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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

In-Person and
Zoomed Online

9:00 am

THURSDAYS

In-person

6:30 pm

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday
Closed

Pastor's Notes

...from Pat Kempf, Vicar

Greetings Good People of Pilgrim!

Winter finally seems to be coming to a close, thanks be to God! It was fun while it lasted, and it seems to not quite want to let go yet, but temperatures are on the rise, rain is replacing snow, and green grass and new buds are near at hand.

The new life springing up all around us reminds me that the changes in our weather aren't the only seasons that we experience in our life. In fact, King Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes that "for everything there is a season." I encourage you to read the whole chapter of Ecclesiastes 3 sometime this month. Solomon gives many examples of "changing seasons" in that chapter. There is a planting season and a harvest season, times of sadness and times of laughter, seasons to save and store, there are times to spend and give, and really our life as a whole is but a season in the scope of time and space eternal. We're surrounded by change!

For many of us, the warmer weather isn't the only change of season happening right now. I'm sure most of us know someone getting married in the next few months: a new season of life! I'm sure many of us have friends and family expecting babies: literal new life. Maybe you know someone who

has a graduation coming up: young folks ending one season of life and heading off to college or new jobs soon. Maybe you or someone you know is starting a new job or beginning retirement. Some folks are undoubtedly preparing to open cabins, cottages, and camps, getting ready for the summer months. Others are arriving back in the north-woods from their time away in warmer climates. These are just a few of the simple, yet often profound ways that our lives change over the course of time, and these kinds of things happen all through life!

At the end of his list of seasons in Ecclesiastes 3, Solomon says that this is the business God has given to mankind and that everything is made beautiful in its time. You know, these kinds of changes are often wonderful, but there are also changing seasons that are painful and filled with sorrow. Those seasons can last days or weeks, months or even years. Thankfully, one of the main points of the book of Ecclesiastes is that God is with us through all these seasons of life. It may not always seem like it, but the Holy Spirit is always with us, offering love, courage, and grace, making everything beautiful in its time.

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Because of that, Solomon says in Ecclesiastes 3:12-13 that the best thing for humankind in whatever we do in any season is to “do good” as long as we live, take pleasure in the fruits of our labor, and in a translation I like, “enjoy the company of one another.” That is God’s gift to us. To enjoy ourselves as often as we can, with our friends and neighbors. In other words, life is hard enough with all the ups and downs, don’t make it harder than it has to be, share it with others and enjoy it!

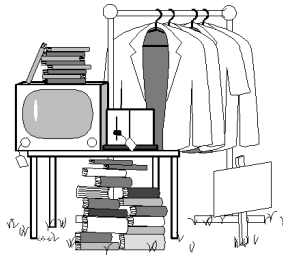
Sometimes changes in our life cause fear. By nature, we don’t always like change. If that’s you, whether it is graduation, marriage, a new baby, moving, retiring, or anything else, remember that God is with you, God is good, and God will take care of you. I pray that you enjoy this coming Spring, the ever changing world around us, and whatever God has in store for your next season of life!

Grace and Peace,
Vicar Pat



**Day of Pentecost
Sunday, May 28th**

(wear red)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Pilgrim Recycling and Bake Sale

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND
8:00 – 3:00**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD
8:00 – 12:00**

If you have been looking for a new home for those household items, clothes, shoes, books, games, and other treasures that you don’t need or have room to store anymore we will take them off your hands. **NO ELECTRONICS, PLEASE!**

Set up for the recycling and bake sale will begin on Sunday, May 29, 2:00 p.m. There are several ways you can participate—help or come and shop for great bargains. Fill out the form and return it to the church office or put it in the offering plate by Sunday, May 22. Please prayerfully consider helping with the recycling sale.

- I have items to donate and need someone to pick them up.
- I can help set up and mark items during the week of May 28
- I can pick up items from members’ homes.
- I will donate items for the bake sale
- I will help at the bake sale
- I am willing to help with publicity (making posters, distributing flyers, making calls, etc.)
- I can make phone calls to remind members
- I can help on the day of the sale (circle each):
 - cashier clean up straighten tables during sale
 - greet shoppers carry purchased items to vehicles.

Name and Phone Number

Members of all ages are welcome. Bring a friend to help or shop. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Shirley Ecker at 715-301-3372. Thank you.

Make a joyful noise!

“Music is life.

You’ve got to sing, no matter what.”

~ David Wisnia

While I was deciding what to write about for my May *Progress* article, a gift fell in my lap. I saw a documentary on PBS titled “How Saba Kept Singing”. It is the story of David Wisnia who survived being held in Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp during World War II for almost three years. Mr. Wisnia survived because he had a very close friend who protected him and because he was a talented singer who was called upon over and over to entertain his captors.

His love of music was more than a survival tool for Mr. Wisnia. He was a man of faith. After World War II ended, he lived in the U.S. where he was the cantor at two different synagogues for 51 years!

Early in the documentary David Wisnia made the statements at the top of this article. These statements immediately made me think of our beloved hymn, “How Can I Keep From Singing”.

*My life flows on in endless song; above earth’s lamentation,
I catch the sweet though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.*

*Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?*

*What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.*

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I’m clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

Just as music saved David Wisnia during World War II and also after the war ended, music can help save us from the anxiety caused by all the turmoil in our world. We all have experienced personal challenges in many areas of our lives. Sadly, there have been many mass shootings and other acts of violence in our country in the recent past with no signs they will let up in the near future. Natural disasters are occurring all over the world and leaving behind death and devastation. I agree with David’s grandson, Ari Wisnia, who said, through music we acknowledge that we can carry a lot of pain and grief AND still see joy and beauty in life. He also said, even when we feel like we can’t move on, music helps us find ways to move forward.

Hymns such as “How Can I Keep From Singing” are not meant to lull us into passively accepting all that is bad in the world. They are meant to be an anchor that gives us hope. They are meant to strengthen us so we can act in ways that show God’s love to all the world.

With thanks for the witness of people of faith like David Wisnia,

Delores Kessel

If you are interested in watching “How Saba Kept Singing”, it is available through PBS until May 16 on the Internet. Type in “How Saba Kept Singing.” I was very moved by this documentary. In my opinion it is well worth a watch.



Dear People of Easter and Pentecost,

With a grateful heart, blessings and praise for God's faithfulness to the people and community of Pilgrim Lutheran as you celebrate 75 years of mission and ministry through Jesus together!

The saying goes, "April showers bring May flowers." However, recently I saw a social media post that said, "April showers bring May snow 'plowers.'" I certainly hope that the snow plows and snow plow drivers can have a much needed Sabbath. While the month of May is a little more predictable than the month of April in terms of weather, the month of

May in the life of the Church is full with blessings, new creation, and uncertainty as we move from the Empty Tomb of Easter Resurrection to the wind strongly blowing and tongues of fire on Pentecost fifty days later. The followers of Jesus moved from being disciples to being apostles ("the sent out ones"). There was indeed a lot of uncertainty and doubt during the transition from Easter to Pentecost for the followers of Jesus.

Even in their uncertainty during transition, there were glimmers and shimmers of hope, direction, and calling. One of my favorite verses is from the Book of Acts shows this movement of hope:

"Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved" (Acts 2:43-47).

I love these verses because the followers of the resurrected Jesus trusted in their calling to mission and ministry. There was unity (despite differences of economics, politics, experiences, education, nationality, gender, ethnicity, etc.) among them. They worked together in one direction - their mission and ministry. They ate together. Potluck anyone? They ate together with glad and generous hearts - we call this Holy Communion. They praised God together. They took care of each other and those in the larger community by giving what they were able. And the Lord added to their numbers.

While this isn't an exact recipe for growing church membership numbers, it does give us a glimpse into the mission and ministry of Jesus. There was energy in everyone working together toward a common mission. There was energy in everyone being together with glad and generous hearts praising God. And that energy spilled and overflowed into how they engaged the larger community. They wanted everyone to know the love and grace of Jesus. They showed that through acts of service, radical hospitality, generosity and inclusivity.

For us, as followers of Jesus, as the apostles of today, how do we live into the mission and ministry of Jesus, even amidst the transitions of pastoral ministry and the transitions in our own lives? How do we live with glad and generous hearts? How do we live out acts of service to the larger community, showing radical hospitality, generosity and inclusivity? How do we do more than just invite the neighbor into the church building but see everyone as a beloved child of God, our brothers and sisters? How does all of this deepen our faith life and our relationship with Jesus?

How do you move from being a people of Easter to a people of Pentecost?

With a grateful heart,

Pastor Andrea Fluegel
Transition Facilitator

75th anniversary

Sunday, May 7th

Join in a celebratory worship service, followed by a gathering of friends and families in the lounge, sharing a story, a meal, and our faith, together.

*Reflecting on the past.
Living in God's Word today.
Opening up to the future.*

NEW BOOK STUDY Starting up in June 10th "JESUS REVOLUTION"

...from the inside cover...

God has always been passionate about turning unlikely people into His most fervent followers. Prostitutes and pagans, tax collectors and tricksters, the pompous and the pious--the more unlikely the people, the more it seems to please God to demonstrate His power, might, and mercy through them. America in the 1960s and 1970s was full of many such unlikely characters--young men and

women who had rejected the conformist religion of their parents' generation, iconoclasts who didn't follow the rules and didn't fit in. It was the perfect setting for the greatest spiritual awakening of the twentieth century.

With clarity, humor, passion, and purpose, Greg Laurie and Ellen Vaughn tell the remarkable true story of the Jesus Movement, an

extraordinary time of mass revival, renewal, and reconciliation. Setting intriguing personal stories within the context of one of the most tumultuous times in modern history, they draw important parallels with our own time of spiritual apathy and outright hostility, offering hope for the next generation of unlikely believers--and for the next great American revival.

LET'S CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE

PRAYER WALK SATURDAY
MAY 6
9:00 AM



PRAYER WALK SATURDAY!

In celebration of Pilgrim Lutheran's 75th anniversary and for God's faithfulness to the ministry in our community, we will be hosting a Prayer Walk on Saturday, May 6, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Pastor Andrea Fluegel, Transition Facilitator, will lead us through our community, praying for our neighbors, schools, parks, and where the Holy Spirit is calling Pilgrim Lutheran in ministry and mission. We will begin the Prayer Walk at Pilgrim Lutheran and return at approximately 11:00 a.m. for light refreshments and the making of a Prayer Banner (no sewing required).

For those who would prefer to stay at the church during the Prayer Walk, prayers and other materials will be made available for you to use. If there is inclement weather, we will still gather at 9:00 a.m. as Pastor Andrea Fluegel will lead us through Dwelling in the Word and a time of prayer. All ages are welcome to participate in this time of celebration and gratitude.

Volunteer Drivers Needed

Marathon County Transportation Program is recruiting volunteer drivers to take people to their medical appointments and grocery shopping.

If you have free time and would like to help people, we have a flexible program that would fit your schedule. People in need of transportation will be matched with volunteer drivers in their area. Drivers will be reimbursed at 65.5 cents a mile to help with expenses.

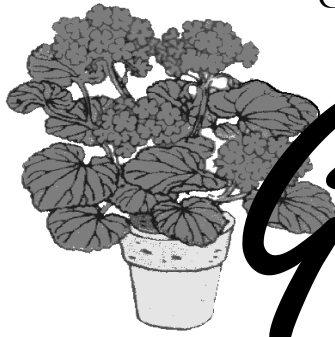
If you have any questions about the Program or are interested in an application, please call Jenny McKenzie at 715-841-5101 or email jmckenzie@norcen.org. Your interest is greatly appreciated!

Pentecost is May 28th

For \$5.75, purchase a red geranium for the church's celebration of Pentecost on Sunday, May 28th. The plants can be taken home after the worship service or donated for planting on the church grounds.

Orders and payments are due
in the church office by

Sunday, May 7th.



Geraniums

Name _____

_____ x \$5.75 = _____

of Plants

Total Cost

In Memory of _____

In Celebration of _____

Number of Plants
to be Picked Up:

Number of Plants
to be Donated:

Don't Throw Away That Empty Cartridge!

Bring it to Church!

The Salvation Army collects empty inkjet cartridges for recycling and remanufacturing. Any inkjet cartridge with a print head can be recycled, regardless of brand or type. Do you have an HP, Lexmark, Xerox, Compaq, Brother, Dell, Canon, or Apple printer? Bring in your empty inkjet cartridges (in a Ziploc bag to keep it safe from spills and damages) to church. Place it in the collection box for the Salvation Army. It is easy, it is painless, it is good for the environment and it will help others who are in need in our community.

*“Great things are done by
a series of small things brought together”*

—Vincent van Gogh

Men's Monthly Bible Study Breakfast at Eagle's Nest

2nd Thursday of the Month
7:30 a.m.

The next gathering for food, faith, and fellowship is May 11th. Contact Eugene Viegut (715-359-9895) if you are interested in joining.

Weekly Prayer Circle Tuesdays 11:45 a.m.

If you would like to join the group, drop in. Or, if you would like to receive the weekly prayer list, contact the office.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE MAY 3 ~ 6

300 N. First Street, Wausau

Members Only Sale
Wednesday, May 3, 5 - 7:30

Public Invited
Thursday, May 4, 9:30 - 7:30
Friday, May 5, 9:30 - 4:30

Bag Sale Day—\$6.00 a Bag
Saturday, May 6, 9:30 - 3:30

Visit the library for great deals on thousands of like-new and gently used books, movies, music CDs, and more!

Due to pandemic, room occupancy may be limited and face masks are encouraged.

shout OUT!

- To Rick Swanson, John Trempe, Stan Meyers, Tom Brown, Larry Brandenburg, and Eugene Viegut for sprucing up the grounds on the April 14th Spring clean-up day
- To Jean Trempe for donating Easter cards and to the writers: Kathy Brown, Delores Kessel, Sue Koerten, Mary Swanson and Jean Trempe
- To all who contributed to our Lenten soup suppers and all who volunteered time and baking skills for a sold-out Election day sale (See Minutes on page 8 for details)
- To all who made our (first annual?) Maundy Thursday potluck supper a success. To Burt and Kay Palmer for helping to launch the event and for providing main dishes. To those who provided food and volunteered to time for setup and cleanup, including: Jean Trempe, Kathy Brown, Ramona Schmitz, Sue Koerten, Burt and Kay Palmer, Deanna Kelly, Delores Kessel, Jenni Zaitz, Chris Freiberg, Charlene Buttner Betty Walters, Maureen Kislow, Jeanette Carlson, Kathi Kunze, and anyone who did place their name on the signup sheet.
- To all who gave of their time and talents for the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter Day worship services, including: the altar guild, ushers, worship assistants, acolytes, hymn leaders, accompanists, music coordinator, music director, the Jubilee Ringers, and the Pilgrim/St. Stephen combined choir.



+ *Who am I praying for?*
 + *With whom am I having significant faith conversations?*
 + *Who am I inviting to a church event?*
 Changed lives begin with these three questions!

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 13th, 2023
Unapproved

PRESENT IN PERSON: President Shirley Ecker, Vice President Jeanette Carlson, Secretary Jenni Zaitz, Treasurer Charles Freiberg, Charlene Buttner, Janet Williams, Eugene Viegut, Jim Lenselink, Terra Ecker Sue Koerten, Vicar Pat and Pastor Andrea Fluegel

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Shirley Ecker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and Sue Koerten had devotions.

GUEST: Pastor Andrea Fluegel, transitional facilitator, was in attendance at this meeting. She will be at Pilgrim on Saturday, May 6th to lead a Prayer Walk. Participants will leave Pilgrim at 9:00 A.M. and walk through the neighborhood stopping to visit shut-in's and to pray for the community. After the walk everyone will meet back at Pilgrim to create a banner from scrap material and use sharpies to write prayers for the church and community. She also discussed the "Faithful Innovations" webinar. "Faithful Innovations" can be used to help a congregation figure out their "missing pieces". It can help us to answer questions such as: "How do we get children back in church" and "How do we get more volunteers". It can also help us to look at our community and figure out ways to engage them and what to do if someone new visits. We are all welcome to call or e-mail Pastor Andrea if we have any questions.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Jenni Zaitz) Minutes were reviewed from the March 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. A motion was made by Freiberg, second by Carlson to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Charles Freiberg): Reviewed the current finances. March was on par with last year. Easter offerings were very good. A loss is showing in the script account because the deposit was made in April. A motion was made by Buttner, second by Koerten to accept the Treasurers Reports. Motion carried.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT: (Jeanette Carlson) No report

VICARS REPORT: (Vicar Patrick Kempf) Vicar Pat is getting frustrated with the call process. His intent was to move forward with a certain site but there was a misunderstanding with the bishop and it was given to someone else. Easter went well.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Shirley Ecker) Reviewed the lease for the Christian Fellowship Church. A motion was made by Koerten, second by Viegut to continue the lease with the Christian Fellowship Church and keep the rent at \$3,900 annually. Motion Carried. Pastor Andrea Fluegel will be our supply pastor on Sunday, June 25th. On Sunday, May 7th Pilgrim will celebrate its 75th Congregational Anniversary. Pastor Jenn Pockat Associate to the Bishop will do the sermon that day and Vicar Pat will assist. We are still looking for an Evangelism council representative. The committee meets the first Sunday of each month. Shirley Ecker has been temporarily filling the position. On Saturday, April 29th Pastor Dara will lead a workshop at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church with council representatives from Mount Calvary, Immanuel, Pilgrim, St. Johns, and Bethlehem to build relationships and identify strengths and weaknesses. Shirley Ecker, Sue Koerten, Terra Ecker and Jim Lenselink will represent Pilgrim. A meeting needs to be set up with the other churches to discuss shared VBS, Sunday School, Evangelism and other programs. April 26th is Administrative Assistant Day. Progress articles are due April 21, 2023.

WORSHIP REPORT: (Sue Koerten) Thank you to everyone who sent in favorite hymns for Sundays in Lent and Easter Sunday. We had many people participate. Thank you to Kay and Burt Palmer for organizing and purchasing the main course for the Maundy Thursday potluck. We would like to have the dinner become an annual event. Discussed One License and Copyright protection pertaining to the words to the hymns in our Sunday bulletins. When a church prints a bulletin the church becomes a publisher. When a church puts a service online, the church becomes a broadcaster, and everything audible and printed is subject to podcast and streaming copyright laws. Purchasing an annual licensing agreement from One License will cover approximately 80% of our music. A motion was made by Koerten, second by Carlson for Pilgrim to purchase One License copyright protection at the rate of the annual fee for congregations of Pilgrim's size. The fee is broken down in the following ways: \$210 for the Publisher's License and \$80 for the Broadcaster's License for a total in 2023 of \$290. One License copyright protection will be paid for by using script funds. Motion Carried.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: (Eugene Viegut) There was a leak in the ceiling in the coffee area. Home Insulation Company came and fixed the leak. Spring cleanup will be starting as the weather stays nice.

EVANGELISM: The next book study "Jesus Revolution" begins Saturday June 10 from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. at Pilgrim

BLESSINGS THAT GIVE HOPE: The schedule for packing food bags is full for this year.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY: (Charlene Buttner) Grocery bags and ink cartridges were donated to the Salvation Army. We have enough hygiene items to create more than 18 kits.

LIFE & GROWTH (Janet Williams) Soup suppers started on Wednesday, March 1st and continued every Wednesday until March 29th. Thanks to all who made the soup: Delores & Jeff Kessel, Debbie Glascock, Karen Larsen, Pat and Sarah Kempf and Katie Ecker. Thanks to all who provided additional food and helped with setup and cleanup: Shirley Ecker, Janet Williams, Katie Ecker, Sue Koerten, Kathy Brown, Linda Konkol, Charlene Buttner, Bob and Jill Windorski, Debbie Glascock, Delores and Jeff Kessel, Karen Larson and anyone else who helped but did not sign the sheet. Special thanks to Debbie Glascock who took over for Janet Williams when she became ill. Election Day bake sale was held on Tuesday, April 4th. Thanks to all who helped with selling and set up: Debbie Glascock, Linda Konkol, Mary Williams, Delores Kessel, Janet Williams, June Champagne, Ramona Schmitz, Cathy Gottschalk, Debbie Glascock, Kathi Kunze, Charlene Buttner and Deanna Kelly signed up to sell but were not able to since we ran out of treats at about 11:30 A.M. The script program is ongoing. We are ordering about every two weeks. Orders can be placed with Fred at the church office or Janet Williams (715)573-3310. It has been taking about five days to receive the cards once the order has been placed. Current balance is about \$7,000.

STEWARDSHIP: (Jim Lenselink) Fred has completed the tabulations and put together the new Faith Inspirations and Opportunities booklet.

CHILDREN & YOUTH: Plans are being made for Sunday School to start in the fall. The kids will receive an invitation inviting them to come.

ADJOURN: At 7:50 a motion was made by Terra Ecker, Second by Jim Lenselink to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. Shirley Ecker has devotions.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jenni Zaitz, Secretary



Happy Birthday from your Pilgrim family!
Please contact the church office with any updates.

Taylor Lemanski	05/01	Karen Larson	05/18
Ellen Anderson	05/03	Austin Fehlhaber	05/19
Mica Fehlhaber-Poppe	05/03	Patricia Roberts	05/24
Frank Koerten	05/04	Kassidie Augustine	05/26
Lindsey Koski	05/05	Rachel Clemment	05/26
Cody Augustine	05/06	Terra Ecker	05/28
Connie Brandenburg	05/06	Paul Ziebell	05/28
Manda Strick	05/10	Anna Larsen	05/29
Christopher Ecker	05/16	Nathan Stromme	05/31
Donald Mattke	05/17		



REMEMBER IN PRAYER...
the following members of our
Pilgrim family on their
numbered day of the month

May

1 Caden Werth	17 Ross Windorski
2 Natalie Werth	18 Keith Woodward
3 Sarah Werth	19 Dennis Wunsch
4 Dana Weyer	20 Jeanne Wunsch
5 Lori Weyer	21 Barb Yeast
6 Maverick Weyer	22 Gary Yeast
7 Brent Widmark	23 Diane Yunek
8 Brian Widmark	24 Jimmer Yunek
9 Britta Widmark	25 Jenni Zaitz
10 Bryce Widmark	26 Kevin Zaitz
11 Janet Williams	27 Lauren Zaitz
12 Mary Williams	28 Lillie Zaitz
13 Steve Williams	29 Logan Zaitz
14 Bob Windorski	30 Jack Ziebell
15 Jenna Windorski	31 Ellen Anderson
16 Jill Windorski	

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1	2 9:00 Pastors' Breakfast 11:45 Prayer Circle	3 6:30 Choir	4 6:30 Worship	5	6 9:00 Prayer Walk with Pr. Andrea
7 75th ANNIV. CELEBRATION 7:45 Evangelism Team Meeting 9:00 Worship with Pr. Jenn Pockat 10:15 Luncheon	8	9 9:00 Pastors' Breakfast 11:45 Prayer Circle 1:00 Pastors' Text Study 6:30 Council Mtg. (Pr. Fluegel attends)	10 9:00 Busy Bee Quilters 6:30 Choir	11 7:30 Men's Bible Study at Eagle's Nest 6:30 Worship	12 Lay School	13
14 9:00 Worship	15	16 9:00 Pastors' Breakfast 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:00 GWCS Meeting at Pilgrim	17 6:30 Choir	18 9-1 WRV Conference Mtg. 6:30 Worship	19 Lay School	20 Lay School Synod Assembly in Appleton
21 9:00 Worship	22	23 9:00 Pastors' Breakfast 11:45 Prayer Circle 1:00 Pastors' Text Study	24 6:30 Choir	25 6:30 Worship	26	27
28 PENTECOST 9:00 Worship	29 MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed	30 9:00 Pastors' Breakfast 11:45 Prayer Circle	31 6:30 Choir			

FINANCIAL INFORMATION UPDATE

April 27, 2023

A budget is a statement of faith. It is our way of saying this is what we believe God wants us to do. And we trust that God will provide.

Mortgage	Year-to-Date Revenue
\$ 74,231 Balance: 03/30/2023	Budget vs. Actual
\$ 614 Principal Payment	\$37,836 \$37,593
\$ 874 Interest Payment	Outstanding Bills
\$ 73,617 Balance: 04/27/2023	\$2,159 Total Bills

PARTICIPATE IN THE SCRIP PROGRAM AND SUPPORT PILGRIM

Put your regular household shopping dollars to work by purchasing gift cards at Pilgrim. Scrip-participating retailers sell gift cards to Pilgrim at a discount and you get the full face value of the gift card. Orders are taken periodically. For information, email or call the office at 715-842-4544

THRIVENT CHOICE PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce that Pilgrim Church receives funds through Thrivent Financial's Thrivent Choice program. By directing Choice Dollars, eligible Thrivent members can recommend which nonprofit organizations they feel should receive charitable grant funding from Thrivent. If you are an eligible member, please consider us when directing Choice Dollars. Call 800-847-4836 or visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

THOSE PILGRIMS UNABLE TO ATTEND SERVICES

Please remember the following Pilgrims who are not able to attend worship due to personal limitation. If you need their addresses, please contact the church office.

In Care Facilities

Kathleen Huebner.....Mount View

In Their Homes

Kathy Boehm John Schneider
Donald Mattke Stephen Williams

PRAYER SHAWLS

Do you know someone who needs prayer and a special word of encouragement? Consider extending the love of Jesus through a Circle of Women prayer shawl.

A cabinet in the lounge holds a variety of prayer shawls. Choose one to deliver to a person who needs a special, tangible reminder of God's love and presence. Sign the book to show that you have taken one, and use a prayer request form to add this person to the Prayer Circle list, if that is appropriate.

A wicker basket sits next to the cabinet. If you have extra yarn to donate, you may place it there to be used for other handcrafted shawls. Thank You!

Shawls given to date... 275

CAN'T GET TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY?

**COME WORSHIP
THURSDAYS AT 6:30 PM!**

We gather for worship each week in a simple service of hymns, prayers, Scripture, sermon, and the Lord's Supper. We don't "dress up," and it only lasts 30 – 40 minutes. If your spirit needs food for the journey, please consider joining us. We promise you will be fed!



Rooted: May 30-31, 2023

at Pine Lake Camp, Waupaca

We want to let you in on a secret - Camp Staff Training is one of the most impactful tools of the church. We foster a love for ministry leadership in young adults that keeps them engaged in church communities for the rest of their lives. And now, this experience is not just limited to young adults.

We are inviting all adults, wherever you are on your journey of faith, to attend Rooted: a faith enrichment experience parallel to staff training to join in this learning retreat. \$98/Participant covers four meals and retreat center lodging with scholarships available.

Who: All adults are welcome and invited! Whether you currently lead in your congregation or you are in a season of rest, you and your spiritual well-being are worth investing in and nurturing.

If you don't wish to come alone, consider inviting a friend, neighbor, book club, or bible study group to join you.

What: This unique program runs parallel to camp staff training at Pine Lake Camp. While guest speakers, pastors and faith leaders are brought in to lead and train the camp staff, they will lead and present an additional session for you, our Rooted cohort. You will also share meals with the inspiring young adults that will be leading our camp programming and soaking up their energy and zest for faith while they lead campfire worship. Amidst the full schedule, we have set aside intentional time for recreation that we encourage you to use however is best for you. Suggestions include kayaking, hiking, journaling, or visiting and connecting with other participants.

Why: We believe the right group of attendees will feel called to this program and that God will use this time of immersive learning to deepen faith, create community, provide active rest, and build up the body of Christ.

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Where Does My Offering Go?

In 2021, through the generosity of ELCA members, \$1.6 billion was shared in unrestricted offerings* to support God's mission and ministry through the three expressions of the ELCA. Thank you for your support of the ministry we do together!

94.6% Congregations

\$1.59 billion was stewarded by over 8,900 ELCA congregations and worshipping communities.

\$90.8 million was shared by congregations with their synods as Mission Support.

3.0% Synods

\$50.2 million in Mission Support was stewarded by the ELCA's 65 synods.

2.4% Churchwide Organization

\$40.6 million in Mission Support was stewarded by the ELCA churchwide organization.

*Unrestricted offerings do not include special offerings (e.g., congregational capital improvements or gifts to ministries such as Lutheran Disaster Response or ELCA World Hunger).

Pilgrim's monthly offering to the East Central Synod of Wisconsin (ECSW) is designated for Synod Mission support. 50% is used by our synod (ECSW); 45% is shared with the churchwide organization; and, 5% is shared for seminary support.

PRAYER WALK.....Saturday, May 6, 9:00 am
75TH ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP..... Sunday, May 7, 9:00 am.
 Luncheon follows
DAY OF PENTECOST WORSHIP Sunday, May 28, 9:00 am
RECYCLE AND BAKE SALE Fri/Sat, June 2nd and 3rd

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Services

Sundays 9:00 a.m. and Thursdays 6:30 p.m.

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