

Wilson-Immanuel Lutheran Parish
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Mission Statement

Wilson - Immanuel Lutheran Parish serves to provide all people the opportunity to become disciples of Jesus Christ, encourage faith and obedience to Christ and, through diverse opportunities for evangelism, serve God's people in our communities, nation, and throughout the world.

*May 2019, Newsletter for
Wilson-Immanuel Lutheran Parish*



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An Easter message from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton



Getting a phone call in the middle of the night is never a good thing. I remember the second time my father had open-heart surgery. It was a long procedure and a difficult one, and after it was done the doctor called us to his office and said, “There’s been some bleeding. We’ll let you know, but you should go home now and rest.” And so going home that night, I listened for a phone call in the middle of the night and was awakened only to find out it was morning and it was birds singing, not the phone ringing. My father had made it through the night, and in fact he did recover from the surgery.

This is the joy we feel at Easter, but magnified. All of the hope that had been dashed on Good Friday, the terrible pressure of grief, the terrible pressure of knowing there was no future in the world, only on Sunday to be greeted not by the ringing of a telephone announcing death but the loud clear singing of alleluias. This is the joy we have, and it’s a promise so strong that even when we do die, even when we do confront death, we have the hope and the assurance of eternal life.

Easter makes it possible for us, even at the grave, to sing alleluia.
Christ is risen. Alleluia.
Happy Easter, dear church.

Elizabeth A. Eaton

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
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It's Not Over!

"You won't find Jesus in the land of the dead. He is still with us. The powers killed him – but they couldn't stop him. They crucified him and buried him in a rich man's tomb. But imperial execution and a tomb couldn't hold him. He's still loose in the world. He's still out there, still here, still recruiting people to share his passion for the Kingdom of God – a transformed world here and now. It's not over." (Source Unknown)

We tend to focus our Easter thoughts on the time beginning with Ash Wednesday, through the season of Lent and into the "Three Days" of Holy Week, culminating with the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday.

On that day Christians around the world celebrated Christ's resurrection, without doubt the single most important event in human history. The words spoken to Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James and the "other" women at the empty tomb on that first Easter, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen" (Luke 24:5c) ring in our ears, and the Alleluia's return to our worship. The Resurrection is real, and it was that reality that prompted St. Augustine to declare, "We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song." Truly, it is a wonderful day as we celebrate the fulfillment of God's promise made visible in Jesus Christ.

The resurrection of our Lord is fundamental to our life of faith. The beloved words from John's Gospel, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life", (John 3:16) give us hope, not only for eternal life (as if that were not enough in itself), but eternal hope throughout our lives; an Easter hope. Faced with the reality of death, and all the sorrows and tragedies of our lives, we remember Christ triumphed over the grave; that death does not have the last word; that Christ has promised to make all things new.

But remember, Easter is not over, or at least it shouldn't. We are "Easter People" every day, always walking in the light of Christ, a that the light doesn't go out with sundown on Easter Sunday. Rather, it's a light that shines for us, on us, in us, and through us every day of our lives.

If we need to be reminded it is a daily thing, we need only look to the new life around us, not just in Springtime, but always before our eyes. Yes, in every new leaf shooting forth from the branches in the spring, but everywhere new life springs forth to be warmed by the light of the sun - and the light of the Son.

As "Easter People" we are called to be that light and to share that light, dispelling the darkness of the world every day; becoming, not only one among many, but together a community of faith that always carries the resurrection message in our hearts and shares it with the world.

It is life-giving, this Easter celebration, but it's not just a one-time deal. It's for tomorrow, and the weeks and months ahead – indeed for our whole lives and our lives eternal – and for the life of the world.

So, spread the Good News Easter people. *"It's not over."*

"Christ has Risen! He is Risen Indeed!"

Pastor Bob

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Month: May 2019 – Seasons of Easter

Worship Times: Wilson – 8:30 a.m. / Immanuel – 10:30 a.m.

“In spite of all we have heard and all that we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus’ victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the Lord Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.” (*Sundays and Seasons, Year C 2019, Augsburg Fortress*)

Sunday, May 5 – Easter 3

- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ ELW Setting: ELW Setting IV with Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Acts 9:1-20, Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 21:1-19: The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

Sunday, May 12 – Easter 4

- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ Setting: ELW Setting IV
- ❖ Readings: Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 10:22-30: Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

Sunday, May 19 - Easter 5

- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ ELW Setting: ELW Setting IV with Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 13:31-35: After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

Sunday, May 26 – Easter 6

- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ ELW Setting: ELW Setting IV
- ❖ Readings: Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 14:23-29: Jesus performs a healing miracle on the sabbath. In doing so he both reveals divine creative power and teaches a richer, deeper meaning for the sabbath as a healing and creative time.

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PARISH NEWS

Blood Drive: Zion Lutheran Church, Woodville, will host a community blood drive with the American Red Cross on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 from noon to 6pm. Make an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Zion Lutheran Church. One car accident victim can use as many as 100 units of blood. We urge eligible donors to join us in the selfless act of giving blood.

Sunday School: Sunday School will conclude for this school year on May 12. A huge thank you to all the Sunday School teachers for giving their time and creative energy to work with our young people. You are making a difference. To the parents who have so faithfully encouraged their children to be involved in the program, another big thank you for ensuring your children were involved.

WILSON NEWS

Wilson WELCA: The next regular meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 9. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

Wilson Council: The next regular meeting is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9. Meetings are open to all members of the congregation.

April 11, 2019 Council Meeting Highlights (Meeting cancelled due to weather and travel conditions.)

| WILSON LUTERAN CHURCH 2019 USHER SCHEDULE | | |
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| May | Andy and Jes Lamb | 4 Sundays |
| June | Luanne Anderson and Doug Faber | 5 Sundays |
| Please arrange for another person if you are unable to serve as scheduled. | | |

| WILSON LUTERAN CHURCH 2019 COMMUNION SERVERS | | |
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| May | Ally Lamb | 4 Sundays |
| June | Xen Larson | 5 Sundays |
| Communion is served the 1 st and 3 rd Sundays, and the 5 th Sunday in months with 5 Sundays. Please arrange for another person if you are unable to serve as scheduled. | | |

| WILSON LUTERAN CHURCH 2019 ALTAR CARE SCHEDULE | | |
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| May | Sherry Ellefson and Barb Lamb | 4 Sundays |
| June | Help Needed | 5 Sundays |
| Communion is served the 1 st and 3 rd Sundays, and the 5 th Sunday in months with 5 Sundays. Please arrange for another person if you are unable to serve as scheduled. | | |

Tuesday Community Supper: The Tuesday Community Supper is served the first Tuesday of every month at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 1350 Florence Street, Baldwin, Wisconsin. This is a free meal open to anyone in the community, served from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Area churches, businesses and organizations take turns preparing and serving good nutritious food every month. Wilson Lutheran Church will be preparing and serving the meal on Tuesday, May 7, 2019. The menu is hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, vegetables, bread and dessert. Sign-up sheets for help with deserts, set up and serving are on the table in the narthex.

Blessing of Graduates: The high school graduation milestone of four young people, Dylan Bossart, Luke Deppa, Eric Eidem, and Lydia Wittmer, will be recognized during worship on Sunday, May 12. The morning's worship will conclude with a Blessing of Graduates, and each will receive a gift from the congregation. Friends, family and sponsors are invited to attend. Join us to wish them well on the next adventure in their lives.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The parish Prayer Shawl Ministry has been very well received and greatly appreciated by all their recipients. We've given out so many our supply is beginning to get low. If you would like to contribute shawls to this ministry, instructions for knitting or crocheting have been provided below. We'll plan a Prayer Shawl Blessing Sunday for early Fall.

Knitting Pattern

Cast on stitches in multiples of three – 54, 57, 60, or 63 stitches. For example, if you use size 11 needles and cast on 54 stitches, 3 skeins of slightly bulky yarn is enough. Some yarns vary in elasticity which will affect your outcome, as will your knitting tension. If the yarn you have chosen has a multicolored stripe, be careful when tying on a new skein. Make sure the color sequence is correct. Also, tie on the new skein in the body of the shawl instead of an edge, as the ends tend to show.

First Row: k3, p3, to end. Second Row: Always start the next row with the opposite stitch of what you see. For instance, if the first stitch on the needle is a knit, then start with a purl. Knit the purls and purl the knits. It should not look like ribbing. Note: If you cast on 57 stitches you will always start with k3.

Crochet Pattern

Chain 54 stitches or desired width of the shawl.

Chain 1, turn, single crochet in each of the stitches to end, Chain 3 and turn.

Double crochet in top of each single crochet. Repeat this row 2 more times.

Chain 1 and do 1 row of single crochet to end. Chain 3 and turn.

Do 3 rows of double crochet. Repeat pattern to end (1 row single, 3 rows double)

End with 1 row of single. Finish the fringe.

To Complete the Shawl

Knit (crochet) until the piece measures from wrist to wrist, or approximately 57 – 58" long. (Knitting: bind off with a knit row). Use what you have left to cut fringe. The length is up to you. Suggestion for fringe: you can also do this before using the last skein. Divide the pile in half and slip knot them to the ends, evenly spaced. If the yarn is manufactured loosely wound you might have to know the ends of the fringe to keep it from unraveling.

IMMANUEL NEWS

Immanuel Luther Church Council Meeting Minutes:

Date of Meeting: April 9, 2019

Start Time: 7:05 p.m. End Time: 8:15 p.m.

Attendees: Pastor Bob Dahm, Monica Eggert, Brad Voeltz, Ranae Demulling, Laura Briesemeister, Geoff Phillips, David Rosen, Roger Ohman, Dena Cress
Absent: Trish Swanepoel

Agenda

1. Pastor Bob opened with devotional followed by Pastor's Report
2. Treasure's Report- Laura made motion; David seconded; motion carried
3. Secretary's Report-Brad made motion; Monica seconded; motion carried

Old Business

1. Walking Together Event at UW Eau Claire.
2. Discussed the sign that will be posted by the cemetery with the new rules.
3. The new door knob was installed. Thanks go to Dave for taking care of that.
4. Inventory of keys. New keys were disturbed and record has been taken of who got a new key.
5. There was a discussion on volunteers for helping make meals for the upcoming suppers/breakfast.

Unfinished Business

1. Ramp memorial plaque/dedication ceremony. Tentative date set for early summer.
2. The louvers on the church roof will be repaired in the very near future, possibly the end of April/early May.
3. Pest Control Options Update:
 - a. Brier Pest Control-estimated cost of \$225 for this service. Brad had a time set to meet with this company, but the company did not show up.
 - b. Other options: Midwest Pest Solution – Brad did speak with these folks. They provided him with a brochure. Brad will follow-up with them again to confirm prices and offered packages.
4. Began hymn selection discussion Ranae offered to reach out to the Worship Committee.

New Business

1. Spring clean-up is set for May 5th after church. Various tasks include: raking, fixing head stones, mulching, weeding, and deep cleaning the inside of the church. Dave offered to bring black dirt to fix the cow divots.
2. Kwik Trip car wash gift cards were discussed. There was some interest mentioned by church members. Ranae offered to reach out to Rita Buhr about taking this on again.
3. Mother's Day hanging baskets. Rita Buhr responded back to Ranae, saying she will head this up again.
4. The speaker system has been crackling. Matt Main was informed and will be contacting the company to address.
5. The joint parish committee will meet at Wilson. Ranae will reach out to those committee members to set up a time and date.
6. Geoff suggested putting up snow guards. Council discussed and agreed it would be beneficial on the west side of the church. Brad will ask if the company doing the louvers, can do these as well.
7. There was a discussion held on communion and when it should be offered. This will be tabled to the next meeting to address for the fall.

Monica made motion to adjourn the meeting; Brad seconded; motion carried.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Laura Briesemeister, Church Council Secretary

Affirmation of Baptism: On Sunday, May 19, during the 10:30 worship service, Garet Eggert, Ian Radintz, Klaire Steinberger, and Eliza Voeltz will receive First Communion and affirm the baptismal promises made for them by their parents and sponsors many years ago. Put the date on your calendars and plan on attending to join in fellowship with these young people on their very special day.

Thank you to everyone who helped to prepare and participate in Immanuel's Maundy Thursday Agape meal and service. The meal was unique and our youth did an awesome job with the stripping of the altar. Thank you to the youth and others as the altar was put back together Easter morning during the singing of "Jesus Christ Has Risen Today". The sun also came out on queue and added to the brightness of the sanctuary and our Easter celebration!

Thank You! Thank you very much to my family and friends for all the visits while I was at Lakeview, Amery and GAM. Thanks for the cards, flowers and prayer shawl. Also, for Pastor Bob's visits. Looking forward to getting back to my home soon. Lou DeBoer

Spring Clean Up: Bring your work clothes and yard tools for the annual Spring Clean Up, Sunday May 5 immediately following worship. There's plenty of work to be done after the long Winter, so there will be plenty of fun for everyone.

Annual Hanging Basket Sale: Immanuel will be holding its 5th Annual Hanging Basket Sale on Mother's Day, May 12th. Pre-Orders Only. Pre-orders only. Contact Rita Buhr with your quantity or sign up on the stand in back of the worship space. Baskets will be available following the 10:30 worship on the 12th.

Kwik Trip Car Wash Fundraiser: The snow is gone and the sun is shining, which means it's time for our Kwik Trip Car Wash Fundraiser. Ultimate car wash cards, good for five washes (valued at \$10 each), are available at the reduced cost of \$32. Pre-orders only, with payment due at the time of the order. A sign-up sheet is on the stand in the back of the worship space. This is a really good deal. Don't miss it.

Assisting with Worship at Immanuel

| Altar Care | Ushers | Cleaning |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| May: Polly Henke and John Stansbury | May: Polly Henke and John Stansbury | May: Polly Henke, Deb Rosen, and John Stansbury |
| June: Scott and Rita Buhr | June: Scott and Rita Buhr | June: Todd Ostberg and Cindy Kuscienko |

PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – MAY 2019

| Birthdays | | Anniversaries | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Wilson | Immanuel | Wilson | |
| May 1 Brandon Gray | May 1 Ashley Rosen | May 2 Lyle & Babe Jacobson | |
| May 3 Craig Wyss | May 2 Luke Tellijohn | May 2 Don & Sharon Spielman | |
| May 5 Gerald Glampe | May 3 Dennis Bliese | May 6 Roger & Barb Kronholm | |
| May 8 Mona Finder | May 4 Miranda Voeltz | May 15 Don & Junalee Hogenson | |
| May 9 Rosemary Cretney | May 5 Dena Cress | May 22 John & Virginia Overland | |
| May 11 Heidi Peterson | May 5 Dana Rosen | May 25 Rob & Sally Bosshart | |
| May 11 Emma Lamb | May 9 Aaron Moede | | |
| May 14 Jean Witter | May 13 Rita Buhr | Immanuel | |
| May 14 Doug Faber | May 15 Megan Steinberger | May 2 John & Katie Stahl | |
| May 16 Jennifer Eidem | May 15 Mitchell Bliese | May 21 Bruce & Tammy Kuhn | |
| May 17 Ben Lamb | May 15 Jordan Voeltz | | |
| May 18 Tony Finder | May 18 Valarie Bonte | | |
| May 18 Dustin Timm | May 19 Riley Brahmer | | |
| May 21 Caleb Witter | May 20 Amber Steinberger | | |
| May 23 Lillian Husby | May 20 Kristie Rosen | | |
| May 23 Michelle Larson | May 22 Brent Bliese | | |
| May 26 Beverly Danielson | May 23 Aiden Voeltz | | |
| May 28 Barbara Blegen | May 24 Janell Scherz | | |
| May 30 Carla Anderson | May 27 Idell Gast | | |
| | May 28 Terri Swanepoel | | |

Revised Common Lectionary
Daily Readings – Year C
May 2019

| Date | Day | Psalm | First Reading | Second Reading | Gospel |
|------|------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Wednesday | Psalm 122 | Esther 9:1-5, 18-23 | | Luke 12:4-12 |
| 2 | Thursday | Psalm 30 | Isaiah 5:11-17 | Revelation 3:14-22 | |
| 3 | Friday | Psalm 30 | Isaiah 6:1-4 | Revelation 4:1-11 | |
| 4 | Saturday | Psalm 30 | Genesis 18:1-8 | | Luke 14:12-14 |
| 5 | Sunday | Psalm 30 | Acts 9:1-20 | Revelation 5:11-14 | John 21:1-19 |
| 6 | Monday | Psalm 121 | Ezekiel 1:1-25 | Acts 9:19b-31 | |
| 7 | Tuesday | Psalm 121 | Ezekiel 1:26-2:1 | Acts 26:1-18 | |
| 8 | Wednesday | Psalm 121 | Isaiah 6:1-8 | | Luke 5:1-11 |
| 9 | Thursday | Psalm 23 | Ezekiel 11:1-25 | Revelation 5:1-10 | |
| 10 | Friday | Psalm 23 | Ezekiel 20:39-44 | Revelation 6:1-7:4 | |
| 11 | Saturday | Psalm 23 | Ezekiel 28:25-26 | | Luke 12:29-32 |
| 12 | Sunday | Psalm 23 | Acts 9:36-43 | Revelation 7:9-17 | John 10:22-30 |
| 13 | Monday | Psalm 100 | Ezekiel 37:15-28 | Revelation 15:1-4 | |
| 14 | Tuesday | Psalm 100 | Ezekiel 45:1-9 | Acts 9:32-35 | |
| 15 | Wednesday | Psalm 100 | Jeremiah 50:17-20 | | John 10:31-42 |
| 16 | Thursday | Psalm 148 | Ezekiel 2:8-3:11 | Revelation 10:1-11 | |
| 17 | Friday | Psalm 148 | Daniel 7:13-14 | Revelation 11:15 | |
| 18 | Saturday | Psalm 148 | Daniel 7:27 | Revelation 11:16-19 | |
| 19 | Sunday | Psalm 148 | Acts 11:1-18 | Revelation 21:1-6 | John 13:31-35 |
| 20 | Monday | Psalm 133 | 1 Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42 | Acts 11:19-26 | |
| 21 | Tuesday | Psalm 133 | 2 Samuel 1:4-27 | Acts 11:27-30 | |
| 22 | Wednesday | Psalm 133 | Leviticus 19:9-18 | | Luke 10:25-28 |
| 23 | Thursday | Psalm 67 | Proverbs 2:1-5 | Acts 15:36-41 | |
| 24 | Friday | Psalm 67 | Proverbs 2:6-8 | Acts 16:1-8 | |
| 25 | Saturday | Psalm 67 | Proverbs 2:9-15 | | Luke 19:1-10 |
| 26 | Sunday | Psalm 67 | Acts 16:9-15 | Revelation 21:10, 22-22.5 | John 14:23-29 |
| 27 | Monday | Psalm 93 | 1 Chronicles 12:16-22 | Revelation 21:5-14 | |
| 28 | Tuesday | Psalm 93 | 2 Chronicles 15:1-15 | Revelation 21:15-22 | |
| 29 | Wednesday | Psalm 93 | 2 Chronicles 34:20-33 | | Luke 2:25-38 |
| 30 | Thursday <i>Ascension</i> | Psalm 47 | Acts 1:1-11 | Ephesians 1:15-23 | Luke 24:44-53 |
| 31 | Friday | Psalm 97 | Exodus 33:12-17 | Revelation 22:6-9 | |

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Prayer Ventures
May 2019**

1 Throughout Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, give thanks for the rich history, gifts, influence and contributions to our nation of our Asian and Pacific Islander brothers and sisters. Ask God to bless and further the work and witness of ELCA Asian and Pacific Islander Ministries and the Association of Asians and Pacific.

2 *National Day of Prayer* Encourage individuals, congregations and communities to pray, asking the Spirit to help us — and our nation — follow Jesus' instruction to "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12).

3 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Southeastern Pennsylvania, Rocky Mountain, Northeastern Minnesota and Minneapolis synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.

4 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, Western Iowa and Arkansas-Oklahoma synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.

5 How will we react when God calls us to do something or go someplace new and unfamiliar? Pray that we will follow where the spirit of God leads, find companions in ministry to work with and invite others to join in doing God's work in the world.

6 Pray for students who are taking final exams and anticipating employment, further education, or vocations of leadership in the church or military service. Ask God to grant them comfort and reassurance in times of stress and uncertainty, and to provide supportive, attentive and loving people in their lives.

7 Ask God to bless and energize our church's commitment to wholeness for creation in collaboration with ecoAmerica and its Blessed Tomorrow program, which helps faith-based organizations care for creation and elevate their leadership on climate change as a moral, religious and justice issue.

8 The ELCA International Camp Counselor Program, partnering with Lutheran Outdoor Ministries and ELCA Global Mission, trains up to 40 Lutheran young adults from Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America. Pray for these young adults, who serve as leaders and global partners in our summer camp programs. Give thanks for the faith, gifts, leadership skills and global perspectives they bring to their work with children, youth and adults.

9 God worked miraculous changes in the heart, mind and life of Saul that he might spread the gospel, grow the church and serve his neighbor as the reborn apostle Paul. Give thanks for how God calls us by name, equips us for ministry and service, and reaffirms that there is a place and purpose for everyone in the church, the body of Christ.

10 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Oregon, Pacifica and Southeastern Iowa synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.

11 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assembly of the Sierra Pacific Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.

12 Pray that we will trust that Jesus is the true son of God and will be faithful and fearless in following his examples and teachings revealed to us in Scripture.

13 Remember in prayer the ELCA's work of using innovative models for starting new congregations and ministries in a diverse and changing world as we seek to grow God's church, welcome all God's people and equip our neighbors with both spiritual and physical sustenance.

14 Thank God for being a loving and ever-present shepherd who restores us, stirs our courage, strengthens our faith and guides us through the challenges and joys of life.

15 Give thanks for ELCA campus ministry, communities of faith that accompany students in their journeys of faith, education, service and discerning vocation at more than 180 state and private colleges and universities and at an additional 400 schools nationwide with assistance from congregations.

16 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Northern Great Lakes, East-Central Synod of Wisconsin, North/West Lower Michigan and Metropolitan New York synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.

17 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Saint Paul Area, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast and Southeast Michigan synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.

18 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Northwest Washington and Eastern Washington-Idaho synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.

19 Pray that, as the body of Christ, we encourage one another and work together to follow Jesus' words in our daily lives: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

20 Remember in prayer people who are traveling across the country in search of seasonal employment. Pray that they find employment, fair wages, fulfillment of basic needs for housing and food, and welcoming congregations that understand the unique needs of seasonal workers.

21 Give thanks for the special skills, creativity and enthusiasm of people who write blogs, online stories, social media posts and newsletters that help communicate how congregations, synods, the churchwide organization, ecumenical partners and related organizations are sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, serving our neighbor and working together for justice, peace, mercy and healing in the world.

22 Ask God to make us bold, persistent advocates and agents in society to end gun violence across our nation, for the sake of our neighbor's well-being and out of gratitude and respect for the fragile gift of life.

23 Pray that our vision of the church and its mission will be broadened by the knowledge that the word of God

and the good news of Jesus Christ are meant for all people and all nations.

24 Pray that the ELCA Guardian Angel and Welcoming Congregation programs will flourish and continue to expand across our nation as part of our church's strategy to support and accompany — physically and spiritually — migrant children and families through their immigration court process.

25 Praise God's infinite power, glory and presence as reflected in our life experiences and every aspect of nature and creation.

26 Give thanks for the gift of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, sent to remind us of Jesus' teachings and God's love, and to stir our faith, peace and courage when we are troubled or fearful.

27 Give thanks and praise God for the significant and lasting impact of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*. Pray that we will build upon what it has accomplished and continue to be generous in supporting new and existing programs and ministries that serve our neighbor, nurture new leaders and grow the church.

28 Pray with joy and thanksgiving, for God is gracious and generous in blessing us, and God's saving power stretches to every corner of the earth.

29 Pray for more than 3,500 summer camp staff and volunteers as they prepare to serve in ELCA outdoor ministries as role models, affirming and encouraging the faith of campers — of all ages and abilities — and guiding them toward the paths and ways of God throughout life.

30 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the South Dakota, Nebraska, Upstate New York, Delaware-Maryland and North Carolina synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.

31 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the South Carolina, Southeastern, Southwest California, Southeastern Minnesota, Greater Milwaukee and West Virginia-Western Maryland synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.

MAY 2019

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| April 28 Pastor's Time Off | 29 | 30 | 1 6:00 Confirmation at Immanuel – Yr. 2 Only 6:00 Wilson Confirmation at St. John's | 2 | 3 | 4 9:00 Synod Assembly – Trinity Lutheran Eau Claire |
| 5 Holy Communion 8:30 @ Wilson SS: 9:45 @ Wilson 10:30 @ Immanuel SS: 9:30 @ Immanuel Spring Clean Up at Immanuel | 6 Pastor's Sabbath Day | 7 9:30 a.m. St. Croix Conference Meeting at Holy Cross -Glenwood City | 8 6:00 Confirmation at Immanuel – Yr. 2 Only 6:00 Wilson Confirmation at St. John's | 9 9:30 a.m. WELCA Meeting at Wilson 12:30 p.m. Council Meeting at Wilson | 10 | 11 11:00 Lay School of Ministry Concluding Worship at Our Savior's Lutheran Chippewa Falls |
| 12 Mother's Day 8:30 @ Wilson SS: 9:45 @ Wilson 10:30 @ Immanuel SS: 9:30 @ Immanuel Blessing of Graduates at Wilson Last Day of Sunday School | 13 Pastor's Sabbath Day | 14 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting at Immanuel | 15 6:00 Confirmation at Immanuel – Year 2 Only 6:00 Wilson Confirmation at St. John's | 16 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee at Wilson | 17 | 18 10:00 Confirmation Rehearsal at Immanuel |
| 19 Holy Communion 8:30 @ Wilson 10:30 @ Immanuel Confirmation and First Communion at Immanuel Newsletter Deadline | 20 Pastor's Sabbath Day | 21 10:15 a.m. Worship at Glenhaven | 22 6:00 Wilson Confirmation at St. John's – End of Year | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 8:30 @ Wilson 10:30 @ Immanuel | 27 Memorial Day Pastor's Sabbath Day | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | June 1 11:00 Larson Committal Service at Wilson |