

# Progress

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## Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAYS

In-Person and  
Zoomed Online

9:00 am

#### THURSDAYS

In-person

6:30 pm

#### Office Hours

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

Friday  
Closed

### Pastor's Notes

...from Pat Kempf, Vicar

Greetings Good People of Pilgrim!

The time has finally come. After two years together, after navigating the end of a pandemic, after journeying together through the gospels, after many worships, gatherings, times of fellowship, shared meals, and shared service, our time together comes to a close. The chorus of the last few months has been, "how bittersweet it is." Sweet that I'm officially beginning my first call, bitter that we have to leave all of you wonderful people! Sarah and I have felt quite at home in this community and will be so sad to leave it behind.

It has been a true blessing and honor to serve as your vicar for the past two years. Through this experience I have learned a great deal about what it is to be a faith leader and I will carry those lessons forward all my life. We will always hold a special place in our hearts for this congregation. You welcomed us, fed us, cared for us, and truly became our friends. I will always owe Pilgrim Lutheran a debt of gratitude for having faith to call me as your vicar and for the continual love and support you offered us over the last couple of years.

The Holy Spirit is always out there and ahead of us making things new. The future will undoubtedly hold new and amazing things for us both. I have

great faith that new roads and new horizons filled with endless possibilities lay ahead of Pilgrim Lutheran Church and that this community will flourish and thrive for years to come. It might look different than it has in the past, but that's true of everything! I know God has a plan for this congregation and that with your continued commitment and dedication to this community and each other, beautiful new things are all but assured.

I really can't thank you all enough for this time together and feel so truly blessed to have been part of this wonderful community of saints. We promise to come back and visit and promise to keep praying for Pilgrim, and all of you, as we continue our separate journeys.

A major piece of our faith is our conviction that God can give new life and new hope in any circumstance. Resurrection life. This new beginning is a wonderful opportunity for exactly that. Be bold, don't fear, trust each other, and trust in the Holy Spirit's awesome power of love, wisdom, and grace. Christ is alive and at work in this place. I can't wait to see what you all get up to together.

Grace, Peace, Love,  
and Eternal Thanks,

Vicar Pat

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Lately, I have been listening to a series of books by Octavia Butler called “The Parable of the Sower” and “The Parable of the Talents.” The main character Lauren is the daughter of a Baptist minister in the Los Angeles area in the 2020s. These books, written in the 1990s, are considered to be science fiction. For Lauren, God is not a person, a deity, or a supernatural entity. God is more abstract than that. To her, “God is change.” She writes, “The one irresistible force in the universe is Change. Everything in the universe Changes. Every living thing, every bit of matter, all the energy in the universe Changes in some way. All that you touch you Change. All that you Change Changes you. The only lasting truth is Change. God Is Change.”



While Change is not my personal image of God, change is a constant in our lives. The Oxford dictionary defines change as “the act or instance of making or becoming different.” It is both a verb and a noun. What we often don’t talk about is the two parts of change. The first part is grief and the second part is new growth. When change happens, we lose something. Maybe it is part of our identity. When our homes, jobs, or families change, we grieve over what once was. As we enter a new school year, families are grieving and excited for students entering college and kindergarten. Our tears at weddings this summer were a mix of grief and excitement too.

For many of us, we go to church because it feels like the one constant in our world. With Vicar Pat accepting a call to congregations in the LaCrosse area, it is another change. Exploring shared and collaborative ministry is another change. The questions about worship times, styles, and what does shared ministry mean and what does it look like can create anxiety and grief. Yes, even at Pilgrim and in the larger Church, things are changing.

The Apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:17, “So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!” Hope-filled words! Even amidst our grief and uncertainty about the future, Jesus is with us and doing amazing things. Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, continues to create. What began in the creation story continues even in our lives today. Jesus with his own life showed us that even in death, there is resurrection! There is new growth and new creation.

Amazing things are happening in the Wausau area. Jesus is creating all things new. Even when we are anxious or grieving over the changes that are happening in the congregation, Church, community and country, the Holy Spirit is still at work. We might not know or understand where we are heading, but we can be confident that Jesus is walking with us.

Mirabai Starr, spiritual director, author, and a mother who has experienced intense and tragic grief, states that it is important to recognize our grief and that it’s okay to grieve (we all have our own timetable when it comes to grief). The problem comes when grief keeps us stuck, distant from others, and when the anger from our grief causes harm to others. She also says that there is another side to grief. Grief can move us from being passive to being active. It can also move us from stuckness to risk taking. Out of grief can come new growth.

As Pilgrim’s Transition Facilitator, I am your coach and consultant during this time of change and creative growth. I primarily walk alongside your staff and lay leadership in exploring and discerning where God is calling Pilgrim. It does take all of us to be the hands and feet of Jesus. The ministry of Jesus at Pilgrim and in Wausau needs everyone’s energy, passion, and financial support. I challenge you to find at least three to four hours a month outside of worship to be involved in Pilgrim’s ministry and mission. Where can you serve?

If you don’t know where to start in serving, or are anxious and uncertain about Pilgrim’s ministry, please feel free to contact me at [pastorandrea@northwoodsc.org](mailto:pastorandrea@northwoodsc.org) or 715.391.9311.

In this time of change, God hears and sees our grief. Jesus walks with us in love. The Holy Spirit moves us into a creative and imaginative future.

Praise be to God!

Pastor Andrea Fluegel  
Transition Facilitator

## Make a joyful noise!

“And God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!”

~ Shirley Erena Murray from the song “For Everyone Born”

“For Everyone Born” was written by New Zealand hymn writer, Shirley Erena Murray in the late 1990s. The themes in the song are as timely today as they were when she wrote it. All people deserve an environment that provides them a place at the table, and one that is safe, both from assault and from damaged or destroyed natural resources. Everyone deserves clean water and bread. People of all ages deserve “a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song.” Everyone deserves a place “simply to be,” a place where they are free to “work, to speak out” and “the right to be free.”

Ms. Murray said about her hymn writing, “I appreciate and relate to precise and clean language as opposed to flowery and fudgy. I am, in knitting parlance, a plain rather than purl sort of writer. I like language that gives a jolt of reality.” Certainly the song “For Everyone Born” is plain spoken, it is heartfelt, it offers all of us huge challenges to create the kind of world she wrote about, and it gives us a jolt of reality.

Our choir chose this song for Vicar Pat’s farewell Sunday with us because it captures his theology: Welcome and include everyone. Provide everyone with a place where they are safe. Allow everyone a voice where they can speak out. Be kind and show Christian love to all. Encourage each other’s skills and their opportunities to respectfully serve others. Stumble, as we will, and then get up and try again.

In the future when I hear this song, I will remember Vicar Pat’s ministry among us. I will also hear it with new ears. The world is constantly changing. As long as we are alive, we will be challenged with how to welcome and include others, how to provide safety for them, how to find ways to let their voices be heard and to make a difference, and how to show lovingkindness.

With thanks for second chances at beings creators of justice.

Delores Kessel

If you would like to listen to this wonderful anthem on your own, you can go to the internet and type in For Everyone Born arranged by Trenney. You will find several excellent listening options to choose from.

## Blessings That Give Hope: A New Year—A New Way to Serve

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It has come to our attention during the 2022-2023 school year that providing weekend food bags was not what was needed most anymore for John Marshall families. Therefore, we met with the social worker and the new principal and talked through what would be most beneficial for them and the best way to use the resources we have to provide what they need. So here is a basic outline of what the program will look like for the 2023-2024 school year.

1. We will be starting a food pantry for John Marshall children and their families. The Blessings That Give Hope program will be the main supporter of this food pantry. We will be providing family friendly meals, snacks, breakfast items, etc., along with personal care items such as body wash, shampoo, deodorant, etc. These items will be available for students and families on an as needed basis through the social worker. John Marshall receives Blessings In A Backpack, so they are able to provide all the weekend food bags that are needed for the school allowing us to focus our time and resources on the food pantry!
2. We will be collecting one food item and one personal care item each month from August - April of each school year to help keep the shelves stocked! Watch for items-of-the-month in the Progress and bulletins. These items can be dropped off in the bins labeled with that item in the narthex on the donation wall! We will also continue to collect monetary donations so that we can fill in other items that are needed.
3. Also, there are some other items that are needed at the school that we are looking for help in providing for them. These items may be new or gently used. (Nothing with holes, stains, etc., please.) These items can be dropped off any time in the collection bins in the narthex on the donations wall.

Athletic Pants/Leggings  
boys and girls sizes 5-12

Underwear  
boys and girls sizes 5-12

Snowpants  
boys and girls sizes 5-12

Heavy winter gloves/mittens (no thin ones)  
boys and girls

Hats  
boys and girls

Winter Boots  
boys and girls sizes 10T (toddler) to  
7 big kids (men's/women's)

4. We will continue to provide a monetary donation to John Marshall so that children in need can purchase items for their family at the schools Winter Wish Store during the holiday season. This has been a huge success and appreciated so much by the students and staff!
5. We will start the year providing snacks for each classroom to have on hand for those students that come to school without a snack for the day. Blessings In A Backpack will be the main provider for these snacks for the rest of the year. However, they will be in contact if more help is needed in this area!
6. We have provided gift cards to Walmart on an as needed basis for families that are in need of more support for groceries or other essentials. These families go through the social worker and then an email request comes to us from her letting us know that there is a family in more need that what the regular programs are providing. We then purchase a Walmart gift card and the social worker passes it on to the family. We have done this before and will continue to do so on an as needed basis.

We are truly excited that Blessings That Give Hope has provided some much needed support for John Marshall families and will now take on an even greater and new area of support for their students and families. We truly appreciate all of your continued support, prayers and donations so that we can continue to serve John Marshall and accomplish the mission that we set out to do so many years ago! If you have any questions please reach out to myself or any of the other team members!

Blessings That Give Hope Coordinator  
Mollie Augustine

Blessings That Give Hope Team Members  
Jeanne Wunsch, Dennis Wunsch,  
Jeff Kessel, Delores Kessel

## 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 September 14th. Contact Eugene Viegut (715-359-9895) if you are interested in joining.

## 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:

### Upcoming Sessions

September 9th  
October 14th  
November 11th

Our Little Library continues to be well used and well supported. Besides books and puzzles, food items and school supplies have been donated regularly.  
Thank you!

## First Presbyterian Community Dinner Volunteers

Thank you the Pilgrims who provided cookies, chips, and juice and volunteered to pack meals for the community dinner on Sunday, August 20.



## shout OUT!

- ☺ To Deanna Kelly and Eugene Viegut for taking care of the altar guild needs last month.
- ☺ To the members who have donated their Menard's rebates. They keep us in cleaning supplies and other building and maintenance items.
- ☺ To Vicar Pat, for selecting Pilgrim for your internship; for allowing us to take part in your spiritual development; for your sermons—as time passed and you became more comfortable in the pulpit, we, too, became more comfortable with you—your sermons were educational and inspirational and often struck a personal chord; for sharing the Word from yesterday, bringing it to life today, and often focusing on the message of loving each other and making a positive difference in people's lives; for your musical talents, which were needed the very first day you preached—bravo!; and for being a positive “force” in the spiritual development of our Confirmation students and this congregation. We hope you enjoyed your time with us as much we did with you. May God always “be a light to you, when all other lights go out.”
- ☺ To Sarah Kempf for your bright and generous spirit, your support of the members of this congregation, and your special gift with children, which we witnessed especially at some of the special events these past two years. Many blessings upon your head.

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 8th, 2023**  
**Unapproved**

**PRESENT IN PERSON:** President Shirley Ecker, Vice President Jeanette Carlson, Secretary Jenni Zaitz, Treasurer Charles Freiberg, Eugene Viegut, Terra Ecker, Sue Koerten, Charlene Buttner, Vicar Pat, Jim Lenselink, Pastor Andrea Fluegel and Pastor Asher O'Callaghan.

**EXCUSED:** Janet Williams

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Shirley Ecker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Charlie Freiberg had devotions.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** (Charles Freiberg): Reviewed the current finances. The July financial reports do not include July 30<sup>th</sup>. July shows a loss of \$1200 but we are still up \$2700 year to date. A motion was made by Koerten, second by Lenselink to accept the Treasurers Reports. Motion carried.

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

**VICARS REPORT:** (Vicar Patrick Kempf) This is Vicar Pat's Last council meeting. He has accepted a call with Our Saviors -Skogdalen Churches. His last Sunday with Pilgrim will be September 3rd.

Vicar Pat asked the council to consider not paying him for the month of September but to pay his housing allowance for the month of September since he will need to keep his apartment into September. A motion was made by Freiberg to pay Vicar Pat's regular housing allowance of \$850 for the month of September, second by Carlson. Motion carried. His current contract will end on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. He expressed his appreciation of the council and community for everything they have done for him and stated that it has been a great 2 years.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** (Shirley Ecker) On Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, Shirley, Jeff and Charlene attended an informational meeting at St. Stephens's to learn more about some activities that they participate in to serve our community. They have invited Pilgrim to join them in a Community Dinner on August 20, 2023, Coats for Kids -winter gear drive and God's Work, Our Hands, Sunday on September 10, 2023. These are all very good opportunities for our congregation to get out and meet people. Good Shephard, Immanuel, and Mt. Calvary are also ready to do things together. Before creating a successful multi point parish, churches need to form a trust in each other and discover values that they both share. Once this has happened, the Executive Committees can get together to start making decisions. Sunday, September 17th, Pastor Dara will be at Pilgrim and there will be a congregational meeting after worship.

Shirley has contacted Pastor Karoline at St. Stephen's to discuss confirmation. Currently, Pilgrim

has 2 students that are interested. She is in the process of collecting a list of Lay Ministers from other churches that can help out with our services once Vicar Pat has left. Some congregations are using SAM's (Synod Authorized Ministry) to administer the sacraments when there is not a Pastor available. To become a SAM someone would complete 2 years of Lay school, a background check and received a letter from their council stating that they are trustworthy.

On August 14<sup>th</sup> our agreement with Pastor Andrea expires. Our current agreement is \$500 dollars per month for 10 hours of time. Some of the things that Pastor Andrea can help us with is: Training Lay Leaders, working with the Stewardship Committee and teaching members how to do a Bible Study. She can also be a resource for Fred when ministry teams need help. There is a link that we can use to schedule a call or meeting with her. For urgent questions we should call and leave a message. Working with Pastor Andrea online and by phone is the best option since there is no extra charge to Pilgrim for mileage. A motion was made by Terra Ecker, second by Carlson to extend Pastor Andrea's agreement for another 6 months. Motion carried. The new contract will begin on September 1<sup>st</sup> but she has agreed to cover us for the remainder of August.

Our Kurtzweil digital piano is having several problems and Delores has contacted Full Compass Systems to inquire about getting it fixed. There is an evaluation fee of \$110 and labor is \$110 per hour. Delores was told that Kurtzweil would not have parts for a model of that age. There is a chance that they could find some used parts but selection would be random and limited and they can't guarantee that it's even repairable. A motion was made by Freiberg, second by Terra Ecker to have Shirley, Fred, Delores and Norah price out a new

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Let all that you do be done in love.  
 1 Corinthians 16:14

Women of the ELCA

East Central Synod of Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization  
 20<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention – October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023  
 Registration begins at 8a, Program begins at 8:20a  
 and concludes at 3p

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digital piano and bring the information to council. Motion carried.

**WORSHIP REPORT:** (Sue Koerten) Hymn Pickers met and hymns are picked out through October. They are currently working on plans for Vicar Pat and Sarah's farewell appreciation get together on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:** (Eugene Viegut) No Report

**EVANGELISM:** No Report

**BLESSINGS THAT GIVE HOPE:** No Report

**CHURCH AND SOCIETY:** (Charlene Buttner) Food was donated to the Salvation Army. We are continuing collections for Baby Care and School kits.

**LIFE & GROWTH:** (Janet Williams) A taco bar lunch is being planned for Vicar Pat's last Sunday at Pilgrim. A motion was made by Koerten, second by Terra Ecker to use money from the Scrip account to pay for the taco bar lunch. Motion carried. There will be a sign up sheet for donations of a couple of desserts and for help serving and setting up.

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

**CHILDREN & YOUTH:** Terra is in the process of planning a meeting on a Sunday to talk about Sunday School and decide when it should start.

Progress articles are due August 25, 2023

**ADJOURN:** At 8:00 a motion was made by Vicar Pat, Second by Koerten to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. Terra Ecker has devotions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jenni Zaitz, Secretary

## **Dreams and Nightmares**

*On reading 1 Kings 3:5-9; 9:2-9*

Last night as I lay sleeping...

I had a dream so fair . . .  
I dreamed of the Holy City, well ordered and just.  
I dreamed of a garden of paradise, well-being all around and a good water supply.  
I dreamed of disarmament and forgiveness, and caring embrace for all those in need.  
I dreamed of a coming time when death is no more.

Last night as I lay sleeping...

I had a nightmare of sins unforgiven.  
I had a nightmare of land mines still exploding and maimed children.  
I had a nightmare of the poor left unloved, of the homeless left unnoticed, of the dead left ungrieved.  
I had a nightmare of quarrels and rages and wars great and small.

When I awoke, I found you still to be God,

presiding over the day and night with serene sovereignty,  
for dark and light are both alike to you.

At the break of day we submit to you our best dreams and our worst nightmares, asking that your healing mercy should override threats, that your goodness will make our nightmares less toxic and our dreams more real.

Thank you for visiting us with newness that overrides what is old and deathly among us.

Come among us this day; dream us toward health and peace, we pray in the real name of Jesus who exposes our fantasies.

*Taken from Walter Brueggemann's  
Prayers for a Privileged People  
(Nashville: Abingdon, 2008),  
pp. 79-80.*

## **BABY CARE KITS AND SCHOOL KITS**

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

### **School Kits:**

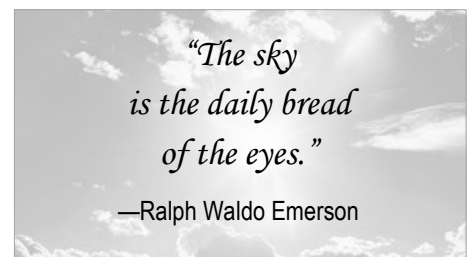
- \* **Four 70-80 sheet spiral notebooks, appr. 8" x 10.5"**
- \* Rulers
- \* Scissors (blunt end)
- \* Pencil sharpeners
- \* Black or blue ball point pens (no gel ink)
- \* Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- \* 2.5" erasers
- \* sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bags, approx. 14" x 17" (sturdy cotton,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

### **Baby Care Kits**

...for kids 6 to 24 months...

- \* 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!





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

Taylen Augustine	09/03	Ronald Foreman	09/18
Cheryl Landeau	09/04	Ginny Kirsch	09/18
Ross Windorski	09/04	Alissa Strick	09/18
Deborah Erickson	09/05	Timothy Remley	09/20
Steven Konkel	09/05	Bonnie Spangberg	09/21
Kathy Boehm	09/08	Kayle Kislow	09/22
Jamie Lemke	09/11	Julie Bukowski	09/23
Marshall Landeau	09/13	Layla Molling	09/27
Guy Daniels	09/15	Ryan Petersen	09/28
Richard Swanson	09/16	Annarose Brown	09/30

*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

**September**

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

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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<b>3</b> 7:45 Evangelism Team Meeting 9:00 Worship 10:15 Farewell Fellowship with Vicar Pat & Sarah	<b>4 LABOR DAY</b> Office Closed	<b>5</b> 9:00 Pastors' Breakfast 11:45 Prayer Circle 1:00 Pastors' Text Study	<b>6</b> 6:30 Choir	<b>7</b> 6:30 Worship	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00 <i>Jesus Revolution</i> Book Study
<b>10</b> 9:00 Worship	<b>11</b> 1:00 Worship Team Meeting	<b>12</b> 9:00 Pastors' Breakfast 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:30 Council Mtg.	<b>13</b> 9:00 Busy Bee Quilters 6:30 Choir	<b>14</b> 7:30 Men's Bible Study at Eagle's Nest 6:30 Worship	<b>15</b> Lay School	<b>16</b> Lay School
<b>17</b> 9:00 Worship with Prs. Dara Clifford/ Andrea Fluegel 10:15 Town Hall Meeting in the Sanctuary	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:00 Pastors' Breakfast 11:45 Prayer Circle 1:00 Pastors' Text Study 6:00 GWCS Meeting at Pilgrim	<b>20</b> 6:30 Choir	<b>21</b> 9-1 WRV Conference Mtg. 3-7 Blood Drive at Pilgrim 6:30 Worship	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24 QUILT SUNDAY</b> 9:00 Worship 10:15 Reception with the Busy Bees	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9:00 Pastors' Breakfast 11:45 Prayer Circle	<b>27</b> 6:30 Choir	<b>28</b> 6:15 Church Council Presidents' Meeting 6:30 Worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>



## FINANCIAL INFORMATION UPDATE

### August 31, 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>
\$ 71,665 Balance: 07/27/2023	<b>Budget vs. Actual</b>
\$ 600 Principal Payment	\$73,560      \$71,465
\$ 275 Interest Payment	<b>Outstanding Bills</b>
\$ 71,065 Balance: 08/31/2023	\$2,175 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... 279**

### 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!

## SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, Sept. 3rd: Vicar Pat's Last Worship Service  
farewell fellowship and a taco bar after worship

Sunday, Sept. 17th: Guest Pastors Dara Clifford and Andrea Fluegel  
town hall meeting following worship in the sanctuary

Sunday, Sept. 24th: Quilt Sunday  
quilts on display with boxing and a treat following worship

### Staff

Pastor  
Ministers  
Office Manager  
Choir Directors  
Pianists  
Custodian

Vicar Pat Kempf  
All Pilgrims  
Fred Patten  
Jim Lenselink/Delores Kessel  
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