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Lutheran Church**
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Pilgrim's Progress



June 2022

THIS MONTH AT PILGRIM

- June 4: Swanson/Lennon Wedding
- June 5: Celtic Service
- June 7: Church Council is cancelled
- June 12-15: Visiting church group in Fellowship Hall
- June 20: Articles due for July Progress
- June 26: Andrea Rubesch baby shower



IN-HOUSE WORSHIP

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

LIVESTREAM ON THE PLC WEBSITE

WWW.PLCSUPERIOR.ORG

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.



On May 22nd we had the privilege to welcome some new members into the fellowship that is Pilgrim Lutheran Church. As part of that service we sang this rather ‘bible camp’ style song:

(Refrain) We are the church, the body of our Lord.
We are all God’s children, we have been restored.

The church is not a building, where people go to pray; it’s not made out of sticks and stones, it’s not made out of clay. *(Refrain)*

You can go to worship but you cannot go to church; you can’t find a building that’s alive, no matter how you search. *(Refrain)*

The church is not a business, a committee or a board; it’s not a corporation for the business of the Lord. *(Refrain)*

The church, it is the people, living out their lives, called, enlightened, sanctified for the work of Jesus Christ. *(Refrain)*

What this song is trying to say is that you and I are the church...and unless we think of ourselves as “church” and “we” ministry and life together slows down or stops altogether. Despite Covid we need to find a way to keep connecting, to keep thinking of ourselves as “we” and to keep supporting the ministry here at Pilgrim that is the faithful work of God’s people in this place.

We have fallen behind in our giving, which is no surprise. But we are behind by several thousand dollars and we need to let you know that. Such things as providing virtual worship for you cost (\$400 a month). Of course, there are many places and ways we have that require us to keep up with our budget. I’m not sure how best to do that without just asking you directly.

PASTORAL ACTS
MAY 2022

Baptisms: None
Marriages: None
Funerals: Betty Crist, May 17

The synod guidelines for us is that we have an average of 100 in worship and an annual budget much greater than ours is now, if you want to call a full time pastor. My personal hope is to see you through Covid and get you on your feet and in a strong place to call a new pastor. The other part of my hope is to help you strengthen your connections to each other and to the community.



Monthly Pilgrim Progress
Submissions for the July issue of the Progress should be in the church office by **Monday, June 20.**

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Synod website: www.nswi.org
ELCA website: www.elca.org

PLC ONLINE ~ Check out Pilgrim’s website at www.plcsuperior.org for weekly bulletins, the monthly calendar and newsletter, pictures, and much, much more.

STAFF
Interim Pastor Rev. Carolyn Mowchan
Office Manager Judy Hagen
Custodian Mark Pero
Organist/Pianist Lorelei Holland
Choir Director Curt Hanson
Education Coordinator TBD

**SYNODICALLY
AUTHORIZED MINISTERS**

Matt Dietsche
Jenny Dudderar
Andrea Rubesch

OFFICERS

Council President . . . Mary Johnson-Garay
Council Vice-President . . . Tyler Austreng
Council Secretary Courtney Dietsche
Congregation Treasurer Don Miller
Financial Secretary Anna Hansen

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Lucy Johnson Dale Johnson
Scott Swanson Bob Patterson
Colleen Goesling

MISSIONARIES TO TANZANIA

Dr. Steven & Bethany Friberg

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

VI. Old Business:

Finance:

Pilgrim received a PPP payment in January, and we don't need to pay it back.

Our expenses are still exceeding our income.

Dale made a motion to accept the Financial report, and Tad seconded it. The motion passed.

Property:

NBC will give us a loan of up to \$100,000 for five years at 5.7% interest. Dale suggested we use the Reuben Johnson fund to pay for the new boiler. Dale will talk to the boiler company about ordering the equipment. Paul made a motion that we purchase two boilers using the Reuben Johnson fund with the understanding that the church will have to pay the fund back. Dale seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Some general outdoor maintenance that needs to be addressed this year: thatching the lawn, installing a border on the edges of the walkway, painting the trim, moving the handicap sign to the side of the building, and replacing the flag.

VII. New Business:

We need people to open and close the church on Sundays at 8:30 and 11:00. There is the possibility of ushers doing it, and Pastor Carolyn will check on that. Usher volunteers will be requested at the next service.

Bluegrass concert on August 14 – we will have a worship service, concert, and potluck in the pavilion in Billings Park that day.

There will be a baby shower for Andrea Reubish in June.

On May 15, we will have cake and a gift for Curt to celebrate his retirement.

The Fellowship Hall will be renamed the Bethel Fellowship Hall, and a sign will be made.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42, and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Summer connections? Never easy. But please take the time to honor the sabbath and connect in whatever way is safe and doable for you. Watch for opportunities to be involved with both mission and each other. Let's celebrate summer, but keep some of that celebration together. For...we ARE the church.

Thanks be to God!

In His Service,
Pastor Carolyn

Coming up at Pilgrim:

June 1st – 7th Mowchans unavailable. Call the office for emergency pastoral care.

JUNE 26TH Ladies of Pilgrim! You are all cordially invited to a **baby shower for Andrea Rubesch** here at church on June 26th at 3 p.m.. We will be sending out an email evite so that you can RSVP. It's important we have a number to plan on. If you don't do email, then call the church office to RSVP. (715-392-4731)

We will gather for some treats in the fellowship hall and share motherhood stories with Andrea. Gifts are optional. If you would like to give a gift, shoot for 9 months old and older. Diapers are always welcome! We will be able to safe distance and even mask up, and there is an air exchanger in the fellowship hall.

If anyone would like to help me decorate, just give me a call. That's always fun, and more fun together!

Andrea has promised me that her baby, which is due July 6th, will not be early. If it is, we will have her husband, Chris Rubesch, be her stand in!

4th of July...Let's sell brats to the parade goers. Pilgrim has done this in the past. Need some grills, some cooks and some hawkers....come out for the fun. If you have grills that aren't awful to move, let the office know! Pilgrim has a great space for viewing the parade...bring your lawnchairs!

PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL	
President: Mary Johnson-Garay	Vice-President: Tyler Austreng
Treasurer: Don Miller	Secretary: Courtney Dietsche
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.	

August 14th: Joint Bluegrass worship and Picnic at Billings Park.

Put it on your calendar! We have reserved a park pavilion. Lutherans in the Park should be lots of fun. The worship service and concert will be led by a Bluegrass group from Michigan. Bring your friends!

Mission groups to sleep at Pilgrim this summer Two different groups of young people will be using Pilgrim as home base this summer for their mission trips.

Dates and groups: June 12-15 (Cross of Hope Church group and July 23-28 (Trinity Church group).

Let’s make them welcome!

Judy Hagen has joined our team. Judy is the new office administrator who started this month with training under Curt. We are so pleased to have her and hope you make her feel welcome. Judy was Bethel’s church secretary for many years, and comes highly recommended. Her hours will stay the same as they have been—9:00—1:00— Monday – Thursday.

She and her husband Mike have lived in Superior for all their lives and enjoy spending time with their children and grandkids, having firepits in the back yard, playing cards and games. Welcome Judy!!!

Summer Reads: Are you a reader? Send us suggestions we can share. We’ll put them in the bulletin. If you have books you’d like to share you can donate them to us and we’ll put them in the new nursery we are furnishing at Pilgrim.

Toys???? Moms and Grandma’s...if you have a few toys in good shape to add to the collection in the play area we are setting up in the office next to Pastor Carolyn’s office, we’d love to have them. No stuffed animals please...just easy to clean stuff...books, plastic toys etc. It is a small room so we don’t want to “stuff” it. Does anyone have a rocking chair they could donate?

**Pilgrim Lutheran Church Council Minutes
May 3, 2022**

I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer: Meeting called to order at 6:35 by President Mary Johnson-Garay. Pastor Carolyn lead in opening prayer.

II. Those in attendance: Mary Johnson-Garay, Carolyn Mowchan, Jamie Peterson, Courtney Dietsche, Dale Johnson, Paul Goesling, Tad Matheson, Tyler Austreng, Don Miller. Excused: Colleen Elonen

III. Pastor Carolyn said bingo was a great success. We made \$1000 more than we anticipated, and we also received an additional donation toward Ukraine. There were 87 people in attendance, and the total amount raised was more than \$3,700. Many people expressed interest in helping out at future events, so we now have some names of people to contact when we need assistance.

The new member list is 30 people, but all may not join Pilgrim. There are 17 members from Bethel.

We will be hosting three new member events in May:

May 19th at 6:30 - information session

May 22nd - new member reception

May 26th at 6:30 - speed greeting event

The synod assembly was conducted virtually on April 30. Two initiatives were passed that affect Pilgrim:

Each church will create a Green Team to explore ways we can be more environmentally friendly.

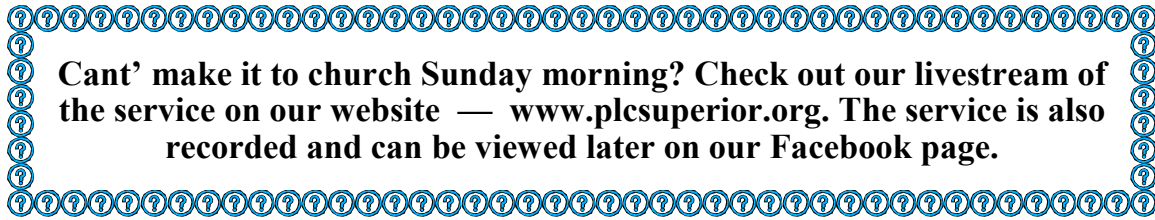
Each congregation will hold racism and diversity meetings.

Bike trip update: the MS ride is from Duluth to Minneapolis, and we will be helping load bikes on Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11. We will need 10 people helping out in order to receive the \$1000 donation from the organization, which will go toward Ukraine. Tad has the contract, and he will check on whether volunteers can split the shifts so they don’t have to work five hours in a row. Don will check on insurance.

New member process: the May 19 information session will have Bethel people meet Pilgrim members and learn about what we’ve done in the past and are currently working on. Pastor Carolyn will talk about why it’s important to join a church rather than just affiliate. May 22 new members will come up to the front during worship and have the congregation officially welcome them. May 26 will be the speed greeting event in the Fellowship Hall, which will last about an hour.

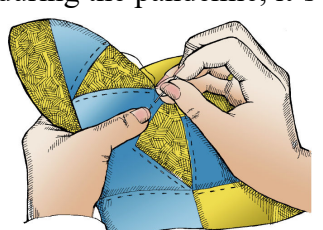
IV. Approve Minutes: Paul made a motion to approve the April council meeting minutes. Tad second-ed. Motion passed.

V. Pastor’s Report: See III above.


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.



QUILTING GROUP



USHERS NEEDED

We are looking for additional people to fill out our usher teams as well as a new team captain. If anyone would like to help out in this service please sign up on the kiosk or contact the office.

SUMMER READERS

We are looking for readers for summer worship. If you are able to read the scripture readings one or more times, please sign up on the kiosk or call the office.

New Members - On May 22nd we welcomed new members into our Pilgrim family. They are Tim & Julie McLaren, Tyler Kiminski, Delores Bartley, Sue Connolly, Theresa Lull, Alayna Lull and Dan Breneman. Welcome to all of you. Make sure you introduce yourself to our new members.

June 18th: Spring Clean Up....Hello helpers! We need some men and or women to help with some projects at Pilgrim. These are not difficult. Some painting, cleaning, yard work. We are scheduling Saturday, June 18th from 9 to noon. In case of rain we will postpone until the 25th, same time. Please let us know if you can help. We'll have a sign up sheet in the Narthex or you can call the church office. Dale is the organizer...you can also talk to him. Thanks so much!

From Tad Matheson...

Bike MS: MS 150 — Bike and luggage unloading on Friday night / luggage loading on Saturday morning at Proctor High School, 131 N 9th Ave. in Proctor, MN

Hello Pilgrim Friends,

I have been working on a fundraiser for the people of Ukraine. I have contacted the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and they are in need of help for their annual "Bike for MS". Pastor Will has helped with this in the past and he said it is a good event to help with.

I'm looking for 10 people on **Friday, June 10th from 5—10 PM** to help unload bikes and luggage and 10 people on **Saturday, June 11th from 5—10 AM** to load luggage for the riders.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society will pay us \$1000 to help load and unload and we will donate the money for the people of Ukraine. I'm excited working on this fundraiser because we will raise money to help the people in Ukraine, help people who have MS, and we will get to know each other better by working together for a worthy cause. If you are interested, please give me a call.

Tad Matheson
218-390-3532



**Church Statistics
May 2022**
*(online includes livestream on website
and recorded on Facebook page)*

Total In-House Sunday Attendance:	216
Average In-House Sunday Attendance:	43
Total Online Sunday Attendance:	634
Average Online Sunday Attendance:	127
Total Combined Attendance:	850
Total Average Attendance:	170
Envelope Offering (General Fund) <i>(May 1—May 22)</i>	\$ 6,444.00
Loose Offering (non-envelope): <i>(May 1—May 22)</i>	\$ 103.00
Electronic Offering (General Fund): <i>(April 25 — May 27)</i>	\$ 3,076.31
Total General Giving:	\$ 9,623.31

**Scripture Readings June 2022
Lectionary C**

June 5: Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17 (25-27)

June 12: 1st Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

June 19: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 65:1-9
Psalm 22:19-28
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

June 26: 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Psalm 16
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

Property Committee Update

- Bids to replace the steam boiler with two hot water boilers were rejected. The low bid was \$130,609 and the other bid was \$227,090. Bids were out of line due to material and equipment problems and shortage of manpower. We have ordered boilers and pumps to lock in lower costs. Total replacement has been delayed until next spring/summer. We would appreciate that the congregation continue their donations to the boiler fund, thus reducing money we would have to borrow next year.
- The trim on the exterior of the building needs to be painted, last painted 17 years ago. We will get bids. Other maintenance work such as waxing floors, cleaning carpets, and interior painting can wait until next fall.
- We would like to schedule an outside work day in June for painting the rear entrance, storage building, and fire escape exit, also to install border block to separate washed out rock areas from the sidewalk along Belknap.
- There are always things to do to keep PLC in great shape. A few volunteers working together can get a lot done and still enjoy what is accomplished.

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JUNE 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. We are looking for readers to volunteer for the summer. Please sign up on the kiosk or call the office if you are able to read scripture during summer services. Altar guild is also ramping up as we continue to resume normal church operations. A new hospitality server schedule through summer 2023 has been prepared and mailed. Thank you for your unwavering patience.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!

June 5 ~ Pentecost Sunday

Ushers: Team 4: Tyler Austreng, Capt.
Worship Asst: Celtic service — no reader needed
Sound System: Fred
Altar Guild: Laura
Hospitality: Dean & Kate McCall

June 19 ~ 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers: Team 2: Tad Matheson, Capt.
Worship Asst: TBA
Sound System: Don
Altar Guild: Julia & Robin
Hospitality: Robin Rickman

June 12 ~ 1st Sunday after Pentecost (Holy Trinity)

Ushers: Team 1: Ted Nelson, Capt.
Worship Asst: TBA
Sound System: Colleen
Altar Guild: Elaine & Nancy
Hospitality: Craig Peterson

June 26 ~ 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers: Team 3: Tanya Pero, Capt.
Worship Asst: TBA
Sound System: Jamie
Altar Guild: Brenda & Tanya
Hospitality: Mary Houk



NEXT CELTIC SERVICE

June 5th — 9:30 a.m.

Scenes from the
Ukraine Bingo Benefit

Close to \$3700 raised!!!





June

Pilgrim Lutheran Church 2022

July



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			June 1	2	3	4 Swanson/Lennon Wedding
5 9:30 Celtic Service Usher 4 4:00 NA	6	7 6:30 Council (cancelled)	8	9	10	11
12 9:30 Worship Usher 1 4:00 NA	13	14	15	16	17	18 Spring Cleaning Up 9:00—noon
Cross of Hope Lutheran Church Group in Fellowship Hall						
19 9:30 Worship Usher 2 4:00 NA	20 <i>Progress Articles Due</i>	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:30 Worship Usher 3 3:00 Baby Shower 4:00 NA	27	28	29	30		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					July 1	2
3 9:30 Worship Usher 4 4:00 NA		5 6:30 Council	6	7	8	9
10 9:30 Worship Usher 1 4:00 NA	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 9:30 Worship Usher 2 4:00 NA	18 <i>Progress Articles Due</i>	19	20	21	22	23
						Trinity Church
24 9:30 Worship Usher 3 4:00 NA	25	26	27	28	29	30
Trinity Church Group in Fellowship Hall						
31 9:30 Worship Usher 4 4:00 NA	August 1	2 6:30 Council	3	4	5	6