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Pilgrim's Progress



THIS MONTH AT PILGRIM

- May 3: Church Council at 6:30
- May 15: Retirement reception for **Curt following the service**
- May 19: New member information meeting at 6:30
- May 22: Receiving of new members during the worship service
- May 26: New member speed greet at 6:30

IMPORTANT!!!

BOILER FOR THE CHURCH



IN-HOUSE WORSHIP

SUNDAYS @ 9:30 A.M. (masks optional)

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday ~ 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Pastor Carolyn is in the office at Pilgrim on Monday and Thursday mornings, or other times by appointment. Feel free to come and visit! My email address is **pastorplc821@gmail.com**.



Pastor's Message: ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Dear Friends,



Despite the blizzards and cold winds, spring is coming. Despite our doubts and fears, resurrections happen. We fear that life will never be the same after Covid. And it won't be, but it will continue. We fear that the church people who have been cautious about joining us for worship may not rejoin our community when it's safe to do so. But darkness and doubt only have the last word if we let it. I'm thinking of doubting Thomas this morning. I wonder how his friends felt when he said, "I don't trust you". I wonder how the women felt when they rushed back from the tomb and the men didn't trust them? The question of trust is an everyday issue for us right now. Do we trust the medical establishment? Do we trust the Democrats, the Republicans, the news, our friends and relatives? Are we so fearful that we trust, like Thomas, only ourselves?

The word that keeps coming to mind is 'discernment'. It's an old religious word that means the process of sorting out which spirit is the Holy Spirit and which spirit is the pretender, the deceiver, the enemy of God? When the darkness takes over we live in fear, self-blame, guilt, anger and mistrust of just about everything. When the Holy Spirit is our guide, the power of light breaks through doubt and fear and confusion, and low self-worth. The message of God is always about life, not death; hope not fear. That's an easy way to tell the voices in your head apart. Jesus blessed the disciples in the upper room with the Holy Spirit. What happened? Those people who had been hiding in fear, burst out of the doors and started proclaiming the Gospel. You know the story of the early church...the exciting adventures in the book of Acts. I think it's my favorite book in the Bible because it shows God partnering with ordinary people to call the new church into life. That's a bit like where we are, isn't it?

Now is the time to focus on what is possible with God's help to serve and witness to our community. We have a little window, we don't know how long, before perhaps the new Covid variant will make us cautious again. But for now, please help me: Welcome new members,

PASTORAL ACTS
APRIL 2022

Baptisms: None Marriages: None Funerals: None gather support for Ukraine, welcome our new office administrator, and dream for the future. Please read the newsletter carefully with an eye toward where you can help, in person or from a distance. He is risen! And he is calling us back to life!

In His Service,

Pastor Carolyn



Monthly Pilgrim Progress

Submissions for the June issue of the Progress should be in the church office by Monday, May 23.

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Dale Johnson

Bob Patterson

MISSIONARIES TO TANZANIA

Dr. Steven & Bethany Friberg

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Property Committee Update

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Colleen Elonen, Paul Goesling, Dale Johnson, Tad Matheson, 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.

Another Opportunity for Service...and to help TWO good causes.

We have been asked to help with the bike ride that helps raise money for Multiple Sclerosis. Our youth have done this before. The group riding will pay us \$1,000 to help unload bikes in Proctor on Friday, and help load again early Saturday morning. This is a call for volunteers to help. Tad Matheson is rounding up volunteers. We are talking male and female, young and older with good backs! This is another opportunity to make a gift to Lutheran World Relief for Ukraine. Don't wait to be cornered, I mean called. (-: Volunteer! Call Tad or talk to him at church. The dates are **June 10**th and 11th.



Get Connected, or Reconnect: Quick before the germs are back!!

WE ARE TRYING TO WAKE THE BODY UP...AFTER A LONG TIME OF HIBERNATION!! We don't all wake up enthusiastically, I know! I'm a very slow mover in the morning. But after two years of hibernating it's really a slow process. If you are boosted and sassy please join us in our efforts to get to know and welcome the new members, welcome the community to events we have planned, and spend a little time after worship to connect with people. Coffee hour is back, and so are some new tables to make conversation easier. Thanks to Colleen Elonen and others who donated the tables! We are planning monthly gatherings, virus permitting, to get us together again. We can't be the church, or play baseball, by ourselves. So come out and be social! Wear a mask if you want to. We are planning a Women's Wellness event in June on June 30th. Superior Small Batch will be doing a taste testing of all their products. Fitness, Diet, Meditation and health tips will be offered. Opportunities to form walking groups for the summer, or book reading, prayer groups??? Who knows what we will cook up besides vegetarian food? Watch for more information in June.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR CFC.... CAKE FOR CURT! MAY 15TH AFTER CHURCH

Curt made me promise I wouldn't make a big deal out of this because he isn't leaving us, just retiring as office manager after 15 years! He will continue to be our choir director...hurray! (Choir is on Tuesdays at 5:30 and the choir will be singing every Sunday in May before taking off for the summer). So let's just give him a little thank you, and maybe some little pieces of chocolate cake on May 15th during coffee hour. Curt has been a steady, reliable and very professional part of Pilgrim for so long it will be difficult to fill all the little and big roles he has taken on. Thank you Curt!!!....woops Thank you. (-:

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Parents...We have not forgotten your children!

We know this has been the weirdest time ever...but we are praying it will be safe to come back together, including our children, soon. I spent the first years of my ministry as a children's pastor and I have a huge love for spending time with them and designing engaging Children's ministry. I'm not sure who you are, and how old your kids are, what your interests are and what we might dream up together but I would love to find out. I don't think traditional Sunday school model are really viable any longer, but there are exciting, family friendly ways to do this. If you are interested in helping me design children's activities at Pilgrim, please let me know that in the next couple of months. If we have enough interest in a VBS of some kind this summer, let me know that quickly. I can't say that at my age I can handle our babies by myself, but together we can do wonderful things! Please call me (715-296-3937) or email me (cmowchan@gmail.com) with your thoughts. We can try and have a get together to talk about this, if there is enough interest.

Toys to donate? Also...we are currently designing a small kid space in the office next to the pastor's office. While arranging our new coffee tables it occurred to me that with one new baby on the way we could set up a little nursery/play space. There is a baby changing table both upstairs in the larger restroom, and downstairs in the women's restroom. If your children have outgrown some nursery toys or books that you'd like to donate, we'd love to have them. Preferably age range of five and under. It's a small space. Big shelves for toys and books! Talk to Pastor Carolyn or President Mary. Blessings on your parenting!

Footnote: It was so wonderful to see you all on Easter! Hope your feet bring you back again soon!

THE STORK IS COMING!!!

We have a wonderful opportunity to help Andrea Rubesch (and her husband) welcome her new baby that is due July 7th. Please put **June 26th at 3 p.m**. on your calendars for a baby shower! I'm sure you haven't had one of those in awhile! We will have treats and some laughs in the fellowship hall. An RSVP list will be circulated soon...just wanted you to **save the date!** All the ladies of Pilgrim are invited.

Pastor Carolyn

Pilgrim Lutheran Church Council Minutes April 5, 2022

Council minutes were not available at time of printing

Remember When??

from the Superior Telegram — April 22, 1965

Pilgrim, Trinity Lutheran churches merger becomes official on Sunday

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will terminate its 60-year history on Sunday when its congregation joins Pilgrim Lutheran Church. Dr. Theodore E. Matson, Milwaukee, president of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Synod of the Lutheran Church of America, will officiate at the ceremony of the union, to be formalized at the 11 a.m. worship service at Pilgrim Lutheran Church.

The Holy Trinity congregation was organized in 1905 for the purpose of establishing a Lutheran church to serve the community in the English language. The church building was erected in 1909. Its members, during the early years, resided in areas widely dispersed throughout Superior, such as Billings Park, the East End, Allouez and South Superior, but as other foreign language Lutheran churches changed to English, the requirement for a central English language church lessened.

The Rev. Lemoyne Boleman of Poplar has served Holy Trinity as its vice-pastor since November and in coordination with Pastors Chester Johnson and Ronnie Peterson of Pilgrim, and the councils of both churches, has administered the transition affairs. The Holy Trinity congregation has been attending worship services at Pilgrim for the past month.

from the Pilgrim's Progress — April 25, 1965

(insert in Sunday morning bulletin - in those days the Progress was a weekly publication each Sunday)

This will be the official service when Holy Trinity and Pilgrim Churches unite together in the ministry which our Lord has given us in this community. Dr. Theodore Matson will address the uniting congregations and Pastor Johnson will bring the message. Anthems by the Senior and Cherub Choirs! Reception following the service in fellowship hall for the membership of the two churches.

also from the Pilgrim's Progress — April 25, 1965

We have been very encouraged and inspired by the tremendous increase in worship attendance the past two months. Since February 21st our attendance has by-passed 700 every Sunday (700 was considered a previous high mark in attendance.) The climax was last Sunday when between 1600 and 1700 people by actual count were present. This is more than a good reason for us to give thanks to Almighty God for His rich blessings to us. May we continue to urge one another to weekly respond to the call to worship as God's Spirit works in our midst!

My, how times change!!

Cant' make it to church Sunday morning? Check out our livestream of the service on our website — www.plcsuperior.org. The service is also recorded and can be viewed later on our Facebook page.

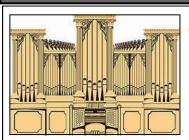
IT'S TIME TO RESTART THE QUARTERLY QUILTERS (BLANKET BUNCH?)!

Since we've donated all the blankets we had made and stored during the pandemic, it's

time to restart our efforts! I'm trying to gauge who would be interested in helping making quilts for donations to Lutheran World Relief or to local charities in need. Please reach out to Colleen Elonen at 715-394-9195 or let Pastor Carolyn know that you're interested and we can get together. We can meet as a small group, or individually. There are many supplies still at PLC that we can use to get started, and no special skills are needed! Thank you.



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BILL WILSON



60 ON THE BENCH - A CELEBRATION CONCERT

Bill Wilson, Organist Sunday, May 1, 2022, 3:00 PM Golden Valley Lutheran Church 5501 Glenwood Ave. Golden Valley, MN 55422

You are invited to celebrate with Bill Wilson as he celebrates and gives thanks for playing for worship for 60 years. The hour-long organ concert will be at Golden Valley Lutheran Church, 5501 Glenwood Ave, Golden Valley, 55422, on Sunday, May 1, 2022, at 3:00 PM. The program also features the Golden Valley Lutheran Choir as it sings the premier of the anthem "Triumphant in His Grace" by composer George Berglund, former choir director at the church. The program is free and open to the public.

If you would like to attend, but your schedule is busy, you can find the program on FaceBook at Golden Valley Lutheran Church.

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The program concludes with a Cash-or-Can Food Drive for *Prism Food Shelf* of Golden Valley.



Benefit for Ukraine



★ Chili Dinner



★ Family Friendly
★ Prizes

Thursday, April 28, 2022 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Pilgrim Lutheran Church 820 Belknap Street, Superior, WI

Adults - \$25.00 Children - \$10.00 Family of 4 or more - \$40.00



Proof of vaccination required/masks optional Call 715-392-4731 for more information

New Members at Pilgrim

By now you have all seen those new faces and perhaps smiled at the newest part of our church family. I hope some of you have had conversations with these friends from Bethel! But it's time to really get acquainted!!

First, if any of you have been hanging around Pilgrim for a while and would like to make your connection official...now is the time to step up with the folks from Bethel and let us greet you officially. We have two opportunities for you. The first is an information and welcome evening with Pastor Carolyn on May 19th at 6:30. This is a chance for us to talk about Pilgrim, your background and interests, your questions, and your involvement at Pilgrim. It isn't us pouring information into you, but a welcome process designed to get better acquainted. If we don't already have transfer requests from your previous church, or if you've never officially been a member of a church, we will take care of the things that make our record keepers happy!

Second, we would like to officially recognize you in worship. That will happen on May 22nd. We hope to have your names, a sentence or two, and maybe a cell phone picture in the bulletin that morning. We will take pictures on May 19th. Finally, on May 26th we have the most fun planned! We are doing a speed dating night...only it's a speed greeting night with members from Pilgrim. Join us on this Thursday evening at 6:30 for Pretzels and Play! As we trade places and have ten-minute conversations based on cards on the tables, and then switch. (You'll be asking and answering!!!) This should be a lot of fun and everyone at Pilgrim is welcome and encouraged to attend. We have lots of space in the fellowship hall. If the Covid numbers are up, we will encourage people to wear masks.

Please let us know if you want to become a member, but are unable to attend these events! Also please know you do not have to be a member to fully participate in the life of Pilgrim. Wherever you are on your journey you are welcome here!

Welcome in the name of Christ! Pastor Carolyn

Calling All Pilgrim Men!! Let's have Men in Mission!

We would like to have a call list of people who are willing to work on the occasional projects that come up on the building, etc. at Pilgrim. We also have an opportunity to participate in a "mission" project in early June. There is a Muscular Dystrophy bike ride coming through that hires people to load and unload their vehicles with the bikes from the group. It involves an evening and a morning (and some good food I hear!). They will pay about \$1,000. which we would like to donate to the Ukrainian crisis.

Also! We have been waiting for the Covid numbers to go down to have a bit of a work day at church, and now seems to be the time. We have to do the floors in the fellowship hall and reset the tables. If you are willing to help watch for sign ups or contact Dale Johnson. Help us spruce up for Spring!!

Church Statistics April 2022

(online includes livestream on website and recorded on Facebook page)

Total In-House Sunday Attendance:	287
Average In-House Sunday Attendance:	72
Total Online Sunday Attendance:	605
Average Online Sunday Attendance:	151
Total Combined Attendance:	892
Total Average Attendance:	223

Envelope Offering (General Fund) \$ 8,792.31 (April 3 — April 24)

Loose Offering (non-envelope): \$ 712.31

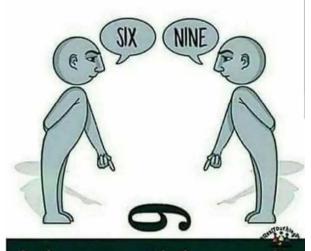
(April 3 — April 24)

Electronic Offering (General Fund): \$ 2,718.01

(March 28 — April 22)

Total General Giving: \$12,222.63

We really need to humble ourselves and take a look at things from the perspectives of others before we criticize!!!



Just because you are right, does not mean, I am wrong. You just haven't seen life from my side.

Scripture Readings May 2022 Lectionary C

May 1: 3rd Sunday of Easter

MAY SERVERS

NOTE: Complete server schedules have been prepared, but up until now, the only servers we have needed for Sunday worship have been the ushers, worship assistants (readers), and sound operators. Altar guild is also ramping up as we continue to resume normal church operations. A new hospitality server schedule is being prepared starting this month and continuing through next summer. Thank you for your unwavering patience.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!

May 1 ~ 3rd Sunday of Easter

Ushers: Team 3: Tanya Pero, Capt. Worship Asst: None - Celtic Service

Sound System: Fred Altar Guild: Laura

Hospitality: Elaine Arnovich & Ted Nelson

May 8 ~ 4th Sunday of Easter

Ushers: Team 4: Tyler Austreng, Capt.

Worship Asst: Lucy Johnson Sound System: Colleen Elaine & Nanci

Altar Guild: Elaine & Nancy Hospitality: Mary Matheson

May 15 ~ 5th Sunday of Easter

Ushers: Team 1: Ted Nelson, Capt. **Worship Asst:** Courtney Dietsche

Sound System: Don

Altar Guild: Julia & Robin
Hospitality: Reception for Curt

May 22 ~ 6th Sunday of Easter

Ushers: Team 2: Tad Matheson, Capt.

Worship Asst: Don Miller Sound System: Jamie

Altar Guild: Brenda & Tanya Hospitality: Jan Cummings

May 29 ~ 7th Sunday of Easter

Ushers: Team 3: Tanya Pero, Capt.

Worship Asst: Tanya Pero Sound System: Tyler

Altar Guild: Rachel & Sally

Hospitality: TB

NEXT CELTIC SERVICE May 1st — 9:30 a.m.

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A message from Curt Hanson...

As most of you know, I am retiring as office manager this summer. When I started in the office in 2007, Pastor Bill Wilson (remember PB?) asked me to stay in the position at least 2 years, which turned out to be how long he would remain our pastor. Those 2 years have swelled to 15, and now is the time to turn the reigns over to a new office person.

I want to thank Pilgrim for the opportunity to serve these last 15 years. In 2007 my teaching career was at a crossroads, and PLC essentially came to my rescue at that time. I'd also like to thank the people with whom and for whom I have served: my predecessor Louise Velin for training me in; Pastors Bill Wilson, Mark Hillmer, Will Mowchan, and Carolyn Mowchan; Lay Ministry Coordinators Esther Anderson and Laura Swanson; and the many volunteers who make office functions work smoothly.

But it's not as if I'm riding off into the sunset, at least not yet. I hope to continue as choir director for the foreseeable future, so like it or not, you'll still see my mug around for a while longer.

The Pilgrim office will be in good hands. Judy Hagen will assume the duties of the office this summer. She comes with over 20 years experience in the Bethel Lutheran Church office. Welcome Judy!!





May

Pilgrim Lutheran Church 2022

June



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:30 Celtic Service Usher 3 4:00 NA		5:30 Choir 6:30 Council	5:30 Barnett	5:30 Barnett	5:30 Barnett	4:00 Barnett
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