

# 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!

I hope you all are having a great summer and have enjoyed the plentiful sunshine. This summer has been a weird one for myself and us as a community of faith. I've been in the call process for what feels like forever, and we've been in somewhat of a limbo concerning our time together. We've been blessed to spend these two wonderful years together, but it seems our time is coming to an end. I have interviewed twice with a two-point parish in the La Crosse area and their councils have voted to call me! Wow! It is a bittersweet time as I am excited to be ordained and start my first call, but quite sad to leave all of you behind. This also means it's time to move again, for what seems like the hundredth time in my life. Time to pack our entire lives into boxes and bribe some friends and neighbors with pizza to help load them all up!

August is frequently a time of moving. Students are heading to college. Seasonal summer jobs are coming to an end, and those workers must find what is next. Those that are more settled may still be moving something whether that be downsizing, renovating, or redecorating. Here we are in yet another time of transition. I feel like I've talked about transition and change quite a bit, but as followers of

Jesus, as ordinary people on Earth, aren't we always packing and unpacking, transitioning, moving, and changing? The Holy Spirit just keeps pushing and prodding and pulling us in different directions as we journey through life.

Change is actually the nature of our life together here at Pilgrim. Between pastors, pandemics, and more, this community has seen its fair share of transition in recent history. But maybe that's ok. It is nearly impossible to "stay put" in our faith or in life. The nature of our lives together is almost always both disorienting *and* delightful. In the coming months supply pastors will come and go. Hopefully in the near future a new shared ministry will blossom, and a new Pastor will move in. They will bring with them boxes full of wisdom and excitement and passion and vision and probably a little grief as well. Things won't quite be the same, but they will be new and exciting.

And you know? The good news is that our lives are patterned after Jesus Christ. This Savior and friend "moved in" unnoticed, slipped into the world, born to a poor family from a town in the middle of nowhere. He continued to move the rest of his life, traveling all over the countryside, staying with

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whoever would have him. He grew in his mission and vision as he met more people from more places and experienced the world as a human being. The Word made flesh moved in to the world and the world has never been the same since.

Moving in, moving out, moving to and fro, is what God's Spirit does. It moves in to our lives, into your neighborhood and mine, disrupting and interrupting and making a home among us, as compassion and mercy, justice and hope.

If you have any questions, concerns, dreams, or dreads about Pilgrim's upcoming transition, please reach out to our Transition Facilitator Pastor Andrea. She would be more than happy to connect with you and share her wisdom. She can easily be reached at:

Pr. Andrea Fluegel  
715.391.9311

[pastorandrea@northwoodsc.org](mailto:pastorandrea@northwoodsc.org)

May God bless the end of our time together and whatever move comes next.

Grace and Peace,  
Vicar Pat



The Biennial Convention will be held October 21st at St. John in DePere. Registration begins in September. There will be speakers, worship, and a business meeting. Newborn and baby hats (purchased or homemade) are requested as "baby shower" donations to the Stockbridge/Muncee Health Center. For more information, contact Lola Doll, WRV representative, at [lkmgdoll@aol.com](mailto:lkmgdoll@aol.com) (715-297-7495).

## 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!

## AUGUST IS "BLESSINGS THAT GIVE HOPE" MONTH

Our food program starts back up as kids return to school in September; and, financial support is needed. Please fill out a donation slip and envelope (available in the narthex), or use your blue-striped envelopes to state your commitment. Please do not include your donation with your regular offering. A separate designated bank account is used solely for donations to the food program. As this year's program details take shape, more information will follow. Thank you.

*Love your neighbor  
as yourself.*

—Luke 10:27

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

300 N. First Street, Wausau

### Members Only Sale

Wednesday, Aug. 2, 5 - 7:30  
(non-members can join at the door)

*Also: there are members-only book sales on the third Saturday of every month!*

### Public Invited

Thursday, Aug. 3, 9:30 - 7:30  
Friday, Aug. 4, 9:30 - 4:30

Bag Sale Day—\$6.00 a Bag  
Saturday, Aug. 5, 9:30 - 3:30

Visit the library for great deals on books, movies, music, and more! All book sale proceeds are used to support library programs.

## Make a joyful noise!

"Music simultaneously locates us in time and takes us beyond time—binding us to all who ever sang these hymns and all who ever will—our grandparents, neighbors, ancestors in faith and those who will come after us, many years from now.

Singing beloved liturgies and hymns firmly situates us as  
God's beloved people of faith, now and always."

~ Rev. Jordan Miller-Stubbendick,

"We belong in the song," Daily Grace app, May 9, 2023

Thank you, Charlene Buttner, for sharing this quote with me. Rev. Jordan Miller-Stubbendick describes it as "We belong in the song." That concept of being connected by music means a lot to me. It is a quote that touches my heart, and I'm sure does the same thing for many of you.

The first way I think of music binding us together is thinking about my parents' favorite hymns. For my mother it was "Beautiful Savior" and for my dad "Tell Me the Story of Jesus." I played "Beautiful Savior" on the piano at my mother's funeral. "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" can still bring tears to my eyes even though my dad died 50 years ago this year. The connection through many ways, including music, still connects me strongly to him even though there are years that separate us.

There are other ways music binds us together. Most of you probably know that two of our children are adopted. They were born in Korea and adopted by us when they were 4 ½ and 2 ½. Our son joined the U.S. Army when he was a young adult and was stationed for a time in Korea. Jeff, our daughter Leah, and I visited him in Korea. While we were there we went to the biggest congregation in the world. At the time we were there, one congregation alone had more than 100,000 members! Before the service started there was a sing along time which included many of the gospel hymns I knew from my childhood. I thought it would be wonderful to sing along to these familiar hymns but I couldn't sing because of the tears that I was experiencing. It was great to hear these hymns again and I was even more moved by the spiritual connection these hymns had across many years, many thousands of miles, many languages, and many very different cultures.

Recently Jeff and I have been doing volunteer work with the refugees who are being resettled in Wausau. We recently met a family from Rwanda. They are members of the Seventh Day Adventist church and they wanted to connect with a local Seventh Day Adventist congregation. I asked the young adult daughter what her favorite hymn is and she said, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Again, there exists a strong spiritual connection between people in Wisconsin who have lived relatively safe lives and people who have grown up in refugee camps in Africa.

The power of the gospel in song cannot be denied. You may have experienced similar connections through music in your life. If so, I'd love to hear them.

Thanks be to God for all the wonderful ways through which music "firmly situates us as God's beloved people of faith, now and always."

Delores Kessel

## First English Treasure Sale

402 N. 3rd Ave., Wausau

Thursday, Aug. 24, 9 - 6

Friday, Aug. 25, 9 - 6

Saturday, Aug. 26, 9 - 3

Lots of clothing furniture, books, household and holiday items all at great prices. Cash only, please.

*In 2022 gifts to ELCA  
World Hunger and Lutheran  
Disaster Response  
approached \$46 million,  
the largest combined total  
of all time.*



## Young Adults in Global Mission

This is the first year of service for Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) since the program closed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Twenty-four YAGM volunteers serve in the 2022-2023 cohort, and the program expects over 30 young adults to serve in 2023-2024. This year YAGM sent its most diverse cohort across all intersections to serve our global church partners. Next year the four existing country programs (Senegal, United Kingdom, Argentina/Uruguay and Jerusalem/West Bank) will be joined by country programs for Mexico and Central Europe.

In addition to serving alongside global partners, YAGM volunteers are integrating into their communities and developing deep relationships with local partners. They are also able to experience the sights and culture of the places they serve. Recently, at a mid-year retreat, volunteers from the Jerusalem/West Bank program traveled to Jordan, where they processed their service with one another, explored local sights and visited a Lutheran-supported refugee camp in Amman. They met with residents of all ages, including children at a nursery school and the women's leadership team, and planned programs and opportunities to support the education and empowerment of women. The YAGM program continues to highlight the strength of the ELCA's global companion relationships, the importance of accompaniment, and God's work throughout the world!

## Supporting the Ministries of St. Stephen Church

Please review the activities below that St. Stephen will be serving at in the community and see if you can find some time to join them. If you would like further information, please feel free to contact Shauna Robinson at 608-514-4504. A sign-up sheet is located on the information table in the lounge. Thank you.

### Community Dinner: Sunday, August 20th

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve the dinner and we are also asking for cookie donations. Because of an unfortunate increase in need, we will be preparing meals for 125, rather than the 100 meals that were prepared in the past.

### Coats For Kids Winter Gear Drive: Beginning Monday, Sept. 4th

Coats, jackets, hooded sweatshirts, mittens, hats, scarves, snow pants, sweatpants, socks, and underwear will be needed again for the change in weather entering our fall and winter seasons. Donations will be given to the Family Resource Center.

Leave your donations at Pilgrim, or there will

be a table in the lounge area at St. Stephen, where you can place clean, gently used, or new items (only new socks and underwear, please). All sizes are needed. We appreciate anything you can donate.

### God's Work, Our Hands, Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>!

This year, as part of God's Work, Our Hands, we will be serving those less fortunate than ourselves. We will gather after worship to grill burgers and hot dogs, make salads, and prepare desserts. Then we will deliver and serve them in the lower parking lot of the Whitewater Music Hall.

For those unable to stay and serve that day, we will be asking for donated baked goods!

We will be having a meeting on July 31st at 5:00 pm at St. Stephens Lutheran Church to discuss the upcoming opportunities to help in the community. If you or someone from your congregation is interested in coming, please let me know, we would love to have you join us.

Shauna Robinson

**<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord!  
Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty firmament!  
<sup>2</sup> Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

*- Psalm 150:1-2*



Dear Siblings in Christ,

God is good, all the time and all the time, God is good. Praise the Lord!

What a beautiful and healing worship on July 16 at the Rothschild Pavilion celebrating God's faithfulness with other ELCA congregations. There were over 550 people in attendance! Hearing all of our voices singing together and praying together was uplifting. It's amazing what happens when we follow the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Thank you to Delores, Jim, Sue, and Shirley for the openness to collaborate with other ELCA congregations and for the hours spent behind-the-scenes. Thank you to Vicar Pat for serving communion with me and Pastor Karoline (St. Stephen's Lutheran) as well as helping to lead worship. Thank you to Fred for helping with the layout and printing of the bulletin. Thank you to the countless volunteers that helped with altar clothes, banners, set up, publicity, communion preparation, lunch, information tables, greeting, ushering, children's activities, prayer station, clean up and other duties as needed. Thank you to Pastor Asher O'Callaghan (Assistant to the Bishop, ECSW) for leading worship and preaching. It's God-honoring when we work together to share the Good News. Thank you to all of you who gave generously to the local charitable organizations through this worship experience.

As the ELCA congregations in the Greater Wausau area continue to explore collaborative and shared pastoral ministry, the Pilgrim Lutheran Council needs your voice. Take some time to reflect on the following questions and provide constructive feedback to your Council:

- What are one or two words that describe the July 16 worship experience for you?
- What are 1-3 joys that you experienced?
- What are 1-3 challenges from this worship experience?
- Did you meet anyone new? How did the conversation go?
- What new learnings or insights did you have from this experience?
- If you did not attend the July 16 worship, what was the reason?
- What other collaborative ministry can Pilgrim participate in moving forward? How can you provide your gifts of time, talents, and treasure?

It takes everyone to share the Good News of Jesus. Jesus calls us to be fishers of people and to sow seeds even when we think the ground is not fertile. How can you be a sower or a fisher person? Your gifts and passions are needed to share the Good News. Everyone has a part to play in praising the Lord and sharing His name! How can you help? What ideas do you have? Who can you start to build relationships with? How can we all be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit in the Greater Wausau area?

With a grateful heart,

Pastor Andrea Fluegel  
Transition Facilitator

## Report of the 2023 Synod Assembly

The Assembly of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gathered on May 20, 2023 at First English Lutheran Church in downtown Appleton. This one day assembly featured singing accompanied by organ, warm hospitality, and the first time our assembly was held in a congregation of this synod. The assembly saw a nearly 20% increase in attendance with 276 voting members (187 lay persons, 77 rostered ministers, and 12 retired rostered ministers), 11 ministry partner tables, and 22 visitors to the assembly.

The theme, “To Hear the Word of God and Share in the Lord’s Supper” centered us as we heard from the Churchwide Representative, the Rev. Keith Fry, and from leaders of our regional ecumenical partners: The Most Reverend David L. Ricken, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay; The Reverend M. Park Hunter, North East District Superintendent of the Wisconsin Conference of The United Methodist Church; The Right Reverend Matthew A. Gunter, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Fond du Lac; and The Reverend David Colby, Transitional General Presbyter for the Winnebago Presbytery, who was unable to be with us in person but sent us greetings.

Business of the Assembly included:

Approval of 2024 Compensation Guidelines

Adoption of the 2024 Budget

Ratification of our Synod Constitution

Adoption of Revised Endowment Protocols

Election of synod council members: The Rev. Peter Mannoja, The Rev. Paul Andrew Johnson, The Rev. Crystal Lee; Consultation Committee members: Pam Pfaff and Connie Eisch; Committee on Discipline: Paula VanderGrinten and David Leder


The passing of three resolutions: Resolution to Encourage Land Acknowledgements, Educate Members to Become Hunger Advocates, and Action to End Racism

Next year’s synod assembly will gather under the theme of our next baptismal promise, “To Proclaim the Good News of God in Christ through Word and Deed” at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center in Oshkosh, May 17th and 18th, 2024.


### 5 ways to express generosity

Everyone has a unique story of generosity. While many factors influence and shape your generosity, there are five primary ways you tend to express it. These are called The Generosity Expressions®, and they can be categorized into two groups. Learn more by scanning the QR code or visiting [video.thrivent.com/view/expressions](https://video.thrivent.com/view/expressions).

#### Giving of Things




**Monetary support**  
Donating financial resources to people or causes you want to see impacted.




**Gifts**  
Giving through the sharing of tangible gifts (excluding monetary).


#### Giving of Self




**Hospitality**  
Being open and welcoming to others or helping people feel accepted without judgment.



**Emotional/relational support**  
Being there for someone through compassionate listening, verbal encouragement and support.



**Volunteering/service**  
Helping through unpaid labor; volunteerism.





# Congratulations!

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

### Lillie Zaitz

Wausau East

Attending UW La Crosse in the fall, majoring in Business

### Marshall Landeau

Wausau East

Attending UW Stevens Point at Wausau in the fall

## 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

Aug. 12th      Oct. 14th  
Sep. 9th        Nov. 11th

## 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 August 10th. Contact Eugene Viegut (715-359-9895) if you are interested in joining.

# shout OUT!

- To all the Pilgrims who participated in the Praise and Worship Service on July 16th at the Rothschild pavilion: Vicar Pat, Sarah Kempf, Delores Kessel, Jim Lenselink, Jeff Kessel, Tom Brown, Charlie Freiberg, Frank Koerten, Charlene Buttner, Jeanne Trempe, Karen Larson, Eugene Viegut, Fred Patten, Shirley Ecker, Randy Ecker, Katie Ecker, the Chris Ecker Family, and Sue Koerten. (We can't wait to see what God has next in store for us and our area ELCA friends! It was truly an inspiring event with awesome music and the WORD!!)
- To the Evangelism Team and Pat and Sarah Kempf for their support of the Smore Fun events in June and July



## FAITH IN ACTION

*Assisting Seniors with Compassionate, Quality, NO COST services to Marathon County Resident Seniors, (60+)*



## SERVICES

### Transportation to:

- Medical appointments
- Grocery shopping
- Personal appointments
- Visits to family and friends
- Community activities
- Library

### Other services:

- Compassionate visits
- Safety/wellness phone calls
- Food delivery
- Greeting cards
- Christmas gift certificates
- "Adopt-A-Senior" & "Heart to Heart"

We are also seeking volunteers who enjoy helping seniors. Together, we can support and be the essential lifeline for our area seniors who need it most.

### Questions?

For more information, please contact our office at:

715-848-8783  
WausauFIAinfo@gmail.com

## Parish Updates

### DEATH

Arlette M. Hildebrandt  
April 27, 1936 - July 67, 2023



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**June 13th, 2023**  
**Approved**

**PRESENT IN PERSON:** President Shirley Ecker, Vice President Jeanette Carlson, Secretary Jenni Zaitz, Treasurer Charles Freiberg, Eugene Viegut, Terra Ecker, Sue Koerten, Janet Williams and Vicar Pat.

**EXCUSED:** Charlene Buttner and Jim Lenselink

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

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** (Jenni Zaitz) Minutes were reviewed from the May 9, 2023, Regular Council Meeting. A motion was made by Freiberg, second by Viegut to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** (Charles Freiberg): Reviewed the current finances. We had a large deposit following the May 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. We broke even for the month and are down about \$400.00 year to date. A motion was made by Koerten, second by Terra Ecker to accept the Treasurers Reports. Motion carried.

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

**VICARS REPORT:** (Vicar Patrick Kempf) Tonight he completed his 1<sup>st</sup> interview with a 2-point parish in Westby. He will travel to Westby for a second interview on July 6<sup>th</sup>. He anticipates being at Pilgrim until August or September.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** (Shirley Ecker) On Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> Pastor Andrea will fill in at Pilgrim as Pulpit supply. The

first Town Hall meeting will be held following the service with a focus on Shared Ministry. Pilgrim needs to make a decision on how many congregations we want to look at shared ministry with. There are many area churches that are currently without a pastor. Some are interested in shared ministry, and some would like to have their own pastor. Shirley will schedule a meeting with the MSP Team to go over the MSP and make some updates. The "Pastors Expectations" section is one area that needs to be revised so that it looks attractive to a potential pastor. Shirley received an email from Pastor Dara today stating that there are not enough supply pastors to cover all Wausau area worship services through the summer and there will not be enough to cover all services once fall worship schedules start. Collaboration and flexibility on behalf of all congregations in the greater Wausau area is needed at this time. The results of the Congregational Vitality Survey were shared with the council and discussed. We had a total of 33 members complete the survey. A total of \$1386 was raised from the Rummage/Bake sale. A motion was made by Viegut, second by Terra Ecker to split the money 6 ways with funds being distributed to LSS, WELCA, Synod Office, Crossways Camping Ministries, GWCS and Faith in Action. Motion Carried.

**WORSHIP REPORT:** (Sue Koerten) In mid-April Pastor Andrea Fluegel called for a meeting of people involved in music and worship from 4 congregations-Pilgrim, Mt. Calvary, St. John in Mosinee, and Immanuel. She said when churches start talking about shared ministry the two areas that are usually most contentious are worship and music. The purpose of that meeting was to find out if we are interested and ready to

consider shared ministry. The question given is if we are ready to explore shared ministry, what is something shared that we could do this summer. The groups came up with a couple of ideas. A couple of weeks later they met again and the decision was made to have a shared worship service. At the third meeting the concept grew from having the 4 congregations to inviting all the ELCA congregations in the Wausau area to be part of the shared service. There are now 8 sponsoring congregations. The general public is also invited to the service. The plans include: a shared worship service, a mass choir, a picnic lunch, a fun fest for children and ministry fair for adults. It is our hope and expectation that the combined worship service will be an inspiring and uplifting event. At an even larger level, the combined worship service is a symbol of the eight sponsoring congregations accepting the reality that we must look at what "church" will look like for us in the years ahead. The cost is \$500 for each sponsoring congregation. There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge for various jobs. Members can choose to have their offering go to their own church or United Way or Faith in Action.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:** (Eugene Viegut) The picnic tables have been repaired and painted by Randy Ecker. The outside railings have been cleaned and painted. The cracks in the drive up to the canopy have been filled in.

**EVANGELISM:** Smores fun will be held in June, July, and August-watch the bulletins for more information.

**BLESSINGS THAT GIVE HOPE:** No Report

**CHURCH AND SOCIETY:** (Charlene Buttner) We will be collecting items for Baby Care



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and School Kits. Items needed are in the June/July Progress. The current ELCA Women's Bible Study "Salvation Now" is available on the WELCA website. A selection of books remaining from the Recycling Sale will be distributed through our Little Library.

LIFE & GROWTH (Janet Williams) No Report

STEWARDSHIP: (Jim Lenselink) No report

CHILDREN & YOUTH: No report

Progress articles are due July 23, 2023.

ADJOURN: At 7:40 a motion was made by Vicar Pat, second by Freiberg to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. Jim Lenselink has devotions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jenni Zaitz, Secretary

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 11th, 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 and Vicar Pat.

EXCUSED: Janet Williams and Jim Lenselink

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Jenni Zaitz) Minutes were reviewed from the June 13, 2023, Regular Council Meeting. A motion was made by Viegut, second by Carlson to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Charles Freiberg): Reviewed the current finances. We are half-way through the year and doing well financially. The Recycling Sale proceeds have been distributed. We are up \$4800 for the year. A motion was made by Koerten, second by Buttner to accept the Treasurers Reports. Motion carried.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT: (Jeanette Carlson) No report

VICARS REPORT: (Vicar Patrick Kempf) On July 6<sup>th</sup> he completed his second interview with the two-point parish in Westby and was asked to move forward with them. Their congregation will still need to vote. He will give 30 days' notice to Pilgrim prior to leaving. Vicar Pat has requested to have off on August 26 and 27 to attend a family reunion in Minnesota. Shirley will ask Pastor Andrea to fill in to preach or she will that Sunday. He is excited for the combined worship service on July 16, 2023. All the pastors will have a part in the service. He went to visit Arlette Hildebrandt while she was in the hospital.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Shirley Ecker) Discussion on continuing the Transitional Facilitator agreement with Pastor Andrea Fluegel. The current agreement was for six months and will end on August 14, 2023. It was for 10 hours of service per month and some months the 10 hours was not completely used. A motion was made by Terra Ecker, second by Vicar Pat to continue the agreement on a month-to-

month basis, subject to revisions, to allow preaching and a monthly Town Hall meeting as part of her 10 hours and tracking of the time working with Pilgrim. Motion carried.

WORSHIP REPORT: (Sue Koerten) A farewell reception is being planned for Vicar Pat and Sarah.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: (Eugene Viegut) Twelve containers of old varnish, spray paint, ant killer, stain remover, part of a 5-gallon pail of old floor wax and part of a 5 gallon pail of detergent from the old dish washer have all been taken to the Marathon County Landfill.

EVANGELISM: No Report

BLESSINGS THAT GIVE HOPE: No Report

CHURCH AND SOCIETY: (Charlene Buttner) We are continuing to collect items for School kits and Baby Care kits. Lists of items needed are in the Progress and on the collection crates.

LIFE & GROWTH (Janet Williams) No Report

STEWARDSHIP: (Jim Lenselink) No report

CHILDREN & YOUTH: No report

Progress articles are due July 21, 2023.

ADJOURN: At 8:25 a motion was made by Buttner, second by Freiberg to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. Charlie Freiberg has devotions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jenni Zaitz, Secretary



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

McKenna Ecker	08/01	Melani Lemanski	08/13
Bryce Widmark	08/01	Shirley Ecker	08/14
Chad Lemanski	08/03	Deanna Kelly	08/18
Clara Kennedy	08/05	Pat Kempf	08/23
Nancy Schneider	08/05	Sara Cravens	08/27
Rachel Fehlhaber-Poppe	08/06	Willis Gresen	08/27
Hannah Neumann	08/09	Amanda Landeau	08/27
John Cravens	08/11	Jenni Zaitz	08/27
Ron Dins	08/11	Eugene Viegut	08/28

*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

**August**

1 Deborah Erickson	17 Ronald Foreman
2 Richard Erickson	18 Charles Freiberg
3 Adam Fandre	19 Christine Freiberg
4 Alexander Fandre	20 Deborah Glascock
5 Ben Fandre	21 Cathy Gottschalk
6 Michele Fandre	22 Willis Gresen
7 Austin Fehlhaber	23 Janice Hayes
8 Bo Fehlhaber	24 Kathleen Huebner
9 Harry Fehlhaber	25 Anlyss James
10 Nathan Fehlhaber	26 Brody James
11 Nicole Fehlhaber	27 Nina James
12 Anna Fehlhaber-Poppe	28 Mark Jones
13 Ella Fehlhaber-Poppe	29 Rita Jones
14 Mica Fehlhaber-Poppe	30 Debra Kaetterhenry
15 Rachel Fehlhaber-Poppe	31 Kathy Kainz
16 Steve Poppe	

**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

		1 9:00 Pastors' Breakfast 11:45 Prayer Circle 1:00 Pastors' Text Study	2	3 6:30 Worship	4	5
6 7:45 Evangelism Team Meeting 9:00 Worship	7	8 9:00 Pastors' Breakfast 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:30 Council Mtg.	9 9:00 Busy Bee Quilters	10 7:30 Men's Bible Study at Eagle's Nest 6:30 Worship	11	12 9:00 <i>Jesus Revolution</i> Book Study
13 9:00 Worship	14	15 9:00 Pastors' Breakfast 11:45 Prayer Circle 1:00 Pastors' Text Study 6:00-7:30 GWCS Meets at Pilgrim	16	17 9-1 WRV Conference Mtg. 6:30 Worship	18	19 J. Lemke Gr Bk 3
20 9:00 Worship	21	22 9:00 Pastors' Breakfast 11:45 Prayer Circle	23	24 6:30 Worship	25 Progress Article Deadline	26
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## FINANCIAL INFORMATION UPDATE July 27, 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.

Mortgage	Year-to-Date Revenue Budget vs. Actual
\$ 72,944 Balance: 05/25/2023	
\$ 1,279 Principal Payment	\$63,060      \$63,535
\$ 470 Interest Payment	
\$ 71,665 Balance: 07/27/2023	
	Outstanding Bills
	\$2,710 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... 278**

### 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!



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COMMUNITY DINNER \* FAITH IN ACTION

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS \* LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

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Pianists  
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Dennis Wunsch

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### Services

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

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