

Progress

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

In-Person and
Zoomed Online

9:00 am

THURSDAYS

6:30 pm

Office Hours

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

Friday
Closed

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

I like to think of the new year as a blank sheet of paper. A blank sheet to be written on. It is new and fresh. It is waiting to be filled with all that the New Year will bring. Nothing has marred to paper yet. I have not moved the 'stuff' from 2024 over. I can leave 'stuff' behind on the 2024 sheet if I want to. This New Year is for the taking. To be shaped as new. With the promise of a fresh start of sorts. I can think of new resolutions that will make me a better person. Adding in dreams and aspirations. I can begin to fill that in on my new sheets of the year.

For me the blank sheet of paper is a new pad of flip charts, just because I like flip charts. But for you, it may be a new journal with blank pages to be filled. Or just a new tablet or notebook. A new calendar that has not yet been written in.

The idea is that there is a whole 'new'. Pages to be filled in during the coming year. But it is new, for me to fill in with family, friends, great things, and maybe not so great things. Can I fit in all of the things that were left out in 2024? What will I leave behind and not bring forward.

The question then becomes where do I fit God into my blank sheets? Will there be room for Him on every page, on every day? Do I 'pencil' Him in at

Christmas and Easter. Those would be the obvious days to remember Him. Will He be a key part of this new adventure that is 2025? As I add each new experience, the joys, the birthday of a loved one, the gatherings at church, the doctor's appointments, the disappointments, will God be a part of the notation? Will I mark down time for God in my every day? Or will the 'things' of life overtake the time. Will I make the time for God?

Whether we add God to our blank sheets for the New Year or not, He has us penned in. Not just a penciled in that can be erased. We are written in! He is with us every day as we build our New Year.

None of us know what this New Year will bring. We can hope and plan. In the words of John Lennon, Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans". We can make all of the plans in the world that we want to see and experience, but that is not always the case. God is the only one who can truly manage our blank pages, our life.

What will be written on your blank sheet of paper for 2025? Will God be penned in as a part of your every day?

Wishing you all a blessed New Year!

Kay Palmer

“There Is a Hole in My Sidewalk”
a poem by Portia Nelson

Jim Lenselink shared this poem with us at our council meeting this month. It seems that God had a message as Jim literally stumbled on this poem, which was printed on a paper bookmark that was lying on the sidewalk. Though it speaks of personal transformation, it may have some applications for Pilgrim’s Congregational journey. Perhaps we are on the way to transform into a better and bolder version of Church.

Chapter 1

I walk down the street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I fall in.
I am lost....I am helpless.
It isn’t my fault.
It takes forever to find a way out.

Chapter 2

I walk down the street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I pretend that I don’t see it.
I fall in again.
I can’t believe I’m in the same place.
It isn’t my fault.
It still takes a long time to get out.

Chapter 3

I walk down the same street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I see it is there....
I still fall in....it’s a habit....but my eyes are open.
I know where I am.
It is my fault.
I get out immediately.

Chapter 4

I walk down the same street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I walk around it.

Chapter 5

I walk down another street.

From the back of the bookmark: *This poem describes the stages of transformation in a simple and concise way. Most people live life on autopilot. They keep repeating the same actions, expecting different results, living a life of stagnation and no growth. It emphasizes the importance of self-reflection throughout life. It is only through taking full responsibility and learning life lessons that one can travel the beautiful self-discovery journey. It is a commitment to becoming a better and bolder version of oneself.*

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON MOVIE: “ALL SAINTS”

Sunday, January 19, 2025, 2:00 pm
Pilgrim Lutheran Church

This movie is based on a true story of Michael Spurlock (played by John Corbett), a salesman-turned-pastor. Michael was the pastor of a tiny Episcopal (Anglican) church in Smyrna, Tennessee, who was ordered to shut it down. The movie portrays his attempt to not only save the church, but a group of refugees from Karen State, Myanmar, in Southeast Asia as well.

Movie popcorn and candy will be provided.

Make a joyful noise!

"Music can lift us out of depression or move us to tears - it is a remedy, a tonic, orange juice for the ear. But for many of my neurological patients, music is even more - it can provide access, even when no medication can, to movement, to speech, to life. For them, music is not a luxury, but a necessity."

~ Oliver Sacks

The above quote is by the physician and author, Oliver Sacks (1933-2015), who was ahead of his time in understanding the value of music, not only for enjoyment, but also for human healing. Dr. Sacks talked about the healing power of music intuitively from his own love of music and from comments made by his patients. Now there is newly emerging brain research that says his assessment of the importance of music for improving the quality of our lives is neurologically correct.

The new research has application for people as memories are being created and also for healing after having experienced trauma. Here are the implications behind the research findings. Music is a very important part of the lives of many, if not most people. It has subtle influences on how we process events in ways that we most likely don't recognize. If we listen to uplifting music, it helps us view the events in our lives in more positive ways and with greater hope than if we listen to very sad, dark music.

Music can help us after the fact as well. Most of us have experienced trauma in our lives. If we listen to uplifting music while we think about the traumas we have experienced, it will help reduce the intensity of the pain we feel when we review our memories of these painful experiences. It won't erase the memories of painful times but can make them easier to bear. The reasoning behind this phenomenon is that every time we visit memories, the memories are changed because we view them through the lens of what is going on in the present.

Which songs of faith can you listen to in order to help you get through hard times or help you heal from past trauma? They may be songs about the power and constant faithfulness of our God. They may be songs that speak about the personal relationship we feel with God. They may be songs that spur us to action to live out our faith in service to others. They may be songs that are associated with past experiences, such as memories of good relationships we have had with important people in our lives. And I'm sure there are as many different ways people find hope and healing in songs of faith as there are people of faith.

With thanks for the power of music to heal our souls,
Delores Kessel

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 26th, 10:15 a.m.

Elections for Church Council members and parish representatives to various boards and activities will be held, the 2025 budget for the congregation will be acted on, and other business of the congregation will be conducted.

HYGIENE DRIVE

Shared Mission with St. Stephen Church

The Angels are hosting a Hygiene Drive in January for the Bridge Street Mission. This is a residential Christian discipleship program providing the support and skills needed to live addiction free and also to live a productive life. They provide recovery support groups to help maintain the sobriety of the men enrolled. They encourage healthy relationships, help find jobs with job training and support, and provide financial literacy for those needing help. Items needed—pillows, zip covers for pillows, nail clippers, men's deodorant, men's lotion, plastic soap boxes, and Chapstick/lip balm stick. Please drop off items in a labeled box in the narthex. Thank you.

This is your gentle reminder that
one time in the Bible Elijah was like “God, I’m so made!
I want to die!” So, God said *“Here’s some food.*
Why don’t you have a nap?”
So, Elijah slept, ate, and decided things weren’t so bad.
Never underestimate the spiritual power
of a nap and a snack.

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 **January 9th**. If you are interested in joining, contact Eugene Viegut (715-359-9895).

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.

Missions

Pilgrims Supported in 2024

Pilgrims gave generously to missions of the church, locally and globally, and to other community needs, including:

- ELCA World Hunger
- ELCA Disaster Relief for Hurricane Assistance in Florida
- East Central Synod of WI
- Women of the ELCA
- Crossways Camps
- Greater Wausau Christian Services
- LSS
- LSS Conditional Client Release Program Participants
- The Salvation Army
- Neighbors’ Place
- Faith In Action
- The Marty Bus
- Blessings that Give Hope
- LWR Quilt Shipping Fund
- Quilts, health care kits, school kits, mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, and Christmas gift packages were created, purchased, collected, and shared.
- First Presbyterian Church Community Dinner

Monthly

Town Hall Meetings

2nd Sunday of each month
 following worship service

Next Meeting
January 12th



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING PROGRAM

- The money made by recycling the lights goes towards building homes in the community
- Keep the environment shining bright by keeping holiday lights out of landfills.
- We accept lights in any condition.
- Drop off holiday lights at the ReStore or any of the designated community location listed below.

Wausau

Associated Bank (Downtown and Stewart Ave.), Pick 'n Save, Wausau City Hall, Intercity State Bank, Marathon Bank, Prevail Bank, People's State Bank (6th and Stewart Ave.), Abby Bank

Rib Mountain

People's State Bank

Schofield

Intercity State Bank

Rothschild

Pick 'n Save, Marathon Bank

Weston

Wausau Habitat ReStore, Associated Bank, Pick 'n Save, Intercity Bank, People's State Bank, Abby Bank

Marathon

People's State Bank

Mosinee

Piggly Wiggly, Mosinee City Hall, Marathon Bank

Love In Action!

Thank you to the Pilgrim Lutheran Church congregation for sharing God's love with those most in need.

Blessings to you all this Christmas and New Year!

LSS Forensic Program Mgr.

THANK YOU...

to Hallman Lindsay Paint for your generous donation to the food program.

Pilgrims, if you have a painting project coming up, or know someone who does, Hallman Lindsey paint is high quality.

Transition Task Force

If you have a question or comment for the Transition Task Force, drop a written note in the box on the information table in the lounge or talk to a team member.

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Frank Koerten	fmkoerten@gmail.com	715-301-3939
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Stephen Moede	jlar5804@gmail.com	715-297-4945
Kay Palmer (Chairperson)	kaypalmer@42llc.com	302-983-6946
Jean Trempe	jtrempe@frontier.com	715-575-5592

shout OUT!

- ☺ To all who donated items to the Mitten Tree, which were delivered to various schools and institutions in the area
- ☺ To all who donated items for the LSS Conditional Release Clients for their Christmas Party
- ☺ To the donor of Christmas cards and the writers for bringing a bit of Christmas cheer to our mailboxes.
- ☺ To the altar guild and all who gave extra of their time and talents during the busy days of Advent and Christmas
- ☺ To the Christmas elves who decked the halls (the lounge, sanctuary, and outdoors.
- ☺ To Jim Lenselink, Delores Kessel, the combined choir and Shirley Ecker for a moving Advent Choral Worship service
- ☺ To Delores Kessel, the worship team, and all who helped with the Christmas Music Sing-along and reception
- ☺ To our visiting pastors and lay ministers in December — Pr. Natalie Bassett, Pr. Tryphine Schrubba, Kathy Robinson, Shirley Ecker, Eugene Viegut, and Kay Palmer.
- ☺ To all who helped with the Service of Gratitude in November, including Pr. Karoline Schwantes and Kathy Robinson, the combined choir, and the accompanist.
- ☺ To all who helped with the chili supper—including decorators, setup, cleanup, chili makers, those who brought food, desserts, and drinks, and the servers.

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 10th, 2024

Unapproved

PRESENT IN PERSON: Shirley Ecker (President), Charlie Freiberg (Treasurer), Jean Trempe (Secretary), Kay Palmer (Buildings & Grounds Chair), Janet Williams (Life & Growth Chair), Linda Konkel (Evangelism Chair), Sue Koerten (Worship Chair), Jim Lenselink (Stewardship Chair), and Terra Ecker (Children & Youth Chair).

EXCUSED: Jeanette Carlson (Vice President), Charlene Buttner (Church & Society Chair),

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Shirley Ecker called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Devotions were led by Shirley Ecker and focused on gratitude and how the Lord uses people to do great things. Jim Lenselink also shared a poem by Portia Nelson called *There is a Hole in my Sidewalk*. This poem describes the stages of transformation in one's life.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Jean Trempe) Review of minutes from November 12, 2024, regular council meeting. A correction was made for the date of the Stewardship Committee meeting. The minutes should reflect a 12-19-2024 date rather than 11-19-24. A motion to accept minutes as corrected was made by Sue Koerten and seconded by Jim Lenselink. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Charlie Freiberg) Reviewed financial reports for November 2024. Cash in banks totaled \$82,538, with \$22,620 held as restricted funds. The largest portion of restricted funds is for Blessings that Give Hope of \$13,558. Our long-term loan stands at \$61,287. Contributions are on par for the month. For the eleven months the church's equity stands at \$20,602 (cash – debts) Expenses are in line with prior months. Jean Trempe made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, and it was seconded by Jim Lenselink. Motion carried.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

(Jeanette Carlson, presented by Charlie Freiberg) Charlie presented the preliminary budget for 2025. This budget will be presented for approval at the Congregational Annual Meeting in January. The budget is comparable to prior years. A change was made on the draft under Maintenance and Repairs

to add additional dollars for furnace inspections. A motion was made by Sue Koerten to approve the preliminary budget as amended. Terra Ecker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Shirley Ecker)

- The nominations committee has been called to action. The committee consists of Eugene Viegut, Jenni Zaitz and Katie Ecker. The following positions need to be filled:
 - President – Jean Trempe has agreed to serve
 - Vice President – Frank Koerten has agreed to serve
 - Stewardship - Jim Lenselink has agreed to serve again
 - Children and Youth – No candidate has been identified as yet
 - Secretary – No candidate has been identified as yet
 - Pilgrim's Endowment needs to fill positions for a secretary and possibly one other position currently held by Larry Brandenburg.
 - Members of the nominations committee are needed. Two former council members and two members at large from the congregation are needed.
- Christian Fellowship Church will end their rental agreement with Pilgrim as of January 31, 2025. We regret their leaving and wish them well as they rejoin the Hmong Alliance Church in Stettin.
- At the October President's meeting, St. Andrews asked if all churches in the area were interested in a meeting to discuss Community Advocacy and opportunities to work together. This meeting pertains to several of our committees and outreach programs. All agreed that it was an opportunity to learn more about what other churches were doing and how we could participate with larger group. Presidents' meetings are usually held the last Tuesday of each month. The next meeting should be on January 28, 2025.
- No update on the internship process.

- **Committee reports for the Annual Report are due December 31.**

WORSHIP REPORT: (Sue Koerten)

- On December 5 a Day of Prayer was held at Pilgrim. This event was not well attended and will be reviewed for next year.
- December 7 – The annual carol sing-a-long was held at Pilgrim. Though not well attended, all who attended enjoyed the event. This event will be reviewed for next year.
- December 15 is an advent service featuring a cantata performed by the choir. A reception will follow.
- Christmas Eve service will be held at 5:00 p.m. with Communion, Pastor Natalie Basset to preside.
- Christmas Day 9:00 a.m. no Communion. Kay Palmer preaching.
- There will be no Thursday evening service on December 26.
- Sunday December 29 9:00 a.m., no Communion. Kathy Robinson preaching.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH: (Terra Ecker) Terra continues to work with the three girls to preform "Jesus Loves Me" during the Christmas cantata on December 15. The girls will attend the Choir's Saturday practice.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: (Kay Palmer) There are three watch areas for our building; flat roof, skylights, and furnaces.

Brandon Beery of Spec Pro, Inc. inspected the skylights in the lounge area. He provided a report and an estimate to furnish labor and weather coating for the translucent panel system. The estimate totals \$13,402. We can extend the life of the skylights with a cleaning that we can do ourselves. With research we may find a coating that we can apply to further reduce the expense. This will delay the need for replacement.

The furnace in the Narthex had a blockage in a component ahead of the drain line. This caused water to run out onto the floor under the furnace and seep into the Narthex. A portion of the carpet became soaked and the subfloor beneath swelled. Stainless Specialists' service technician inspect-

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ed the furnace and also found a capacitor near failing. This furnace was last inspected in November of 2022. The blockage was cleared and the capacitor replaced.

There apparently was a decision made at some point to inspect the furnaces every 3 years. In light of the situation, Kay suggested more frequent inspections to avoid such damage.

While the technician was on site, the furnace that services Fred's office and the lounge area was inspected. The furnace failed the blower test and was taken out of service. It will be replaced on December 11, 2024 at a cost of \$8,300. There are four other identical furnaces that were installed in 1991 that may need replacement depending on inspection results. They will be inspected in the spring. The stewardship committee will be meeting on December 19. The agenda will include plans for a furnace fund drive.

A motion was made by Jim Lenselink to fund the furnace replacement by using funds from the craft sales and chili supper (\$1,225) with the balance coming from general funds. Motion seconded by Terra Ecker. Motion passed.

TRANSITION TASK FORCE: (Kay Palmer) The GPS (Good Shepherd, Pilgrim, St. Stephen) Team is moving! Thanks to Pastor Mode who laid out a process for us. The steps, though not very detailed, gives the group some latitude to create a path that fits the situation, without constraints of a specific timeline.

- Shared Ministry – Working on projects together
- Shared Leadership – Committee leadership working together
- Shared Governance – Combining Church Leadership

Pilgrim will not have a Town Hall Meeting in December as our usually 2nd Sunday of the month conflicts with the Canata performance at St. Stephen.

The next GPS Team meeting will be held on December 17. We will be exploring next steps in building shared ministries.

EVANGELISM (Linda Konkel) The Wisconsin River Valley Conference meeting of the ELCA churches will be held on February 2, 2025.

BLESSINGS THAT GIVE HOPE (Jeff Kessel) It's been a busy November and December for Pilgrim's Blessings That Give Hope (BTGH) ministry. Here are some highlights:

- In November the pantry at Horace Mann received about 230 snack items and 40 sticks of deodorant
- Later in November, over 250 snack items were provided to the John Marshall pantry.
- In November BTGH gave seven \$25.00 gift cards to be used by needy Horace Mann students to buy clothes. The students were accompanied by a staff member while clothes shopping.
- BTGH has provided a total of \$325 to John Marshall and Horace Mann to provide \$5.00 vouchers to 65 students to purchase gifts for family members at each school's winter wish store.

This week items will be delivered to Horace Mann. These include wrapped Holiday gifts for 9 or 10 needy students provided by 9 or 10 Pilgrim families; 17 winter clothing items (flannel pajama pants, fleeces, sweatshirts, snow pants, and socks); one pair of shoes, and assorted snack items brought into the bins in our Narthex.

BTGH provided many items, including protein rich foods such as tuna and canned chicken, to John Marshall's food drive which ended last month. We will be providing similar items to the Food Drive at Horace Mann which ends December 16th.

BTGH will soon be providing an assortment of winter clothing items to John Marshall's pantry. Their need for various items, including waterproof winter gloves, will continue into the new year.

A heartfelt thanks to all those who have donated this fall and early winter. Also, thanks to Hallman Lindsay for their generous donation of \$1,000.00 to the BTGH ministry.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY (Charlene Buttner) The Mitten Tree and gift collections are going very well. We will begin delivery soon.

We will be joining St. Stephens' Angels group in collecting hygiene items for the Bridge Mission in January. This is a residential Christian program providing the support and skills needed to live addiction free and also live a productive life. They provide recovery

support groups to help maintain the sobriety of the men enrolled, encourage healthy relationships, help find jobs, and provide financial literacy help. Items needed: pillows, zip covers for pillows, nail clippers, men's deodorant and lotion, plastic soap boxes, and chapstick. More information to follow.

Christmas gifts for 21 men and 5 women will be presented to the LSS Conditional Release Program in time for their party. Thank you for all of your generous contributions.

LIFE AND GROWTH (Janet Williams) The chili supper was held on Tuesday, November 26. Thanks to Jean Trempe for donating the hamburger for the chili and helping make it. Thank to Linda Konkel for making all of the decorations and setting up for the supper. Thanks to all who helped with other food, beverages and cleanup; Shirley Ecker, Sue Koerten, Steve & Linda Konkel, Charlene Buttner, Bob & Jill Windorski, Jenni Zaitz, Karen Larson and Connie Brandenburg. A total of \$143 was received, donated to the furnace fund.

The scrip card program is ongoing. Cards are ordered about every two weeks. Orders can be placed with Fred at the church office or by calling Janet Williams at 715-573-3310. It has been taking about five days to receive cards once ordered. Balance in the scrip cash account is \$4,452 as of November 30.

STEWARDSHIP (Jim Lenselink) A meeting is scheduled for December 19. The agenda includes Faith Inspiration and Opportunity form review, Stewardship plan for 2025 as well as plans for Furnace fund raising.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS A showing of the movie All Saints is planned for January 19 at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome. Popcorn will be served.

Progress articles are due December 18, 2024.

Next meeting: Tuesday January 14, 2024, 6:30 p.m. Jean Trempe has devotions.

ADJOURN/LORD'S PRAYER: 8:20 p.m. Sue Koerten made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Jim Lenselink. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Trempe



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

Theresa Laughlin	01/01	Marion Schultz	01/15
Logan Zaitz	01/02	Darryl Landeau	01/16
Deacon Brown	01/05	Bob Windorski	01/16
Walter Petersen	01/07	Jeff Kessel	01/17
Tammy Stromme	01/07	Charlene Buttner	01/18
Steve Boehm	01/08	Natalie Werth	01/18
Angela Lenselink	01/08	Ron Kelly	01/19
Job Kislow	01/12	Kim Pittsley	01/20
Sarah Werth	01/12	Kathleen Huebner	01/22
Eric Konkel	01/14	Kathi Kunze	01/23
Caden Werth	01/14	Jeanne Wunsch	01/27
Lillie Zaitz	01/14		

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

January

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

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1 NEW YEAR's DAY Office Closed	2 6:30 Worship Office Closed	3	4
5 7:45 Evangelism Team Meeting 9:00 Worship	6	7 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:30 Task Force Meeting	8 9:00 Busy Bee Quilters 6:30 Choir	9 7:30 Men's Bible Study at Eagle's Nest 6:30 Worship	10	11
12 9:00 Worship 10:15 Town Hall Meeting	13	14 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:30 Council Mtg.	15 6:30 Choir	16 6:30 Worship	17 Lay School	18 Lay School
19 9:00 Worship 10:15 SS 2:00 Movie: <i>All Saints</i>	20	21 11:45 Prayer Circle 5:00 GPS Meeting 6:00 GWCS Meeting at Pilgrim	22 6:30 Choir	23 6:30 Worship	24	25
26 9:00 Worship 10:15 Annual Congregational Meeting	27	28 11:45 Prayer Circle	29	30 6:30 Worship	31	

FINANCIAL INFORMATION UPDATE

December 23, 2024

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	
		Budget	vs. Actual
\$ 61,287	Balance: 11/25/2024		
\$ 714	Principal Payment	\$102,000	\$106,329
\$ 161	Interest Payment		
\$ 60,573	Balance: 12/23/2024		
		Outstanding Bills	
		\$3,020	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

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... 299

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!

Afternoon Movie: "All Saints"

January 19th, 2:00 p.m.

Annual Congregational Meeting

January 26th, 10:15 a.m.

Staff

Ministers
Music Coordinator
Choir Director
Pianists
Office Manager

All Pilgrims
Delores Kessel
Jim Lenselink
Delores Kessel, Norah Brown
Fred Patten

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.

Services

Sundays at 9:00 am / Thursdays at 6:30 pm

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