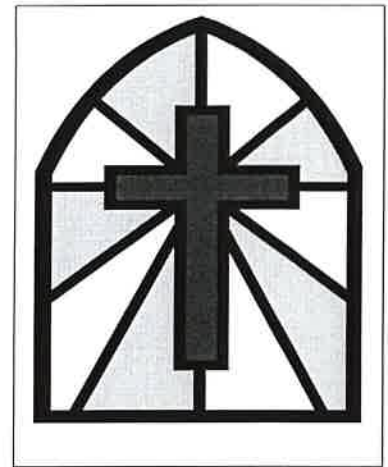


NEWSLETTER

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR

I spent the other day doing some spring yardwork. Got the riding mower running, attached the bagger, dropped the mower deck a bit lower than normal and started picking up the dead grass, leaves, and detritus (I love that word) that has collected over the winter. Back and forth – a cloud of dirt moving along. I looked a lot like the Peanut's character Pigpen.

The next morning, I awoke to an inch of surprise snow on the ground and a blizzard warning. Gotta love North Dakota!

Life sometimes throws surprises at us. We think we have things ready, then it snows or the tractor won't start or the power goes out or we have a flat tire. When the kids were little, it never seemed to fail that just about when we were ready to head somewhere, one of the kids would have an accident of some sort.

There are more serious disruptions to life, too. We lose a job. We have health issues. One of the dogs knocks you over and you break an ankle. Someone we love dies.

Sometimes the disruptions, the surprises, are as straightforward as the retirement of your pastor. I know that my retirement is causing some anxiety (for you and for me!). There's uncertainty about how things will work. There will be changes. The familiarity of "Pastor Paul" will not be there. This anxiety is normal. I encourage you to be filled with hope. I encourage you to look at the gifts that God has given you and to utilize those gifts. Who knows where God will lead Sunne next?

Into all of the surprises and disruptions of life, comes Paul's word to the church in Rome. "Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?...No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

One minute we are mowing. The next minute it is snowing. Surprises. Disruptions. Retirements. But the love of God, the love of God, is always, always there. Nothing, but nothing, can change that!

*In Christ,
Pastor Paul*



CHURCH COUNCIL



CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

April 20, 2022

- Noted with appreciation that our financial situation continues to be strong.
- Heard a report on the call committee and preparation for the congregational profile.
- In preparation for Pastor Paul’s retirement: changed the registered agent for the State of North Dakota to SuAnn Olson (removed Pastor Paul); designated Marcus Hall as the authorized signature for the church’s Visa card and removed Pastor Paul – effective May 15th; removed Pastor Paul from the safe deposit box effective May 15th.
- Noted with appreciation that our total offering for Lutheran World Relief Ukraine Relief efforts was \$5,200.
- Heard reports related to the parking lot striping, the Wilton Food Pantry, Sunday School, Youth, and the Endowment Fund.
- Designated deacons and tellers through June 5th.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2022

The congregation met on Sunday, April 10th, after worship to elect the call committee. The following people were elected: Shelley Porter, Matthew Olson, Danielle Schill, JoyAnn Holsten, Denise Leapaldt-Johnson, Anne Earsley, Debbie Jans, and Erick Smallbeck.

Financial Report as March 31, 2022

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|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Endowment Fund | 9,882.43 |
| Equity-Building | 657,794.63 |
| Equity-Kitchen Project | 52,814.21 |
| General Fund | 51,039.11 |
| Memorial Fund | 1,150.00 |
| Parsonage Fund | 9,185.62 |
| Seminary Student Fund | 22,210.00 |
| Special Projects Fund | 12,059.98 |
| Wilton Food Pantry | 19,399.00 |
| Net Income | <u>9,094.07</u> |
| Total Fund Balances | \$835,534.86 |

If you would like a more detailed report, please check with the office for a copy of the complete report.

Pastor Paul’s mailing address is now:
 508 Bismarck Ave
 Wilton, ND 58579
 His cell phone remains: 701-391-0584



**FIRST GRADE
BIBLES**



First graders will receive their Beginner Bibles May 1st during the Worship Service. Receiving Bibles are: Jacob Basaraba, Stevee Kurle, Lincoln Murrey, Benjamin Olson, Blake Speten, and Ellie Vetter.

HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY!

**May 8, 2022
10 a.m.**

Worship service

**All moms will
receive a plant
from the Baldwin
Greenhouse**



ROGATE SUNDAY



The annual **BLESSING OF THE SEEDS, SOIL, AND WATER** will take place during worship Service on Sunday, May 8th.

YOU ARE INVITED

In celebration of Pastor Paul's retirement, we have several events planned.

A Community Appreciation Party on June 4th from 1-5 pm at the Wilton Memorial Hall.

A Farewell Worship Celebration on Sunday, June 5th with worship at 10 am, followed by a program at 11 am. A Swedish meatball dinner will follow the program.

Sunday, June 12th, at 10 am, the Paul Family Bluegrass band will be at Sunne. Bishop Schweitzer will be present to lead the End of Call litany.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

On this Mother's Day and every day let me remember my responsibilities rather than my privileges as a mother....

Let me be wise enough to love my children without possessing them.

Let me be wise enough to earn their respect, not demand it.

Let me be as understanding and patient with their mistakes as I am with my own.

Above all, let me remember that these children of God have been graciously loaned to me so that together we may find Christ in one another.

Let me be thankful every moment of every day for this responsibility---a chance to serve others and to grow.



**ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP
IN MAY**

READERS:

May 1: Sandy Peterson
May 8: Daphne Hall
May 15: Tara Vesey
May 22: SuAnn Olson
May 29: Sid Stromme

ALTAR GUILD: Sandy Peterson

ACOLYTES:

May 1: Trayton Bauer & Kennady Cleveland
May 8: Parker Hruby & Kevin Schill
May 15: Malia Tooke & Jada Vetter
May 22: Seth Morlock & Jarrick Kassian
May 29: Kennady Cleveland & Kevin Schill

BAPTISMS

On April 16th we welcomed Alexander Michael Lee Shannon, Jaelynn Elizabeth Marie Young, and Mercy Isabella Hope Haluzak into God's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Alexander is the son of Robert and Janice Shannon. May Alexander, Jaelynn, and Mercy know God's presence all of their life.



On Memorial Day
REMEMBER
Those Who Served

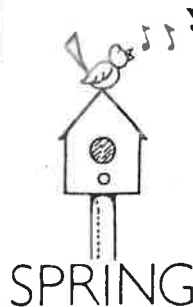
SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10 a.m. Worship
No Sunday School
during the summer months.

BAPTISMS

**Congratulations to those
celebrating their baptismal
anniversaries in May.**


2--Arlan Helm
4--Jennifer Egan
4--Kate Kassian
8--Jaclyn Jans
8--Zachary Rhone
10--Curtis Bernard
12--Todd Schulz
13--Korban Phillips
14--Amanda Odegard
15--Darren Tosseth
17--Dan Johnson
17--Verine Reimann
20--Henry Perkins
23--Linda Oswald
23--Stella Rust
24--Olive Fricke
24--Bernard Falkenstein
26--Finlee Sorch
27--Joren Sawicki
29--Brady Hansen
29--Briella Hruby
30--Caitlyn Ell



*Faith Night at the Larks is
June 6th. More info to come.*

MAY 2022

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|-------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|---|
| 1 9 am WELCA mtg. 10 am Communion Service First Grade Bibles | 2 <i>Mike Berg</i> | 3 <i>Emma Berg</i> | 4 Confirmation Farewell Supper 6 pm <i>Curt Bernard</i> | 5 <i>Todd Schulz</i> | 6 <i>Bill Bitz</i> | 7 Tareena Johnson & Emery Mattson wedding 4 pm <i>Darlene Bitz</i> |
| 8 MOTHER'S DAY ROGATE SUNDAY 10 am Worship Service (special gifts for moms) | 9 <i>Jacob Bitz</i> | 10 <i>Jorjean Noon</i> | 11 Church Council Mtg. 7:00 pm <i>Jesse Buchholtz</i> | 12 <i>Shawna Buchholtz</i> | 13 <i>Isaiah Buchholtz</i> | 14 <i>Lailah Buchholtz</i> |
| 15 10 am Communion Service | 16 <i>Lynette Clausen</i> | 17 <i>Scott Clausen</i> | 18 <i>Mandi Clausen</i> | 19 Food Pantry 3-5 pm <i>Jeremy Clausen</i> | 20 <i>Harper Clausen</i> | 21 <i>Hayden Clausen</i> |
| 22 10 am Worship Service | 23 <i>Lyndsey Cleveland</i> | 24 <i>Josh Cleveland</i> | 25 <i>Jaylah Cleveland</i> | 26 Mobile Food Pantry 5 pm <i>Taylor Cleveland</i> | 27 <i>Kennady Cleveland</i> | 28 <i>Ivy Cleveland</i> |
| 29 10 am Worship Service | 30 Memorial Day  <i>Kevin Dearing</i> | 31 <i>Rebecca Rodacker</i> | | | | <i>The names on the calendar are to remind us to pray for one another.</i> |

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