

# Progress

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### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

#### **SUNDAYS**

In-Person and  
Zoomed Online

9:00 am

#### **WEDNESDAY**

Lenten Services  
In-person

6:30 pm

(Feb. 21-Mar.20)

#### **Office Hours**

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

Friday  
Closed

Greetings,

The season of Lent has arrived. As we prepare for Holy Week and Easter in the next few weeks, we move our hearts and minds towards the Holy Spirit and the suffering Jesus Christ endured on the cross so our sins will be forgiven.

Have you ever given thought to how you could serve God during Lent? Since Lent is a time of repentance, these are some ways to serve God: apologize to someone you have wronged, do a random act of kindness, read a book in the Bible, serve people that are lonely and have no family, visit a homebound member of the congregation, send someone a "thinking of you" card, tell someone you love them, send a note of gratitude or thanks to your family or a friend, and ask in your congregation how you could help with worship. In the next few weeks, I would like to encourage the congregation to look at the list above or find your own way to serve God.

During our Wednesday evening services Kay Palmer will be sharing with the congregation the Lamentations and how to be present with your sadness and grief. In this time of change in the church, this will help us to move forward and to know that God is with us through this time of discernment and uncertainty. I look forward to Kay sharing more with us and why we need to have hope in God. Thank you, Kay!

Blessings,

Shirley Ecker  
Church Council President

# Election Day Bake Sale

## BAKERS AND VOLUNTEERS!

The next Election Day bake sale is April 2nd—only a month away! Bake sales are held at the new election site at the North Central Health Care Center, **Door 31**.

Please sign up on the sheet on the library table (or, just contact the church office). Drop off baked goods on Monday, April 1st during office hours or stop at the church Monday evening starting at 6:30 p.m.

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

The next election and bake sale on Tuesday, August 13th.

*We don't need  
so many things. We need  
to use our imagination more,  
which is in infinite supply.*  
-Satish Kumar

### ITEMS-OF-THE-MONTH

*Blessings That Give Hope*

#### MARCH

**Instant Oatmeal  
Feminine Products**



## Midweek Lenten Services Continue

Soup Suppers and Midweek Lenten Services held at Pilgrim

February 21 through March 20

Soup at 5:30 p.m./Worship at 6:30 p.m.

### Lenten Focus: Holy Laments

(March 6<sup>th</sup>)

Laments From the Depths

Reading: Psalm 88

(March 13<sup>th</sup>)

Individual Lament

Reading: Psalm 13

(March 20<sup>th</sup>)

Communal Lament

Reading: Psalm 44:1-10, 13, 17-26

Lunch Lenten Services at St. Stephen at 12:00 noon  
Lenten Services/Soup Suppers at Good Shepherd 5:30/6:30

## Lent/Holy Week

### Palm Sunday Service at Pilgrim

March 24, 9:00 a.m.

### Maundy Thursday Service

March 28, 6:30 p.m.

Pilgrim/St. Stephen/Good Shepherd Combined Service  
**held at Good Shepherd**

*(there will not be a service at Pilgrim)*

### Good Friday Service

March 29, 6:30 p.m.

Pilgrim/St. Stephen/Good Shepherd Combined Service  
**held at St. Stephen**

*(there will not be a service at Pilgrim)*

### Easter Sunday

**8:30 a.m. Service at Pilgrim**

Combined Choir Sings

10:30 a.m. Service at St. Stephen

Combined Choir Sings

**Please note: Pilgrim's Easter Worship Service  
start time will be moved up to 8:30 a.m.**

**SOUP SUPPER SIGN-UP SHEETS** can be found on the library table. We look forward to a time of fellowship and good food together; and, we welcome those we invite over the next few weeks.

## Make a joyful noise!

“Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth,  
who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.

Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter  
that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.”

So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement  
had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

—Mark 16: 6-8 (*The message given by an angel to the women  
who came to Jesus’s tomb the day after his crucifixion.*)

I believe these words from the gospel for Easter Sunday carry two distinct and important messages—to hold and to share. The women who were greeted by the angel at the tomb had a very personal reaction to the words spoken by the angel; they were amazed and afraid.

We, who have heard the Easter story many times over, are less likely to be afraid of the story of the resurrection. In spite of having heard the story of the resurrection many times we are still likely to carry amazement that it actually happened, and it happened to save us. Whatever the feelings we have, they are very personal. One of the anthems the choir is going to sing on Easter reflects how personal the Easter story is for each of us. The song is “The Risen Christ”.

*O breath of God, come fill this place; revive our hearts to know Your grace;  
and from our slumber make us rise that we may know the risen Christ.*

*O word of God, so clear and true, renew our minds to trust in You;  
and give to us the bread of life that we may know the risen Christ.*

*O love of God, so unrestrained, refresh our souls in Jesus’ name.  
Let us reflect Your sacrifice that we may know the risen Christ.*

The other anthem, “Alleluia, Praise the Lord!” almost immediately moves us into what we need to do with the wonderful news of the resurrection. We are meant to experience the awe of the resurrection. The anthem puts it this way: *Let all the earth rejoice this day of celebration! Let ev’ry heart and voice break forth in exultation.* We are also meant to do something with that message; we are reminded of what we are to do in these words: *A new and glorious day is waiting now to greet us. A chance to share our faith with all of those who need us.*

We carry a constant tension. The story of the resurrection is at the same time our personal story AND our mission. We are to go forth and share the good news!

Thanks be to God,

Delores Kessel

## LWR PERSONAL CARE KITS—LENTEN COLLECTION

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This year, during Lent, we will collect items for personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Cleanliness may not actually be next to godliness, but it certainly helps a person feel more human. When families find their homes destroyed, or must flee for their safety, soap and a towel rarely make the cut for what they can carry. Arriving in a refugee camp or other place of safety, they are scared, vulnerable, and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit provide much-needed self-care, critical germ fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty. Items needed are:

Metal nail clippers  
(attached file optional)



Two or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz.  
(any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars)



Adult-size toothbrushes in their original packaging  
(toothbrush multi-packs are acceptable)



Sturdy combs  
(no picks or fine-toothed combs.)



Lightweight cotton or cotton blend bath-size towel  
(20" x 40" to 52" x 27"), dark color recommended.



### Collection Containers Located in the Narthex

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## LENTEN ORGAN MEDITATIONS—FRIDAYS IN LENT

The Wisconsin River Chapter American Guild of Organists will present a series of Lenten meditations. These 30-minute recitals, presented by area organists will be held from 12:15—12:45 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 709 N. Sixth Street, Wausau. Come for a time of meditation and music during the lunch hour. A free-will offering will be received. The church is handicapped accessible.

- February 23 ..... George Felty
- March 1 ..... Irene Beethe
- March 8 ..... Susan Schaefer and Susan Bender
- March 15 ..... Patrick Burkhart and Jim Holt
- March 22 ..... Bryan Higgins-Moe



## Monthly Town Hall Meetings

2nd Sunday of each month  
following worship service

The next monthly meeting is  
scheduled for **March 10th**.



## 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 **March 14th**.  
Contact Eugene Viegut (715-359-  
9895) if you are interested in  
joining.



## Spring Event at Pilgrim

This year's event will be held on  
Saturday, April 27th, 8:30 - 1:00,  
at Pilgrim. Additional information  
and registration forms will be  
communicated in mid-March. In  
the meantime, for any questions,  
please email Shirley Ecker at  
rsecker\_5@msn.com

Mark you calendars!.

## 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.

## NEW Book Study *He Chose the Nails*

—Max Lucado

This study group  
will meet monthly at 9:00 a.m.  
on Saturdays:

First Session

**March 9th**

Upcoming sessions TBD.

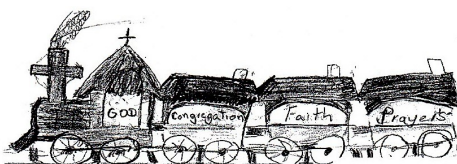
## Weekly Prayer Circle Tuesdays 11:45 a.m.

If you would like to join the  
group, drop in. Or, if you would  
like to receive the weekly prayer  
list, contact the office.

## Managing Caregiver Stress

This one-hour class focuses on  
tools and strategies to help you  
better manage the stress that can  
come with being a family caregiv-  
er. Please join us for this oppor-  
tunity to improve your self-care  
and explore ways to better man-  
age caregiver stress. The class  
will meet at the ADRC-CW in  
Wausau (2600 Stewart Ave, Suite  
25) on Wednesday, March 13th  
from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Other  
locations and a virtual option are  
also available. Please call 888-  
486-9545 to register.

*Be like a train; go in the rain, go in the sun, go in the storm,  
go in the dark tunnels! Be like a train; concentrate on your  
road and go with no hesitation!" —Mehmet Murat ildan*



*The little church that could.*

## shout **OUT!**

- ☺ To all who filled out forms with their favorite hymns for the Sundays in Lent
- ☺ To Kevin Zaitz for fixing the faucet in the pastor's office
- ☺ To John Trempe for shoveling snow in January and Jim Lenselink in February
- ☺ To our worship leaders this past month—Pastors Phil Bogen, Natalie Bassett, and Tryphine Schrubka; and lay ministers Kay Palmer and Kathy Robinson
- ☺ To newly-elected council, board, and committee members; those who are continuing as members, and those who have graciously served terms and are now stepping down (see the Annual Meeting Minutes on page 8 for details)
- ☺ To all who helped with the combined Ash Wednesday worship service and to our fellow friends in faith from St. Stephen and Good Shepherd churches. It was a very special evening.

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 13th, 2024**  
**Unapproved**

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

**Visitors:** Eugene Viegut (Past Buildings and Grounds Chair,) Jenni Zaitz (Past Secretary)

**EXCUSED:** Janet Williams (Life and Growth Chair), Jim Lenselink (Stewardship Chair), Kay Palmer (Buildings and Grounds Chair)

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Shirley Ecker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Devotions were lead by Sue Koerten.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:**  
(Jean Trempe) Reviewed of minutes from January 16, 2024 regular council meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Terra Ecker and seconded by Charlene Buttner. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**  
(Charlie Freiberg) Reviewed financial reports for January 2024. Income exceeded budget by \$176. Expenses were less than budgeted by \$148. Results for the month were an excess of income over expenses of \$324. Cash in banks totals \$67,181. Of that, \$27,823 are restricted funds. Long term debt stands at \$67,848. Offerings have remained stable. One furnace was repaired. Charlene Buttner made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report and it was seconded by Sue Koerten. Motion carried.

**VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

(Jeanette Carlson) No Report

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

(Shirley Ecker)

Task Force Update: No date set for the next meeting with the other churches as of the council meeting.

President’s Meeting Update: No update. President will follow up.

Met with St Stephen’s Good Stewards representatives. Various events are being scheduled.

A Townhall meeting was held after the church service on February 11. The meetings are intended to inform the congregation about Pilgrim’s next steps and conversations with other local ELCA congregations. A power point presentation was reviewed. A recording of the meeting is available as is a copy of the presentation. Contact Fred to request the recording or power point copy.

**WORSHIP REPORT:**

(Sue Koerten) The worship committee met on January 30, 2024.

- Lenten and Easter service schedules were reviewed and are published in the Progress and Sunday bulletins for Wednesday evening soup suppers and Lenten services.
- We will be participating in three combined shared services with Good Shepherd and St. Stephen on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Ash Wednesday Service, February 14, 6:30 p.m. Pilgrim/St. Stephen/Good Shepherd Combined Service held at Pilgrim Maundy Thursday Service, March 28, 6:30 p.m. Pilgrim/St. Stephen/Good Shepherd Combined Service held at Good Shepherd, (there will be NO service held at Pil-

grim) Good Friday Service, March 29, 6:30 p.m. Pilgrim/St. Stephen/Good Shepherd Combined Service held at St. Stephen (there will be NO service held at Pilgrim)

- We would like to continue using members to read the lessons at Sunday services, so more members can be involved, like we did prior to Covid.
- It was voted on to change the wording Kids Sermon to Children’s Message and to change the word dismissal to Sending Prayer in the Sunday bulletins.
- Norah Brown has expressed interest in the old digital piano, hers is wearing out.
- The piano is not sellable as is and not repairable, we would like Norah to have it.
- The congregation is encouraged to submit their hymns by February 11, to be used in Sunday services during Lent. There was a lot of participation this year just as there was last year.
- It was decided to record monthly Town Hall meetings. Members can request a link to view the recording, if they were not available to attend in person.
- We discussed Worship committee meeting times, and it was decided to meet before each church season. Hymn pickers will meet as needed.

Charlie Freiberg made a motion to accept the committee’s recommendation to give Norah Brown the old digital piano. Jeanette Carlson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:**

(Kay Palmer) Reported by Eugene Viegut in Kay’s absence. A light

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by the door was replaced. Facets in the Pastor's bathroom were replaced. A cabinet door in the lounge was repaired.

**EVANGELISM:**

(Linda Konkel) A new bible study begins on March 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The book "He Chose the Nails" by best-selling author and Pastor, Max Lucado will be discussed.

A blood drive was held on February 1, 2024. The next blood drive is May 2, 2024.

**BLESSINGS THAT GIVE HOPE:**

A reminder to the congregation to check in the Narthex for items being collected. St. Stephen has asked for a list of the items to collect for each month to share with their congregation.

**CHURCH AND SOCIETY:**

(Charlene Buttner) Collections of items for personal care kits are going well. We are collecting bath size bars of soap (8-9 oz), metal nail clippers, sturdy combs, light weight bath-sized towels (20" x 40" to 52" x 27" and adult-sized toothbrushes in original packaging. Personal Care Kits- Numerous items have already been donated. The collection will continue through Lent. A notice was placed on the Wausau Shared ministry Facebook page and sent to local churches.

Salvation Army-ink cartridges, grocery bags, and hygiene items were donated. They also use plastic bags.

On April 27 the Women of the ELCA (WELCA) is holding their Spring event at Pilgrim. Hygiene items will be collected.

Met with St. Stephen's Good Stewards. They are planning activities throughout the year and

Pilgrims have the opportunity to participate.

- February: Personal Hygiene Kits for the Homeless to be distributed to Granite House, Open Door and Community for Hope.
- April 28 and October 27: Community Dinners will be held at First Presbyterian. Volunteers are needed.
- July 22: A Baby Shower will be held to collect baby items
- August: Collecting Personal Hygiene items for Wausau East
- September 3 to October 27: Coats for Kids and Adults collects coats, hats, mittens and other needed garments
- September 8: God's Work, Our Hands
- November and December: Adopt a Family, looking for shoppers and wrappers. The program provides Christmas gifts to families in need. A gift-wrapping party is scheduled for December.

Gospel TLC, The Cross Church and Community House are looking for volunteers to help provide weekend meals.

Kathy Robinson, Wartburg Seminary student and member of St Stephen recently visited Tanzania. A presentation and meal are being planned. The date is yet to be determined.

**LIFE AND GROWTH:**

(Janet Williams) Need Soup Makers for Lenten Soup Suppers. Please sign up.

Attention Pilgrim Bakers! Pre-heat those ovens. We are back in the Election Bake Sale Business! The new voting site is the North Central Healthcare Center. They have agreed to allow us to sell our baked goods. The first sale is

February 20 and each election thereafter. Sign-up sheets will be available for bakers, transporters and helpers the days of the sales. Bake sales provide a source of revenue in support of various benevolence gifts.

Script card sales are ongoing. Scrip card cash account balance stands at \$6,890.27 at the end of January. Thanks to all who purchase gift cards. This fund serves to support Pilgrim's ongoing programs.

**STEWARDSHIP:**

(Jim Lenselink) A reminder that pledge cards and Faith Inspiration forms are due back. Please drop them in the collection plate, mail them or stop in and drop them off with Fred.

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH:**

(Terra Ecker) Sunday School has not been held in recent weeks. It was suggested that a Sunday School session be held to make cards for Easter. There are a variety of places where they can be distributed. Adults will be willing to work with the children. Another multi-generational event to consider for the future is making tied blankets.

**Progress Articles are due February 23, 2024.**

**ADJOURN:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. via a motion made by Charlene Buttner and seconded by Terra Ecker. Motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Next Council Meeting: March 12, 2024.** Jean Trempe has volunteered to provide a devotion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Trempe, Secretary

**MINUTES**  
**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL**  
**MEETING**  
**January 28th, 2024**  
**Unapproved**

Council Present: President Shirley Ecker, Vice President Jeanette Carlson, Treasurer Charles Freiberg, Secretary Jenni Zaitz, Jim Lenselink, Eugene Viegut, Charlene Buttner, Terra Ecker and Sue Koerten.

Congregation Present: Kathy Brown, Tom Brown, June Champagne, Chris Ecker, Katie Ecker, Randy Ecker, Christine Freiberg, Cathy Gottschalk, Delores Kessel, Jeff Kessel, Frank Koerten, Linda Konkell, Steven Konkell, Karen Larson, Kay Palmer, Ramona Schmitz, Jean Trempe, John Trempe and Lila Viegut.

1. Meeting called to order by President Shirley Ecker at 10:13 a.m.
2. Eugene Viegut said an opening devotion.
3. Receive/Approve the Minutes of previous annual meeting (January 29, 2023). Motion by Jean Trempe, second by Terra Ecker to accept the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting, January 29, 2023. Motion carried.
4. Receive/Approve the reports of the congregational Leadership. Motion by Delores Kessel that we accept with gratitude the reports of our congregational leaders as printed, accept the official acts of the congregational council during the year of 2023 and extend our thanks to them for the faithfulness and dedication they have given these tasks, sec-

ond by Kathy Brown. Motion carried.

5. Jeanette Carlson and Karen Larson audited the books of Pilgrim Lutheran Church and found them to be in good order. Jeff Kessel made a motion to accept the Auditors Report of Pilgrim Lutheran Church as presented, second by Karen Larsen. Motion carried.
6. The proposed budget was presented by Treasurer Charlie Freiberg. Motion made by Charlene Buttner to accept the budget for 2024 as prepared by the Budget Committee and approved by the Church Council, second by Frank Koerten. Motion carried.
7. Report of the Nominating Committee comprised of Jean Trempe, Katie Ecker, Terra Ecker and Jeanne Wunsch was presented. President Shirley Ecker (Beginning her third year of her second term ending January 2025); Vice President Jeanette Carlson (Beginning her third year of her first term ending January 2025); Treasurer Charlie Freiberg (beginning his second year of his second term ending January 2026, Secretary Jean Trempe (beginning her first year of her first term ending January 2027); Building and Grounds Kay Palmer (Beginning her first year of her first term ending January 2027); Children and Youth Mission Team Terra Ecker (beginning her second year of her three year term ending January of 2026); Church and Society Mission Team Charlene Buttner (beginning her first year of her second term ending Jan-

uary 2027); Evangelism Mission Team Linda Konkell (beginning her first year of her three year term ending January of 2027), Life and Growth Mission Team Janet Williams (beginning her first year of her second term ending January 2027); Stewardship Mission Team Jim Lenselink (Beginning his third year of his first term ending January 2025); Worship Mission Team Sue Koerten (beginning her second year of her second term ending January 2026). Jeff Kessel has agreed to a third term on the Endowment Fund Committee and Jeanette Carlson is completing her first term as Endowment Fund Secretary and will not be taking another term, this position remains vacant.

8. BE IT RESOLVED, that we accept the ballot of the Nominating Committee with any nominations from the floor. Announcements were made to the floor for further nominations with none coming forward. A motion was made by Frank Koerten, second by Katie Ecker to accept the nominations of the Nominating Committee. Motion carried.
9. Election of the 2024 Nominating Committee was presented. The committee will consist of 2 members at large, Katie Ecker and a vacant position and two former council members, Jenni Zaitz and Eugene Viegut. A motion was made by Jean Trempe to accept Eugene Viegut, Jenni Zaitz and Katie Ecker to the Nominating Committee and allow

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the council to find a second member at large, second by Sue Koerten. Motion carried.

10. Shirley and Randy Ecker have volunteered to be delegates to the Synod Assembly being held May 17 and 18 in Oshkosh. A motion was made by Frank Koerten, second by Katie Ecker to accept Shirley and Randy Ecker as delegates to the Synod Assembly. Motion carried.

11. Linda and Steve Konkel have volunteered as representatives of Pilgrim to attend the Wisconsin River Valley Conference Annual Meeting which was held last Sunday afternoon. Linda Konkel reported on the event. Information reported included updates to the 3 camps, open positions at the camps and ways that congregations and individuals can get involved in needed improvements. Enrollment to Lay School has increased since the pandemic. The SAM program was discussed and how important it is since there are many congregations without pastors and they are having issues finding clergy to fill in. The 2025 Church wide Assembly will be held in Phoenix, AZ, August 8-12, 2025. There are some positions open within the Synod for Lay Leaders to represent the WRVC. There are two facebook pages for churches in the area to post their events on. They are Greater-Wausau ELCA Shared ministry and Wisconsin River Valley Conference. A motion was made by

Katie Ecker, second by Terra Ecker to accept Linda and Steve Konkel to be representatives of Pilgrim at the Wisconsin River Valley Conference Annual Meeting. Motion carried. Jeff Kessel is willing to continue as a delegate for the Homme Home Annual Meeting. A motion was made by Karen Larsen, second by Jim Lenselink to accept Jeff Kessel as a representative of Pilgrim at the Homme Home Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

12. On January 9<sup>th</sup> Delores Kessel met with Pastor Karoline from St. Stephen and learned that St. Stephen and Good Shepherd have begun talks about consolidating their two congregations. The information was shared with Delores because she is the music director at St. Stephen. She was told that on January 21<sup>st</sup> St. Stephen had a special meeting of their congregation and they started defining the shared ministry terms. On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, Delores met with Kartika Putri from Good Shepherd and Pastor Karoline about music for the 3 shared Lenten services. She told Kartika that she (speaking for herself) would love for Pilgrim to be part of the conversation and Kartika was open to that possibility. On January 24<sup>th</sup> Delores met with Pam Hackbart a member of the St. Stephen task force and she also was open to the possibility of Pilgrim being part of the conversation. Both Good Shepherd and St. Stephen say that consolidation is not a done deal. The conversations are

meant to either get buy-in from their congregations or not. The task forces from Good Shepherd and St. Stephen have met together. If Pilgrim were to decide to join the exploration process our task force would meet with the members of the other task forces. A handout was given to the congregation defining the shared ministry options of multi-point parish, merger and consolidation. Jean Trempe made a motion, second by Jeff Kessel to start assembling a task force to begin talking about consolidation with St. Stephen and Good Shepherd. Motion carried. The congregation unanimously voted on getting the task force put together. Kay Palmer will write up something for Fred to send to the congregation informing them that the task force has been established and inviting them to join. The task force consists of Jean Trempe, Kay Palmer, Charlie Frieberg, Frank Koerten, Jeff Kessel, Dolores Kessel and Molly Augustine. Updates will be shared at the monthly Town Hall meetings.

13. Old Business

14. Motion made by Jim Lenselink, second by Lila Viegut to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 a.m. Motion carried. The meeting concluded with the Benediction and singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jenni Zaitz, Secretary



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

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

*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

**March**

1 Dale Clark	17 McKenna Ecker
2 David Clemment	18 Savanna Ecker
3 Rachel Clemment	19 Randy Ecker
4 John Cravens	20 Shirley Ecker
5 Sara Cravens	21 Debi Erickson
6 Guy Daniels	22 Richard Erickson
7 Tianna Daniels	23 Adam Fandre
8 Gary Dettmering	24 Alex Fandre
9 Mary Dettmering	25 Ben Fandre
10 Gabe Dins	26 Michele Fandre
11 Ron Dins	27 Austin Fehlhaber
12 Jane Dolan	28 Bo Fehlhaber
13 Katie Ecker	29 Harry Fehlhaber
14 Makayla Ecker	30 Nathan Fehlhaber
15 Chris Ecker	31 Nicole Fehlhaber
16 Terra Ecker	

**MARCH**

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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3 9:00 Worship	4	5 11:45 Prayer Circle	6 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Worship 7:00 Choir	7	8	9 9:00 New Max Lucado Book Study
10 9:00 Worship 10:15 Town Hall Meeting	11	12 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:30 Council Mtg.	13 9:00 Busy Bee Quilters 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Worship 7:00 Choir	14 7:30 Men's Bible Study at Eagle's Nest	15 Lay School	16 Lay School
17 9:00 Worship	18	19 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:00 GWCS Meeting at Pilgrim	20 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Worship 7:00 Choir	21	22 Progress Articles Due	23 10-4 CFC Use of Flwshp Hall
24 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 9:00 Worship	25	26 11:45 Prayer Circle	27 6:30 Choir	28 <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 6:30 Combined Worship Service At Good Shepherd	29 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 6:30 Combined Worship Svc. at St. Stephen	30
31 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 8:30 Festival Worship (note special time)						

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION UPDATE

### February 29, 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
\$ 67,848 Balance: 01/25/2024	
\$ 629 Principal Payment	\$16,000      \$15,133
\$ 245 Interest Payment	
\$ 67,219 Balance: 02/29/2024	
	Outstanding Bills
	\$1,596 Total Bills

### PARTICIPATE IN THE SCRIP PROGRAM AND SUPPORT PILGRIM

Put your regular household shopping dollars to work by purchasing gift cards at Pilgrim. Scrip-participating retailers sell gift cards to Pilgrim at a discount and you get the full face value of the gift card. Orders are taken periodically. For information, email or call the office at 715-842-4544

### THRIVENT CHOICE PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce that Pilgrim Church receives funds through Thrivent Financial's Thrivent Choice program. By directing Choice Dollars, eligible Thrivent members can recommend which nonprofit organizations they feel should receive charitable grant funding from Thrivent. If you are an eligible member, please consider us when directing Choice Dollars. Call 800-847-4836 or visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice).

### THOSE PILGRIMS UNABLE TO ATTEND SERVICES

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

#### In Care Facilities

Kathleen Huebner.....Mount View

#### In Their Homes

Kathy Boehm      John Schneider  
Donald Mattke

### 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... 288**

### 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!



## Lent and Holy Week Schedule

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### Staff

Ministers  
Music Coordinator  
Choir Director  
Pianists  
Office Manager  
Custodian

All Pilgrims  
Delores Kessel  
Jim Lenselink  
Delores Kessel, Norah Brown  
Fred Patten  
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 at 9:00 am / Thursdays at 6:30 pm

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