

Progress

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Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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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

Tis the Season.....

This time of year, reminds me of how wonderful it is to get together with family and friends to watch old movies, decorate the house with lights and decorations, the smell of fresh baked cookies, and watch the young children get excited for the season coming. As we were growing up my parents would take us to church on Christmas Eve even though we wanted to stay home and wait for Santa to come. The Christmas pageants presented by the Sunday school children was so precious – they would sing the songs loud so everyone could hear them and stand by the manger watching over baby Jesus with Mary and Joseph.

I remember the many Christmas pageants the Pilgrim children participated in. The practices on Sunday morning with the children practicing the songs, rehearsing parts the narrator would read. There would be a lot of “oh boy” moments but the day of the program the children would give it their all, wave at their families, and occasionally we might have an animal escape from the manger. With the decline of children, one year we had some of the choir members (Charlie, Frank, and Jeff) help us as the “wise men” that added a special touch to the program.

As the Advent season approaches, we prepare for the birth of Jesus. The advent wreath is set up in the sanctuary with the four candles representing:

- Hope – the first blue candle is called the Prophecy candle. It symbolizes the hope of Christ coming.

- Peace – the second blue candle is called the Bethlehem candle. It symbolizes the peace Christ birth bought us all as well as the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem.
- Joy – the pink candle is called the Shepherd’s candle. It symbolizes the joy of Christ birth, and the joy of the day Christ returns.
- Love – the third blue candle is called the Angel’s candle. It symbolized the annunciation of Christ birth.

This has been a busy year for Pilgrim participating in a round robin with Good Shepherd, Pilgrim, St. Stephen, and Immanuel during July and August sharing a service and a fellowship hour after. The members able to attend the round robin enjoyed it and meet members of the other ELCA churches in our vicinity. Our task force has been busy working with Good Shepherd and St. Stephen to see if we are “Better Together.” We will be sharing a meal and a service of Gratitude on Tuesday November 26, the Cantata with the combined choirs will be coming up soon. This is a wonderful time to step back from the rush of everyday life and just enjoy the beautiful music and give thanks to God for giving us his son Jesus to walk side by side with us every day. I encourage everyone to take time this Advent season and give thanks for the hope, peace, joy and Christ birth that we have been blessed with and love your neighbor. Wishing you and yours a Blessed Christmas.

Peace,
Shirley Ecker
Pilgrim Council President

Make a joyful noise!

Said the king to the people everywhere
Listen to what I say! (Listen to what I say!)
Pray for peace, people, everywhere
Listen to what I say! (Listen to what I say!)
The Child, the Child sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light
He will bring us goodness and light.

~ Leon Regner

A Christmas song that has become popular in the U.S. contains both the story of a shepherds and a mighty king learning about Jesus's birth AND a political statement, all at the same time! The name of the song is "Do You Hear What I Hear?" It is a beautiful poem by Leon Regner that envisions the night wind talking to a little lamb, the little lamb talking to the shepherd boy, the shepherd boy talking to a mighty king (possibly one of the magi), and it concludes with the king talking to the people everywhere, telling them to pray for peace.

Noel Regner who is the author of the poem knew first-hand the horrors of war. He was in World War II, having been drafted by Germany and at the same time he was a member of the French resistance. He was intimately acquainted with war. After World War II ended, he moved from Europe to the United States.

He wrote the poem and his then wife, Gloria Shayne, wrote the music during 1962 at the height of the Cuban Missile crisis. It was a time in our nation's history when Russia placed nuclear arms in Cuba with launch sites aimed at the U.S. The likelihood of nuclear war between the U.S. and Russia seemed like a real possibility. Some of you may remember having bomb drills in school where you were taught to hide under your desk and to protect your head and neck with your hands. Some people constructed bomb shelters in their yards where they intended to hide if a nuclear bomb was dropped on the U.S. The crisis ended with a major compromise by both the U.S. and Russia. Russia agreed to remove nuclear bombs from Cuba in exchange for the U.S. agreeing to not invade Cuba and ending a naval blockade of Cuba.

Regner included the verse telling people to pray for peace into the song. It was actually a subversive act; the song which seems quite straightforward in retelling the nativity story in a fresh and charming way contained a hidden message—pray for peace. The birth of Jesus as a baby was also a subversive act. He didn't arrive fully grown and he didn't arrive in the normal kingly way. His entry into the world was proclaimed by shepherds, among the lowest status jobs people could have. He didn't act as a king when he became an adult AND he was (and is) the Savior of the world!

With thanks for people who are bold enough, brave enough, and creative enough
to tell the story of Jesus's birth in fresh, new ways in that they reflect the context
of the time when the story is being re-told,

Delores Kessel

There are more than 100 recordings that have been made of this beautiful song. The first one, and a very popular one, was done by Bing Crosby. You can hear his version, and many others, by going to the Internet and typing in the name of the song "Do You Hear What I Hear?"



Do You Hear What I Hear?

Verse 1

Said the night wind to the little lamb
Do you see what I see?
Way up in the sky, little lamb
Do you see what I see?

A star, a star, dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite
With a tail as big as a kite.

Verse 2

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy
Do you hear what I hear?
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy
Do you hear what I hear?

A song, a song high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea
With a voice as big as the sea.

Verse 3

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king
Do you know what I know?
In your palace warm, mighty king
Do you know what I know?

A Child, a Child shivers in the cold
Let us bring him silver and gold
Let us bring him silver and gold.

Verse 4

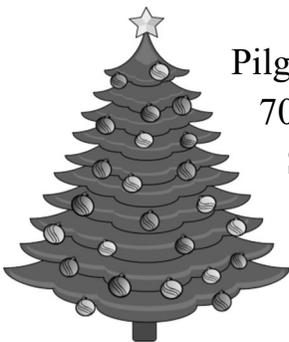
Said the king to the people everywhere
Listen to what I say!
Pray for peace, people, everywhere
Listen to what I say!

The Child, the Child sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light
He will bring us goodness and light.

Christmas *Sing-along*

Traditional Christmas Carols

—open to all, bring your family & friends—



Pilgrim Lutheran Church
709 Weston Avenue, Wausau
Saturday, December 7th
2:00 pm, in the sanctuary

Light refreshments will follow.



December 1st is the first Sunday in Advent and the 22nd the last.

We wait for the coming of the Lord, two thousand years ago and the arrival yet to occur. What did they expect from the Messiah then and what do we long for today? We travel with holy anticipation to meet the newborn king in the manger as we wait in hope for today.

Some practical ways to prepare for Advent:

- Keep an Advent calendar (**available in the church lounge**)
- Put up an Advent wreath
- Set up a nativity scene
- Have an Advent tree



Christmas Eve Worship
 Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship
 Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Day Worship

Wednesday, Dec. 25, 9:00 am

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Good News of Great Joy!

The Gospel reading for this coming Christmas Day includes the story of the angels appearing before the shepherds sharing the joyous news of the birth of Jesus. What great joy!!! Suddenly with the angel was a heavenly host. All praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” The story goes on with the shepherds making haste to see the Christ child lying in a manger. The shepherd shared with Mary their experience with the heavenly host singing praises to her newborn child. Mary treasured their words and pondered them in her heart.

Our Christmas day service this year will be a time for people attending to share a memento that represents something from this past year that you are treasuring and hold in your heart. If you are interested in participating, though it is not required, we ask that you bring the memento of your special treasure to the service. The items will be placed on the altar. Then during the service, you will have an opportunity if you would like, to speak to your item. If it would be more comfortable for you, you do not have to tell your story of the item. But your treasure would be acknowledged. Examples of gifts may be a picture of a new grandchild, maybe a picture of a sunset that was part of a special memory or time with a family member. Or, maybe something that reminds you of a particular family gathering that was meaningful. For those who are online, send Fred a note with the item that you are thinking of as well as your story as you would like it to be told. The story will then be read for you during this time of sharing in the service.

The intent is to add an opportunity for us to ponder in our hearts our great joys and times that we treasure on ponder in our hearts. Again, we are only asking for you to participate, or not, as you are comfortable. All are welcome to participate in the service. OR Please join us in this special celebration of Christ’s birth!

A CELEBRATION OF SONG
CENTRAL WI VOICES AND WAUSAU EAST PRESTIGE

UW Center for Civic Engagement
 Veninga Theater
 Thursday, December 5th, 7:00 pm

A diverse selection of songs will highlight the beauty of winter and the universal experience of music, uniting voices in a shared celebration.

Dr. Dana Carlson-Kottke, Conductor
 Mara Prausa, Pianist

WAUSAU LYRIC CHOIR AND
WAUSAU PRO MUSICA

Tidings of Comfort and Joy

First Presbyterian Church
 406 Grant Street, Wausau
 Friday, Dec. 13, 7:30 pm
 Saturday, Dec. 14, 3:00 pm

Carla Dul, Director/Emily Cihlar Accomp.
 Karen Zuidema, Director/Amy Yanzer, Accomp.



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.

<p>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</p> <p>Rib Mountain People's State Bank</p> <p>Schofield Intercity State Bank</p> <p>Rothschild Pick 'n Save, Marathon Bank</p>	<p>Weston Wausau Habitat ReStore, Associated Bank, Pick 'n Save, Intercity Bank, People's State Bank, Abby Bank</p> <p>Marathon People's State Bank</p> <p>Mosinee Piggly Wiggly, Mosinee City Hall, Marathon Bank</p>
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shout OUT!

- ☺ To the pastors, Tryphine Schruha and Natalie Bassett; and, to the lay ministers, Kathy Robinson, Shirley Ecker, and Eugene Viegut, for leading worship services in October..
- ☺ To all who helped with the Holiday Craft & Gift Shows, Part I and Part II.

**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 **December 12th**. If you are interested in joining, contact Eugene Viegut (715-359-9895).

Parish Updates

MARRIAGE

Nichole M. Murphy to Zackary R. Billington
November 16, 2024

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.

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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Jeff Kessel (Communications)	Kessel.jeffrey@gmail.com	715-573-4491
Frank Koerten	fmkoerten@gmail.com	715-301-3939
Karen Larson	klar5804@gmail.com	715-297-4945
Stephen Moede	klar5804@gmail.com	715-297-4945
Kay Palmer (Chairperson)	kaypalmer@42llc.com	302-983-6946
Jean Trempe	jtrempe@frontier.com	715-575-5592

Monthly Town Hall Meetings

2nd Sunday of each month
following worship service

Next Meeting
December 8th



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 12th, 2024
Unapproved

PRESENT IN PERSON: Shirley Ecker (President), Jeanette Carlson (Vice President), Jean Trempe (Secretary), Linda Konkel (Evangelism Chair), Charlene Buttner (Church & Society Chair), Sue Koerten (Worship Chair), Jim Lenselink (Stewardship Chair), and Terra Ecker (Children & Youth Chair).

EXCUSED: Charlie Freiberg (Treasurer), Kay Palmer (Buildings & Grounds Chair), Janet Williams (Life & Growth Chair)

GUESTS: Jeff and Delores Kessel

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Shirley Ecker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Devotions were led by Charlene Buttner.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Jean Trempe) Review of minutes from October 8, 2024, regular council meeting. A motion to accept minutes by Jim Lenselink and seconded by Terra Ecker. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Charlie Freiberg, presented by Jean Trempe) Reviewed financial reports for October 2024. Cash in banks totaled \$82,717, with \$22,866 held as restricted funds. The largest portion of restricted funds is for Blessings that Give Hope of \$13,805. Our long-term loan stands at \$61,918. Contributions are slightly ahead this month as a result of a large annual contribution. For the ten months the church's equity stands at \$20,205 (cash – debts) Charlene Buttner made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, and it was seconded by Linda Konkel. Motion carried.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Jeanette Carlson) Jeanette will call a meeting to develop next year's budget within the next two weeks. Committee chairs are asked to submit any additional budget requirements. The council needs to approve the budget at next month's council meeting.

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

Vice President

Stewardship (Jim Lenselink has agreed to serve again)

Children and Youth

Pilgrim's Endowment needs to fill positions for a secretary and possibly one other position currently held by Larry Brandenburg.

- Shirley will be calling a meeting of those interested in helping with the Internship applications for Wartburg and Luther seminaries. Delores Kessel, Eugene Viegut and Jean Trempe assisted with past applications.
- St. Stephens is participating in an "Adopt a Family" event. Shirley will get more information on this one.

WORSHIP REPORT: (Sue Koerten)

- Thanksgiving worship service – Tuesday November 26 with a soup supper at 5:30 p.m. and worship service at 6:30 p.m. Sign-up sheets are out for help with the soup supper. The choir is scheduled to sing. This will be a shared service with St. Stephen. Kathy Robinson will preach.
- Day of Prayer – Thursday December 5, church will be open from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the Thursday midweek service at 6:30 p.m. The church is open to all.
- December 7 will be a carol sing-along beginning at 2:00 p.m. The other ELCA churches in the area will be invited to attend.
- December 8 is an advent service at St. Stephen featuring a cantata performed by the choir. The cantata will be performed by the choir at Pilgrim on December 15. There will be a coffee hour.
- Christmas Eve service will be held at 5:00 p.m. with Communion, Pastor Natalie Basset to preside.
- There will be no Thursday evening service on December 26.
- Christmas Day 9:00 a.m. no Communion. Kay Palmer preaching.
- Sunday December 29 9:00 a.m., no Communion. Kathy Robinson preaching.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH: (Terra Ecker) Terra will work with the three girls to preform "Jesus Loves Me" during the Christmas cantata on December 15.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: (Kay Palmer, presented by Jean Trempe) THANK YOU to all who pitched in to help maintain the buildings and grounds. A special thanks to Randy Ecker for taking care of the leaves. Do not want to forget John Trempe, Bob Windorski, Jenni and Kevin Zaitz. You all have been great in helping to keep Pilgrim looking great.

Kay met with Brandon Beery of Spec Pro, Inc. (company that originally installed the skylights in the lounge area.) He inspected the roof, noting that it has reached its expected life span and though it is structurally sound, he found it to be covered in mold blooms. The mold can cause the fiberglass panels to deteriorate as well as block light from filtering in. The recommendation is that this portion of the roof be cleaned each year with soap and water. The cleaning has been put on the maintenance schedule for next year. Mr. Beery will submit a report for council review.

Kay is going to research any grants that may be available to help with a roof replacement for the flat roofed lobby area. This process will take time. Options including costs should be available in the spring for review.

A maintenance list is being prepared for the small tasks that should/could be addressed. The thought is to prioritize the different projects and plan for them rather than to have them surprise us.

TRANSITION TASK FORCE: (Kay Palmer, presented by Jeff Kessel) A third joint meeting with Good Shepherd and St. Stephen was held on October 15, 2024, here at Pilgrim. We continue to build relationships, working on building a foundation for possible consolidation. Last month the council agreed to bring in Paster Catherine Mode. She does not work for the Synod and will serve as a resource for Pilgrim in the capacity of a coach/consultant. Both Good Shepherd and St. Stephen met with her separately and highly recommended her. She is retired from ministry at an ELCA church in Neenah. She served two congregations in Wisconsin, one of which had more than 1,000 members. After retirement, she was trained in church transitions. **Pastor Mode will meet with Pilgrim's**

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congregation on Sunday November 17 after worship. All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend. An email reminder with homework for this meeting will be sent out.

This meeting will be followed by a joint meeting of the three churches. GPS (Good Shepherd, Pilgrim and St. Stephen transition teams) will meet with Pastor Mode on November 19.

A question was asked about the 5 questions the joint task force (GPS) worked on at their 8/29/2024 meeting. The questions were:

1. Would our congregation be better by merging rather than remaining separate?
2. Would we accomplish more together?
3. Would the community be better served?
4. Could the Kingdom of God be further enlarged?
5. What do we see as possible challenges or hurdles in joining together?

After small group discussions, the answers to the first four questions were "YES" The last question resulted in various responses however a few themes emerged:

- Attachment to buildings
- Merging financial resources (includes trust funds, buildings and other assets)
- Working through a myriad of details that can feel overwhelming
- Rebuilding leadership, church governance and structure including staffing.

EVANGELISM (Linda Konkel) Shirley reported on the Trunk or Treat event. Thanks to all who donated candy and decorated cars. There were eight cars and an estimated 55-60 children. Fun was had by all including our neighbors on the northwest corner of our parking lot who joined the party by handing out candy as well.

BLESSINGS THAT GIVE HOPE (Jeff Kessel) John Marshall and Horace Mann both have gift stores. In the past Pilgrims have helped with John Marshall's Winter Wish store. This year there are 65 students in need of our help. We will provide \$5.00 for each student. Students will use the funds to

buy gifts for their families. Horace Mann has a program to help students in need over the holidays. They have six students that have not yet been adopted. All council members agreed that we should adopt these children and provide gifts. John Marshall is working on providing holiday meals for 27 families. They have turkeys and ham but will be looking for stuffing, potatoes and corn to complete the meals. Jeff will get more details out on this. Both schools are in need of winter coats, shoes, socks, underwear, personal hygiene items etc. For those who would like to donate, more information will be available. Information will also be posted on the Southeast Neighborhood website for those neighbors who drop off donations. Thank you to all who have donated to this cause. We are grateful for any gifts or monetary donations. We are most grateful that Hallman Lindsay will once again provide a \$1,000 donation to this program.

On a related note, John Marshall has invited the congregation to Leadership Day, February 21, 2025 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. This is a great chance to build relationships. It will include classroom presentations, school tours, student speakers and songs. If you would like to attend RSVP by February 10, 2025 and bring your state identification or driver's license to check in.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY (Charlene Buttner) We have begun to collect Christmas gifts for the LSS Conditional Release Program. This year we have 21 men and 5 women. Requested items are listed in *The Progress* and in the bulletins. There is a collection box in the Narthex. Please drop off items by December 10 to allow time to wrap and deliver the gifts for their party.

Habitat for Humanity is again recycling old holiday lights. Proceeds made goes toward building homes in the community. They are accepting lights in any condition. Keep the environment shining bright by keeping holiday lights out of the landfill. Drop off holiday lights at the Restore or any community location. Community drop off details are coming soon.

LIFE AND GROWTH (Janet Williams) The silent auction held in conjunction with November 2 Holiday & Gift Show at Pilgrim was a success with \$924 received so far. There are still several baskets yet to be picked up. Thanks to all who donated items for the auction. A special thanks to Deb & Dick Erickson who donated twelve baskets.

The lovely doll house donated by the Uhlig family was not sold. Shirley is planning a second show for November 23 and it will be placed up for auction once again.

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 \$6,227 as of October 31.

Sue Koerten made a motion to use \$250 from the silent auction proceeds to be used for purchasing Christmas gifts for the Conditional Release Program participants. Jeanette Carson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Charlene Buttner made a second motion to purchase 26 (\$10) Kwik Trip gift cards for the Conditional Release Program participants. Jim Lenselink seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bake sale proceeds were not totaled as there will be a second bake sale at the November 23 show. It has been recommended that these proceeds be provided to the quilters for supplies such as batting and flat sheets for the next round of quilts.

STEWARDSHIP (Jim Lenselink) Jim will set up a meeting tentatively planned for November 19 to develop plans for 2025.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS Delores presented information regarding New Beginnings, a non-profit that assists refugees. Claudette Haring, who is involved with the group would like to give a presentation to our congregation discussing their services, volunteer needs as well as donation opportunities. It would be a 15-45 minute power point presentation. A motion was made by Jean Trempe and seconded by Charlene Buttner to invite Claudette to address the congregation. Motion carried.

Progress articles are due November 20, 2024.

Next meeting: Tuesday November 12, 2024, 6:30 p.m. Shirley Ecker has devotions.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Trempe



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

Pamela Bannister	12/01	Logan Kislow	12/13
Karen Boller	12/02	Barb Yeast	12/13
Brody James	12/04	Randy Ecker	12/15
Brad Stubbe	12/04	Finley Behnke	12/17
Jay Schlitz	12/05	Oliver Behnke	12/17
Janet Williams	12/05	Jason Viegut	12/17
Carol Shaw	12/06	Kara Seiffert	12/19
Cathy Gottschalk	12/07	Gary Yeast	12/19
Jim Lenselink	12/07	Deborah Glascock	12/20
Maverick Weyer	12/07	Gary Walters	12/20
Annie Landeau	12/08	Anna Fehlhaber-Poppe	12/21
Lois Christianson	12/09	Mary Swanson	12/25
Anlyss James	12/10	Savanna Ecker	12/26
Ian Koski	12/10	Lucas Strick	12/26
Jean Rhyner	12/11	Douglas Pittsley	12/27
Aaron Werth	12/11	Grant Larson	12/29
		David Behnke, III	12/30

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

December

1 Debra Kaetterhenry	17 Frank Koerten
2 Kathy Kainz	18 Sue Koerten
3 Deanna Kelly	19 Eric Konkel
4 Ron Kelly	20 Michael Konkel
5 Delores Kessel	21 Sara Konkel
6 Jeff Kessel	22 Linda Konkel
7 Gigs Kirsch	23 Steven Konkel
8 Ginny Kirsch	24 Ian Koski
9 Ava Kislow	25 Lindsey Koski
10 Jamie Kislow	26 Violet Koski
11 Job Kislow	27 Kathi Kunze
12 Jordan Kislow	28 Amanda Landeau
13 Kayle Kislow	29 Annie Landeau
14 Logan Kislow	30 Cheryl Landeau
15 Michael Kislow	31 Darryl Landeau
16 Maureen Kislow	

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 ADVENT 9:00 Worship	2	3 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:30 Task Force Meeting	4 6:30 Choir	5 DAY OF PRAYER 9:00-6:15 Sanctuary open for personal prayer 6:30 Worship	6	7 2:00 Christmas Carol Sing-along at Pilgrim
8 ADVENT 9:00 Worship 10:15 Town Hall Meeting (St. Stephen's Advent Choral Service)	9	10 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:30 Council Mtg.	11 11:00 Busy Bee Quilters' Christmas Party 6:30 Choir	12 7:30 Men's Bible Study at Eagle's Nest 6:30 Worship Palmer	13 Lay School	14 Lay School
15 ADVENT 9:00 Advent Choral Worship Service 10:15 Reception	16	17 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:00 GWCS Meeting at Pilgrim	18 6:30 Choir	19 6:30 Worship	20 Progress Article Deadline	21
22 ADVENT 9:00 Worship	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 11:45 Prayer Circle 5:00 Candlelight Worship	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 9:00 Worship Office Closed	26 NO Worship Svc Office Closed	27	28
29 9:00 Worship	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 11:45 Prayer Circle				



FINANCIAL INFORMATION UPDATE

November 25th, 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
\$ 61,918 Balance: 10/31/2024	
\$ 631 Principal Payment	\$94,000 \$97,316
\$ 244 Interest Payment	
\$ 61,287 Balance: 11/25/2024	
	Outstanding Bills
	\$1,310 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... 298

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!

*Wishing you a joyous
and blessed Christmas!*



...from the Pilgrim staff.

Staff

Ministers
Music Coordinator
Choir Director
Pianists
Office Manager
Custodian

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

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