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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

In-Person and
Zoomed Online

9:00 am

THURSDAYS

6:30 pm

Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday
8-12 and 1-3

Thursday and Friday
Closed

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND THE WINDS OF CHANGE

October marks the anniversary of the birth of the Lutheran Church culminating on the last Sunday of the month, Reformation Sunday. Martin Luther, a renegade German monk of the Roman Catholic Church is credited with the Church's foundation. Luther's goal was to turn the church back to the teaching of the bible. The most important part of the goal was to proclaim the truth that we are saved not by our own efforts but by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ, our Savior. When you consider that in Luther's time, the printing press was a new invention and literacy was limited to a few scholars mostly in the church, the Reformation was a miracle. Few church goers could read, thus relied on what they were told by the Catholic Church. The presence of God most certainly led Luther on his mission to challenge the religious norms of the day.

On October 31, 1517, Luther posted the first of the 95 theses on the village's bulletin board, the Wittenberg's Castle Church door. "When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, 'Repent' (Matthew

4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance." Believers repent and receive forgiveness that was purchased not with silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:19). And thus the Reformation began.

Luther is credited with bringing the Word to the masses. He painstakingly translated the bible into the German language which thanks to the relatively new invention, the printing press, it became a best seller. The bible in its various versions remains on the best seller list worldwide. Luther's Small Catechism continues to be used today not only by Lutherans but in all Christian churches. Luther's writings totaled more than 100 volumes, well over 60,000 pages. As we celebrate the founding of the Lutheran Church, contemplate how one man could change the world. Luther would have said he did nothing, it was the Word of God, God's Will. His stance was that he was just an instrument of God.

Today, there are about 30 different Lutheran denominations in the

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United States. The Evangelical Church of American is the largest of the Lutheran churches in the U.S., of which we are part. The ELCA has struggled in recent years in the U.S. Since its inception in 1987 membership has declined by 2.4 million members. Membership is estimated at 2.8 million members today, nearly a 50% decline. The ELCA has gone from 11,000 churches in the U.S. to 8,000. This is according to a September 10, 2025 article written by Pastor Tomas Jacobson entitled "Lutheran Denominations: Guide to America's Top 10 Lutheran Churches." Our congregation's membership plight reflects a small portion of continued declines in membership of the ELCA.

In the age of fewer ELCA Lutherans in the U.S. and reflecting on Luther's teachings, how can we impact these numbers and have a positive impact on our community, country and world? Our nation has been plagued with violence and divisiveness. From school shootings to political assassinations and wars that rage in Ukraine and the Middle East, to increasing homelessness and drug addiction in Wausau. If, as Luther believed, we are all instruments of God, how do we impact these challenges? How can we focus our church and

the ELCA on the things that matter, that can make a difference in our community and world? Can we be instruments of God and fan the winds of change?

To mark this anniversary of the Lutheran Church, let's pick up our bibles and read the Word and of God. Seek guidance in the Word. Come to Church and feel the Spirit among us. Share the peace of God's grace. Get engaged in a bible study. Pick up a Small Catechism. Volunteer to help those in need. Comfort those in times of trouble. Watch a Christian podcast. Teach our children about their faith. Pray that our political leaders work together to make right and just decisions. Write to our Congressman or Senator. Pray for our youth, the next generations, that they may come to value the sanctity of human life. Pray for leaders of our Synod and Churchwide ELCA that they lead the church to focus on those things that matter and guide the Church to work toward bringing others to know Jesus and his life-saving grace, sharing Luther's teachings. Pray without Ceasing! Thank God for all of our blessings.

Luther's writings have survived for these 508 years. As Luther said "The Word is Everything." At Pilgrim's September 21 congregational meeting, the congregation voted to move forward with

merger conversations with St. Stephen. We have a unique opportunity for renewal. We can fan the winds of change as Luther did. **There is a joint congregational worship service and retreat planned for October 26 at St Stephen beginning at 9:00 a.m.** It is aimed at creating a new vision and mission for a new combined church. As we look at reviving these two congregations, how can we weave Luther's teachings into the conversation? How can we join forces to become better instruments of God? Each of us can be part of creating a new way forward in service to God. Are you willing to answer the call? God will guide us along our next steps on our Pilgrim journey, just as he did Luther.

In Christ's Love,
Jean Trempe

Pilgrim Lutheran Church,
Council President

Galatian 6:9-10

*"So let us not grow weary
in doing what is right,
for we will reap at harvest
time, if we do not give up.
So then, whenever we have
an opportunity, let us work
for the good of all,
and especially for those
of the family of faith."*

SO WHAT IS NEXT?

Thank you to all who attended the Special Congregational Meeting on September 21, 2025. Now that a decision has been made to continue conversations about a merger with St. Stephen, your time, talents and professional expertise are needed.

Our next step is to get together and talk about what we want our church to look like. Please join us at St. Stephen for a **joint congregational retreat on October 26, 2025**. A worship service will begin our day, starting at **9:00 a.m.** The retreat, led by Pastor Dara of the Synod, will follow the worship service. We will be working on our Vision and Mission for the new combined church. Please plan to attend. All are welcome.

One of the next steps toward merger is a business plan. Work groups will be forming in the next several weeks to start planning. These groups will come up with recommendations to present to each council. We need input from members of both congregations. Possible work groups include:

- Communication - to membership and community
- Legal
- Real Estate
- Human Resources - Staffing
- Constitution and Bylaws Review
- Financial Issues – Assets, Liabilities and Budgeting
- Policies and Practices
- Stewardship Practices
- Ministry to include worship, education, evangelism and outreach
- Celebration – Artifacts and historical items, plan for Celebration Sunday to mark the completion of merger

If you would like to serve on one of the groups, please contact Jeff Kessel, Jean Trempe or any council or transition team member.

Transition Task Force

If you have a question or comment for the Transition Task Force, email or talk to one of the team members.

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Monthly Town Hall Meetings

2nd Sunday of each month
following worship service

**Next Meeting
October 12th**



Make a joyful noise!

“Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns,
and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”

—Matthew 6:26

One of my favorite gospel songs is “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” written in 1905 by Cavilla Martin. I like it for many reasons. My mother loved birds and every time I think of this song I think of my mother. I love its message. “His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.”

We are living in a time of uncertainty in our congregation. We are living in a time of great political uncertainty in our country and in the whole world. It is good to be able to rest on this promise—His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Of course, we still need to live according to God’s word and to take care of the people and environment around us. These words aren’t a free pass to do whatever we want AND they offer hope in all kinds of uncertain situations.

These are the words of the song that I’m most familiar with. To me they are like a breath of fresh air.

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav’n and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Refrain:

I sing because I’m happy, I sing because I’m free,
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

“Let not your heart be troubled,” His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

The inspiration for “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” came when the songwriter met a husband and wife who both had severe physical disabilities. Despite the wife being bedridden for 20 years and the husband wheelchair bound, they were very happy, hopeful people. When they were asked the secret of their happiness and hopefulness, the answer was swift and sure: “His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.” It didn’t take long for the song to be written after that inspirational encounter. What a gift such faith is!

With thanks for the God-given ability to maintain faith
during uncertain times,
Delores Kessel



REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 26th

Saint Stephen Church

9:00 a.m.

Shard Worship Followed By a Retreat

Retreat Led by Rev. Dara Clifford, Assoc. to the Bishop and Director of Evangelical Mission

* There will be **no** worship service at Pilgrim. *

*Make the best use of what is in your power,
and take the rest as it happens."*

—Epictetus



All Saints Procession of Light

Sunday, November 2

We will honor saints victorious who have taught us the faith and who now rest from their labors, waiting for Christ to raise them from the dead. You have an opportunity to commemorate the saints in your life by simply bringing a small candle in a holder that will be placed at the baptismal font during a special Procession of Light. Each person or family is invited to bring one candle as a symbol of all for whom you wish to give thanks. Votive candles will be available at the service for those who do not bring their own.

(An excerpt from Mary Tucek's
monthly Newsletter column
from 10 years ago.)

Mary's Message

...Our quilters have again this year produced an amazing one hundred and eighty-five quilts, and the bounty will now be distributed through Lutheran World Relief channels. We have only to be aware of the dangers and the political unrest around the world and of the natural disasters in our own country to realize what a blessing these quilts can be for their recipients.

Imagine what a quilt is to a suddenly homeless child: They can use it to warm themselves; they can use it as a "hiding place" when they are afraid, and perhaps most of all it will be something to hold on to when all of the dear and familiar is suddenly gone. In addition, each quilt holds within its folds the unspoken, unwritten yet clear message: "You are not alone; someone has cared enough to send you this quilt as a present."

We are grateful to all of these people who represented us at Pilgrim and caused us to remember these words of Christ:

"As you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto Me." (Matt. 25:35-40)

Mary Tucek

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

INVITATION TO PILGRIMS TO JOIN STEPHEN'S ANGELS

The women's group (Stephen's Angels) at St Stephen would like to invite anyone from Pilgrim to join us. We meet once a month (1st Saturday) at 9 to either get things organized for events we sponsor or to do special projects. Here is what we have planned so far: auction of gift baskets in October where the money will be used for building maintenance. We help the quilters by putting together pieces of material and sewing. Annually, we tie fleece blankets for the Child Advocacy Center in Wausau. We put together holiday gift bags for our homebound in December, plus plan a hygiene drive in January and a food drive in February. We are looking for anyone interested in learning more about our group to join us at one of our monthly meetings. Feel free to contact Sarah Lonsdorf at 715 212 2292 if you have questions.

MARSHFIELD MEDICAL CENTER—WESTON

We are seeking volunteers and have positions available in our gift shop, surgical waiting area, and escorts. Hours are flexible and only require four hours of your time per week. For more information, please call Volunteer Services at 715-393-2605 or email us at Thompson.emma@marshfieldclinic.org.

THE MARTY BUS

We are seeking monetary donations to buy four 6X Men's winter coats. They are not needed quite yet, but cooler weather is near. If you would like to donate, please note in the memo line of the check, or on an envelope, that the offering is for "The Marty Bus Men's Coats."

COATS FOR KIDS 2025

It is around the corner. St. Stephen is collecting items through October 29th. Nancy Prigge will get the items to the Wausau School District for them to sort and distribute to schools and individuals in need. Gently used or new, little kids to adults, all sizes needed. Coats, jackets, sweatpants, snow pants, hooded sweatshirts, hats, gloves, mittens, boots, socks, and underwear (must be new in package). If you have questions, email nancyprigge@yahoo.com or call 715-432-6893. Nancy will deliver to the Wausau School District, 415 Seymour St, Wausau 715-261-0500. DC Everest School District also accepts these donations. COLLECTION BOXES FOR COATS FOR KIDS ARE IN PILGRIM'S NARTHEX.

WAUSAU-MARATHON COUNTY SHELTER

The WMC Shelter is currently looking for donations of sanitizer wipes, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, coffee, creamer, sugar, cases of water, Aloe Vera, Band-Aids, Medical tape/Co-Band, instant ice packs and size small (5/6) women's underwear. The WMC shelter is looking for someone to prepare a meal on the first Monday of the month. The next Monday St. Stephen needs help with is on September 1st. Can you help cook a meal? This is a way to volunteer without having to be there in the evening! Talk to Shauna Robinson 608-514-4504 or Pastor Karoline at St. Stephen's for more information.

GODS WORK, OUR HANDS UPDATE

I just wanted to send a HUGE THANK YOU to all who helped plan, prepare and serve at The Marty Bus for Gods Work Our Hands this past Sunday. It took alot but it was the best year yet! We served roughly 150 -170 meals (some were duplicate), we were still serving items as we were cleaning up, no one was turned away! It was a blessing to have the to go containers once again as we sent some of the meals out with people. With the leftover food we had I will be serving it at the shelter this week. Everyone at the shelter has been talking about it the past few days. I heard there were many great conversations and community with those we served. They all really appreciated the live music, a full belly and more seasonally appropriate clothing, backpacks, shoes, sleeping bags etc. I know its hard to believe but 21 totes of clothing items were given away on Sunday! 2025 was a HUGE SUCCESS and I

To the quilters,

Thank you so much for the donation of four quilts to Sleep In Heavenly Peace—Wausau. We are excited to get rolling in October with our new chapter!

Thank you, again.

Sincerely, Karen Wegge

BLESSINGS THAT GIVE HOPE UPDATE

BTGH supplemented summer donations to Horace Mann Middle School and John Marshall Elementary with donations in September. In summary more than 100 items, including 15 calculators, were delivered to Horace Mann and more than 80 items were delivered to John Marshall. In addition, Wausau East put in a request for backpacks and regular size boxes of breakfast cereal. Eight backpacks and 18 boxes of cereal were delivered to Zoro's Locker, the pantry at Wausau East.

BTGH has received thank you notes from the 8th grade Student Council at Horace Mann and from Zoro's Locker. The photo of the thank you note from Horace Mann is cute and is included below.

Jeff Kessel



shout OUT!

- ☺ To Pastors Tryphine Schrubba, and Natalie Bassett, and lay minister Shirley Ecker for leading us in worship this month.
- ☺ To the Busy Bee Quilters, who have sewn 50 quilts this past year; to Social Concerns team for preparing 31 school kits, 9 Baby care kits, and 13 personal care kits; and, to all who made donations for Lutheran World Relief.—The Busy Bees: 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, Lila Viegut

Weekly Prayer Circle

Tuesdays

11:45 a.m.

If you would like to join the group, drop in. If you would like to receive the weekly prayer list, or place a prayer request, contact the office.

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

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 9, 2025
Not Yet Approved

PRESENT IN PERSON: Jean Trempe (President), Frank Koerten (Vice President), Charlie Freiberg (Treasurer), Sue Koerten (Worship Chair), Jim Lenselink (Buildings & Grounds Chair), and Charlene Buttner (Church and Society/Social Concerns Chair)

EXCUSED: Janet Williams (Life & Growth Chair) and Linda Konkel (Secretary)

GUEST: Delores Kessel

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Jean Trempe called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Devotions were led by Jean Trempe with a reading from *Jesus is Calling* by Sarah Young, entitled "Walk with Me Along Paths of Trust."

PRESENTATION – SANCTIFIED ART (Delores Kessel)

Delores provided the Council with information about Sanctified Art which is a resource for spoken liturgy and sermon guides for worship services. St. Stephen uses this resource. Pilgrim currently uses Sundays and Seasons. The packet would include templates for the church calendar from Advent to Epiphany. The resource would need to be provided to supply Pastors and Lay Ministers for their use in worship preparation. The cost is approximately \$200.00. After discussion, the Council opted to delegate the decision to the Worship Committee.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Jean Trempe) Review of the minutes of August 12, 2025, regular council meeting. One correction for spelling was made. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Frank

Koerten and seconded by Jim Lenselink. Motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT:

(Charlie Freiberg) Reviewed financial reports for August 2025. Cash in banks totaled \$83,700, with \$29,928 held in restricted funds. The largest portion of restricted funds is for Blessings that Give Hope of \$11,371. Our long-term loan stands at \$55,160. Equity stands at \$27,993 excluding real estate. Contributions for the month were lower than usual in part because the last Sunday of the month's deposit was held until September. Expenses are in line with prior months. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Charlene Buttner and seconded by Sue Koerten. Motion carried.

Charlie also noted that the invoice for the two furnaces that were replaced was paid in September leaving \$1,480 in the furnace fund once the invoice was paid.

The council discussed whether the Sunday School and Evangelism cash accounts should remain restricted or be included in the General Cash fund. A motion was made by Sue Koerten and seconded by Jim Lenselink to move the Sunday School and Evangelism cash accounts to the General Fund. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Jean Trempe)

- Fred has asked that his work week continue at three days. He would plan to use up his remaining accrued time off which will last until March of 2026. The council can reassess the agreement in January or March as needed. A motion was made by Frank Koerten and seconded by Charlie Freiberg to accept Fred's recommendation. Motion Carried.
- Fred provided a note thanking the council and task force for

recommending him for a position with St. Stephen. St. Stephen will have an opening in their office beginning in October. Fred met with St. Stephen's Treasurer, Jim VonRueden resulting in an employment offer and a tentative start date of January 1, 2026. Jim will handle St. Stephen's needs until Fred starts. Fred will continue to support Pilgrim, until a merger takes place. If a merger does not take place, Fred will continue on with Pilgrim until the situation changes. The council expressed thankfulness for being able to support Fred in ensuring future employment.

- The council reviewed the agenda for the Special Congregational Meeting to be held on September 21. It contains two resolutions, one to allow the transition team to move forward with merger discussions with St. Stephen. The second resolution allows for the extension of council member terms for two members, (Sue and Charlie), beyond January 2026 to allow for continuity during merger discussions should the motion to continue merger discussion be approved. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Sue Koerten and seconded by Charlie Freiberg. Motion Carried.
- An updated member list was provided to the council. Jean asked that prior to the Special Meeting of the Congregation that council members reach out to members to encourage their participation. Confirmed (voting) members may attend the meeting in person or online via Zoom after the worship service on September 21. An email reminder will also go out including the approved

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agenda and instructions for those who plan to attend online. To pass the resolutions, a 2/3 majority of 20 eligible members is required.

- Transition Team update: The GPS (Good Shepherd, Pilgrim, and St. Stephen) transition group has been disbanded. Pilgrim was scheduled to host a final meeting on September 30, however Pilgrim's transition team elected not to host the meeting. Good Shepherd has planned a meeting including a worship service and meal for the same date to be held at St. Andrew. Pilgrim's transition team members are invited to attend as they choose. If the congregational meeting approves moving forward with merger, Pilgrim and St. Stephen's transition teams will begin work toward potential merger.
- Shirley and Katie Ecker have been appointed as Pilgrim's representatives to the Wisconsin Valley Conference in the Konkell's absence. The meeting is in October.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Frank Koerten)

Frank planned to attend the President's meeting in Jean's absence; however the meeting was cancelled by hosting congregation, Good Shepherd.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REPORT: (Jim Lenselink)

- The installation of two new furnaces is complete.
- Thank you to Steve and Linda Konkell for replacing the downspouts on the carport. Vandals damaged the spouts and some of the troughs a couple of weeks ago.

- In the choir loft, some of the plaster needs repair. Jim is collecting quotes. It is expected to cost approximately \$500.00
- The council discussed some options for the memorial garden and the community gardens. Jim has reached out to someone, however there is no proposal at this point.

BLESSINGS THAT GIVE

HOPE REPORT: (Jeff Kessell)

In the next couple of weeks BTGH will continue donations to Horace Mann Middle School and John Marshall Elementary School. Wausau East High School has requested backpacks and regular size boxes of breakfast cereal. To date there will be more than 100 items, including 15 calculators delivered to Horace Mann, more than 80 items delivered to John Marshall and 26 items including 8 backpacks delivered to Wausau East.

WORSHIP REPORT: (Sue Koerten)

- Pilgrim & St. Stephen worship committees will be meeting Wednesday September 10 to coordinate plans for the coming months.
- Hymn pickers meeting Thursday at 1:30 p.m.
- St Andrews will present a Cantata in December and is inviting those who would like to sing to join them for rehearsals. An email is being sent out with details.
- Christmas choral music has been chosen for the Christmas choral programs at Pilgrim and St Stephen, "The Angels Sang Glory." St. Stephen's program is planned for December 14. Pilgrim's program date is either December 7 or 21.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY REPORT: (Charlene Buttner) We are completing the LWR kits for the Ingathering on October 4. Clothing donations were made to the United Way Community Closet.

LIFE AND GROWTH REPORT: (Janet Williams)-No report

Progress articles are due to Fred by September 17, 2025.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, October 8, at 6:30 p.m. with devotions lead by Linda Konkell.

ADJOURN/LORD'S PRAYER:

Motion by Sue Koerten and seconded by Charlene Buttner to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Trempe

WANTED

Menards Rebates

Do you take advantage of Menard's 11% rebate program when you shop Menards? Pilgrim has been sourcing cleaning supplies and sanitizers from Menards. A simple way to make a contribution to Pilgrim 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.



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

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

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 Carol Shaw	17 Eugene Viegut
2 Linda Soenksen	18 Jason Viegut
3 Steven Soenksen	19 Lila Viegut
4 Bonnie Spangberg	20 Betty Walters
5 Alissa Strick	21 Gary Walters
6 Ben Strick	22 Aaron Werth
7 Lucas Strick	23 Caden Werth
8 Manda Strick	24 Natalie Werth
9 Brianna Stromme	25 Sarah Werth
10 Nathan Stromme	26 Dana Weyer
11 Tammy Stromme	27 Lori Weyer
12 Mary Swanson	28 Maverick Weyer
13 Rick Swanson	29 Janet Williams
14 David Theis	30 Mary Williams
15 Jean Trempe	31 Bob Windorski
16 John Trempe	

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1 6:30 Choir Practice	2 6:30 Worship	3	4
5 9:00 Worship	6	7 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:30 Task Force Meeting	8 9:00 Busy Bee Quilters 6:30 Choir Practice	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 Practice	16 6:30 Worship	17	18 10:00 WRVC Annual Mtg. St. Andrew
19 9:00 Worship 10:15 SS	20	21 11:45 Prayer Circle 5:00 GPS Meeting 6:00 GWCS Meeting at Pilgrim	22 6:30 Choir Practice	23 6:30 Worship	24 Lay School	25 Lay School
26 REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:00 Shared Worship at St. Stephen Church, Followed By a Retreat. (No worship service at Pilgrim)	27	28 11:45 Prayer Circle	29 6:30 Choir Practice	30 6:30 Worship	31	

FINANCIAL INFORMATION UPDATE

September 24, 2025

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
\$ 55,160	Balance: 08/31/2025		
\$ 681	Principal Payment	\$84,740	\$74,894
\$ 193	Interest Payment		
\$ 54,479	Balance: 09/24/2025	Outstanding Bills	
		\$1,010	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... 304

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!

Reformation Sunday October 26

Shared Worship Service
at St. Stephen Church

9:00 am

Followed By a Retreat
(no service at Pilgrim)

Staff

Ministers
Music Coordinator
Choir Director
Pianists
Custodian
Office Manager

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

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Services

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PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH...

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