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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

In-Person and
Zoomed Online

9:00 am

THURSDAYS

6:30 pm

Office Hours

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

Friday
Closed

AHHHH!!!! The sweet days of summer! This is a great time to spend time at the cottage or the lake. There may be another place that soothes you. For us, at our home, we enjoy having dinner on our patio. It is great to be outside to enjoy the summer breezes and comfortable temperatures.

The melancholy reminded me of Psalm 23.

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the
darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
your rod and staff –
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.*

What great words to contemplate as we sit by the lake or even in our backyards! The permission or even a directive from God to rest. To take the sweet summer days for a time to restore our energy, to renew! To recall how our cups overflow with the blessings that He has given **each of us**. And this is for **ALL** of us our whole lives long!

Enjoy!
Kay Palmer

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:

- * 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!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

300 N. First Street, Wausau

Members Only Sale

Wednesday, July 31, 5:00 - 7:30
(non-members can join at the door for \$10)

Public Invited

Thursday, Aug. 1, 9:30 - 7:30

Friday, Aug. 2, 9:30 - 4:30

Bag Sale Day—\$6.00 a Bag

Saturday, Aug. 3, 9:30 - 3:30

Visit the library for great deals on thousands of like-new and gently used books, movies, music CDs, and more!

All proceeds are used to support library programs.

*"Let us always
meet each other with a
smile, for the smile is the
beginning of love."*

-Mother Teresa



THE COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER will be conducting a blood drive at Pilgrim on Thursday, August 1st, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Call 715-842-0761 for an appointment, or you can just drop in. Give blood. Give life.

Council Camp at Waypost Pilgrim's Church Council Gathers with Other Councils

Tuesday, August 13th,
4:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Crossways camp is hosting an evening at camp for Wausau-area ELCA church leaders. In addition to dinner and leadership/team building activities, each church council will breakout to conduct their monthly council meeting. The evening will conclude with a time around the campfire.

* ELECTION DAY *



BAKERS AND VOLUNTEERS!

Election day bake sales continue at the Northcentral Health Care Center, with the next election being held on **Tuesday, August 13th**. Drop off baked goods on Monday, August 12th during office hours.

VOLUNTEERS to sell baked goods on Election Day are also needed for two-hour shifts, starting at 7:00 a.m.

Please sign up on the sheet on the library table, or just contact the church office.

(The last election and bake sale of 2024 will be Tues., Nov. 5th. Mark you calendars!)

Make a joyful noise!

[Jesus said] “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

—Matthew 22:37-40

The verses at the top of this article instantly make me think of this prayer and the prayer instantly makes me think about music; it is one of many prayers that have been set to music. Pilgrim’s choir has sung it several times in the past and may sing it again quite soon. The words of this prayer bring to my mind the traits of humility and compassion. Here are the words of our anthem, which are slightly different than the original prayer.

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sew love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
where there is doubt, let there be faith;
Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace
where there is despair, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, let there be light;
where there is sadness, let there be joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of your peace
where there is hatred, let me sew love
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace
An instrument of your peace. Amen*

Looking toward the future of our congregations, for many, is filled with stress and anxiety. During times of stress and anxiety, it’s easy to focus on ourselves; it is easy to overreact when things don’t work out the way we think they should. These words bring us back to our purpose in living—to sew love, to show compassion, to seek understanding, and to take care of each other. **We are the instruments of peace.**

With thanks to God for people like St. Francis who help ground us in our reason for living and for musicians who have put this powerful prayer to music,

Delores Kessel



SHARED WORSHIP SERVICES CONTINUE!

A WORSHIP SERIES
FOR CURIOSITY, COURAGE, AND CONNECTION.

Sunday, August 4, 2024 at 9:00 am

Immanuel Lutheran Church
630 Adams Street, Wausau, WI 54403

"What do you need?"

Sunday, August 11, 2024 at 9:00 am

St. Stephen Lutheran Church
512 McClellan Street, Wausau, WI 54403

"Where do we go from here?"

Pick-up Choir. Regardless of which congregation you are from, even when it's not the listed ones, you are invited to sing in a pick-up choir that will meet at 8:00 a.m. each Sunday at the host church.

Offerings made using a congregational envelope will be given to that congregation. Loose offerings will be given to the host church.

Noisy Offering: During the Offering, a noisy offering will also be collected at each church for Crossways Camping Ministries, **so bring some coins!**

Collection Items: Each host church will be collecting items for a different social ministry. Please consider bringing a donation to the services.

Collection Items

August 4th

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
The Neighbors' Place**

- Various non-perishable food items

August 11th

**St. Stephen Lutheran Church
Community Baby Shower**

Hygiene items

- Diaper cream, body wash, lotion, shampoo
- Diapers or pull-ups: larger sizes are gently needed
- Sippy cups
- Bottles
- Pacifiers
- Bibs

Food

- Blue Similac baby formula is most requested, baby foods, or teething snacks.

All items to be in new, unused condition

All donations will be going to The Babie's Place the week of August 12th. They have requested no clothing items. An interesting fact about the Babie's Place is they have no budget for hygiene items, so they rely solely on donations.

Transition Task Force

If you have a question or comment for the Transition Task Force, drop a written note in the box on the information table in the lounge or talk to a team member.

Mollie Augustine	Mollie08@yahoo.com	715-574-1450
Charles Freiberg	charlesfreiberg@icloud.com	715-574-4904
Jeff Kessel (Communications)	Kessel.jeffrey@gmail.com	715-573-4491
Frank Koerten	fmkoerten@gmail.com	715-301-3939
Karen Larson	jlar5804@gmail.com	715-297-4945
Stephen Moede	jlar5804@gmail.com	715-297-4945
Kay Palmer (Chairperson)	kaypalmer@42llc.com	302-983-6946
Jean Trempe	jtrempe@frontier.com	715-575-5592

Monthly Town Hall Meetings

2nd Sunday of each month
following worship service

**The August meeting
has been cancelled**



PILGRIM HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Jackson Robert Brown / Caden James Werth / Taylor Carl Lemanski

Thank you to the Busy Bee Quilters and the Pilgrim family for the gift of a quilt and everything you've done to build my faith with Christ!

Caden

I am excited attend UW-Stout in the fall, where I will be playing football while pursuing a degree in Business and Real Estate.



Lutheran
Disaster Response

With your support we raised more than \$13 million for initial and ongoing efforts in and around Ukraine since the Russian invasion began more than two years ago. Amid one of the worst refugee crises in recent history, Lutheran Disaster Response's partners in the region gathered food, clothing, and other supplies and opened their doors wide to the traumatized people who began to arrive.

The impact of the war is felt around the world. In 2023, Europe alone experienced fuel shortages, existing food shortages were exacerbated, and Russia prevented the shipment of wheat from Ukraine to other countries, worsening the world food crisis.

In 2024 Lutheran Disaster Response and its partners continue to respond, thanks to your generosity. One program aims to restore or establish small farms, which provides critical agricultural livelihoods, strengthens local communities and improves food security and household income for war-torn vulnerable populations. Resources include chicks, chicken coops, feeders, vegetable seeds, gardening tools, canning kits, pickling containers, and training. Grants have also helped. Over 7,000 individuals and families benefitting directly from grant work in 2023, and that number continues to grow in 2024.

shout OUT!

- ☺ To Betty Walters for the "Welcome to Pilgrim" flower arrangement and to Kay Palmers for the hanging purple-and-white petunia pots.
- ☺ To the pastors (Natalie Bassett, Karoline Schwantes, Tryphine Schrub; Bill Schrub, and Phil Bogen), and lay ministers Kathy Robinson and Eugene Viegut, for leading worship services in June and July.
- ☺ To all who helped make the annual rummage and bake sale a success: those who organized and priced items, the donors, the buyers, those who helped people bring and carry out items, the volunteers working the day of the event, the bakers, the people who setup, took down, and hauled away the remainders to St. Vincent de Paul.
- ☺ To the worship teams of the four churches who put together the special shared worship services and to the churches for hosting the services.
- ☺ To all who helped with the shared worship service at Pilgrim—singers, musicians, ushers, greeters, readers, communion assistants, Prs. Natalie Bassett and Karoline Schwantes; to all who helped out with, the fellowship gathering after the service; and, to the buildings and grounds people for helping to maintain and beautify the outside areas.

**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 8th**. If you are interested in joining, contact Eugene Viegut (715-359-9895).

Book Study
"He Chose the Nails"
—Max Lucado

This study group will end at their final meeting scheduled for **August 10th**.

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.

BENEVOLENCE UPDATE

Pilgrim received letters of gratitude for monetary and non-monetary gifts made by the church and its members to our ministry partners. Thank you.

January—June, 2024

Crossways Camps	\$1,555
Faith In Action	\$40
ELCA Synod	\$1,470
GWCS	\$20
LSS	\$120
Salvation Army	\$285
Neighbors' Place	\$285
Women's Community ..	\$285

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 11th, 2024
Unapproved

PRESENT IN PERSON: Shirley Ecker (President), Jeanette Carlson (Vice President), Jean Trempe (Secretary), Linda Konkell (Evangelism Chair), Charlene Buttner (Church and Society Chair), Jim Lenselink (Stewardship Chair), Kay Palmer (Buildings & Grounds Chair), Sue Koerten (Worship Chair)

EXCUSED: Charlie Freiberg (Treasurer), Janet Williams (Life and Growth Chair), Terra Ecker (Children and Youth Chair)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Shirley Ecker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Devotions were led by Kay Palmer. It related to how God invites us to seek relationships, bound together by Christ.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Jean Trempe) Review of minutes from May 14, 2024 regular council meeting. A motion to accept minutes by Jeanette Carlson and seconded by Charlene Buttner. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Jean Trempe in Charlie Freiberg's absence) Reviewed financial reports for May 2024. Cash on hand once again exceeds the Church's debts. Cash in banks totaled \$72,064, with \$27,666 held as restricted funds. The largest portion of restricted funds is for Blessings that Give Hope of \$18,271. Our long-term loan stands at \$65,206. Receipts and expenses are on par with prior periods. Sue Korten made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and it was seconded by Jeanette Carlson. Motion carried.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Jeanette Carlson) No Report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:
(Shirley Ecker)

- CFC Lease - Mr. Yeng, the Treasurer of Christian Fellowship Church has requested changes to the lease agreement for Fellowship Hall. Rather than an annual arrangement, CFC requests that the lease be changed to month to month. CFC has paid rent through November. They are in discussion about possibly ending our relationship due to their declining membership. The council changed the lease language to make it a month to month lease. The notice provision was changed to 60 days versus a 20 day written notice. Jim Lenselink made a motion to modify the lease as discussed and Charlene Buttner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Task Force Press Release: The task forces of Pilgrim and Good Shepherd met on May 29 at Good Shepard. We introduced ourselves and toured the facility. Congregational histories were shared. Good Shepherd presented a timeline of their activities from April 2023 to present. Pilgrim outlines our history of being a teaching congregation over the past 7-8 years. Good Shepherd shared information about some of their ministries including formation of a large home visitation team. Time was spent discussing exciting ideas about how our congregations can work together and reach out to the community. The meeting concluded with a discussion on the format of future meetings.
- Other Task Force Info: We are coming along! There have been a couple of activities with Good Shepherd and St. Stephen. There are some elements of folks working to figure out next steps. Our Town Hall Meeting covered fears and hopes. The conversation was

insightful. The comments will be considered as we move forward in the next steps of a potential transition.

- **President's Meeting Update:** The May Presidents meeting was canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for June 25 at Immanuel.
- A meeting will be set up with Good Shepard to discuss how their home visitation team might help Pilgrim develop our team or possibly using members of their team to reach more of our congregation.
- The Blessings that Give Hope Program will be dormant over the summer. A meeting of the volunteers will be set up to discuss plans for the fall.
- Seeds for Growth members will meet on Thursday June 13 to discuss possible projects we could pursue with the congregations not currently part of our transition conversations.
- A community Baby Shower is planned for August 11 at St. Stephen. An event is being planned to provide donations for Marty's Bus on July 28 supporting the unhoused. A joint project is being planned for September 8 which is "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday. It will be held at White Water Park. More information to follow. We are discussing Trunk or Treat for October 26. Volunteers will be needed as well as some decorated trunks!
- Application for Interns/Students – The council discussed applying for an intern or a student. Though a student may not be available, all felt it was worth applying at Luther in Minneapolis and Wartburg. Shirley will make some contacts with the seminaries and email Pastor Asher of the Synod about possibilities for Su-

pervising Pastor candidates.

WORSHIP REPORT: (Sue Koerten) Worship committee met on Monday, June 3. Plans for Shared Summer services were discussed.

- Sunday, July 21, Good Shepherd (Where are you from?)
- Sunday, July 28, Pilgrim (Where do you hurt?)
- Sunday, August 4, Immanuel (What do you need?)
- Sunday, August 11, St. Stephen (Where do we go from here?)

All services will be held at 9:00 am. Pop up Choir, anyone wishing to sing in the choir meet at 8:00 am at the church on the specific date, as, listed above. There will be a fellowship/ coffee hour to follow and visit with our church "neighbors"! Offering envelopes from the individual churches will be directed to your home church. Loose offering will need to be decided, GWCS, Salvation Army, Women's Community, Community Partners, Neighbors Place, Lutheran World Relief Quilt postage fund, were all mentioned. Also mentioned was meeting at church and carpooling to the designated church for the three Sundays that the service would NOT be held at Pilgrim! (More to follow) We will need help with Pilgrim's Sunday service on July 28, with ushers, greeters, and refreshments for the Coffee hour! Watch for a sign up sheet in the lounge. Watch for more information to follow in July. Mark your calendars for these Shared Services. There will NOT be a service at Pilgrim on July 21, August 4, and August 11. Come and meet your ELCA neighbors! There will be a Thursday evening service at Pilgrim as usual.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: (Kay Palmer) We are mowing! Progress is going slowly but will continue to work to get the flowers and shrubs weeded and tidied.

Having made some inquiries regarding the "dead" tree near Fellowship Hall, there is some opinion that after closer scrutiny, it may still be alive. Stay tuned!

EVANGELISM: (Linda Konkel) No report

BLESSINGS THAT GIVE HOPE: (Molly Augustine) No report

CHURCH AND SOCIETY: (Charlene Buttner) The Little Library has received some children's books. Food items in the library continue to be in demand. Non-perishable items such as canned goods or dried foods that will not spoil can be placed in the library. We are collecting supplies for Lutheran World Relief school kits and baby care kits. Details will be in *The Progress* and bulletins. These kits are sent along with the personal care kits and quilts in the fall. July 23-27 is set for Habitat for Humanity's "Rock the Block." Volunteer opportunities are available for this event. Volunteers will work with homeowners to do exterior repairs, painting, yard work etc. For more information visit habitatwausau.org/rock-the-block

LIFE AND GROWTH: (Janet Williams) We have only had one response to our request for suggestions for where to donate the bake sale proceeds. That suggestion was for Lutheran World Relief. If there are other suggestions, please forward them to Janet. The next election day bake sale is August 13. The scrip card program is ongoing. Cards are ordered about every two weeks. Orders can be placed with Fred at the church office or Janet Williams (715) 573-3310. It has been taking about five days to receive the cards once the order has been placed. Current cash balance from scrip proceeds is \$7,224.

STEWARDSHIP: (Jim Lenselink) No Report

CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

(Terra Ecker) No Report

Progress Articles are due July 18, 2024. Next meeting is July 9, 2024. Linda Konkel has devotions.

ADJOURN: Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. via a motion made by Sue Koerten and seconded by Jeanette Carlson. Motion Carried. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Trempe, Secretary

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 9th, 2024

Unapproved

PRESENT IN PERSON: Shirley Ecker (President), Jeanette Carlson (Vice President), Jean Trempe (Secretary), Linda Konkel (Evangelism Chair), Charlene Buttner (Church and Society Chair), Jim Lenselink (Stewardship Chair), Sue Koerten (Worship Chair), Terra Ecker (Children and Youth Chair)

EXCUSED: Charlie Freiberg (Treasurer), Janet Williams (Life and Growth Chair), Kay Palmer (Buildings & Grounds Chair)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Shirley Ecker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Devotions were led by Linda Konkel. Linda shared the story of Martha. How are we using our time and talents and giving of ourselves in meaningful ways. Are we serving with joy?

SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Jean Trempe) Review of minutes from June 11, 2024 regular council meeting. A motion to accept minutes by Jim Lenselink and seconded by Terra Ecker. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Charlie Freiberg, reported by Jean Trempe) Reviewed financial re-

ports for June 2024. Cash on hand once again exceeds the Church's debts. Cash in banks totaled \$73,143, with \$24,813 held as restricted funds. The largest portion of restricted funds is for Blessings that Give Hope of \$15,417. Our long-term loan stands at \$64,589. Receipts include \$956 generated from the recycle and bake sale. Contributions are on par with prior periods. It should be noted that there were five Sundays in June. Expenses came in as expected, however a bill for comprehensive insurance missed the cut off and will be paid in July. Sue Korten made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and it was seconded by Charlene Buttner. Motion carried.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Jeanette Carlson) No Report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Shirley Ecker)

- President's Meeting Update: The June 25th Presidents meeting focused on ways to improve communication among the ELCA churches in the area. Suggestions were made such as sharing newsletters. The Wisconsin River Valley Conference has set up a website site where churches can submit information to be posted. The next meeting is scheduled for July 23.
- A meeting has been set up with Good Shepard to discuss how they created a home visitation team. Our focus will be to get more Pilgrims involved and trained. Anyone interested in learning more should come to a meeting at Pilgrim on July 18 at 6:00 p.m.
- The Blessings that Give Hope Program will be dormant over the summer. A meeting of the volunteers will be set up to discuss plans for the fall.
- Shirley has reached out to Wartburg and Luther Seminar-

ies concerning availability of interns/students. She will also be discussing possible supervising pastor candidates with Synod staff. Applications for Wartburg are due December 1 and are due January 31 for Luther.

- Donations for Marty's Bus will be accepted on July 28 at the Pilgrim shared service. All donations support the unhoused. On July 21's shared service at Good Shepard, donations will be accepted for The Women's Community. The August 11 service at St. Stephen will collect baby items. Donations for the August 4 service at Immanuel have not yet been determined. More specific information about the items to be collect with follow in coming weeks.

TRANSITION TASK FORCE

UPDATE: The next meeting of the Pilgrim Transition Task Force is set for July 16. There will be a brief Town Hall meeting on Sunday July 14, following the service. A reminder that there is a question box on the sign-up sheet table in the lounge if you have questions or concerns that you would like to have addressed. You may also reach out to any task force member. There are individual meetings scheduled for the Transition Task Force chairs and council presidents of all churches in the Wausau Area to meet with Pastor Dara of the Synod on July 20. Shirley, Kay and Jeff will attend. Each church's representatives will have separate meetings with Pastor Dara. A separate meeting is planned for July 22 for the Transition Task Force chairs and communications people to discuss next steps for our four churches, Pilgrim, St. Stephen, Good Shepard and Immanuel. Progress on this project is moving slowly with little activity over the past couple of months. At present the steps for-

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ward are unclear. More information will follow after the July 22 meeting.

A press release was received from a June 25th meeting of Good Shepherd and St. Stephen task forces. They discussed the summer shared services. Pastor Caroline will follow up on a tentative shared meeting to be held at Waypost Camp on Mission Lake for task forces and church councils. Good Shepherd and St. Stephen are individually pursuing coaching opportunities available through the Synod. There was no update from Immanuel at this time. Good Shepherd is hoping for another “get acquainted” session with Pilgrim. Plans for the fall were discussed. Examples given were property, finance, visitations and social ministry. It was also mentioned that contact names are being shared between the quilters of the three churches. A tentative meeting of quilters was set for July 23 at 5:30 at St. Stephen. (Pilgrim quilters need more information.)

WORSHIP REPORT: (Sue Koerten) Plans are moving along nicely for the upcoming shared worship services with Good Shepherd, St Stephen and Immanuel. These services give our members a time to share with members of other congregations, build relationships for working together and also will be a time to share common goals. We hope many Pilgrims will take the opportunity to attend these shared services in an effort to get to know our fellow ELCA members.

- There are opportunities for members who would like a ride to sign up on the Carpool sign-up in the lounge.
- We are in need of refreshments for the coffee hour after the service at Pilgrim on July 28. There is a sign up sheet in the lounge.
- We will pass offering plates during the services at each

church. Pilgrim members offering envelopes will be channeled back to Pilgrim at the services at the other churches. There will also be a noisy money offering for Crossways Camping Ministries. Any loose bills in the plate will go to the host church.

- Reminders regarding where the services are each week will be sent out. There will not be a Sunday service at Pilgrim on the weeks assigned to the other churches. (July 21, August 4 and August 11.)

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

(Kay Palmer, reported by Jean Trempe) A leak occurred in the corner of the library area during heavy rain. Repairs were completed on July 9. A dead tree was taken down behind fellowship hall today. Clean up of the debris is underway. The old riding lawn mower was fixed and is running thanks to one of the gardeners. The council discussed what to do with the old mower. It was suggested that we sell it on an “as is” basis. Another suggestion was to offer it for a free will offering. No decision was made. It was suggested that the committee make the decision. Thanks to the folks who are mowing the grass and doing the outdoor maintenance – Randy Ecker, John Trempe, Bob Windorski and Kevin Zaitz. The new mower is working well. Anyone needing to learn how to operate the new mower can either review the manual in the garage or contact John Trempe.

EVANGELISM: (Linda Konkel) Pastor Bassett lead a service for this year’s high school graduates. Graduates were Caden Worth, Taylor Lemanski and Jackson Brown. The quilters made beautiful quilts for the boys. The social that followed was well attended. The families were very appreciative. Thanks to Linda for coordinating this effort and all those who

assisted in making this a special day for the boys.

BLESSINGS THAT GIVE

HOPE: No report

CHURCH AND SOCIETY:

(Charlene Buttner) Books left over from the recycling sale were used in The Little Library and some were donated to the Marathon County Library. Other unsold items were donated to the Dime and Dollar Store as well as St. Vincent’s. Heavy rain hampered this year’s sale. Thanks to all who helped with the sale. Non-perishable items have been donated for use in the Little Library. We continue to collect supplies for Lutheran World Relief personal care kits, school kits and baby care kits. These kits are sent along with the quilts in the fall.

LIFE AND GROWTH: (Janet Williams) The next election day bake sale is August 13. The scrip card program is ongoing. Cards are ordered about every two weeks. Orders can be placed with Fred at the church office or Janet Williams (715) 573-3310. It has been taking about five days to receive the cards once the order has been placed. Current cash balance from scrip proceeds is \$4,913.

STEWARDSHIP: (Jim Lenselink) No Report

CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

(Terra Ecker) No Report

Progress Articles are due July 19, 2024. Next meeting is August 13, 2024. Charlie Freiberg has devotions.

ADJOURN: Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. via a motion made by Charlene Buttner and seconded by Sue Koerten. Motion Carried. The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Trempe, 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
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.

August

REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

the following members of our
Pilgrim family on their

August

1 Eugene Viegut	17 Jill Windorski
2 Jason Viegut	18 Ross Windorski
3 Lila Viegut	19 Keith Woodward
4 Betty Walters	20 Dennis Wunsch
5 Gary Walters	21 Jeanne Wunsch
6 Aaron Werth	22 Barb Yeast
7 Caden Werth	23 Gary Yeast
8 Natalie Werth	24 Diane Yunek
9 Sarah Werth	25 Jimmer Yunek
10 Dana Weyer	26 Jenni Zaitz
11 Lori Weyer	27 Kevin Zaitz
12 Maverick Weyer	28 Lauren Zaitz
13 Janet Williams	29 Lillie Zaitz
14 Mary Williams	30 Logan Zaitz
15 Bob Windorski	31 Jack Ziebell
16 Jenna Windorski	

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				1 3-7 Blood Drive at Pilgrim 6:30 Worship	2	3
4 9:00 Shared Worship at Immanuel (no Worship at Pilgrim)	5	6 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:30 Task Force Meeting	7	8 7:30 Men's Bible Study at the Eagle's Next 6:30 Worship	9	10 9-11 He Chose the Nails Study Group
	← OFFICE CLOSED →					
11 9:00 Shared Worship St. Stephen (no worship at Pilgrim) Monthly Town Hall Meeting Cancelled	12	13 ELECTION DAY 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:30 Council Mtg.	14 9:00 Busy Bee Quilters	15 6:30 Worship	16	17
18 9:00 Worship	19	20 11:45 Prayer Circle GWCS Meeting cancelled	21	22 6:30 Worship	23 Progress Article Deadline	24
25 9:00 Worship	26	27 11:45 Prayer Circle	28	29 6:30 Worship	30	31

FINANCIAL INFORMATION UPDATE

July 25, 2024

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
\$ 65,206	Balance: 05/30/2024		
\$ 1,252	Principal Payment	\$58,000	\$54,493
\$ 497	Interest Payment		
\$ 63,954	Balance: 07/25/2024	Outstanding Bills	
		\$1,701	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](https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice).

THOSE PILGRIMS UNABLE TO ATTEND SERVICES

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

In Care Facilities

Kathleen Huebner.....Mount View

In Their Homes

Kathy Boehm John Schneider
Donald Mattke

PRAYER SHAWLS

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

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

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

Shawls given to date... 289

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!



Shared Worship Services Continue

August 4th and 11th

Items for School Kits and Baby Care Kits Needed

Staff

Ministers
Music Coordinator
Choir Director
Pianists
Office Manager
Custodian

All Pilgrims
Delores Kessel
Jim Lenselink
Delores Kessel, Norah Brown
Fred Patten
Dennis Wunsch

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on the DONATE button on the home page.
Thank you.

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Services

Sundays at 9:00 am / Thursdays at 6:30 pm

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