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Sunday
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Office Hours

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

Friday
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Notes from the Pastor...

William Ostrem

Blessings and greetings to you:

Over the years, some of you may have noticed my “Luther door” outside of my office. If you did, I could only hope that you took the opportunity to stop and read a few of the poems or scriptures posted. There is one in particular I would like to draw your attention to. It is an interesting list called *The 12 things Pastors would like the congregation to know*. The original author of this is unknown as this list has been around for years. I believe these initial points, though not meant for any one particular church, cause a person to pause and think. These are about building community and seeing each other beyond expectations that may not ever be reached. Opening one’s self up is a place of vulnerability and growth within a community. These initial points speak into this unique year as well, as congregations everywhere desire to have “normal” back and an emotional place where they can feel safe again. Many Clergy and leaders are both feeling this emotional burden and carrying the yoke of responsibility for the community they love and cherish. These points are here for thoughts, perspectives, and pondering.

1. YOU are a source of encouragement to us.

It is easy to imagine that clergy are separated out and are highly devoted – except, of course, when we fail horribly and publicly. We are, in fact, like everyone else. We draw encouragement and strength from those around us who are faithful. There are days when we draw renewed strength from your faithful witness.

2. Don’t forget to show up.

Though it was a committee and through the Synod office that guided our way in coming to your congregation, we count on your presence in being the church, the living body of Christ. This makes an important point, for God works through people and not a building. The work of service requires your presence.

3. Don’t compliment my sermons. React to them.

When it comes to all the preparation in forming the sermon, I would rather hear where the Gospel or my words made you struggle, caused you to ponder, or tell me that you disagree and why, rather than say, “That was nice.” The Gospel inspires and challenges both you and me. My words are just the beginning of one thought or perspective, the sermon is not fully done until it has also filtered through your voice and faith as well.

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4. Remember, I'm not here to be the religious or spiritual performer.

Clergy take upon themselves the responsibility and burden to nurture the spiritual life of a congregation. You remain in our thoughts every day and you are present as we discern every hard decision that we have to make; but, we are not there to believe, sing, pray, or profess the faith for you. Worship is engagement of personal faith and God, not a performance to attend. When that happens, it brings out the worst in us and in you.

5. Remember that I can't "fix" you.

Like any caregiver, I wish that I could fix things for you, but I can't. Only God can heal you and only God knows the time it takes to nurture that healing, though we all would like it on our time-lines. I will walk with you, listen to God alongside of you, and offer advice when and where it seems appropriate and welcomed; but, the spiritual decisions are all your own. We serve by showing and encouraging God's presence in your life for guidance, not as a therapist to prescribe a set standard of how to do it.

6. Please don't pick on my family.

This statement may seem harsh, but it is also the easiest to forget. We are in ministry because we were called to serve. My family is here because they are devoted to

God and are committed to following this call with me. They didn't get hired by the congregation and are not required to volunteer for every opportunity. Also, like all of us they are human. They make mistakes. They have their own growing pains, and they can be defensive on my behalf as well as I can be protective of them. Clergy often describe the lives of their children as "life in a goldfish bowl." Please remember, the memories they have of the

church are shaped by your love for them. Just as surely, abusive behavior that is seen or heard by words and actions can alienate them.

In April, I will be offering the last six points. If these first six have caused you to ponder or pause, like they did me, I would enjoy hearing some of the thoughts or questions you may have.

Mitakuye Oyasin and Peace,
Vicar Will

THE SEASON OF LENT AND HOLY WEEK

Lord's Prayer

In Community

Prayer is at the very heart of Christian life.

It is through prayer that we communicate with God, and often it is also through prayer that God communicates with us.

Prayer isn't only about speaking but also about listening,
not only about asking but also about yielding,
not only meditation but also praise,
not only a practice but also a mystery,
not only a devotion but also a ministry.

Therefore, it's not surprising that,
when Jesus had once finished praying, his disciples said to him,

*"Lord, teach us to pray,
as John taught his disciples" (Luke 11:2-4).*

– Justo L. Gonzalez

As we live in community with each other, we lift up our hearts to God in prayer for comfort and guidance, and to praise God. As we journey together during this time, please join me during our mid-week services as we engage how this prayer given to us by Jesus Christ remains a cornerstone of our faith—a prayer that challenges us to be moved by the Holy Spirit towards being *In Community* with God and all of God's creation. Below you find the mid-weekly Lenten focus as we engage community through scripture and the specific Lord's Prayer petitions.

Ash Wednesday—February 17, **In our Baptismal Call We Pray...**

Lesson...Isaiah 58:1-12 and Gospel Reading...Matthew 6:1-21

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Week 1—February 24, In Community with Creation

Introduction: "Our Father, who art in heaven"

1st Petition: "hallowed be thy name"

Gospel Reading...Mark 4:35-41

Week 2—March 3

In Community with Christ

2nd Petition: "thy kingdom come"

Gospel Reading...Mark 10:32-45

Week 3—March 10th

In Community with those on the Margins

3rd Petition: "thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Gospel Reading...Mark 5:1-20

Week 4—March 17th

In Community with Our Neighbor

4th Petition: "Give us this day our daily bread"

Gospel Reading...Mark 2:1-12

Week 5—March 24th

In Community with All the Saints

5th Petition: "and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us"

Gospel Reading...Mark 9:2-8

Holy Week

Palm Sunday—March 28th

In Community with Voice

Readings...Isaiah 50:4-9a, Mark 11:1-11

Lesson...Psalm 31:9-16

Gospel Reading...Mark 14:1-42

Maundy Thursday—April 1st

In Community with Sacrament and Service

6th Petition: "and lead us not into temptation"

Lesson...Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Gospel Reading...John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday—April 2nd

In Community at the Cross

7th Petition: "but deliver us from evil."

Lesson...Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

Gospel Reading...John 18:1-19:42

Easter—April 4th

In Community with God

Conclusion: "For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen."

Lesson...Isaiah 25:6-9

Gospel Reading...John 20:1-18

shout OUT!

- ☺ To Kevin, Jenni, and Logan Zaitz for shoveling snow in January; and, to Cody Augustine for shoveling in February
- ☺ To all who helped to make the Ash Wednesday drive-in worship service a success, including all who attended
- ☺ To Pilgrim Council members newly elected: Jenni Zaitz, Secretary; Charlene Buttner, Church and Society; Janet Williams, Life and Growth; and, Eugene Viegut, Building and Grounds
- ☺ To Pilgrims who have served their terms/partial terms on Council and are now stepping down: Cathy Gottschalk and Mollie Augustine
- ☺ To those Pilgrims who continue to serve as Council representatives: Jean Trempe, President; Shirley Ecker, moving from Secretary to Vice President; Charles Freiberg, Treasurer, Sue Koerten, Worship; and, Jeanne Wunsch, Evangelism
- ☺ To newly-elected members of the Mission Endowment Team—Jeanette Carlson and Jeff Kessel; continuing members—Charlene Buttner, Larry Brandenburg, and Mary Swanson; and, the two members completing their terms—Frank Koerten and Shirley
- ☺ To Randy and Shirley Ecker, elected to represent Pilgrim at the ECSW Synod Assembly in May
- ☺ To Shirley Ecker continuing to faithfully represent Pilgrim on the board of Greater Wausau Christian Services
- ☺ To Linda Konkel, Pilgrim's representative to the Wisconsin River Valley Conference

Make a joyful noise!

*The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing! ~Mary Louise Bringle*

We are now in the season of Lent and we have some very special music for Lent. I recently heard the statement, “Music frames the worship”; I find this statement to be especially true as we reflect on the themes of Lent. There are hymns that fit with each of them. I am choosing to highlight each of the themes and one hymn from our worship services from this Lenten season that fits each theme.

The first theme is reflection. During Lent we reflect on the sacrifice that Jesus made for our salvation. The hymn that will be sung on Good Friday is a spiritual titled “They Crucified My Lord.” This powerful hymn goes through every step of the process of Jesus’s crucifixion and death.

*They crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumblin’ word;
they crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumblin’ word.*

*They nailed him to a tree, and he never said a mumblin’ word;
they nailed him to a tree, and he never said a mumblin’ word.*

*They pierced him in the side, and he never said a mumblin’ word;
they pierced him in the side, and he never said a mumblin’ word.*

*The blood came streamin’ down, and he never said a mumblin’ word;
the blood came streamin’ down, and he never said a mumblin’ word.*

*He hung his head and died, and he never said a mumblin’ word;
he hung his head and died, and he never said a mumblin’ word.*

Not a word, not a word, not a word.

One of the powerful things about this hymn is the somber and stark picture it creates for us. I can’t imagine someone who was so willing to sacrifice his life for the sins of the world that he would endure all the torture he endured and never say a “mumblin’ word”.

The second theme is repentance. Our sinfulness is what made the crucifixion necessary. On Ash Wednesday you heard the hymn, “Change My Heart, O God” which calls us to put aside our sinful ways in order to become more like God.

*Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.*

*You are the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.*

*Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.*

The third theme is God’s grace, which is always with us. On March 17 we will sing “Light Dawns on a Weary World.” It tells of a time when we can “go out in joy and be led forth in peace.” I’m going to quote just the refrain of that hymn here.

*The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
As all the world in wonder echoes shalom.*

This hymn is another one that creates a vivid image—a time of unbridled joy. Imagine trees being able to clap their hands and dry lands being able to gush with springs, all because they live in grace and peace.

Hope is always with us. Thanks be to God. —Delores Kessel

A SEASON OF
HOPE
LENT

PLEASE, WE NEED PERSONAL CARE KITS!
*OUR WAREHOUSE SHELVES ARE NEARLY EMPTY,
AND WE CAN'T KEEP UP WITH DEMAND. (LWR)*

This Lent, we're joining Lutheran World Relief in a A SEASON OF HOPE to announce to the world the HOPE of Christ. We will collect personal care kit items to assemble for people around the world. Below are the five items. Towels and nail clippers are most needed; and, combs with a handle are preferred.

A collection container is located in the lounge.

Bath Towels (light-weight, maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended)



Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)



Combs
(PLEASE get this style!)



Bars of Soap (4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)



Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)



**FEBRUARY IS...
CROSSWAYS CAMP MONTH**

Any donations through your offering are appreciated as Crossways plans to open all three camps this summer, including Waypost at Mission Lake. Camps will operate at 50% capacity of safety reasons.

Also, this is a reminder that if you made a three-year pledge to the Crossways Camping Ministries Capital Campaign, now is the time to mail in your third and final payment. For your convenience, addressed envelopes are available on the table outside of the church office. We will be receiving more information from Crossways Camps as summer approaches. If you have questions, you can call them at 920-882-0023 or send an email message to Ben@crosswayscamps.org.

Thank you to all who have supported Crossways financially or through your prayers.

God's blessings to you Pilgrim friends.

Sincerely submitted by,
Karen Larson

**Eye on local
ART**

While events are slowly coming alive again, yet, it's a pretty quiet world. That goes for the art world also. However, if you haven't visited the Center For Visual Arts yet to see the exhibits, there is still time. All three floors of the CVA contain engaging art to view. Also, after a short road trip to Stevens Point, you can view the latest exhibits at the "Q Gallery" on main street and also at the Riverfront Gallery right on the Wisconsin River in Point. It is said that the exhibits at these venues are great viewing. So, if winter and the pandemic have you down, maybe a gallery can pick you up. Art galleries are well managed regarding the pandemic and offer a relatively safe outing for everyone. So, be safe, be well, God Bless. —Patrick Plunkett

**GOD MOMENT
NEW FRIENDS STOP BY**

Sometimes things happen in our lives that are unexpected and yet we know we were just where we were supposed to be at exactly the right time. Such an event happened to a few of us who were recording our Zoom service on February 14.

We had just begun our service and Shirley was making a few announcements when a young family walked up the aisle of the sanctuary. They were bundled up having just come in from one of the coldest sub-zero days we have had this year. Dad and his two children sat as quietly as a four and six year old can as the service went on. After the first song, "Beautiful Savior," the little boy, age 6, wandered into the cry room where I was seated. He was looking for his sister and asked if I was the one singing. We conversed a bit and then he politely said thank you and went off in search of his sister.

After the service, I had a chance to talk with the family. Dad, Bryan, told me that he had walked past the church a couple of times and felt compelled today to bring his children. The sign says "All are Welcome" he said.

You see, they are new to the neighborhood. They are settling into the home of Bryan's sister-in-law. She and her family just moved here from Iowa and bought a home across the street from Pilgrim. Bryan shared that he and his little family had just arrived five days ago after a grueling 19+ hour trip from Nepal. Bryan spent ten years abroad. He is a teacher and spent the last few years traveling to places like Cambodia and Nepal. It was in Nepal that he met his wife. His children, Marcus, age 6, and Vanessa, age 4, are missing their mom, who stayed in Nepal. With some sadness in his eyes, he said that he wished he could tell me that all of his experiences abroad were positive. Without elaborating he told me that he is incredibly grateful to be back safely in the U.S.

Bryan told me that attending our limited church service was good for his soul. His children were dressed in their Sunday best.



EASTER FLOWERS

Lilies, hyacinths, tulips, mums, hydrangeas, begonias, kalanchoes, and azaleas will decorate the altar for Easter Sunday service! **Orders must be in the church office by Sunday, March 14th.** Please be sure to submit payment with, or shortly after, placing your order. Your flowers can be picked up after the worship service on Easter Sunday, April 4th. Thank you!

<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Lilies		\$ 15.00	
Hyacinths		\$ 15.00	
Tulips		\$ 15.00	
Hydrangea		\$ 45.00	
Begonia		\$ 21.00	
Mums		\$ 15.00	
Azalea		\$ 30.00	
Kalanchoe		\$ 21.00	
		TOTAL COST: \$	

Name: _____

In memory of: _____

In celebration of: _____

Marcus was in his dress pants. Vanessa had a beautiful dress meant for twirling. She preformed a few twirls for Nora, her white dress with red roses trimming the hem of her pretty dress.

We collected some contact information from Bryan. We hope to see him and his children again. In this COVID locked down world, it is a blessing to have strangers walk into our lives unexpectedly, even into a church that is closed to worship services. I for one cannot wait for the day when we can open our doors and truly live into that sign, "ALL ARE WELCOME."

Jean Trempe

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 9th, 2021
(Unapproved)

PRESENT VIA ZOOM AND IN PERSON: President Jean Trempe, Treasurer Charles Freiberg, Secretary Shirley Ecker, Jeanne Wunsch, Mollie Augustine, Eugene Viegut, Vicar William Ostrem, Sue Koerten, Janet Williams, Cathy Gottschalk and Jenni Zaitz

EXCUSED: Charlene Buttner

GUEST: Jeff Kessel

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: (Jean Trempe) Trempe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Cathy Gottschalk had devotions.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Jean Trempe) Trempe welcomed council members Jenni Zaitz, Secretary and Janet Williams, Life & Growth, thanked Cathy Gottschalk and Mollie Augustine for their service on the church council. Dennis Wunsch, Custodian and Fred Patten, Church Administrator received a 3% increase in pay retroactive to January 1, 2021. Motion by Viegut, second by Koerten to approve the 3% increase for Dennis and Fred. Motion carried. Discussion held on the extra time Fred as put in setting up the Zoom meetings for Sunday services. Freiberg suggest the Executive Committee meet with Fred to discuss the additional circumstances with his service to arranging the Sunday services on Zoom. Pilgrim as received a request to use Pilgrim for piano lessons from a for profit entity, after discussion Gottschalk made a motion to deny the request to use Pilgrim for piano lessons, second by Wunsch. Motion carried. Council positions that remain open at this time: Stewardship, Children and

Youth and Homme Home Representatives. A motion by Koerten, second by Wunsch to pay \$500.00 per month for Vicar Will's housing allowance while he is Vicar at Pilgrim. Motion carried. Progress articles are due February 18, 2021.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (vacancy) no report

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Charlie Freiberg) The Checking Account Register, Statement of Financial Position, and Statement of Activities with Budget Comparison were reviewed. Motion by Koerten to accept the Treasurer's report, second by Wunsch. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Shirley Ecker) Minutes were reviewed. Motion by Gottschalk, second by Wunsch to accept the minutes of the January 12 meeting. Motion carried.

VICAR'S REPORT: (Vicar Will Ostrem) Vicar Will reported he is working on the Lenten services. Continues to meet with the Worship/Task Force committee and recording weekly services. The ELCA Synod council is looking for a youth representative under the age of 18 years old to serve a one-year term. The Churchwide Synod is looking for a male or female lay person to serve on the Churchwide Synod in 2022, if interested in either of these opportunities please contact Vicar Will for further information.

WORSHIP MISSION TEAM: (Sue Koerten) Jeff Kessel reported the combined COVID response task force and worship team met this morning. We had a wide-ranging discussion centered on worship services and our concerns about multiple issues, especially our aims of being inclusive and offering services that are safe and spiritually enriching. Our only recommendation for the council

this month is to continue plans for a drive-in worship on Ash Wednesday, Zoom services on Sundays, and Zoom Lenten services until we meet again on March 9th. Motion by Wunsch, second by Gottschalk to accept the recommendation of the COVID response task force and worship team.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS TEAM: (Eugene Viegut) no report.

CHURCH/SOCIETY MISSION TEAM: (Charlene Buttner) Buttner reported food donations were delivered to the Salvation Army. Food and clothing was donated to the Open Door. A Season of Hope -Lent items for personal care kits will be collected during Lent. A list of items needed is in the February Progress. A collection basket will be located outside the office. We have a variety of prayer shawls available. Please consider sharing these with anyone who needs a special reminder of God's love! Meals on Wheels is in urgent need of volunteers. Please contact the ADRC-CW for information at 888-486-9545 or email adrc@adrc-cw.org

LIFE & GROWTH MISSION TEAM: (Mollie Augustine) no report.

STEWARDSHIP MISSION TEAM: (vacancy) Trempe reported the Stewardship committee sent out pledge cards and Faith Opportunities forms. Return your forms by Ash Wednesday February 17 to be entered in a drawing for Wendy's or Arby's gift certificates.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MISSION TEAM: (Cathy Gottschalk) no report

EVANGELISM MISSION TEAM: (Jeanne Wunsch) no report

BLESSINGS THAT GIVE
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HOPE: (Jeanne Wunsch) no report

MISSION POSSIBLE TEAM: (Shirley Ecker) Ecker reported the Mission Possible team is reviewing and updating the Ministry Site Profile as we prepare to start to search for a Spiritual Leader upon Vicar Will's ordination in May 2021.

NEW BUSINESS: none

OLD BUSINESS:

Pilgrim Rummage Sale – discussion was held to hold annual Pilgrim Rummage Sale this year. Council decided to schedule the tentative rummage sale for Saturday, May 22, 2021, depending on the COVID numbers at that time. A back up-date of Saturday August 21, 2021 was set, with the option of holding the rummage sale outside in the driveway/lawn at church. More information to follow.

ADJOURN: Sue Koerten has devotions at the March 9, 2021 Council Meeting. Gottschalk made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m., with the Lord's Prayer, second by Wunsch. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Ecker, Secretary

MINUTES
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
January 31st, 2021
(Unapproved)

COUNCIL PRESENT: President Jean Trempe, Treasurer Charles Freiberg, Secretary Shirley Ecker, Vicar William Ostrem, Eugene Viegut, Cathy Gottschalk, Charlene Buttner, Jeanne Wunsch, Mollie Augustine and Sue Koerten

CONGREGATION PRESENT: Cody Augustine, Kathy Brown, Tom Brown, Jeanette Carlson, Dale Clark, Chris Ecker, Terra Ecker, Katie Ecker, Randy Ecker, Christine Freiberg, Delores Kessel, Jeff Kessel, Frank Koerten, Linda Konkel, Steve Konkel, Karen Larson, Chad Lemanski, Hannah Neumann, Nathan Stromme, Mary Swanson, John Trempe, Lila Viegut, Janet Williams, Dennis Wunsch, and Jenni Zaitz. **TOTAL PRESENT: 35**

1. Meeting called to order by President Jean Trempe at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom
2. President Trempe thanked the members serving on Church Council, Foundation Board, Musicians and Sunday School. Thank you extended to the Church Council members leaving Council: Barbara Yeast, Cathy Gottschalk and Mollie Augustine. Vicar Will led the congregation in opening devotion.
3. Approval of minutes of previous annual meeting (January 26, 2020) and Minutes of October 11, 2020, special congregational meeting. Motion by Dale Clark to approve the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting, January 26, 2020, second by Terra Ecker. Motion by Randy Ecker to ap-

prove the minutes of the October 11, 2020 special congregational meeting, second by Jeanne Wunsch. Unanimously carried.

4. Receive/Approve the reports of the Congregational Leadership Motion by Sue Koerten that we accept with gratitude the reports of our congregational leaders as printed, accept the official acts of the congregational Council during the year of 2020, and extend our thanks to them for the faithfulness and dedication they have given these tasks, second by Kathy Brown. Unanimously carried.
5. Jeanette Carlson and Chad Lemanski audited the books of Pilgrim Lutheran Church and found them to be in good order. Delores Kessel made a motion to accept the Auditors report as presented of Pilgrim Lutheran Church financial records, second by Frank Koerten. Unanimously carried.
6. The proposed budget was presented by Treasurer Charlie Freiberg. Motion made by Frank Koerten to accept the budget for 2021, as prepared by the Budget Committee, and approved by the Church Council, with a special thank you to Treasurer Charlie Freiberg and Office Manager Fred Patten, second by Jeff Kessel. Motion Carried.
7. Frank Koerten presented the Nomination Committee's report, as comprised by Frank Koerten, Mary Swanson, and Janet Williams. Continuing as President Jean Trempe (beginning her third year of her second term ending January 2022); Vice President Shirley Ecker (beginning her third year of



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her first year term ending January 2022—moving from Secretary to Vice President), Treasurer Charlie Freiberg (beginning the second year of his first year term ending January 2023), Secretary Jenni Zaitz (beginning her first year of her first term ending January 2024); continuing on the Building and Grounds Mission Team Eugene Viegut (beginning the first year of his second year term ending January 2024); Children and Youth Mission Team vacant as of January 2021; Church and Society Mission Team Charlene Buttner (beginning her first elected year of her first term ending January 2024); Evangelism Mission Team Jeanne Wunsch (beginning the second year of her second term ending January 2023); Life and Growth Mission Team, Mollie Augustine resigns her position and Janet Williams is elected to begin the first year of her first term ending January 2024); Stewardship Mission Team, no nominations received and Worship Mission Team Sue Koerten (beginning her second year of her first term ending January 2023). Mollie Augustine and Cathy Gottschalk were thanked for their service to the Pilgrim Church Council. Nomination team for 2022 are Mollie Augustine and Cathy Gottschalk and two congregation members at large Katie Ecker and Terra Ecker.

The Mission Endowment Fund Committee Chairperson Jeff Kessel (first term ending 2024), Secretary Jeanette Carlson (first term ending 2024), Treasurer Charlene Buttner (first term ending 2023), Larry Brandenburg

(first term ending 2022), and Mary Swanson (first term ending 2023) voted in as members of the **Mission** Endowment Committee to replace Frank Koerten and Shirley Ecker. Frank Koerten and Shirley Ecker were thanked for their service to the Endowment Fund Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED, that we accept the ballot of the Nominating Committee with any nominations from the floor. Three announcements were made to the floor for further nominations, with none brought forward. President Jean Trempe also asked that the Pilgrim membership allow the Pilgrim Council to fill vacant seats on the Council as they arise.

8. Election of the 2020 Congregational Council and **the Mission** Endowment Fund as presented. Motion made by Jeff Kessel to accept the nominations as presented and enable the Council to fill vacancies as they arise, second by Frank Koerten. Unanimously carried. A thank you was bestowed to all for their work on Pilgrim's Council and **Mission** Endowment Committee.
9. Shirley and Randy Ecker volunteered to be delegates to the Synod Assembly to be held May 15, 2021. Motion by Eugene Viegut to accept Shirley and Randy Ecker as delegates to the Synod Conference, as Pilgrim's Representatives, second by Katie Ecker. Motion carried. Vicar Will announced the Synod Council is accepting nominations for a Youth Representative for a one-year term. The Churchwide National Assembly is accepting nomi-

nations for a male lay person for 2022. Please contact Vicar Will at ea-glespride@tds.net if you are interested in one of these positions.

10. Delegates to Homme Home Annual Meeting will be held off at this time until further notice is received of when and if the meeting will be held due to COVID-19. Motion by Delores Kessel to give the Church Council authority to select delegates for the Homme Home Annual Meeting, second by Katie Ecker. Unanimously carried.
11. Linda Konkel volunteered to be candidate of Pilgrim to the Wisconsin River Valley Conference Annual Meeting. Katie Ecker made a motion to accept Linda Konkel as Pilgrim Lutheran representatives, second by Kathy Brown. Unanimously carried.
12. New Business:
President Jean Trempe updated the congregation on the Ministry Site Profile update for the process of calling a spiritual leader/student. The Mission Possible Team as begun the process of updating the Ministry Site Profile that our previous call committee completed. Thank you to Ginny Kirsch for her assistance.
13. Old Business
Motion made by Eugene Viegut to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m., second by Terra Ecker. Unanimously carried. The meeting concluded with President Jean Trempe reading the Benediction and Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Ecker, Secretary



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

Sara Konkell	03/03	Claire Laughlin	03/19
Shylo Moon	03/03	Larry Brandenburg	03/20
Lynn Rueth	03/04	Noah Fehlhaber	03/20
Jimmer Yunek	03/05	Patti Petersen	03/21
Sonya Bergeth	03/07	Mary Tucek	03/22
John R. Schneider	03/07	Brad Bartell	03/25
Mollie Augustine	03/10	Jill Windorski	03/27
Preston Meyer	03/13	Katie Ecker	03/29
Mary Dettmering	03/14	Stan Myers	03/31
Jacob Kislow	03/17		

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 numbered day of the month

March

1 Elise Laughlin	17 Adam Petersen
2 Theresa Laughlin	18 Patti Petesen
3 Chad Lemanski	19 Ryan Petersen
4 Colton Lemanski	20 Walter Petersen
5 Melani Lemanski	21 Douglas Pittsley
6 Taylor Lemanski	22 Kim Pittsley
7 Jamie Lemke	23 Caroline Randow
8 Angela Lenselink	24 Timothy Remley
9 Jim Lenselink	25 Debi Rhyner
10 William Marx	26 Jean Rhyner
11 Donald Mattke	27 Joel Rhyner
12 Preston Meyer	28 Patricia Roberts
13 Shylo Moon	29 Kenneth Rueth
14 Jill Myers	30 Lynn Rueth
15 Stan Myers	31 Jay Schlitz
16 William Ostrem	

March

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1	2	3 LENT 6:30 Worship	4	5	6
7 9:00 Worship with Communion	8	9 10:30 Task Force/ Worship Team Combined Mtg. 6:30 Council Mtg.	10 LENT 6:30 Worship	11	12	13
14 9:00 Worship Daylight Savings Time Begins	15 6:30 Southeast Side Neighborhood Meeting	16	17 LENT 6:30 Worship	18	19 Lay School	20 Lay School
21 9:00 Worship	22	23	24 LENT 6:30 Worship	25	26	27
28 PASSION/PALM SUNDAY 9:00 Worship	29	30	31			

FINANCIAL INFORMATION UPDATE

February 25, 2021

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	
\$ 90,320	Balance: 01/28/2021	\$19,960	\$19,534
\$ 599	Principal Payment		
\$ 356	Interest Payment		
\$ 89,721	Balance: 02/25/2021		
Outstanding Bills			
		\$4,748 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. Order cards on Sunday from a team member or call the office at 715-842-4544.

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

PILGRIM PRAYER CIRCLE

The Pilgrim Prayer Circle meets each Tuesday at 11:45 a.m. Everyone is invited to join either at church or a more convenient personal location. Call the church office for details about participation or to place a prayer request.

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.

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... 258

Lenten Worship Services Continue

Theme: Lord's Prayer & In Community

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

See page 2

Lenten Service Project

Collecting Personal Care Kit Items for LWR

See page 5

Staff

Ministers
Vicar:
Office Manager/Bookkeeper:
Choir Director
Pianists
Custodian:

All Pilgrims
William Ostrem
Fred Patten
Delores Kessel
Delores Kessel, Norah Brown
Dennis Wunsch

If you wish to give a gift to Pilgrim electronically, please go to www.pilgrimofwausau.org and click on the DONATE button on the home page. Thank you.

Services

Sundays 9:00 a.m. and Thursdays 6:30 p.m.

Education Hour

Ages 3 to Adult, Sundays at 10:15 a.m., September - May



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