregational meeting on November 3rd to ask the congregation for \$50,000 for a construction bid packet for the church steps. MC

The November meeting will be on November 10, 2024 immediately following worship.

Motion by Steve Brandau Sr., second by Joel Arndt to adjourn the meeting following the Lord's Prayer.

NOTE: This is a draft. These minutes have not been approved by the Council.