

# Progress

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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAYS

In-Person and  
Zoomed Online

9:00 am

#### THURSDAYS

In-person

6:30 pm

#### Office Hours

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

Friday  
Closed

### Pastor's Notes

...from Pat Kempf, Vicar

Greetings Good People of Pilgrim!

Summer is upon us! As we get into the warmer months, many of us have exciting plans to enjoy them. Graduations, vacations, weddings, camping trips, or one of the countless other ways to enjoy our brief summer. While we're all out and about, we will also surely cross paths with many different people. That, in combination with a recent sermon in which we talked about eternal life in the now, got me thinking about the question brought up in the Good Samaritan story: "Who is my neighbor?"

In Luke 10, Jesus tells an expert in the Law that eternal life requires "loving our neighbors." The story Jesus told is about putting words into action. While the lawyer wondered about attaining the reward and achieving the goal, Jesus talked about eternal life now. In essence, Jesus told the lawyer eternal life is in the doing, now, and not sometime in the future.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. talked about the Samaritan in his final sermon, "I've Been to the Mountain Top," the day before he was assassinated. He urged his listeners to employ a "dangerous unselfishness." Speaking about the Jericho Road on which that story takes place, Dr. King said: "It's windy and meandering, conducive to ambushing – that's a dangerous road. So, the first question that the priest

asked, the first question that the Levite asked was, 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?'"

But then, King continued, "The Samaritan came by and reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?' That's the question for us tonight," Dr. King said to those gathered: "If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?" That was the question back then and our question today: If we do not stop to help our neighbor, what will happen to them?" Later in Luke 12, Jesus reminds us: "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required, and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded."

So, as we enjoy our summer picnics, celebrations, retreats and travels, it is my hope that we are mindful of those around us and those who might not have the option of fun summer plans. I pray that as we enjoy abundance, we share it with everyone we can. As we enjoy the warmth of the sun, we simultaneously share the warm embrace of God's love with all our neighbors.

May this be a summer filled with love and light, peace and joy, sun and Spirit, for us all.

Grace and Peace,  
Vicar Pat

# Shared Ministry Worship Service

Rothschild Pavilion  
Sunday, July 16th  
10:30 a.m.

More information  
to follow.



**Pilgrim Recycling  
and Bake Sale**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND  
8:00 - 3:00**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD  
8:00 - 12:00**




Do you remember that Waypost on Mission Lake has summer camps for families, children, and youth?

- Family and multi-generational camp will be July 5-8. Pastor Rich Block will be leading the adult sessions expanding on the summer themes of God, creation, and identity in the overall theme of “Holy Trinity, Wholly Love.” The counselors will be working with children and youth.
- Elementary Grades 3 and above and Youth/ Confirmation camp will be July 9-14. Pathfinders (Grades 3-5) and Mavericks / Confirmation (Grades 6-8) will be together this week.
- Wilderness Backpacking will be July 16 – 21. Junior and Senior High campers will trek through the Porcupine Mountains, challenging themselves, making new friends and growing in their faith! The group will begin and end at Waypost.

To register for any of these programs, or to request a scholarship, check out the website at [CrosswaysCamps.org](http://CrosswaysCamps.org).

Have you met our Interim Director at Waypost? He is Pastor Justin Smoot and will be serving at camp this summer. Welcome, Justin!



**Blood Drive at Pilgrim  
Thursday, July 27th  
3:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

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

## S'more Fun

Join us on Saturdays, June 17th and July 15th, 5:00 – 6:30 pm in the Pilgrim Lutheran Church parking lot to celebrate summer with s'mores, campfires, singing, juice/water.

And, again on Saturday, August 18th, 5:00 — 7:00 pm when we will celebrate back-to-school with a blessing of backpacks, s'mores, hotdogs, campfires, singing, juice/water. If you would like to donate school supplies for the local elementary schools, here are some suggested items: one-subject, wide-ruled notebook; crayons; glue sticks; #2 pencils; two pocket folders

We hope to see you here. All are welcome.

## Shared Ministry Update from Council President, Shirley Ecker

On Saturday April 29 Sue Koerten, Terra Ecker, Jim Lenselink, and myself met at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Rothschild along with church council representatives from Mount Calvary, Immanuel, Good Shepherd, St. John’s-Mosinee, and Bethlehem for “A Day of Visioning and Dreaming” with Synod staff Pastor Dara Clifford, Pastor Asher O’Callaghan, and Pastor Andrea Fluegel.

This was a very informative and helpful meeting. We watched a video of two churches in Texas that were facing the same situation we are facing—pastors retiring or taking a new call coupled with not many pastors coming out of seminary to fill those spots. It took these churches a while to do shared ministry. After talking together, they agreed this was the right thing to do. They grew together in mission work, discipleship, lay leadership, and built new friendships with members of the other congregation.

The other church council presi-

dents and I are in contact, discussing shared ministry and what we want or need to do. The more we talk the more evident that this is something we must seriously consider doing. The music and worship people from the congregations are meeting together and planning a combined service on Sunday, July 16. More information to come.

At the end of the meeting on April 29 we were assigned homework. The four people from each congregation needed to meet back together in a few days and decide “What to share” and “When to share it.” Sue Koerten, Terra Ecker, Jim Lenselink, and I have developed a list of “What to share.” Some of the items we put on our list are: Shared ministry must happen due to the lack of pastors; the pastors in the greater Wausau area are interested in shared ministry; this process will take time; and communication and assistance from congregation members is necessary. There are many more items on this list to share.

“When to share” the information. Pastor Andrea Fluegel will be providing us with Pulpit supply on Sunday June 25 (Vicar Pat and Sarah will be celebrating their wedding anniversary), and we will have a town hall meeting after the service to update you with any more information and listen to any questions you have. Please discern “Is Pilgrim ready to move ahead with shared ministry?” The church council is for a shared ministry, but we need the congregation’s support and help in making this a positive experience for all.

Feel free to contact me at 715-301-3372 (cell#) or my email is [rsecker\\_5@msn.com](mailto:rsecker_5@msn.com) Thank you.

Blessings,  
Shirley Ecker

*“When the sun rises,  
it rises for everyone”*

—Cuban proverb

## Greater Wausau Christian Services

Hello Friends of GWCS.

The first quarter of 2023 has been a time for us to assess our ministry and how we can better serve those in the jail and the elder care facilities.

- The COVID closures that were still happening earlier this year brought our attendance numbers down a bit. However, we are once again able to restart our programing in most places.
- Chaplain Ray provided the Invocation and Closing Prayer for the swearing-in ceremony for

Sheriff Chad Billeb on January 2nd.

- In the first quarter of the year, we distributed 67 Life Recovery Bibles and 75 Christian inspirational books to the jail for the inmates to request.
- Because of a generous donation, we were able to order 300 much-needed large print hymnals for our elder care facilities.

All of these things and more are being accomplished, thanks to you!

## Make a joyful noise!

In this very room, there's quite enough love for all the world.  
And in this very room, there's quite enough joy for all the world.  
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom,  
for Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

~ Ron and Carol Harris

**Mark your calendars, Pilgrims!!** You may have heard talk about shared ministries within the ELCA congregations in the Wausau area. Pilgrim is actively involved in what shared ministries could look like for us. There is a small group of people working on shared activities we can do to help us get to know our neighbors from our sister congregations. The activity that was chosen for us to do this summer is to have a shared worship service on July 16 at 10:30 a.m. at the Rothschild Pavilion. Currently there are eight congregations who are sponsors for this service. We hope MANY Pilgrims will make the pilgrimage to the Pavilion for this special event.

Among other pieces of this special service, there will be a combined choir from the participating congregations directed by Jim Lenselink. He chose two anthems that have themes of unity in them; he wants us to be deliberate in thinking of ways we can share the ministries God calls us to do with our sister congregations.

You will see some of the words from the anthem "In This Very Room" at the top of this article. It is a song of hope and comfort when it states "in this very room" there is the support we need to show love, joy, hope, and power to all the world because Jesus is with us. Of course, that doesn't mean we will never face grief and pain in our lives and when losses occur, it is normal and healing for us to grieve. It *does* mean even at times when we may not know how to face challenges, we aren't alone. Jesus is with us, and we are stronger than we realize.

Many of you may be familiar with the story of the boy who was seen throwing starfish back into the ocean that had been stranded on the shore when the tide went out. He was challenged that all his efforts wouldn't make much of a difference for the stranded starfish because there were thousands of them, and he could throw only a small number of them back into the ocean. As he threw another starfish back into the ocean he smiled and said, "I made a difference for that one." The problems in the world are huge and we can't solve all of them but as we work together, we can definitely make a dent in some of them.

With thanks for the grace granted to us to make a difference for those around us,

Delores Kessel

*<sup>11</sup> For I long to see you so that I may share with you  
some spiritual gift so that you may be strengthened—  
<sup>12</sup> or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged  
by each other's faith, both yours and mine.*

*- Romans 1:11-12 NRSVUE*



Dear Siblings in Christ,

What a beautiful celebration you had on the first weekend of May thanking God for God's faithfulness over the last seventy-five years. During those seventy-five years relationships have been built, strengthened, and grew. They also changed. The community of the people of God is dynamic and ever-changing. Throughout the generations, there is an ebb and flow to congregational life. This moment is no different as together you discover and explore shared pastoral and collaborative ministry.

One of the foundations of shared ministry and collaborative ministry is relationships. Without a sense of trust, loving-kindness and mutual encouragement, we become divided as the gathered people of God. In order to build those relationships, the Council presidents of Pilgrim, Mt. Calvary (Rothschild), St. John's (Mosinee), and Immanuel have been meeting over the last few months for support and encouragement. On April 29, the six congregations of Pilgrim, Mt. Calvary (Rothschild), St. John's (Mosinee), Immanuel, Good Shepherd, and Bethlehem (Kronenwetter) had a day-long working retreat led by Pastor Dara Clifford (Associate to the Bishop, Director for Evangelical Mission) and Pastor Asher O'Callaghan (Associate to the Bishop, Director for Transitions) and Pastor Andrea Fluegel, Transition Facilitator. It was an amazing experience of getting to know other congregations, hearing their stories, and discovering strengths in mutual support and encouragement.

In addition, the Worship and Music leaders of the above congregations have begun to meet for mutual encouragement and learning. They started discussions on collaborative worship and fellowship opportunities. **Look for more information on an upcoming Greater Wausau Area worship service on Sunday, July 16 at the Rothschild Pavilion.** There will be a picnic and children's activities as well. If you are interested in helping to plan or volunteer for this collaborative worship, please contact Shirley Ecker or myself to get connected. There will also be opportunities to participate in a collaborative choir and a praise and worship band.

This is only the beginning of exploration in collaborative ministry as we work together in mutual encouragement for shared pastoral ministry. Several congregations are starting to explore collaborative ministry opportunities in the areas of children and youth ministry (including VBS, Confirmation and ELCA Youth Gathering) and community engagement and service. If you are interested and have a passion in these areas, please contact Shirley Ecker or myself to get connected.

On May 25, Pastor Dara Clifford went through the Congregational Vitality survey that you as a congregation completed in March/April. Pilgrim's top five strengths are: leadership culture, gospel preaching, accessibility (regarding building's accessibility to those needing more physical assistance), worship services, and community connections.

Exciting ministry is happening. The Holy Spirit is at work in the Greater Wausau area. Your energy, support, and participation is needed to keep the momentum going. Each one of you is incredibly important to the gathered people of God and the ongoing mission of Jesus in this place. Thank you for sharing your gifts, resources and skills.

With a grateful heart,

Pastor Andrea Fluegel  
Transition Facilitator



75<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary



## BABY CARE KITS AND SCHOOL KITS

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We are now collecting the following items for Lutheran World Relief baby care kits and school kits:

### School Kits:

- \* Four 70-80 sheet spiral notebooks, appr. 8" x 10.5"
- \* Rulers
- \* Scissors (blunt end)
- \* Pencil sharpeners
- \* Black or blue ball point pens (no gel ink)
- \* Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- \* 2.5" erasers
- \* sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bags, approx. 14" x 17" (sturdy cotton, canvas, denim, and twill)

### Baby Care Kits:

- \* T-shirts
- \* Gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- \* Blankets—36" to 52" square (cotton or flannel, crocheted or knitted)
- \* Cloth diapers
- \* Jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts
- \* Socks
- \* Bath-size bars of soap

Items can be left in the collection boxes in the narthex. Call Charlene Buttner at 715-842-7683 for more information. Thank you!

## 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.

## Book Study Group *Jesus Revolution*

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

### First Two Sessions

June 10th  
July 8th

## Men's Monthly Bible Study Breakfast at Eagle's Nest 2nd Thursday of the Month 7:30 a.m.

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

## Volunteer Drivers Needed

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

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

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



- To everyone who helped with Pilgrim's anniversary celebration, including: Janet Williams; Shirley, Randy, Katie and McKayla Ecker; the Chris Ecker family; Charlie Freiberg; Charlene Buttner; Sue Koerten; Kathi Kunze; Jenni Zaitz; Steve Konkel (photographer); Karen Larson; Fred Patten; and, a special thank you to Linda Konkel for all of the extra organizational effort she put into making it a special day.
- To Pastor Jenn Pockat for leading worship at our 75th anniversary Sunday and for snapping the picture of the people in the sanctuary
- To Betty Walters for the welcoming arrangement of purple flowers at the carport entrance
- To Randy and Shirley Ecker, our representatives to the annual Synod Assembly gathering in Appleton
- To all who donated red geraniums for Pentecost Sunday, and to Eugene Viegut for planting them around the church grounds

## Volunteers Needed in Wausau

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The Aging & Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin needs volunteer drivers to deliver Meals on Wheels to older adults that are homebound in the Wausau area. Volunteer routes available Monday-Friday, 10:15 am - 11:30. Volunteer as little or as much as you like. Bring sunshine (and a hot meal) into the life of another! Contact us at (715) 261-6070 for more information.



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 9th, 2023**  
**Unapproved**

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

**EXCUSED:** Vice President Jeanette Carlson and Janet Williams

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

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** (Jenni Zaitz) Minutes were reviewed from the April 11, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. A motion was made by Koerten, second by Freiberg to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** (Charles Freiberg): Reviewed the current finances. April was a very good month which included 5 Sundays and Easter. We had a gain of \$4,500 for the month but year to date are behind by \$500. A motion was made by Buttner, second by Viegut to accept the Treasurers Reports. Motion carried.

**VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT:** (Jeanette Carlson) No report

**VICARS REPORT:** (Vicar Patrick Kempf) Things are going well and are back to normal after Easter. He is continuing with the call process. His paperwork was re-submitted to the synod with a smaller geographic area this time. His focus is on the Western edge of Wisconsin and Eastern Minnesota. There will be a consultation to look over the paperwork on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** (Shirley Ecker) Eugene met with

the Christian Fellowship Church on Sunday to sign the new lease. On April 29, 2023 "A Day of Visioning and Dreaming" was held at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church. There were 6 churches in attendance: Mount Calvary Lutheran, Pilgrim Lutheran, Immanuel Lutheran, Good Shepherd Lutheran, St. John's Lutheran in Mosinee and Bethlehem Lutheran. Each church send 4 members. The following Synod staff were also in attendance: Pastor Dara Clifford, Pastor Andrea Fluegel and Pastor Asher O'Callaghan. The Pilgrim representatives were: Sue Koerten, Terra Ecker, Jim Lenselink and Shirley Ecker. This meeting focused on "What to share and when to share it". Pilgrim's top 5 strengths were determined from our vitality survey as being: Leadership culture, Gospel preaching, Accessibility, Worship services and Community connections. A link will be emailed to Pilgrim's congregation to join in a webinar for vitality survey results with Pastor Dara on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> after worship the first town hall meeting will be held to update the congregation on what we are working on. Pastor Andrea Fluegel will be our supply pastor on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. The date for the annual congregational meeting will be January 28, 2024. Pastor Andrea has requested that her monthly payment be designated as a housing allowance. A motion was made by Koerten, Second by Terra Ecker to designate Pastor Andrea Fluegel's \$500 monthly payment as a housing allowance for the length of her agreement. Motion carried.

**WORSHIP REPORT:** (Sue Koerten) We are exploring shared ministry. Pilgrim's music/worship team consisting of Delores Kessel, Shirley Ecker and Sue Koerten have attended several meetings with members from St. John's in Mosinee, Mt. Calvary, Immanuel

Lutheran and Good Shepherd. The purpose of the meetings is to start to build relationships with our peers from other congregations. We are planning a shared worship service with these five congregations by September. More information will follow. A motion was made by Buttner, second by Lenselink for Pilgrim to be one of the sponsoring churches for the shared ministry combined worship service on July 16, 2023. Motion Carried.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:** (Eugene Viegut) The outside Spring clean up is completed. The lawn moving crew has been set up. Eugene will meet with the Christian Fellowship Church on Sunday with the new contract.

**EVANGELISM:** No Report

**BLESSINGS THAT GIVE HOPE:** No Report

**CHURCH AND SOCIETY:** (Charlene Buttner) Thanks to individual donations and money from the election day bake sale, we were able to complete 34 personal care kits. They will be included in the Lutheran World Relief in gathering this fall.

**LIFE & GROWTH** (Janet Williams) No Report

**STEWARDSHIP:** (Jim Lenselink) No report

**CHILDREN & YOUTH:** No report

Progress articles are due May 19, 2023.

**ADJOURN:** At 7:45 a motion was made by Freiberg, Second by Terra Ecker to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. Eugene Viegut has devotions.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Jenni Zaitz, Secretary





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

Janice Hayes	06/01	Brianna Stromme	07/10
Dana Weyer	06/02	Betty Walters	07/11
Diane Yunek	06/03	Kathy Brown	07/12
Caroline Randow	06/19	Gabe Dins	07/13
Adam Petersen	06/20	Delores Kessel	07/15
Brauley Schneider	06/21	Lauren Zaitz	07/15
Keith Woodward	06/21	Ben Fandre	07/17
Jamie Kislow	06/22	Kathy Kainz	07/19
Michael Konkell	06/25	Colton Lemanski	07/19
Charlie Behnke	06/28	Mary Williams	07/19
June Champagne	07/01	Ella Fehlhaber-Poppe	07/22
Kenneth Rueth	07/06	Ramona Schmitz	07/26
Rita Jones	07/07	Jenna Brandenburg	07/27
Megan Behnke	07/09	Tianna Daniels	07/27
Jason Brown	07/09		

*On birthdays, we honor our beginnings and remember that in God's eyes, we have a place in*



*Still round the corner there may wait,  
a new road or a secret gate.*

-J. R. R. Tolkien

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

**June and July**

1 Cody Augustine	1 Julian Brown
2 Easton Augustine	2 Norah Brown
3 Kassidie Augustine	3 Oscar Brown
4 Mollie Augustine	4 Kathy Brown
5 Taylen Augustine	5 Tom Brown
6 Pamela Bannister	6 Julie Bukowski
7 Tim Bannister	7 Charlene Buttner
8 Timothy Bannister	8 Jeanette Carlson
9 Brad Bartell	9 June Champagne
10 Bruce Bartell	10 Lois Christianson
11 Nancy Bedessem	11 Sonya Bergeth
12 David Behnke III	12 Dale Clark
13 "Charlie" Behnke	13 David Clemment
14 Finley Behnke	14 Rachel Clemment
15 Megan Behnke	15 John Cravens
16 Oliver Behnke	16 Sara Cravens
17 Josephine Billington	17 Guy Daniels
18 Zackary Billington	18 Tianna Daniels
19 Kathy Boehm	19 Gary Dettmering
20 Steve Boehm	20 Mary Dettmering
21 Karen Boller	21 Gabe Dins
22 Richard Boller	22 Ron Dins
23 Connie Brandenburg	23 Jane Dolan
24 Jenna Brandenburg	24 Katie Ecker
25 Larry Brandenburg	25 Makayla Ecker
26 Ann Brooks	26 Chris Ecker
27 Rosie Brown	27 Terra Ecker
28 Deacon Brown	28 McKenna Ecker
29 Jackson Brown	29 Savanna Ecker
30 Jason Brown	30 Randy Ecker
	31 Shirley Ecker



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				1 6:30 Worship	2 8 - 3 Recycle and Bake Sale	3 8 - 12 Recycle and Bake Sale
4 <b>Baccalaureate Sunday</b> 7:45 Evangelism Team Meeting 9:00 Worship	5	6 11:45 Prayer Circle 1:00 Pastors' Text Study  ← Church office closed—Fred vacation →	7	8 7:30 Men's Bible Study at the Eagle's Nest 6:30 Worship	9	10 9:00 <i>Jesus Revolution</i> Book Study
11 9:00 Worship	12 9:00 Record Reader  ← Church office closed Fred vacation →	13 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:30 Council Mtg.	14 9:00 Busy Bee Quilters	15 9-1 WRV Conference Mtg. 6:30 Worship	16	17 5:00-6:30 S'more Fun
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30 9:00 Worship	31					

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION UPDATE

### May 25, 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.

<b>Mortgage</b>	<b>Year-to-Date Revenue</b>
\$ 73,617 Balance: 04/27/2023	<b>Budget vs. Actual</b>
\$ 673 Principal Payment	\$44,142      \$46,890
\$ 202 Interest Payment	<b>Outstanding Bills</b>
\$ 72,944 Balance: 05/25/2023	\$2,964 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](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice).

### THOSE PILGRIMS UNABLE TO ATTEND SERVICES

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

#### In Care Facilities

Kathleen Huebner.....Mount View

#### In Their Homes

Kathy Boehm	John Schneider
Donald Mattke	Stephen Williams

### PRAYER SHAWLS

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

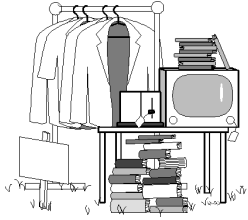
A cabinet in the lounge holds a variety of prayer shawls. Choose one to deliver to a person who needs a special, tangible reminder of God's love and presence. Sign the book to show that you have taken one, and use a prayer request form to add this person to the Prayer Circle list, if that is appropriate.

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

**Shawls given to date... 275**

### CAN'T GET TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY? COME WORSHIP THURSDAYS AT 6:30 PM!

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



## RECYCLE AND BAKE SALE

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 8 - 3  
SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 8 - 12

## S'MORE FUN SATURDAY

JUNE 17, 5:00—6:30 PM  
S'MORES, CAMPFIRE, SINGING



### Staff

Pastor  
Ministers  
Office Manager  
Choir Directors  
Pianists  
Custodian

Vicar Pat Kempf  
All Pilgrims  
Fred Patten  
Jim Linselink/Delores Kessel  
Delores Kessel, Norah Brown  
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