# Progress

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#### Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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#### Worship Schedule

SUNDAYS In-Person and Zoomed Online

9:00 am

THURSDAYS In-person 6:30 pm

#### **Office Hours**

<u>Monday - Thursday</u> 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

> <u>Friday</u> Closed

#### Greetings.

As October approaches Autumn colors grace us with their beautiful red, orange, green, and yellow colors. This time of year also brings transition with kids returning to school and adults going back to work and college after those summer vacations, Sunday school, and Bible/Book studies. And, soon, it will be getting dark outside earlier when we turn the clocks back a hour.

Pilgrim is facing transition with Vicar Pat receiving his first call at a two-point parish, Our Savior's-Skogdalen Church in LaCrosse. We had a wonderful sendoff for Vicar Pat and Sarah with a taco bar and gifts from congregation members.

We are in the process of transition along with other Wausau ELCA congregations that are without a pastor or will be without a pastor soon and in the process of having to make many hard decisions. There are not many pastors coming out of seminary to fill these positions and supply pastors are very few and being utilized as much as possible. What does God say about transition in the Bible—it is there to make us better people and grow. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV) We are all experiencing many different emotions such as fear, grief, excitement, self-doubt, nervousness, and anxiety because God is in

control, and we aren't. And, this gives us a sense of restlessness because what does God have in store for us through the Holy Spirit? The Bible is filled with stories of transformation from 2000 years ago. David who found courage and strength to fight Goliath and later became King, to Zacchaeus who changed his ways after Jesus met with him, to Jonah who found courage after God intervened through the use of a large fish.

Church council presidents from Good Shepherd, Immanuel, First English, Mount Calvary, St. Andrew, Bethlehem, and St. John in Mosinee have been meeting monthly since June to discuss concerns from the congregations and to share some thoughts with each other. A joint worship service was held on July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Rothschild Pavilion with local congregations. Those attending stated it was a very uplifting experience and hope to have one next year. As we move forward, we need to look at doing shared ministry with a pastor and another congregation or two.

We held a town hall meeting after service on Sunday September 17 to discuss shared ministry. At the meeting it was decided to start conversations with other congregations and move forward. I have contacted Mount Calvary to begin talking with them and we plan to talk with other congregations in the area to find out who would make the best

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## *"The grass withers; the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."*

- Isaiah 40:8

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Thank you to all of you who participated in the congregational conversation on Sunday, September 17 regarding the future that God is calling Pilgrim Lutheran into over the next year and into the future. For those of you who have been unable to participate in these conversations over the last seven months, here are some definitions regarding "Holy Conversations."

- **Choosing Transformation:** making significant change to current context from within to connect with God's mission. Options include: intentional vitality process, redevelopment, sale of building, and lay leadership.
- **Choosing Partnership:** engaging in shared ministry with another congregation(s) for the sake of the gospel. Options include shared ministry, merger/consolidation, and anchor church models.
- **Choosing Resurrection:** embracing the end with belief in the promise that God is doing a new thing. Options include word & service mission post; and holy closure.

**Transformation/Intentional Vitality Process** - an intentional time of discernment deeply grounded in Bible study, prayer, deep listening, and experimentation. This process is usually seven to twelve months. This requires willingness, openness and energy from leadership and congregation. Here are some key questions:

- What is my congregation's readiness for change?
- Are we willing to begin with spiritual transformation?
- Do we have the leaders lay and pastoral to make significant change?
- What is the current level of energy and capacity in the congregation?

**Shared Ministry** - "A shared ministry relationship occurs when two or more congregations agree to remain in their existing buildings, remain separately incorporated, and share one pastor (or pastoral staff) for the partner congregations. This option can be helpful in terms of having a full-time pastor (or pastoral staff) and offers the opportunity for two or more congregations to, optimally, work cooperatively in ministry or, minimally, afford the services of an ordained pastor or a pastoral staff. This is the most viable option for a full communion partnership, as the merging of assets and shared ownership does not come into play." Shared Ministry can also include sharing staff and other resources. **Collaborative Ministry** is partnering with other congregations for choir, Confirmation, VBS, service projects, etc. Here are some key considerations regarding Shared Ministry:

- Congregations will have less time from their pastor, who now serves multiple congregations.
- Congregation members must take on some of the tasks done by their pastor when their pastor solely served their congregation full-time.
- Increased travel time and mileage expenses as the pastor goes between congregations.
- When there is a pastoral staff, the need to intentionally work on staff dynamics and communication.
- When programs are shared by the congregations, having regular and intentional communication should occur well in advance of events.



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shared ministry partner with Pilgrim. In April the Synod had a meeting with four representatives from each congregation – Pilgrim was represented by Jim Lenselink, Sue Koerten, Terra Ecker, and me. These four people will be involved in meeting with the congregations and finding out more about them as well as finding out more about Pilgrim. A meeting with Mount Calvary will be set up soon to begin talking. We will report back to the church council and congregation on how our discussions went.

I would like to ask everyone to keep each other, the church council, Pilgrim staff, and the other congregations in prayer. This can be an exciting and unpleasant venture at the same time.

Matthew 28:19-20 shares with us "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations... and surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." God is walking with us every step of the way. Feel free to talk with any of the church council representatives or you can contact Pastor Andrea Fluegel, Transition Facilitator by phone 715-391-9311 or at pastorandrea@northwoodscc.org.

Peace!

Shirley Ecker Church Council President **Holy Closure** - "Good Friday grief becomes Easter joy when congregations live into the promise of death and resurrection. Members of a congregation that has reached holy closure can often find a deep sense of satisfaction and faith in seeing their gifts blossom in a new way. Holy closure provides an opportunity to leave a strong legacy including paying forward financial resources for the sake of the gospel." Holy closure doesn't mean that a congregation closes the door in the near future. There is time to grieve and to discern how to leave a legacy that will continue to refuel the larger Church and community for Jesus' mission and ministry.

Regardless of whether God is calling Pilgrim to Transformation, Partnership, or Resurrection, discernment will take time, patience, and deep listening to God, to the congregation, and to the community. Yes, there will be grief and longings. There will be fear and excitement. There will be a mixture of emotions. God continues to call us into something new. God continues to walk with us.

Praise be to God for God's faithfulness,

Pastor Andrea Fluegel Transition Facilitator

Definitions and quotations from "Holy Conversations" guide from the East Central Synod of Wisconsin.

#### WAYS TO SUPPORT BLESSINGS THAT GIVE HOPE

Drop off items of the month in the bins in the narthex

Contribute financially to the program.

Bring in any of the following new or gently used items (nothing with holes, stains, etc., please.) and drop them off in the bins in the narthex.

- Athletic Pants/Leggings (boys & girls sizes 5-12)
- Underwear (boys & girls sizes 5-12)
- Snowpants (boys & girls sizes 5-12)
- Hats (boys & girls)
- Heavy winter gloves/mittens (boys & girls—no thin ones)
- Winter Boots (boys/girls 10T (toddler) to 7 big kids (men's/women's)

Thank you!

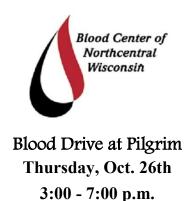
#### **ITEMS-OF-THE-MONTH**

Blessings That Give Hope

#### <u>October</u>

Canned Soup Shampoo & Conditioner

(men & women)



Call 715-842-0761 to schedule an appointment or drop in.

#### 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.

#### October 2023

#### Book Study Group Jesus Revolution

This study group will meet monthly at 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays:

Upcoming Sessions

October 14th November 11th

#### 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 **October 12th**. Contact Eugene Viegut (715-359-9895) if you are interested in joining.

#### God's Work. Our Hands.

On September 10th, the Community Outreach Task Force sponsored this event with volunteers from St. Stephen, Good Shepherd, Mt. Calvary, and Pilgrim. A cookout, clothing closet, and companionship were provided for clientele. Thanks to all of the volunteers, including those from Pilgrim: the Ecker family (Randy, Shirley, Chris, Terra, and the kids) Charlene Buttner, and Jeff and Delores Kessel.



# shout OUT!

- To the Busy Bee Quilters, for creating quilts that give warmth and comfort to many people across the globe and here in our community: Connie Brandenburg, Kathy Brown, Charlene Buttner, June Champagne, Ruth Geurink, Deanna Kelly, Grace Klopotek, Sue Koerten, Linda Konkel, Jill Myers, Ramona Schmitz, Marion Schultz, Mary Swanson, and Lila Viegut.
- To all who helped box up 54 quilts for Lutheran World Relief and ready them for delivery.
- To the Social Concerns Team and the congregation for the creation of the school kits (26), personal care kits (36), and baby care kits (3) for Lutheran World Relief and all of the items needed to make them.
- To our visiting pastors, Andrea Fluegel and Tryphine Schruba, and our Lay Minister, Eugene Viegut, for leading worship services and sharing your inspiring messages with us this past month
- To Tryphine Schruba for sharing with us how pleased she is when she is asked to preach at Pilgrim
- To all who helped with the farewell fellowship luncheon for Vicar Pat and Sarah Kempf.



#### MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING September 12th, 2023 Unapproved

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

EXCUSED: Charlene Buttner

MEETING CALLED TO OR-DER: Shirley Ecker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and Terra Ecker had devotions.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Jenni Zaitz) Minutes were reviewed from the August 8, 2023, Regular Council Meeting. Correction to the August minutes: the treasurers report did include July 30<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Carlson, second by Terra Ecker to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Charles Freiberg): Reviewed the current finances. Our Year to date for August was a little ahead of last year. A motion was made by Koerten, second by Terra Ecker to accept the Treasurers Reports. Motion carried.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT: (Jeanette Carlson) No report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Shirley Ecker) We should all be paying attention to any organizations looking for a meeting place. Pastor Dara and Pastor Andrea will be leading worship at Pilgrim on September 17<sup>th</sup> with a town hall meeting to follow. They will not be accepting pay but request that a donation be made to the Bishop's resource fund, SAM scholarships or seminary student support. A motion was made by Freiberg, second by Carlson that \$200 will be given to seminary student support. Motion carried. Kay Palmer has expressed an interest in preaching at Pilgrim and is attending Lay classes this fall. Pilgrim's current policy states to have only Lay School certified individuals preach from the pulpit. After reviewing information provided by Kay and discussing a motion was made by Koerten, second by Lenselink to amend the policy to allow for individuals other than Certified Lay Leaders to preach from the pulpit on a case -by-case basis. Motion carried. A motion was made by Freiberg, second by Terra Ecker to allow Kay Palmer to lead the service and give the sermon to be effective immediately. Motion carried.

Health Insurance for Fred for the upcoming year was approved. He requested to continue with the Gold Plan, which he has currently. A motion was made by Freiberg, second by Terra Ecker to provide the same monthly assistance of \$546.00 per year for Fred's health insurance and he can apply the excess anywhere he wants. Motion carried.

WORSHIP **REPORT:** (Sue Koerten & Delores Kessel) Delores attended a meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup> at Mt. Calvary. This meeting included a representative from Mt. Calvary, St. John's in Mosinee, St. Andrew's and Pilgrim. The topic discussed was experimenting with the possibility of sharing mid-week services. There would be many advantages to sharing mid-week services including spiritual and social advantages, financial benefits (sharing the cost of having a pastor), there is a limited pool of pastors and lav ministers to do the service and the current trend is that less people are becoming pastors. She will be talking with the people that attend services on Thursday nights to see if they are interested in a shared mid-week service. There are many factors that would have to be figured out such as; where the services would take place, would it be roundrobin style, who would lead the service and what night the service would be held. Next week Fred, Delores, Norah, and Jean will travel to Heid music in Stevens Point to shop for a new digital piano.

The Thanksgiving service is being planned for Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm with a soup supper at 5:30 pm. This service will be held at Pilgrim and St. Stephen's will be invited. The Advent Hymn Festival will be on December 17<sup>th</sup> with a reception to follow that will be sponsored by the Worship Committee. Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> there will not be a worship service. Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> we will not have a 9:00 worship service but will have a 5:00 Christmas Eve Service. The Christmas Day service will be on December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Thurday, December 29<sup>th</sup> there will be no worship service. A motion was made by Freiberg, Second by Lenselink to approve the dates and times of the advent services. Motion carried.

Confirmation will start on October 4th and Pilgrim will have 1-3 students attending. Students from Pilgrim, Immanuel, St. Stephen, and Good Shephard will be combined.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: (Eugene Viegut) Steve Konkel will make and install a railing behind the lectern where there is a drop off. It was discovered that there is an open attic space above the west part of the church and west entrance to Fellowship Hall. To prevent heat from escaping and ice issues in the winter this

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area should be sealed and insulated. The cost of the repairs is \$1974, and the work can be done this October. A motion was made by Koerten, second by Carlson to have the attic area sealed and insulated and have the money come out of the main maintenance budget. Motion carried.

#### EVANGELISM: No Report

BLESSINGS THAT GIVE HOPE: Providing weekend food bags is not what is needed the most anymore for John Marshall families so the program will look a little different for the 2023-2024 school year. We will be starting a food pantry for John Marshall children and their families and collecting one food item and one personal care item each month to keep the shelves stocked. We will continue to provide a monetary donation to John Marshall so that children in need can purchase items for their families at the school's Winter Wish Store during the holiday season. We will start the year by providing snacks for each classroom to have on hand for those students that come to school without a snack for the We will also purchase day. Walmart gift cards for families that need more support than the regular programs are providing.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY: (Charlene Buttner) Two prayer shawls and a quilt were donated to the Hospice House. We are currently packing kits for the Lutheran World Relief in-gathering in October. A total of 28 school kits and 3 baby kits have been completed.

LIFE & GROWTH: (Janet Williams) A farewell luncheon was served for Vicar Pat and Sarah after church on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. A taco bar was set up by Qdoba. Thanks to the following: Kay Palmer, Chris Freiberg, Karen Larson and Jeanette Carlson for providing desserts: Jenni Zaitz and Terra Ecker for providing beverages; Shirley Ecker for providing the cake and Linda Konkel and Kathy Brown for the table decorations. Thanks to Steve and Linda Konkel, Shirley & Randy Ecker, Terra & Chris Ecker, Katie Ecker, Cathy Gottschalk, Tom Brown, Ron Kelly and Larry & Connie Brandenburg for help with setting up and cleaning up. Thanks to everyone else who helped but didn't sign up. We served about 50 people. The Scrip card 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) No report

CHILDREN & YOUTH: Sunday School is being planned to start the first or second week of October. The children will leave church after the children's sermon and go to class. Terra will be having a zoom meeting with Pastor Andrea to discuss.

Progress articles are due September 22, 2023

ADJOURN: At 8:20 a motion was made by Lenselink, Second by Terra Ecker to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. Jeanette Carlson has devotions.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenni Zaitz, Secretary

#### 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.



#### **Menards Rebates**

Do you take advantage of Menards' 11% rebate program? Cleaning supplies and miscellaneous custodial items for Pilgrim are ofpurchased ten from Menards. A simple way to make a contribution to Pilgrim's maintenance needs is to donate your Menards rebate coupons. Simply drop the rebates off at the church office or mail them to Fred's attention at the church. Your gifts will be a great blessing. Thank you for supporting this effort.



For more than 75 years, Lutheran World Relief has responded to war, disaster and emergency by turning the compassion of quilters and kit makers like you into tangible items that meet urgent needs and offer glimpses of hope for families experiencing crisis.

#### FIRST RESPONSE IN AN EMERGENCY

Although a quilt or a bundle of hygiene supplies might seem like a drop of help in an ocean of need, these basic necessities might be impossible for families to find on their own in the wake of disaster.

Onur and Feride Aaikgoz say their family could get "nothing at all" in the aftermath of the February earthquake that destroyed their city and their home in Turkiye.

"People looted most of the markets," Mr. Aaikgoz told Lutheran World Relief. They looted the big shopping malls and left nothing."

A large-scale disaster, like those our neighbors in Turkiye and Ukraine are experiencing, often means stores and markets are shut down. Transport becomes extremely limited. It gets cold at night, and the simple act of handwashing might become a luxury. LWR Quilts and Kits serve as a first response to basic material needs, getting families through until longer term solutions can be found.

#### THE ONLY HELP AVAILABLE

Additionally, Lutheran World Relief is sometimes the only organization that reaches communities in distress. Following back-to-back hurricanes in Honduras in 2020, your quilts and kits, coupled with food packages, were the only aid that reached hundreds of rural families whose remote villages, livelihoods, and homes had washed away.

"The Quilt & Kit Ministry allows LWR to love our neighbors during the hardest time of their lives, when they are exhausted, homeless, grieving, and terrified. Without your generosity, some neighbors may be completely on their own to survive when everything they worked for is gone. Your quilts and kits are literally the answer to their prayers." says Daniel Speckhard, president and CEO of LWR.

#### How Your Quilts and Kits Fill the Gap

In the wake of disaster, every quilt and kit has an important role to play. Here are a few examples:

LWR Mission Quilts are a comforting hug wrapped around someone's shoulders and a practical item providing for warmth, shelter, and more. LWR's Maryna Zuy Hayes reflects on a distribution she facilitated in Ukraine, "It was quite emotional. When we arrived, people started surrounding us—mostly young women with children. Some had withdrawn expressions, some looked around suspiciously and some were barely holding their tears... But when the quilt and kit distribution began, joy and gratitude spread quickly among all of us. One mother who received a quilt and a Baby Care Kit burst into tears grateful that someone on the other side of the world would care enough to make these items and send them all the way to Ukraine."

**Personal Care Kits** not only provide hygiene essentials that keep people healthy, but they also offer a measure of dignity for those who have not been able to care for their bodies as they normally would. LWR's Moses Kabongo says these kits are especially useful for pregnant and new mothers. "The items help them clean and cover themselves and their babies, protecting them from the cold," he says. "In addition to keeping themselves and their babies clean, they also love the soaps because they smell so good!"

**School Kits** give children the ability to attend school, supporting both their education and a sense of normalcy and stability after crisis. Following hurricanes Eta and Iota in Honduras, one mother said, "Since the start of the pandemic, my husband, who is a security guard, had his salary lowered. We could not buy school supplies for our children so they could receive their classes. We live in a very poor area along the river border and after the hurricanes could not find any help. The school supplies are a great blessing to my children and our family."

Thank you for being an answer to prayer on a neighbor's darkest day.



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

Jeanette Carlson	10/02	Violet Koski	10/13
Jane Dolan	10/03	Jean Trempe	10/13
John Trempe	10/03	Gary Dettmering	10/15
Oscar Brown	10/04	Burton Palmer	10/21
Jeff Stubbe	10/04	William Marx	10/23
Lori Weyer	10/07	Tom Brown	10/24
Nancy Bedessem	10/09	Jordan Kislow	10/31
Richard Erickson	10/11		

On birthdays, we honor our beginnings and remember that in God's eyes, we have a place in this world that no one else has.



### REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

the following members of our Pilgrim family on their

### October

1	Darryl Landeau	17 Melani Lemanski
2	Marshall Landeau	18 Taylor Lemanski
3	Sarah Landeau	19 Jamie Lemke
4	Alex Larsen	20 Angela Lenselink
5	Anna Larsen	21 Jim Lenselink
6	David Larsen	22 William Marx
7	Michelle Larsen	23 Donald Mattke
8	Grant Larson	24 Preston Meyer
9	Gregory Larson	25 Layla Molling
10	Kara Larson	26 Shylo Moon
11	Karen Larson	27 Jill Myers
12	Claire Laughlin	28 Stan Myers
13	Elise Laughlin	29 Hannah Neumann
14	Theresa Laughlin	30 Burton Palmer
15	Chad Lemanski	31 Kay Palmer
16	Colton Lemanski	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:45 Evangelism Team Meeting 9:00 Worship	2	3 11:45 Prayer Circle	4 6:30 Choir	5 6:30 Worship	6	7 8-12 LWR Ingathering of Quilts and Kits.
8 9:00 Worship	9	10 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:30 Council Mtg.	11 9:00 Busy Bee Quilters 1:00 Hymn Pickers 6:30 Choir	12 7:30 Men's Bible Study at Eagle's Nest 6:30 Worship	13	14 9:00 Jesus Revolution Book Study
15 9:00 Worship	16	17 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:00 GWCS Meeting at Pilgrim	18 6:30 Choir	19 9-1 WRV Conference Mtg. 6:30 Worship	20 Lay School Progress Article Deadline	<b>21</b> Lay School
22 9:00 Worship	23	24 11:45 Prayer Circle	<b>25</b> 6:30 Choir	26 3-7 Blood Drive at Pilgrim 6:30 Worship	27	28
29 REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:00 Worship	30	31 9:00 Pastors' Breakfast 11:45 Prayer Circle				

#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION UPDATE September 28, 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

- \$71,065 Balance: 08/31/2023
- \$ 633 Principal Payment
- \$ 241 Interest Payment
- \$70,432 Balance: 09/28/2023

Year-to-Date<br/>BudgetRevenue<br/>Actual\$81,978\$79,005

**Outstanding Bills** \$3,443 Total Bills

#### 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 BoehmJohn SchneiderDonald MattkeStephen 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... 279

#### 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 pro-By directing Choice gram. 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.

#### 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!

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Electronic Service Requested

All Pilgrims Fred Patten Jim Lenselink/Delores Kessel Delores Kessel, Norah Brown **Dennis Wunsch** 

If you wish to give a gift to Pilgrim electronically, please go to www.pilgrimofwausau.org and click on the DONATE button on the home page. Thank you.

**BE THOUGHTFUL** Reflect, support truth, avoid fear-mongering. Have gratefulness.

-Vicar Pat Kempf, 9/3/23

<u>Services</u>

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

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**BE GENTLE** 

**BE JOYFUL** Rejoice, life is hard.

Be humble and kind. Have grace for yourself and others.

## **B<u>E PRAYERFUL</u>**

Present your requests to God. Calm the storms. Lift up others.

<u>Staff</u> Ministers

Office Manager

**Choir Directors** 

Pianists

Custodian



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