

# Progress

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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!

Surprise! I wasn't sure if I'd write another Progress Article, but I'm glad to say I'll be hanging around a little longer! I'll happily get to continue serving you good people of Pilgrim until I receive my first call. My guess is I'll be here until at least September and after that we'll see!

Everything that has gone into this call process and a glance at my schedule for the summer leads me to wonder: Does the busyness of life really slow down in the summer? We like to think it does, but I'm not so sure. I think we can take solace in the fact that our routines change in summer more than that they actually slow down. We still manage to pack our schedules full in the summer just with different things!

The summer season is a good time for family vacations, weekends at the lake, and getting around to unfinished projects. And that's a good thing! However, I've read lots of books and articles that all suggest the importance of a healthy rhythm of work *and* rest in our life. We were created by a God who demonstrated work and rest when the world was made. If even Almighty God needs a break, so do we!

Many of us struggle to find the balance between labor and rest. We either work too much and fail to appreciate the value of rest, or we can rest too much and struggle with motivation to do what needs to be done. Though I'd say more

people fall on the "too busy" side of things. Free time you say? Fill it with activities and projects! But in this fast-paced and often dog-eat-dog culture in which we live, it's important for us to remind ourselves often that sometimes the best thing we can do is sit down and appreciate just being.

Part of the freedom we have in Christ is the freedom to just be. We don't have anything to prove and no one to prove it to. God has no quotas or output expectations. We are already enough for our Creator because we were created that way.

So, in between the trips, the weddings, the projects, and our regular schedules, I hope we can all find some time to rest this summer and enjoy the natural abundance that graces us for only a short time here in the north woods.

I want to leave you with a restful "challenge" of sorts this month. One that I've used at camps and in my own life. This simple practice helps us get in touch with nature, with God, and with our rested selves. Next time you get a free 20 minutes to an hour, grab a chair or a blanket or whatever you want, find a comfortable spot, and go sit outside. Leave your phones and tablets inside, don't bring anything to do. Just go sit outside. Invite the Holy Spirit into your yard or wherever you are. For the first few minutes, visually take in your surroundings. Notice all the movements of the leaves and flowers,

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maybe you'll catch a glimpse of some squirrels running here and there going about their business. Take in the sights and appreciate their beauty. Then, close your eyes, take some intentional deep breaths, and just listen. Notice what you can hear. All the little sounds of creation living. Try to leave the thoughts of any other time besides this moment out. If stray thoughts or worries pop in, acknowledge them and let them go (at least until your outside time is done!). Notice what feelings come up, and again,

acknowledge them but don't linger on them. Just try to be as present as possible in the current moment. Notice how the world keeps turning while you take this holy pause and appreciate that we don't actually bear the weight of the world on our shoulders alone. That sounds pretty freeing to me!

That is a taste of Sabbath. To rest, and to rest well. I hope we can all find some time for Sabbath this and every month!

Grace, Peace, and Sabbath,  
Vicar Pat

## Make a joyful noise!

“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, life to everything.” —Plato

The quote I listed above is on a card I received recently from a friend of mine. The quote means a lot to me as a music lover and I'm sure it speaks to many others as well.

Nothing, including church music, ever stays the same. We have been using the ELW hymnbook since 2005. It has served us very well AND while we have been happily singing the hymns from it, there are new hymns (sometimes sung to familiar melodies) being written that help stretch our souls, stir our thoughts, sing us into new imaginations, and give our faith new life.

The ELCA has created a new supplement hymnbook called *All Creation Sings*, which introduces us to some of these wonderful new hymns of faith. Pilgrim bought 20 copies of this new hymnal; we have already used some of the hymns from it for our worship services. The book contains hymns related to our need to care for the earth and our need to be thankful for the beautiful earth God has given us to live on. It also focuses on how we are part of God's creation. We are called to safeguard the physical, mental, and spiritual health of each other and of our communities.

“Ask the Complicated Questions” is one of the hymns found in this new book. In my opinion it could be the theme hymn for the whole book. It urges us to think and act creatively to take care of the world and each other. It challenges us and it gives us permission to come up with our own visions for how to do this. Here are just some of the words from this hymn:

Verse 1 *Ask the complicated questions. Do not fear to be found out*

Verse 2 *Seek the disconcerting answers, follow where the Spirit blows*

Verse 3 *Knock on doors of new ideas, test assumptions long grown stale*

Verse 4 *For in struggle we discover truth both simple and profound;  
in the knocking, asking, seeking, we are opened, answered, found.*

This new hymnbook offers us new and challenging ways to live out what Jesus called the two greatest commandments. “‘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

With thanks for new imaginations about how to love our neighbors as ourselves,

Delores Kessel

## “Cast of Characters” Monthly Book Study 2nd Saturday, 9:00 a.m. (August—December)

Beginning **Saturday, August 13th**, the Evangelism Team will be hosting a new study session on Max Lucado’s book, “Cast of Characters.” Books are \$10 each and will be available at the study session.

Max Lucado writes, “*COMMON PEOPLE...Story after story marked by scandal, stumble, and intrigue. Who are these people? They’re the people of the Bible. And they’re us. We find our stories in theirs. We find our hope where they found theirs. In the hands of an Uncommon God. In the midst of them all...hovering over them all...is the hero of it all: God. Maker. Shaper. Rescuer of sinking hearts. God. Passing out high callings, second chances, and moral compasses to all comers and takers. In this gathering of inspiring stories from his numerous best-selling books, master storyteller, Max Lucado revisits some of his favorite biblical characters—all of whom were very human and imperfect, just like us. If God can find a place for them...he just might have a place for us too.*”

## AUGUST IS “BLESSINGS THAT GIVE HOPE” MONTH

Our food program starts back up as kids return to school in September; and, your support is needed. Donations of financial support, food, and volunteerism are all required to keep feeding our neighbors in need.

**Financial Support:** Sponsor a child for \$20 per month or \$200 per year. Fill out a donation slip and envelope (available in the narthex) or use your blue-striped envelopes to state your commitment.

**Volunteer to Pack Food:** Packing takes about 30 minutes and partnering makes it quicker. Find a week, or two, that works for you. Located in the narthex is a clipboard with sign-up sheets. If this is your first time and need assistance, contact a committee member: Mollie Augustine (715-574-1450), Jeanne (715-432-8432) or Dennis Wunsch (715-551-1478), or Delores (715-297-4272) or Jeff Kessel (715-573-4491).



### Is it time to grow deeper? Lay School Registration is Open.

Registration is open for the East Central Synod of Wisconsin Lay School of Ministry. The school meets monthly on Friday evenings and/or Saturday mornings virtually thru Zoom and/or in-person at St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Wausau, WI and the second location is

Christ the King Lutheran Church in Combined Locks, WI and offers courses to dive deeper in faith and knowledge of scripture and is a chance to worship, learn and engage with people from across our regional church/synod. Classes are taught by local pastors, synod staff, and seminary faculty, students can take classes a la carte, or commit to a two-year certificate program. Classes begin September 16-17, 2022. To learn more, talk to Shirley Ecker or Jeanette Carlson at Pilgrim Lutheran, email Pastor Jen Hoffman, Synod Lay School director at [jen.hoffman@ecsw.org](mailto:jen.hoffman@ecsw.org), or visit [www.ecswlayschool.org](http://www.ecswlayschool.org)

**Donate Food Items:** Items needed are also posted in the narthex along with bins for food items.

*Love your neighbor  
as yourself.*

—Luke 10:27



**BAKERS!** We need your help for the upcoming election day bake sale on Tuesday, **August 9th**. Please sign up on the sheet on the library table (or, just contact the church office). **VOLUNTEERS to sell baked goods** on Election Day are also needed. There will be another election and bake sale on Tuesday, November 8th. Thank you!

## 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!

*It was a beautiful day for our worship service and potluck in the park. Thank you to all who helped out and to all who attended.*



Thinking about fall? The Evangelism Team is and they're planning a Trunk or Treat in the Pilgrim parking lot on Saturday, October 29, 4-6 p.m. We're looking volunteers who would like to decorate their vehicles and hand out treats to the ghost, goblins, princesses, etc. and/or to donate candy and treats. A sign-up sheet will be available in the lounge. Mark your calendars now and watch for more details in upcoming bulletins and newsletters.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

300 N. First Street, Wausau

### Members Only Sale

Wednesday, Aug. 3, 5 - 7:30

### Public Invited

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

Friday, Aug. 5, 9:30 - 4:30

Bag Sale Day—\$6.00 a Bag

Saturday, Aug. 6, 9:30 - 3:30

Visit the library for great deals on books, movies, music, and more!

## First English Church Fair Stand and Treasure Sale Return

Fair Stand  
Wisconsin Valley Fair  
August 2 - 8.

We are back this year! The set-up will be a little different, but we are still serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. And we are still the home of the \$1 Hot Dog. We hope to see you at the Fair!

Treasure Sale  
First English Lutheran Church  
402 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Wausau

Where there is something for everyone!

Thursday, August 25  
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday, August 26  
9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and

Saturday, August 27  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*"A single sunbeam  
is enough to drive away  
many shadows"*

—Francis of Assisi



(photograph courtesy of Chris Freiberg)

## NEW Study Group “Cast of Characters”

### Monthly Study Sessions

This five-session study group will meet at 9:00 a.m. on the following Saturdays:

Aug. 13th      Nov. 12th  
Sept. 10th     Dec. 10th  
Oct. 8th

## 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 11th. Contact Eugene Viegut (715-359-9895) if you are interested in joining.

## Altar Guild Volunteers Needed

Please sign up today on the sheet posted on the bulletin board across from the church office. Thank you to Patti and Connie for helping to train others.

### 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!



- ☺ To our confirmands, Brianna Stromme and Natalie Werth, their parents, friends, and family. To those who helped out on Confirmation Sunday, including Steve Konkel for taking photographs and to Cathy Gottschalk and Barb Yeast for organizing the reception following the worship service.
- ☺ To all who donated money to the food program last year: Jeff and Delores Kessel for picking up the Feeding America food orders; Fred Patten for always helping out the packers when they had a question during packing; for the following people who packed throughout the year: Jan Mueller, Mary & Rick Swanson, Heather Haupt, Ruby Haupt, Eugene Viegut, Sue Koerten, Karen Larson, Hannah Neumann, Mollie Augustine, Dennis and Jeanne Wunsch; and Bob Windorski for dropping off and picking up the food carts.
- ☺ To our Altar Guild volunteers, Connie Brandenburg and Patti Petersen; and, to Kay Palmer for joining in and helping out.
- ☺ To the following members/nonmembers who assisted with setting up, cleaning up, marking, donating, and advertising our Rummage/Bake Sale held on Friday June 3 and Saturday June 4, 2022: Randy and Shirley E., Terra and Chris E., Jenni, Logan and Lillie Z., Jeanette C., Cathy G., Mary S., Debbie G., Charlene B., Lila and Eugene V., Connie B., Jill M., June C., Ramona S., Deanna K., Kathy K., and Preston Meyer. A special thank you to our 4 young helpers: Ryland R., Makayla E., McKenna E., and Savanna E.

Bakers of our wonderful bakery: Jill W., Karen L., Jean T., Lila V., Sarah W., Ramona S., Connie B., Mary S., Sue K., Kay P., and Sharon G. (Lila’s aunt).

Thank you, Fred P., for all you do for Pilgrim behind the scenes.

Thank you to Jean and John T. and Randy E. for taking the left-over rummage-sale items to St. Vincent DePaul.

## Recorded Worship Services Available Online

Are you unable to attend worship services in-person or on Zoom? You can watch a video recording of the weekly worship service at home through our website at [www.pilgrimofwausau.org](http://www.pilgrimofwausau.org).

## 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.

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**June 13, 2022**  
**Approved**

**PRESENT IN PERSON:** President Shirley Ecker, Vice President Jeanette Carlson, Secretary Jenni Zaitz, Treasurer Charlie Freiberg, Jeanne Wunsch, Eugene Viegut, Barb Yeast, Suzanne Koerten, Vicar Pat Kempf, Jim Lenselink, Charlene Buttner, and Pastor Asher O'Callaghan.

**EXCUSED:** Janet Williams

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

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** (Jenni Zaitz) Minutes were reviewed from the May 10, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. A motion was made by Wunsch, second by Carlson to Accept the May 10, 2022 minutes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** (Charlie Freiberg): Reviewed the current finances. Financially May was a good month, partly because there were 5 Sundays. We had a gain of \$3000 but are still down \$7000 for the year. A motion was made by Buttner, second by Koerten to accept the Treasurers Reports. Motion carried. The rummage and bake sale brought in a total of \$1587.75. The monies will be split as follows: \$200.00 to WELCA, \$200.00 to Crossways, \$200.00 to GWCS and \$987.75 to general funds. A motion was made by Koerten, second by Freiberg to accept this breakdown of the monies. Motion carried. The signatures should be updated on the bank accounts. A motion was made by Wunsch, second by Koerten to update the signatories on the Incredible Bank checking account (11787) and savings account (500170371), and the Marathon Savings Account (0160095913) to President Shirley Ecker, Vice President Jeanette Carlson, and Treasurer Charles Freiberg and remove Jean Trempe from these accounts and have Fred Patten continue to be authorized to make inquiries. Motion Carried. A motion was made by Buttner, second by Carlson to remove Jeff Kessel

and Delores Kessel as signatories and Debit Card Holders for the Food Program Checking Account and add Mollie Augustine and continue to have Fred Patten authorized to make inquiries. Motion carried. The signatories and Debit Card Holders for this account will now be Jeanne Wunsch and Mollie Augustine. A motion was made by Koerten, second by Carlson to keep Jeanne Wunsch and Shirley Ecker as the signatories and debit card holders on the Evangelism Checking Account and have Fred Patten continue to be authorized to make inquiries. Motion carried.

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

**VICARS REPORT:** (Vicar Patrick Kempf) He will be doing the multi faith class soon.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** (Shirley Ecker) Pastor Asher O'Callaghan from the Synod office was able to attend our meeting and went over the Bridge Ministry Covenant. This document includes the Term of Service, duties and expectations of the Bridge Minister ( Vicar Pat), Remuneration for the Supply Pastor, Expectations of the Congregational Lay Leaders, and Expectations of the Office of the Bishop. This will be used for Vicar Pat's remaining time with Pilgrim. It will begin August 2022 and extend for three months unless ended early by a 30 day notice. The covenant states that he will serve 20 hours per week with the same rate of pay that he is currently receiving plus a housing allowance and travel reimbursement. It also includes a breakdown of how those hours are to be spent. A motion was made by Koerten, Second by Freiberg to accept the Bridge Ministry Covenant. Motion Carried. If Vicar Pat does not receive a call in 3 months we can draw up a new covenant. It is expected that he will start interviewing September 1<sup>st</sup> and be with Pilgrim until he gets his first call. It would be good for us to update our MSP, it was submitted in January of 2021 using 2020 numbers. We need to determine a maximum dollar amount that we would be comfortable contributing toward a pastors compensation package. Pastor Asher O'Callaghan will send us contact information for the council at Calvary in Merrill, Immanuel Lutheran and Good Shepherd

which are all in a transition right now. A motion was made by Viegut, second by Carlson to take down the mask sign on the front door until there is a reason to hang it back up. Motion Carried.

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:** (Sue Koerten) There will be a worship service and potluck on Sunday, July 17 at 10:30 A.M at the big kitchen shelter at Marathon Park. Please respond by Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> by signing up in the lounge, calling the church office or e-mailing Fred. The main dish of Chicken and rolls will be provided. Other items needed include: side dishes, salads, desserts (individually wrapped), and milk and juice. We hope to see a lot of you there.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:** (Eugene Viegut) A new toilet has been installed in the Vicars bathroom.

**EVANGELISM:** (Jeanne Wunsch) S'more fun will be held on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30. Anyone interested in helping should contact Shirley or Jeanne. There will be a blood drive at Pilgrim on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Trunk or Treat will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 4-6:00 P.M. There will be a sign up closer to the date for anyone who would like to decorate their car and hand out candy or just donate candy to be handed out. More details to come.

**BLESSINGS THAT GIVE HOPE:** (Jeanne Wunsch) No report

**CHURCH AND SOCIETY:** (Charlene Buttner) A quilt was donated to Sleep in Heavenly Peace as part of the ESCW Convention project. Some remaining items from the Recycling Sale were donated to Rebecca's Closet (children's clothing) and the Career Closet at the United Way. Other items will be used for our Little Library and for Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits. Food and grocery bags were donated to the Salvation Army.

**LIFE & GROWTH:** (Janet Williams) No Report

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

**CHILDREN & YOUTH:** (Barb Yeast) No Report

**ADJOURN:** At 7: 40 a motion was made by Buttner, Second by Wunsch to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the

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Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. Barbara Yeast has devotions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jenni Zaitz, Secretary

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 12, 2022**  
**(Unapproved)**

**PRESENT IN PERSON:** President Shirley Ecker, Vice President Jeanette Carlson, Secretary Jenni Zaitz, Jeanne Wunsch, Barb Yeast, Vicar Pat Kempf, Charlene Buttner, and Janet Williams.

**EXCUSED:** Treasurer Charles Freiberg, Eugene Viegut, Jim Lenselink and Suzanne Koerten.

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

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** (Jenni Zaitz) Minutes were reviewed from the June 13, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. A motion was made by Wunsch, second by Carlson to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** (Charlie Freiberg): Reviewed the current finances. A motion was made by Carlson, second by Wunsch to accept the Treasurers Reports. Motion carried.

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

**VICARS REPORT:** (Vicar Patrick Kempf) He is excited to hang out at Pilgrim a couple more months. He will be starting the multi-faith class tomorrow but will not be having guest speakers.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** (Shirley Ecker) Anyone needing to sign signature cards at the banks should do so ASAP. The new copier arrived yesterday. We will still continue to print the expanded bulletin that includes the words to songs. On June 26th Shirley and Delores listened to a

zoom meeting put on by the synod about safe gathering spaces and are looking at putting together a policy for Pilgrim. Pastor Asher had asked us to determine the maximum amount that we could afford to contribute to a pastors compensation package. After some research it was determined that Pilgrim could afford to pay \$42,000 per year. Shirley sent this information to Pastor Asher and will follow-up with him when he is back from his sabbatical. Calvary in Merrill is currently without a pastor. Shirley will be contacting them to see if they have any interest in sharing ideas and the possibility of doing some activities together. She will also contact Good Shepherd to find out their current situation. She will contact Pastor Block again to get together to discuss his thoughts on Ministry Teams and getting other members involved with communion. The MSP will be updated, it currently contains 2020 numbers. Now that Fred is part-time Shirley will be checking with him to find out what jobs he may need help with. The book study "Cast of Characters" will begin on August 11 and go through December.

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:** (Sue Koerten) There will be a worship service and potluck on Sunday, July 17 at 10:30 A.M at the Big Kitchen shelter at Marathon Park. The main dish of Chicken and rolls will be provided. Other items needed include: side dishes, salads, desserts (individually wrapped), and milk and juice.

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

**EVANGELISM:** (Jeanne Wunsch) We had a good time at S'more fun. Thank you Vicar Pat for the excellent job you did with the music. Everyone had a good time singing along and eating S'mores. The kids also did some chalking and playing with each other. We had between 40 and 50 people attend. It was nice to see some of our Southeast side neighbors join in. There will be a blood drive on 7/21 from 3:00-7:00 P.M. The blood centers blood supply is still very low and they could use our help. Trunk or Treat will be held on 10/29

from 4:00-6:00 P.M. Watch for more details in the progress and bulletins.

**BLESSINGS THAT GIVE HOPE:** (Jeanne Wunsch) No report

**CHURCH AND SOCIETY:** (Charlene Buttner) There is a display of items needed for Lutheran World Relief baby care and school kits in the library. Gather and Cafe-two publications of the Women of ELCA were recently recognized in the 2021 Best of the Church Press Awards of the Associated Church Communication Council Awards. An award of merit for the video series "Journey with Angels" Bible Study was one of the awards and publications received. Several Pilgrim members participated in this study. Videos are available online. "Sisters United in Christ for Allyship" will be the theme for the 2022 Women of the ELCA Fall Retreat on Saturday, September 24 at Imago Dei Village in Clintonville. There will be speakers, music, worship and so much more.

**LIFE & GROWTH:** (Janet Williams) There will be two Election Day Bake Sales, one on August 9<sup>th</sup> and one on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Sign up sheets will be put out for both. There are 36 people signed up to attend the church service and potluck at Marathon Park this Sunday.

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

**CHILDREN & YOUTH:** (Barb Yeast) No Report

**NEW BUSINESS:** September 11<sup>th</sup> is "God's Work Our Hands", Sunday. The Cook-out stand at County Market is open again from May-October.

**ADJOURN:** At 7:15 a motion was made by Buttner, Second by Wunsch to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 9, 2022 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	08i/05	Sara Cravens	08/27
Nancy Schneider	08/05	Willis Gresen	08/27
Rachel Fehlhaber-Poppe	08/06	Amanda Landeau	08/27
Hannah Neumann	08/09	Jenni Zaitz	08/27
John Cravens	08/11	Eugene Viegut	08/28
Ron Dins	08/11		

*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 John A. Schneider	17 Tammy Stromme
2 John R. Schneider	18 Brad Stubbe
3 Nancy Schneider	19 Jeff Stubbe
4 Wesley Schneider	20 Rebecca Stubbe
5 Marion Schultz	21 Mary Swanson
6 Carol Shaw	22 Richard Swanson
7 Linda Soenksen	23 David Theis
8 Steve Soenksen	24 Jean Trempe
9 Bonnie Spangberg	25 John Trempe
10 Alissa Strick	26 Rheta Utech
11 Ben Strick	27 Robert Utech
12 Lucas Strick	28 Eugene Viegut
13 Manda Strick	29 Jason Viegut
14 Brianna Stromme	30 Lila Viegut
15 Nathan Stromme	31 Betty Walters
16 Tammy Stromme	

**Sisters in Christ United for Allyship**  
2022 Women of the ECLA Fall Retreat

*“Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.”* —Micah 6:8

“Allyship” will be the theme for the 2022 Fall Retreat on **Saturday, September 24th**, at Imago Dei Village. Save the date for this fun filled, inspirational day with engaging speakers and enjoyable music. The keynote speaker will be Bill Van Lopik. Worship with Holy Communion is planned. Bishop Anne Edison-Albright will deliver the message.

**New this year:** Children’s Programming for ages 5-12. Crossways staff will lead the youngsters in activities. A parent, grandparent, guardian, or adult friend must be attending the Fall Retreat. Children must be preregistered by 9/1/22.

**Register today** by completing and submitting your registration form by September 1st. Register online at [www.ecsw.org/welca](http://www.ecsw.org/welca), use Eventbrite, or use forms that available in the Pilgrim lounge.

**Parish Updates**

**BAPTISM**—July 10, 2022

Ian Thomas Koski  
Son of Matthew and Lindsey Koski

**DEATH**

Scott Widmark  
January 12, 1961 - May 23, 2022

**MEMORIAL GRAVESIDE SERVICE**—July 2, 2022

Blair Martin Schewe (non-member)

# August

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	<b>1</b> 1:30 Ministry Teams Meeting w/ Pr. Blcok 2:30 Worship Team Meeting	<b>2</b> 9:00 Pastors' Breakfast 11:45 Prayer Circle 12:00 Office Closed 1:00 Pastors' Text Study	<b>3</b> 6:00 <i>Who Is My Neighbor</i> Study	<b>4</b> 6:30 Worship	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 7:45 Evangelism Team Meeting 9:00 Worship	<b>8</b>	<b>9 ELECTION DAY (Partisan Primary)</b> 9:00 Pastors' Breakfast 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:30 Council Mtg.	<b>10</b> 9:00 Busy Bee Quilters 6:00 <i>Who Is My Neighbor</i> Study	<b>11</b> 7:30 Men's Bible Study at Eagle's Nest 6:30 Worship	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00 Cast of Characters Book Study Begins
<b>14</b> 9:00 Worship	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:00 Pastors' Breakfast 11:45 Prayer Circle 1:00 Pastors' Text Study 6:00 GWCS Meeting at Pilgrim	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9-12 WRV Conference Mtg. 6:30 Worship	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:00 Worship	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00 Pastors' Breakfast 11:45 Prayer Circle Meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:30 Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:00 Worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:00 Pastors' Breakfast 11:45 Prayer Circle 1:00 Pastors' Text Study	<b>31</b>			

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION UPDATE July 28th, 2022

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
\$ 80,390 Balance: 05/26/2022	
\$ 1,283 Principal Payment	\$75,960      \$67,350
\$ 466 Interest Payment	
\$ 79,107 Balance: 07/28/2022	
	Outstanding Bills
	\$1,743 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

### 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

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday  
8 - 12 and 1 - 3

(Closed on Fridays)

Although closed on Fridays, Vicar Pat will be here from 9:00 to 3:00, so the church will be open.

### 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).

### 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... 265**

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New Book Study Begins  
 “Blessings that Give Hope” Kicks Off  
 Election-Day Volunteers and Bakers Needed  
 Collecting Items for Baby Care Kits/School Kits

**Staff**

Pastor  
 Ministers  
 Office Manager  
 Choir Director  
 Pianists  
 Custodian

Vicar Pat Kempf  
 All Pilgrims  
 Fred Patten  
 Delores Kessel  
 Delores Kessel, Norah Brown  
 Dennis Wunsch

If you wish to give a gift to Pilgrim electronically, please go to [www.pilgrimofwausau.org](http://www.pilgrimofwausau.org) and click on the DONATE button on the home page. Thank you.



**Services**

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

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