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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

In-Person and
Zoomed Online

9:00 am

THURSDAYS

6:30 pm

Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday
8-12 and 1-3

Thursday and Friday
Closed

HONORING THE SAINTS

As a child, I spent many of my Sundays with my Grandparents. Sundays were days that Grandpa would take me and my two sisters to church. He and my Grandmother would pull up in the two-door red Chevy Impala. We would hop into the backseat. I can still remember the smell of the clear plastic seat covers with the little bumps that would leave dents on your legs on long trips. After church, we would be off to visit friends or relatives. Most often, we headed to Medford to visit my Aunt and Uncle, my Dad's brother and his wife. We might head to Athens to visit Great Uncle Julius. Once a year we visited grave sites, usually just before the Memorial Day holiday.

The trunk of the Chevy would be full of flowers on those Sundays. Grandma, who was an avid gardener, would arrange bouquets of flowers. Sometimes the flowers were from her garden, whichever flowers were in full bloom. Other times she would arrange silk flowers. The bouquets were always colorful and thoughtfully arranged. There might be a styrofoam cross with red roses, the kind found at the dime store in those days.

Grandma made specific bouquets

for specific "Saints." My Great-Grandmother passed away long before I was born. Her bouquet was always the largest. As we walked through the cemetery, we carefully read the grave markers to find other friends and old neighbors of my Grandparents. I have vivid memories of running through the gravestones, searching for the next one to adorn with flowers.

I don't remember when we made our first trip to the Athens cemetery. As the years went on, we visited other cemeteries too, one closer to home. My brother's gravestone has two vases attached. Grandma usually had some roses for those. That cemetery became our first stop on our annual trip to honor our Saints. Today, that is where I visit my Grandparents, my Dad and my Brother.

In the Lutheran Church we set aside a Sunday to honor All Saints. It is a day to remember all the faithful departed. All Saints Sunday honors every Christian that has gone to be with Jesus. They are not only martyrs, apostles, and named Saints, but members of our congregations, dear friends, and family members. We give thanks to God that by his mercy he receives sinners and gives us the

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same hope that he gave to them: the hope of resurrection.

“All Saints Sunday begins a season in which we contemplate the hopes and fears of all creation, watching and waiting for signs of a new day dawning for all of us.” according to Benjamin M. Stewart a Gordon A. Braatz Associate Professor of Worship and director of the Zygon Center for Religion and Science at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, in a *Living Lutheran* article entitled

“All Saints.”

According to Rev. Dr. Philip H. Pfatteicher, professor at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, and the Union Theological Seminary as well as a Lutheran pastor, “The beginnings of All Saints’ Day are traced back to the eighth and ninth centuries. In the early eighth century, Pope Gregory III is said to have dedicated the St. Peter Cathedral in Rome in honor of all the saints on November 1st. A century later, Pope Gregory IV standardized the Feast of All Saints, thus

expanding the practice of commemorating all the saints on this day.”

Take time this November to honor the Saints in your own way. Remember with love and fond memories those who have gone to meet Jesus before us. Give thanks to God for having blessed us with sharing their lives, no matter how brief a time, knowing that we will meet again.

In Christ’s Love,
Jean Trempe
Council President

Pilgrim’s Transition Team

If you have a question or comment for the Transition Team, email or talk to one of the team members.

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Monthly Town Hall Meetings

2nd Sunday of each month
following worship service

**Next Meeting
November 9th**



WANTED

Menards Rebates

Do you take advantage of Menard’s 11% rebate program when you shop Menards? Pilgrim has been sourcing cleaning supplies and sanitizers from Menards. A simple way to make a contribution to Pilgrim is to donate your Menards rebate coupons. Simply drop the rebates off at the church office or mail them to Fred’s attention at the church. Your gifts will be a great blessing. Thank you for supporting this effort.

God has a way of
asking us to step
(and maybe even
dance) outside our
comfort zones.

Jody Smiley

Women of the ELCA

Make a joyful noise!

“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

~ Hebrews 13:5

2025 is a challenging year when it comes to recognizing things to be thankful for. We are bombarded with wars happening in many parts of the world; political polarization in our own country; examples of events that cause great social, political, economic, and spiritual distress, such as a prolonged government shut-down, loss of markets for crops from our farms, and confusion over the direction health care should take. These, and many more circumstances, drive up our anxiety and leave us in fear. When anxiety and fear prevail, it's hard to think of things to be thankful for.

In reality, we still have many things to be thankful for. Here are just some of them. I'm sure you will be able to add to your own list of very valuable things you are thankful for that are unique to your life.

Beyond personal circumstances, we can be thankful for the ability to learn and for the often-hard-won freedoms we enjoy, like the freedom to send our children to quality public schools and the freedom of speech. Living in secure homes and communities is certainly something for which we can be thankful. We may also be thankful for a sense of purpose for our lives, acts of kindness that we have received or offered, along with hope for a positive future. That includes the hope that a merger with St. Stephen Lutheran Church offers new opportunities for ministry to our community.

Along with physical health and well-being, the support of family and friends, and the ability to enjoy pleasures such as listening to music, we can be thankful for the ability to gain new skills and to learn and grow from mistakes.

We live in a community that offers the opportunity for volunteer work that helps give purpose for our lives. Last year our quilters made approximately 50 quilts that will be distributed anywhere in the world. Doing volunteer work has offered many of us amazing ways of creating friendships while we serve others.

Spiritually, Christians live with the hope and expectation of grace. We believe in forgiveness from God for our sins and forgiveness from others that can free us from often painful pasts. We also acknowledge the gift we give to others when we forgive them for ways in which they have hurt us. Our faith gives us a sense of peace and grounding; we are not alone in our journey through life.

This is a very impressive list of things we can remain thankful for when it feels like the world is falling apart around us. On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving Pilgrim will host our annual Thanksgiving service. It will be a shared service with St. Stephen; I hope you will be able to attend. During the service, the choir will sing “*My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness*,” which has become our favorite Thanksgiving anthem. As you listen to this beautiful song, you will hear these words of assurance.

*My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fear to fly;
Whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.*

Thanks be to God,
Delores Kessel



Sunday, November 2nd
Daylight Savings Time ends.
Turn your clocks **back**.

Christmas Poinsettias

Premium poinsettias in red, white and pink are available this year for \$10 per plant. These holiday plants come in a 6" pot.



*Please submit orders to the church office, along with payment, no later than **Sunday, November 23**. The poinsettias will decorate our altar for worship services on **Wednesday, December 24th**, and **Thursday, December 25th**. Poinsettias can be picked up after worship on **Christmas Day**. Thank you!*

Name _____

Quantity of plants:

____ Red ____ White ____ Pink

Total Plants: _____ x \$10 = \$ _____

In Memory of:

In Celebration of:

Weekly Prayer Circle Tuesdays 11:45 a.m.

If you would like to join the group, drop in. If you would like to receive the weekly prayer list, or place a prayer request, contact the office.

ALL SAINTS DAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 PROCESSION OF LIGHT

We will honor saints victorious who have taught us the faith and who now rest from their labors, waiting for Christ to raise them from the dead. You have an opportunity to commemorate the saints in your life by simply bringing a small candle in a holder that will be placed at the baptismal font during a special Procession of Light. Each person or family is invited to bring one candle as a symbol of all for whom you wish to give thanks. Votive candles will be available at the service for those who do not bring their own.

A special Thank You to everyone who helped plan, prepare, donate, assemble and serve 120 to-go meals for the Oct. 19 Community Dinner. We unfortunately ran out in 35 minutes and had to turn people away. They were served ham and cheese sandwiches, chips, cookies, applesauce, and water with a flavoring packet.

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 **November 13**. If you are interested in joining, contact Eugene Viegut at (715-359-9895).

MITTEN SUNDAY, November 23rd



We will begin collecting warm mittens, gloves, hats, socks, and scarves for all ages when the Mitten Tree goes up on November 23. Please bring your offerings to help our neighbors in need. Your donations will be delivered to local schools and other non-profit organizations.

WORDS OF GRATITUDE FOR THE SERVICE OF GRATITUDE

For the Tuesday, November 26th, Service of Gratitude, Pastor Karoline and I thought it would be nice to have members of both congregations share a brief story, a special item, or a word (or words) that brings gratitude to you. There will be leaves available at both congregations to write their word/s of gratefulness on beginning Sunday, November 2. These will be displayed at both congregations to show our gratitude to God for the blessings we have received.

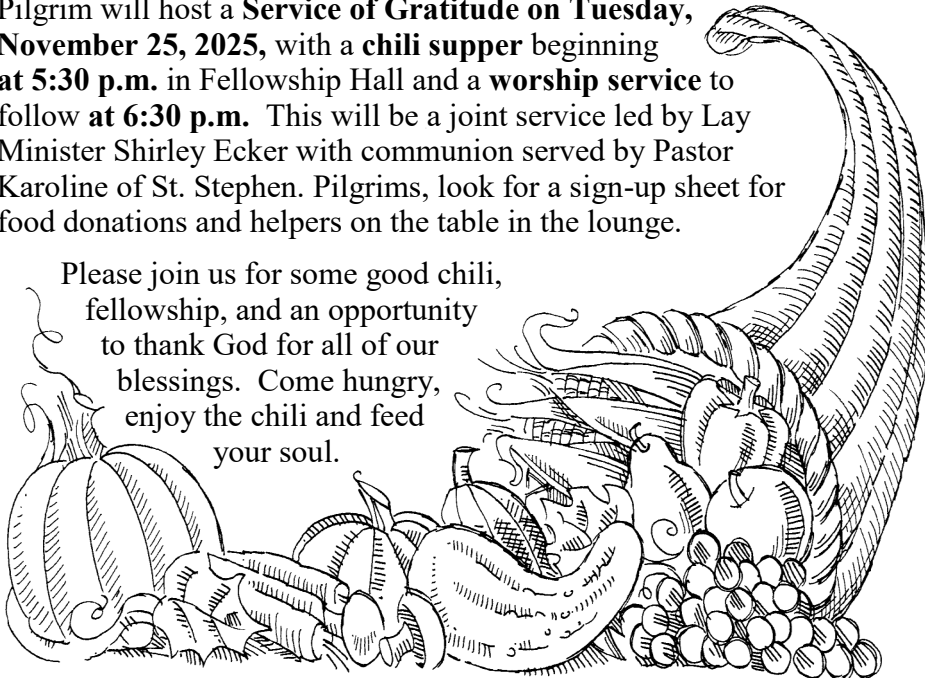
Please return your story of gratitude by November 16 to your church office so we can prepare a booklet with these stories of gratitude with each other. You can put your name on your story or leave it off. Thank you.

Shirley Ecker, Pilgrim Lutheran

GIVE THANKS!

Pilgrim will host a **Service of Gratitude on Tuesday, November 25, 2025**, with a **chili supper** beginning **at 5:30 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall and a **worship service** to follow **at 6:30 p.m.** This will be a joint service led by Lay Minister Shirley Ecker with communion served by Pastor Karoline of St. Stephen. Pilgrims, look for a sign-up sheet for food donations and helpers on the table in the lounge.

Please join us for some good chili, fellowship, and an opportunity to thank God for all of our blessings. Come hungry, enjoy the chili and feed your soul.



shout OUT!

- ☺ To all who attended our recent congregational meeting, providing their input on how Pilgrim moves forward
- ☺ To the Quilters for their dedication and work making those beautiful quilts for those in need
- ☺ To the dedicated members of the Buildings & Grounds Committee and our custodian for helping to care for our building, mowing the grass and donations of time, talents and treasure
- ☺ To the Pilgrim Angel who faithfully ministers to our shut-ins and leads the Men's Bible Study Breakfast
- ☺ To our talented Administrator for keeping up with all that needs to be done
- ☺ To our fill-in technical support who helps us to record services in Fred's absence
- ☺ To the Tuesday Prayer Circle for diligently praying for the needs of others
- ☺ To the Transition Team and workgroup volunteers for their willingness to serve
- ☺ To all those involved with the Community Outreach Projects
- ☺ To all those who offer time, talent and donations to the various collection activities that support Blessings that Give Hope, Lutheran World Relief & Hunger, Lutheran Social Service Conditional Release Program, and a plethora of other worthy causes
- ☺ And mostly, **Thank God** for providing resources and talents to sustain us and help us to move forward

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 14, 2025

Not Yet Approved

PRESENT IN PERSON: Jean Trempe (President), Frank Koerten (Vice President), Linda Konkel (Secretary), Charlie Freiberg (Treasurer), Jim Lenselink (Building & Grounds Chair), Charlene Buttner (Church & Society Chair), Sue Koerten (Worship Chair).

ABSENT: Janet Williams (Life & Growth Chair).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Jean Trempe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Linda Konkel led the devotion titled "Strong Spiritual Shoes" based on Ephesians 6:15. The devotion emphasized our wearing the correct footwear for our journey with God.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

(Linda Konkel) Motion by Sue Koerten and seconded by Charlie Freiberg to accept the September 21, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

(Charlie Freiberg) Reviewed financial reports for September 2025. Cash in the banks totaled \$85,108 with \$15,450 held in restricted funds. Again, the largest portion of the restricted funds are Blessings that Give Hope of \$9,313. Our long-term debt stands at \$54,479. A reminder that the church's real estate is not included on the balance sheet. Expenses were a little higher this month as the final payment on the two furnaces was made. Our current level of giving is staying on track. Motion by Jim Lenselink and seconded by Frank Koerten to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Jean Trempe) Jean was happy with the turnout for the town hall meeting held on Sunday. Discussion on the creation of "Work Groups" for the next step in the merger. Suggestions of Pilgrims to be members of these separate groups. Jean will make a few calls asking for volunteers for the groups. These work groups will work alongside the St. Stephen's groups to begin the progress of forming the new church organizational body and work through all the necessary legal and other issues that need to be taken care of for merging the two church families.

The Quilter's have been invited to visit St. Stephen on October 16 at 9:30 for a meet and greet. The groups would like to start to get to know each other using their common interests in quilt making for LWR and other organizations.

Jean received some information on Bell Choir online training. She will be forwarding it to St. Stephen as our bell choir is no longer active.

The Budget Committee usually begins its work in October, so the proposed budget is completed for approval by the December council meeting. It was determined that the proposed budget be only for the first quarter of 2026. Charlie Freiberg, Frank Koerten and Jim Lenselink will get together after the October 26th Joint Congregational Meeting and start getting the proposed budget completed. They have tentatively set up the period from November 11 to November 20 to work on this.

The Marty Bus is looking for specific donations. Jean will have Fred send out an e-mail with the list of items that are needed.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

(Frank Koerten) No Report.

BUILDING & GROUNDS RE-

PORT: (Jim Lenselink) The area in the choir loft that needed repair has been done. Precision Drywall completed the necessary repair, and Jim is in the process of trying to match the paint so that he can get it painted. He is happy with how well the repair was done. The raking and hauling of the pine needles alongside the parking lot was done this past week. The furnace door located in the Narthex has also been repaired. The winter change over for the windows needs to be done yet this fall.

WORSHIP REPORT:

(Sue Koerten) Plans are being made for the October 26th Joint Congregational Retreat. The Stephen's Angels will be having a basket auction. The baskets will be on display before the joint service. The service will be at 9:00 with Pastor Dara Clifford presiding. After the service there will be a coffee hour and final auction basket time until 11:00. The first part (one hour) of the retreat will begin at 11:00, followed by a catered meal. The final hour will begin around 1:00 with a planned end time of 2:00. Plans are being made to have readers and communion assistants from both congregations for this service. Communion will be by intinction (not at the rail). A cantor to help lead the congregation in singing liturgy will be added. The Choir will be singing at this service.

A volunteer is needed to help light candles and toll a bell for All Saints Sunday, November 2, at Pilgrim.

Pilgrim will host a Thanksgiving Chili Supper on Tuesday, November 25. Supper will be served at 5:30 with a service to follow at 6:30. St. Andrew will be having a Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, November 26 at

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6:30. There will be a pie eating social following the service.

Advent Mid-Week services will be held at Good Shepherd. Watch for more information to follow.

Pilgrim and St. Stephen will be using the Advent Sanctified Art series for Sunday morning services during Advent. There will be an invitation for artwork to be presented at each church's service. There will be a paper lantern creating project with a date to be determined.

Pilgrim's Christmas Eve service will be at 5:00. St. Stephen will have their service at 4:00. They will also host a 10:00 service on Christmas Eve for all area churches. Pilgrim will be hosting a Christmas Day service for all area churches. The time is to be determined.

December 28th there may be a combined parish brunch service. More information to follow.

The next meeting of the Pilgrim worship committee is November 10 at 1:30. The next meeting of the Pilgrim/St. Stephen combined worship committee is set for November 13 at 3:00 at Pilgrim.

CHURCH & SOCIETY REPORT: (Charlene Buttner) We are beginning to gather items for the Conditional Release Program's Christmas gifts. Motion by Charlene to approve \$275 to be used to purchase necessary items for the Conditional Release clients and Pilgrim's Shut-In's Christmas Gifts. Seconded by Charlie Freiberg. Motion passed.

Mitten Sunday is November 23. We are collecting mittens/gloves/scarves/hats for all ages. These get distributed to various schools and organizations around the area.

The last couple of months there have been "mystery donations" appearing in the Little Library out front of the church. Whoever is making these donations, we would like to thank you.

LIFE & GROWTH REPORT:

Jean reported that Janet is working with St. Stephen to organize the retreat meal. She is also organizing the Thanksgiving chili supper here at Pilgrim. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact her.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: No report.

BLESSINGS THAT GIVE HOPE:

No report but a large purchase was made prior to school starting with assorted items needed for the schoolchildren.

Next council meeting will be November 11, 2025. Sue Koerten has devotions.

Progress articles are due by October 22, 2025.

Motion to adjourn by Sue Koerten seconded by Charlie Freiberg. Motion passed.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Konkell

MINUTES

ST. STEPHEN AND PILGRIM
TRANSITION TEAM MEETING
October 21, 2025

Present at meeting: Charlie Freiberg, Dick Holster, Jean Trempe, Jeff Kessel, Pr Karoline Schwantes, Sarah Lonsdorf, Verlyn Oelke

Pr Karoline started the meeting with a prayer.

Pr Karoline has started to read

the book: *Embracing God's Future Without Forgetting the Past*. She recommends that all of us read this book. This was discussed and copies will be ordered.

Review and finalization of plans for the joint congregational retreat at St. Stephen on 10/26.

Numerous details were reviewed and finalized. These included the meal menu, setting up for the meal, supplies for the retreat, tours during the Fellowship Hour, providing a document on the history of St. Stephen, finalizing plans with Pr Dara, the leader of the retreat, and recruiting some volunteers to help.

Verlyn, our liaison with Pr Cath Mode, discussed tentative plans for her in-person visit to Wausau. She will be here on 11/4 to start on site coaching of the merger process. She is willing to help us eliminate potential conflicts. Visit details were discussed and will be confirmed with Pr Cath.

Future Transition Team Meetings:

- We will plan to meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
- Everyone is OK with having some of the meetings at Pilgrim and some at St. Stephen.

WORK GROUPS and CELEBRATION TEAM.

For this portion of the meeting, we followed the rubric of work groups and celebration team suggested by Pr Cath when she was here August 14th. Jeff Kessel passed out a document used at Pilgrim's last townhall on 10/12. This document listed proposed work groups.

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At the townhall, Pilgrim members were invited to participate in the work groups. Jean, Jeff, and Charlie reported that six Pilgrim members have already agreed to join 5 work groups. Prospective members from both congregations were discussed.

A wide-ranging discussion of work groups and the celebration team ensued. The discussion included the functions and goals of each work group. The discussion resulted in our vision of the following work groups.

- **Legal** to look at issues such as transfer of Pilgrim property and completion of required legal paperwork.
- **Constitution and Bylaws.** This group will work to compare the constitution and bylaws of St. Stephen, Pilgrim, and the Synod model. Some elements of a new constitution and bylaws were discussed.
- Will a **Mission Statement** work group be needed? Mission, our purpose, will be discussed at the congregational retreat Sunday.
- **Real Estate: physical plant, grounds, and maintenance.**
- **Real Estate: develop long term uses for Pilgrim's property.**
- **Finance: business plan, assets, liabilities, and budgets.**
- **Policies and Practices.** Examples include child safe practices, wedding policies, and funeral policies. The Transition Team has already started to pull together documents from both congregations for review.
- **Communications.** The aim is to provide consistent communication at both churches. Before the merger communications will be internal. As the merger nears there will be a need for external communication. For example, we will need to notify the Southeast Side neighborhood group, an active supporter of the Blessings That Give Hope ministry, of the merger.
- It was suggested that this work group create a logo for our new congregation.
- **Worship.** It was acknowledged that our joint worship team has already met and done a lot of work to bring our two congregations together. A new work group may not be necessary.
- **Ministry which includes outreach, education, and evangelism.** This group will coordinate various ministries which might involve looking at the structure of these ministries.
- Outreach was discussed in detail. How will Good Stewards, the Angels, and Pilgrim's Church and Society group work together to continue all our ministries (The Marty Bus, community dinners, hygiene drives, Conditional Release, Coats for Kids, Lutheran World Relief kits, Blessings That Give Hope, etc.)?
- This work group will be discussed with Pr Cath when she is here next month.
- **Celebration Team.** Given the work and planning already done by our joint worship team, one idea presented is that the joint worship team appoint and recruit members for the Celebration Team.

Discussion points during the meeting:

- It was agreed that our aim is to merge between now and Easter.
- Dick reported that changes in the St. Stephen bulletin format have started. Specifically, readings and the Psalms will be printed in the bulletin.
- We agreed to publish Transition Team Minutes in our bulletins and monthly newsletters.
- At the retreat Sunday we are encouraged to ask people: where do you see us going?
- At the retreat invite people to participate in the process.

Next Meeting: November 4th at St. Stephen.

We concluded with The Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Jeff Kessel

MINUTES

ST. STEPHEN AND PILGRIM
TRANSITION TEAM MEETING
October 7, 2025

Present at meeting: Charlie Freiberg, Dick Holster, Frank Koerten, Jean Trempe, Jeff Kessel, Jim Von Rueden, Pr. Karoline Schwantes, Sarah Lonsdorf, Sue Koerten, Verlyn Oelke

Pr. Karoline started the meeting.

What should be our name now that the Good Shepherd task force is no longer in GPS?

We agreed on the name Transition Team.

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Sue Koerten, chairperson of Pilgrim's Worship Team, has volunteered to join the Transition Team.

Welcome Sue!

Pr. Cath Mode's email of 10/6 to Jeff, Verlyn, and Pr Karoline.

Pr. Cath received the minutes from the last team meeting. She commented on several topics. Pr Karoline read the email to the Transition Team.

- She stated that "clearly you are moving along and it appears that there is energy to accomplish the tasks ahead. Good for you."
- She asked, "what are your needs for a coach?" She mentioned some things to keep in mind about coaching. Her list was discussed, and it was decided to contract with her for coaching. Some specific parameters were discussed. Verlyn, the team member designated to communicate with Pr Cath, will contact her to start the process.
- There have been technical problems with a contract for Pr Cath. The problems were discussed. Pr Karoline will get the contract to her.

The congregational retreat scheduled for 10/26.

Planning for the retreat was discussed.

- Timetable: On 10/26 Worship will start at 9:00 AM. The Angels will host the fellowship hour after the service. The retreat will start at 11:00 AM. There will be a break for lunch, and the retreat will resume after that.
- The focus of the retreat will

be on Mission and Vision with discussion of priorities and intention.

- There was a detailed discussion of aspects of the retreat, including the meal. Some tasks were assigned and help in certain tasks will be recruited.

Dick talked about legal and property issues.

- He is waiting for a response from Ruder Ware law firm
- He has had contact with a Marathon Bank officer regarding property issues.
- Options were discussed. In other words, there are lots of things to look at.
- "Let's take our time to do it right."

St. Stephen's Constitution and Pilgrim's Constitution

Verlyn has noted differences in the two constitutions. Also, it was noted that there have been revisions to both. More research will be done.

Discussion points during the meeting:

- Should we meet prior to the retreat? The consensus was yes. Topics to be discussed include listing the specific work groups that will be formed; the functions of each work group; and recruiting work group members before the retreat.
- Dick remembered that one thing we discussed at the last meeting was to send out approved minutes to each congregation. The minutes could be printed in the bulletins.
- There was a wide-ranging discussion of shared services/joint services. It was suggested that we should consider a

joint service at Pilgrim on the days when the choir sings at Pilgrim. One service being considered is a brunch church on 12/28.

- How do we get "shy Pilgrims" to get to know St. Stephen better? It was suggested that St. Stephen members could give tours during the fellowship hour on the 26th. Jean will put up a sign-up sheet at Pilgrim to gauge interest.

Next Meeting: 3:00 PM Oct. 21st at St. Stephen.

- Pilgrim and St. Stephen should bring a list of necessary work groups.
- Pilgrim and St. Stephen should bring a list of people that they would recommend for each work group along with a list of people who have volunteered.

We concluded with The Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Jeff Kessel

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
BOOK SALE**

300 N. First Street, Wausau

Members Only Sale

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

Public Invited

Thursday, Nov. 6, 9:30 - 7:30
Friday, Nov. 7, 9:30 - 4:30

Bag Sale Day—\$6.00 a Bag
Saturday, Nov. 8, 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.



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

Bruce Bartell	11/04	Julian Brown	11/14
Jill Myers	11/04	Joel Rhyner	11/14
Jackson Brown	11/08	Norah Brown	11/17
Linda Konkell	11/09	Elise Laughlin	11/17
Steven Poppe	11/11	Debi Rhyner	11/20
Zackary Billington	11/12	Sarah Landeau	11/24
Sue Koerten	11/12	Debra Kaetterhenry	11/30
David Clemment	11/13		

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

November

1 Jenna Windorski	16 Pam Bannister
2 Jill Windorski	17 Timothy Bannister
3 Ross Windorski	18 Timmy Bannister
4 Keith Woodward	19 Brad Bartell
5 Barb Yeast	20 Bruce Bartell
6 Gary Yeast	21 Melinda Bartell
7 Jenni Zaitz	22 Nancy Bedessem
8 Kevin Zaitz	23 David Behnke III
9 Lauren Zaitz	24 Megan Behnke
10 Lillie Zaitz	25 Charlie Behnke
11 Logan Zaitz	26 Finley Behnke
12 Jack Ziebell	27 Oliver Behnke
13 Paul Ziebell	28 Sonya Bergeth
14 Ellen Anderson	29 Josephine Billington
15 Karla Auner	30 Zackary Billington

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2 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 9:00 Worship 12:30 Moede Visitation 2:00 Funeral; Coffee and Snacks Follow	3	4 11:45 Prayer Circle — Transition Team Meeting at St. Stephen	5 6:30 Choir Practice	6 6:30 Worship	7	8
9 9:00 Worship 10:15 Town Hall Meeting	10 1:30 Worship Team Meeting	11 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:30 Council Mtg.	12 9:00 Busy Bee Quilters 6:30 Choir Practice	13 3:00 Combined Worship Team Meeting 7:30 Men's Bible Study at Eagle's Nest 6:30 Worship	14 Lay School	15 Lay School
16 9:00 Worship	17	18 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:00 GWCS Meeting at Pilgrim — Budget Com Mtg — Transition Team Meeting	19 6:30 Choir Practice	20 6:30 Worship	21 Progress Article Deadline	22
23 CHRIST THE KING AND MITTEN SUNDAY 9:00 Worship	24	25 11:45 Prayer Circle 5:30 Chili Supper 6:30 Shared Service of Gratitude at Pilgrim	26 6:30 Choir Practice	27 THANKSGIVING DAY No Worship	28	29
30 ADVENT 9:00 Worship						

FINANCIAL INFORMATION UPDATE

October 30, 2025

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
\$ 54,479	Balance: 09/24/2025		
\$ 689	Principal Payment	\$95,890	\$80,414
\$ 185	Interest Payment		
\$ 53,790	Balance: 10/30/2025	Outstanding Bills	
		\$950	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.

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... 304

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!



All Saints Sunday
November 2nd
Service of Gratitude
Tuesday, Nov. 26th
5:30 Chili Supper
6:30 Worship



Staff

Ministers
Music Coordinator
Choir Director
Pianists
Custodian
Office Manager

All Pilgrims
Delores Kessel
Jim Lenselink
Delores Kessel, Norah Brown
Shelby Brod
Fred Patten

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

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