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Lutheran Church**  
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**Sunday Worship Service**  
**9:30 a.m.**

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# Pilgrim's Progress



<b>2020</b>
~ <b>March 1</b> ~ Mariners' Sunday
~ <b>March 17</b> ~ Church Council
~ <b>March 23</b> ~ Tax Workshop Thrivent Financial Services

Mariners' Sunday  
March 1



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<b>PCS CLASSES THIS MONTH</b>	
<b>THRIVENT WORKSHOP: TAXES — March 23</b>	



## God's Wide Reach



The Bible's main story is that God's embrace of people gets wider and wider. At first, God embraced just one group of people, the ancient Israelites. Then God soon embraced more people. For example, when giving ancient Israelites guidance about living well in their own country, God told them, "When a foreigner lives with you in your land, don't take advantage of him. Treat the foreigner as a native. Love him like one of your own. Remember that you were once foreigners in Egypt." (Leviticus 19: 36-37) Then God's embrace grew wider over time to hold other people who had long been pushed away by his people, such as widows, orphans and poor people.

In the New Testament, Jesus made God's embrace wider yet. Jesus reached out to people that no one who followed the God of Israel, like Jesus himself did, had ever thought to include. Jesus ministered to people from other religions, other races and other nationalities. He treated women as people and not property. He fed hungry people and took time for children instead of turning them away. Along the way Jesus had to widen his own thinking and practice to include people he had never before even thought of including. An especially clear example of that is in Mark 15 where a woman from another country kept bothering him to heal her. He insultingly pushed her away several times. That's just what he and his people always had done to people like her. But she stayed in his face. He finally changed his mind and helped her. Over time in his ministry Jesus increasingly realized-and did-what his own words meant — that God indeed loves the whole world.

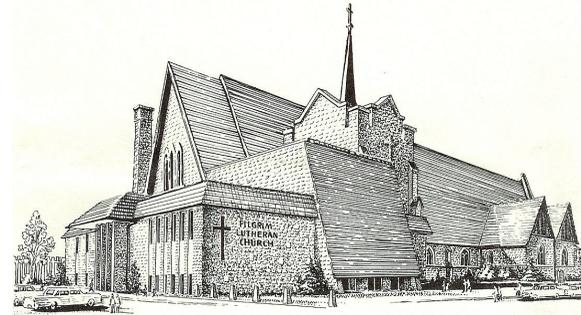
God's embrace then widens even more in the rest of the New Testament, to include 'Gentiles' (read that as "all people'.) For example Acts 2 describes God's Spirit coming to all people. Even the early Christian leader Paul, who had once killed people who believed differently from him, came around to openly saying, "There is no longer Jew nor Greek, there is no longer slave nor free, there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28)

God reaches out to embrace all people. Period. That's the Bible's story. That's still our foundation when it comes to living in the world with each other. It's a strong and good foundation. It's especially important to stand on it now when we hear loud voices wrongly trying to convince us that only certain people matter, that only certain people belong and that all the rest really don't. God embraces all people.

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### **PASTORAL ACTS - FEBRUARY**

Baptisms: None  
 Marriages: None  
 Funerals: None



### **Weekly Church Bulletin**

Please remember that all information for the Sunday bulletins should be in the church office by **12:00 pm each Wednesday.**

### **Monthly Pilgrim Progress**

Because of the holidays, submissions for the April issue of the Progress should be in the church office by **Monday, March 23.**

### **Church Office Hours**

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 am — 1:00 pm  
 Phone: 715-392-4731

### **PLC E-mail Addresses**

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**PLC ONLINE** ~ Check out Pilgrim's website at [www.plcsuperior.org](http://www.plcsuperior.org) for weekly bulletins, the monthly calendar and newsletter, pictures, and much, much more.

**PLC ON FB:** Go to your **FACEBOOK** page. Enter 'Pilgrim Lutheran Church Superior' in the search box. When Pilgrim's FB comes up, **'LIKE'** it. You can then see regular PLC news, updates and photos.

## STAFF

Pastor . . . . . Rev. Will Mowchan  
 Office Manager . . . . . Curt Hanson  
 Custodian . . . . . Mark Pero  
 Organist/Pianist . . . . . Samuel Gray  
 Choir Director . . . . . Curt Hanson  
 Education Coordinator . . . . . Tanya Pero

Council President . . . . . Colleen Elonen  
 Council Vice-President . . . Andrea Rubesch  
 Council Secretary . . . Mary Johnson-Garay  
 Congregation Treasurer . . . . . Don Miller  
 Financial Secretary . . . . . Anna Hansen

Missionaries to Tanzania  
 Dr. Steven & Bethany Friberg

## OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Lucy Johnson Dale Johnson  
 Bob Patterson Scott Swanson  
 Colleen Goesling

**Pilgrim Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes  
February 18, 2020**

**Call to Order:** Colleen called the meeting to order.

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Will opened with prayer.

**Roll Call:** Jamie, Jenny and Mary are excused. All other members present. We spent a few minutes introducing ourselves to new Council member, Tyler Austreng.

**Secretary's Report:** Everyone took time to read the report. Dale made a motion to accept the minutes. Will seconded. Motion accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Don discussed the latest financial report. Dale made motion to accept. Kristin seconded. Motion accepted.

**Pastor's Report:** 1) Confirmation classes at Zion are going really well. 2) Doug Paulsen from the Seafarer's Club will be at Pilgrim on March 1st for Mariner's Sunday. Talked about how the Seafarer's Center has turned their center into a place for new life and growth; with rooms that are safe houses to help women and children in need. 3) Pilgrim will serve the community dinner at Faith United Methodist church on May 10th at 4pm; Colleen will coordinate as Pastor Will is out of the country. 4) Discussed the podcast interviews that Pastor Carolyn is coordinating; everyone is welcome to participate, and the initial meeting is after Ash Wednesday service. 5) Our missionaries, the Freibergs are doing well, and wanted to say thank you for all that Pilgrim has done for them. He is medically doing well on hormone therapy. 6) Pastor Will is visiting quite a few shut-ins and is grateful for the time to be with them.

**Old Business:** Nothing to discuss.

**New Business:** Colleen discussed the different committees that we have on council, for Tyler, our new council member.

**A. Property Report:** Dale discussed what was talked about at the property meeting. 1) Hawkins chemical is four times more expensive than what we are currently paying. Also, the bid for looking over the boiler would be \$120 an hour. So, we are staying with our current contract and having it looked at twice a month. 2) Dale consolidated the old paint that was downstairs. 3) There is already \$2,000 in the roof repair fund for when we need it. 4) The roofing contractors will be over to inspect the roof once the snow melts. 5) Dale will ask custodian to help replace a few light bulbs out in the sanctuary.

**B. Outreach:** Tanya and Colleen are continuing to work on formalizing the forms for renting the kitchen etc, for future events

**C. Witness:** Jenny is making name badges for everyone. Planning to introduce it to the congregation on March 15th. Jenny and Colleen are finalizing the directory.

**D. Other New Business:** March 22nd is the tentative date to install the new council members at church.

**Adjournment:** Andrea made motion to adjourn the meeting. Dale seconded. Meeting adjourned.

**Closing Prayer:** Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Rubesch, Church Council Vice President

*Pastor's page cont.*

Pilgrim Lutheran Church proudly, openly, unapologetically, energetically, and all the time celebrates that all people are made in God's image, and are of sacred worth. Pilgrim welcomes all people to share in its worship, ministry, fellowship, and service to our community and world.

Your Pastor,  
*Will Mowchan*



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**Monday, March 23 from 6:00 — 7:00 p.m.**  
**Pilgrim Lutheran Church**

*To register, please call Jeffrey A. Hakala at 218-625-4010 or email [jeff.hakala@thrivent.com](mailto:jeff.hakala@thrivent.com) by March 19*



**BIBLE STUDY**  
Wednesdays at 9:30 am



**QUILTERS**  
TBA

**MORE BULLETIN BLOOPERS  
(but certainly not at Pilgrim!!)**

- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want remembered.
- Attend and you will hear an excellent speaker and have a healthy lunch.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hospitality.
- If you choose to leave during the Postlude, please do so quietly.
- There will not be any Women Worth Watching this week.
- The Honeymooners are now having bible studies each Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m.
- I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, yet shall be live.
- On a church postcard: I have received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I would like a personal call.
- This week's saints include a French woman (Teresa, the Little Flower), a Swedish woman (Bridget), an Italian man (Francis of Assisi), a German man (Bruno), a Jewess from the Holy Land (Mary, God's Mother). They include single people and married people. Bridget was a wife and mother. Mary was a virgin and virgin mother. If they could do it, so can we.
- A song listed in the Church Bulletin at the Nazarene Church in Little Rock, Arkansas; in connection with a sermon on God's mantle... "Let's God Mangle Fall on Me."
- A new loudspeaker system has been installed in the church. It was given by one of our members in honor of his wife.
- The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.



**MARINERS' SUNDAY**

Pilgrim will host the 70th annual Mariners' Sunday on March 1st with the special offering to be given to the Seafarers' Ministry.



**Youth/Education News**

This month, Sunday school for all children ages 4 through 9th grade will meet March 8, 22, and 29 starting at 9:15 AM in the Youth Room. We will continue into the worship service hour, classes ending about 10:00 and the children will be able to join their family for the rest of the service. Contact Colleen Elonen with any questions or comments. These classes are open to any Pilgrim child or their friends!

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the Pilgrim Memorial Scholarship. Scholarships are available for high school seniors and those wishing to continue their education. Deadline for submission is May 1st. Applications are available in the office.

**PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL**

President: Colleen Elonen  
Treasurer: Don Miller

Vice-President: Andrea Rubesch  
Secretary: Mary Johnson-Garay

Tyler Austreng, Kristin Cochran, Jenny Dudderar, Dale Johnson, and Jamie Peterson

These people have been elected by you to be spiritual leaders and to oversee the operation of the congregation. Please feel free to contact them with your concerns and comments.

The minutes from the previous month's council meeting can be found in each issue of the Progress.

## FEBRUARY STATISTICS

### Attendance

Our records show the average weekly attendance in February as follows:

2017 ~ 122    2018 ~ 97    2019 ~ 76    2020 ~ 51

### Financial Report

January 1 - January 31, 2020  
(all figures rounded off to nearest dollar)

	Current Month	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budgeted	Ahead (Behind)
<b>General Giving</b>	11,516	11,516	13,243	(1,727)
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<u>1,150</u>	<u>1,150</u>	<u>3,287</u>	<u>(2,137)</u>
	12,665	12,665	16,530	(3,865)
<b>Expenses (excl. utilities)</b>	15,562	15,562	17,871	2,309
<b>Utilities</b>	<u>2,685</u>	<u>2,685</u>	<u>2,156</u>	<u>(529)</u>
	18,247	18,247	20,027	1,780
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>		(5,582)	(3,497)	

### Electronic Giving

Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with some of your other bills? Pilgrim offers electronic giving for those who wish to have their contributions transferred automatically to the church's account. If you travel or go south for the winter, this is particularly helpful in keeping up with your intended offerings. One simple, easy-to-use authorization form can begin or change your electronic contribution amount. Contact the church office for more details.

The office would like to remind anyone who wishes to have an announcement or article placed in the newsletter to please submit it to the office by the week prior to the last Sunday of each month. Thank you.

Scan the image with your smart phone to connect with a mobile version of the PLC online giving site or go to [www.plcsuperior.org](http://www.plcsuperior.org) and click on the green "donate now" button at the top of every page.



## MARCH SERVERS

### March 1 ~ 1st Sunday in Lent (Mariners' Sunday) ( Rail ~ Pouring Chalice )

**Ushers:** Team 4: Tyler Austreng, Capt.  
**Asst. Minister:** Colleen Elonen  
**Lector:** Rachel Streit  
**Sound:** Sue Winner  
**Driver:** Kent Bergum  
**Altar Guild:** Julia & Robin  
**Hospitality:** Laura Swanson

### March 8 ~ 2nd Sunday in Lent ( Intinction )

**Ushers:** Team 1: Ted Nelson, Capt.  
**Asst. Minister:** Matt Dietsche  
**Lector:** Molly Warring  
**Sound:** Don Miller  
**Driver:** Greg Elonen  
**Altar Guild:** Laura  
**Hospitality:** Craig Peterson



### IT'S A NEW YEAR!

Please continue to sign up for missionary support and altar flowers. Sign-up sheets are on the kiosk.

**CHURCH ALARM** ~ We'd like to remind anyone using the church to please check the building when leaving and before setting the alarm. We have had the alarm go off a few times recently when it has been set while someone is still inside. Before leaving, please be sure no one else is in the building. Thank you.

### March 15 ~ 3rd Sunday in Lent ( Intinction )

**Ushers:** Team 2: Tad Matheson, Capt.  
**Asst. Minister:** Craig Peterson  
**Lector:** Anna Hansen  
**Sound:** Curt Hanson  
**Driver:** Kristin Cochran  
**Altar Guild:** Elaine & Nancy  
**Hospitality:** Samantha Wray

### March 22 ~ 4th Sunday in Lent ( Intinction )

**Ushers:** Team 3: Tanya Pero, Capt.  
**Asst. Minister:** Andrea Rubesch  
**Lector:** Mary Johnson-Garay  
**Sound:** Sue Winner  
**Driver:** Kent Bergum  
**Altar Guild:** Rachel & Sally  
**Hospitality:** Brenda Blomfelt

### March 29 ~ 5th Sunday in Lent ( Intinction )

**Ushers:** Team 4: Tyler Austreng, Capt.  
**Asst. Minister:** Jenny Dudderar  
**Lector:** Paul Goesling  
**Sound:** Don Miller  
**Driver:** Greg Elonen  
**Altar Guild:** Brenda & Tanya  
**Hospitality:** Paul & Colleen Goesling



### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE** **SUNDAYS @ 9:30 A.M.**

Church Office Hours  
Monday - Thursday ~ 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



# Pilgrim Lutheran Church

## March 2020



Mariners' Sunday

March 1

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Mariners' Sunday</b> 9:30 am Worship ( <i>Usher Team 4</i> ) 4:00 pm NA 	<b>2</b> 5:00 pm Stretch, Tone, & Cardio	<b>3</b> 10:30 am Clergy Text Study 5:30 pm Choir 6:00 pm Nar Anon	<b>4</b> 9:30 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Confirmation (LOGOS) at Zion Lutheran Church 5:00 pm Stretch, Tone, & Cardio	<b>5</b> 6:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:00 am Youth Education 9:30 am Worship ( <i>Usher Team 1</i> ) 4:00 pm NA 	<b>9</b> 5:00 pm Stretch, Tone, & Cardio	<b>10</b> 10:30 am Clergy Text Study 5:30 pm Choir 6:00 pm Nar Anon	<b>11</b> 9:30 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Confirmation (LOGOS) at Zion Lutheran Church 5:00 pm Stretch, Tone, & Cardio	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous 7:00 pm Superior Lutheran Choir	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:30 am Worship ( <i>Usher Team 2</i> ) 4:00 pm NA	<b>16</b> 5:00 pm Stretch, Tone, & Cardio	<b>17</b> 10:30 am Clergy Text Study 5:30 pm Choir 6:00 pm Nar Anon 6:00 pm Property Committee 6:30 pm Church Council	<b>18</b> 9:30 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Confirmation (LOGOS) at Zion Lutheran Church 5:00 pm Stretch, Tone, & Cardio	<b>19</b> 6:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00 am Youth Education 9:30 am Worship ( <i>Usher Team 3</i> ) 4:00 pm NA	<b>23 Progress Articles Due</b> 3:00 pm Jeff Hakala, Thrivent Financial Services Office Hours 5:00 pm Stretch, Tone, & Cardio 6:00 pm Tax Efficiency Workshop with Jeff Hakala	<b>24</b> 10:30 am Clergy Text Study 5:30 pm Choir 6:00 pm Nar Anon	<b>25</b> 9:30 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Confirmation (LOGOS) at Zion Lutheran Church 5:00 pm Stretch, Tone, & Cardio	<b>26</b> 6:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous 7:00 pm Superior Lutheran Choir	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00 am Youth Education 9:30 am Worship ( <i>Usher Team 4</i> ) 4:00 pm NA	<b>30</b> 5:00 pm Stretch, Tone, & Cardio	<b>31</b> 10:30 am Clergy Text Study 5:30 pm Choir 6:00 pm Nar Anon	<b>April 1</b> 9:30 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Confirmation (LOGOS) at Zion Lutheran Church 5:00 pm Stretch, Tone, & Cardio	<b>2</b> 6:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>