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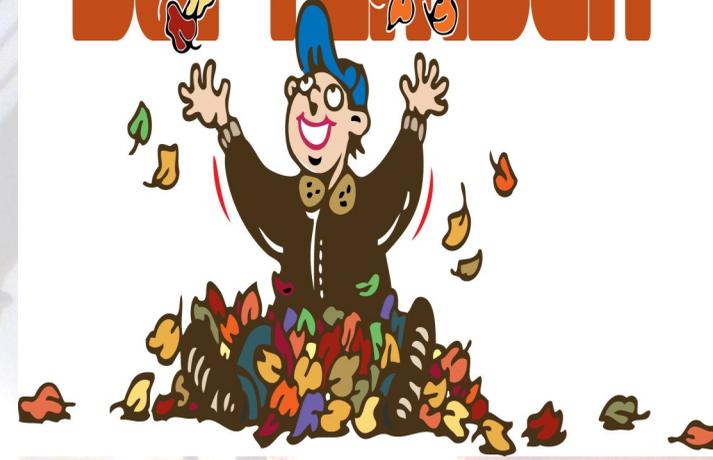
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Pilgrim's Progress

SEPTEMBER

2022



THIS MONTH AT PILGRIM

September 13: Church Council

September 17 —PEO making meals for
Ronald McDonald house

September 19: Articles due for
October Progress

Choir every Tuesday at 5:30



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.



Reflections on My First Year

One year ago I came on board at Pilgrim as your Interim Pastor. The year was a whirlwind of getting my feet on the ground, learning some names, learning faces once the masks came off, and doing ministry and music with the great team of people that God has given Pilgrim. All the while, worrying about who was coming, who wasn't coming, people getting sick, people not being careful enough to not get sick. Ministry in a pandemic is not a picnic. In some ways I thought of Moses leading people through the wilderness to the promised land. Some grumbled, some got left behind, but God kept us moving forward.

Who knew Covid would still be with us as we start another season? Yes, it isn't as life threatening, but there are still 50 to 100 people dying a day. And it doesn't seem to be only those who haven't been vaccinated who can get it, and get it and get it again. We are advised to wear masks inside, but it seems most of us are so tired of masks we'd rather risk Covid than put them back on. I get it. But I don't want any of you sick or dying! Let me encourage you to safe distance in the pews and also move toward the front. When you sit too far back our virtual worship shows what looks like an empty church! Please help us with that!

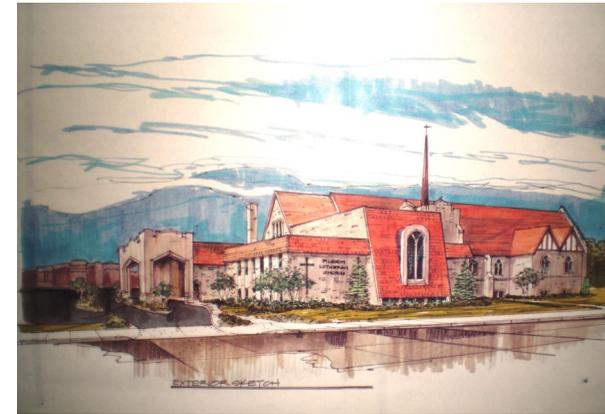
Why does it matter? If you are happy worshipping on line at home (we average about 100 people a Sunday doing that) why does it matter? For one thing, as we step in to the very early stages of a call process, our numbers in worship and our numbers in offering determine what you can afford, and what the synod will allow in the search for a new pastor. When Will started at Pilgrim he was full time. When some people felt anxious about money he volunteered to go to ¾ time. I came on board at half time, with the understanding that the 'Sams' would cover the other half time. Andrea has a new baby. Jenny is unusually busy at her law firm, and Matt has now graduated from seminary. The times they are a changing. We will now need more volunteers to help with ministry. That means we need you! Please consider helping as you are able.

The Call process will be long, longer than most of us would expect. At this time there are no available interims, and no available candidates. All around the church there is pressure on those of us who can still, walk, preach, and stay awake at the altar! Congregations are anxious, tempers flare, little issues become a prairie fire. The promised, hoped for, return to "normal" has been delayed and some of us are more patient than others. Lots of pastors have left their congregations. Lots of us yearn for retirement.

Let me encourage you to keep your eyes on Jesus and keep first things first. Whatever is noble, pure and hopeful, focus on these things. Don't let your fears move in and do damage to your waking and sleeping or to your church! As Jesus asked the disciples who became afraid in the storm: "Why do you fear?" God is with us. Grab a paddle and help us row out of this storm!

PASTORAL ACTS AUGUST 2022

Baptisms: 1
Marriages: None
Funerals: 3



Monthly Pilgrim Progress
Submissions for the October issue of the Progress should be in the church office by **Monday, September 19.**

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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 'Pilgrim Superior' in the search box. When Pilgrim's FB comes up, 'LIKE' it. You can then see regular PLC news, updates and photos.

Education:

The box containing the free food and clothing supplies that used to be under the port cochère will be repurposed into a little free library. The location may be on the alley side of the building.

Mary noted that it is important to communicate with Judy regarding any information she needs to know. We cannot assume she already knows something that is “tribal knowledge.”

The check has arrived from the MS bike ride, and we will donate the money to Lutheran World Relief for Ukraine.

Bluegrass Sunday Worship – Pilgrim will contribute fruit and water, and Concordia will contribute coffee and baked goods. There will be a free-will offering for the band to cover traveling expenses. The service will start at 9:00. Bring your own chair. Tad and Matt Dietsche will be helping with setup.

New Business:

The bulletins for Pilgrim and Westminster will be separated instead of being one. We have gone back to individual kits for communion. The issue with the rainbow symbol on the bulletins has been addressed. Going forward, the organist will open the church on Sundays when she arrives, and Dale will close up for the next few months. Then Pastor Carolyn will close. The storage closet in the basement across from the bathrooms will be designated as a Pilgrim-only storage space so that we have room for all of our supplies previously stored in the kitchen. Dale will be reimbursed for his mileage incurred when he was working on the furnace. This will be at a rate of \$7.00 per day, paid monthly.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38, and we closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

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.

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

In His Service, Pastor Carolyn



Blue Grass Service: If You Missed It!

What a fun morning we had! Even though it started with mist and looked like rain, it held off. Between the churches we had 98 people there. Our freewill offering sent the Jesse Paul family band on the road with nearly \$6,000. And my goodness did we have food! Pastor Michelle and I did a little square dancing and there was a lot of toe -tapping going on! I’ve heard so many people say “Let’s make that an annual event!!” It was good to see some of our neighbor Lutherans and their pastors. As a girl from the South, it was fun to hear a deep Southern drawl again...for just a little while! Don’t miss it next year!

Member News:

Linda Olson is moving out of the Twin Ports this month. She will be missed! Bon Voyage and Happy Retirement Linda!! May God go with you and bless you!

Baby Rubesch was baptized on Park Point this month by the Pastors Mowchan. It was a lovely service! Blessings to the newest member of our community!

Dan Breneman, one of our new members from Bethel, is coming on board as an appointed delegate to the council to help us begin the call process. Thanks so much Dan!

David Trygestad rejoins us once a month (the 2nd Sunday of the month) as a special treat for organ lovers! Welcome back David! We will be singing Setting Three of the Liturgy.

Back to School Peanut Butter!

Join us for a peanut butter drive for CHUM. They put the word out that they are very short of food for families, especially peanut butter which is often a staple for school lunches. Let’s fill some tubs of Peanut Butter jars! Help us help hungry kids! The tubs will be in the narthex very soon.



This Month’s Stewardship at a glance:

July 2022

July income \$9,940.46 July Expense \$10,601.28 July shortfall: \$660.82

Worship Attendance in July: Average: 47 (90, 34, 28, 38)

FALL AT PILGRIM: NEW SEASON, NEW SERVICES



Watch for a New Worship Schedule Beginning in October.

We are adding a second, unique monthly service. Realizing that churches who offer only traditional church music and church services simply do not reach young adults, we will be adding a contemporary Christian service on the third Sunday of each month. OH NO! Another change! I was so pleased that the council unanimously supported this. There won't be drums and rock and roll music. But it will be a little more joyful, a little more noisy, and a little more informal than a liturgical service. To balance the worship menu at Pilgrim, we are adding Hamburgers, and not just Steak! However, we are also adding a more liturgical service than you've done for the past two years.

Our worship schedule will be:

First Sunday: Celtic Service

Second Sunday: Traditional Organ Service

Third Sunday: Contemporary Service

Fourth (and Fifth) Sunday: Traditional service

We will watch the numbers and see how this effort is received. Please feel free to give us feed back!

Lorelei will be doing the directing of these groups, Pastor Carolyn will be choosing the music and arranging the services. If you have some favorite contemporary style songs you love, please let Pastor Carolyn know! The music we are using is mostly from Lutheran contemporary hymnal supplements and passes the "theology" test for Lutherans!

Please keep our shut ins in your prayers.

If you know someone who should be added to this list please let us know. If you would like to join the team that gives homebound communion please talk to Pastor Carolyn.

Doug Finn, Nancy Christenson, Nancy Nelson, Bonnie Pauna, Betty Porter, Phyllis Severson, Ron Miller

In recent months Linda Conkwright, Helen Christianson, Muriel Stewart and Diane Duthey have passed on.



Pilgrim Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

August 2, 2022 Council Minutes

Call to Order and Opening Prayer: Meeting called to order at 6:31 by President Mary Johnson-Garay. Pastor Carolyn lead in opening prayer.

Those in attendance: Mary Johnson-Garay, Carolyn Mowchan, Jamie Peterson, Courtney Ditsche, Dale Johnson, Tad Matheson, Don Miller.

Excused: Colleen Elonen, Paul Goesling, Tyler Austreng

Pastor Carolyn talked about the call process. She said it will take longer than usual because there are no available interim pastors.

She would like to start having a contemporary service once a month in addition to the once-monthly Celtic service. We would then have two traditional services, one contemporary, and one Celtic service per month.

Mary made a motion that we have a once-monthly contemporary service for one year. We would invest up to \$5,000 to pay the musicians. Tad seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Pastor Carolyn would like to have Dan Breneman added to the council. Tad made a motion that we appoint Dan as a delegate. Mary seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Approve Minutes: Don made a motion to approve the May council meeting minutes. Tad seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report: See III above.

Old Business:

Finance:

June giving was above average.
Don met with Dean McCall to discuss the different types of funds available.
Don will meet with Thrivent soon to discuss investment opportunities.
Dale made a motion to accept the Financial report, and Tad seconded it.
The motion passed.

Property:

The furnace replacement is three days ahead of schedule. Information on how to donate to the boiler fund will be provided to the congregation. Dale calculated that he funds could be raised if each giving unit contributed \$6 per week.
Tad and the custodian have discussed duties to provide clarification of expectations. Since Shane from Superior Small Batch is unavailable through most of the month, someone from Council will meet with him at the end of August to discuss his lease.

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.



Pilgrim Choir



Do you like to have fun?....
and enjoy choral singing to the glory of God?....

...then why not join your
Pilgrim choir!!!



Rehearsals:
Tuesdays
5:30—6:30 p.m.
beginning
September 6

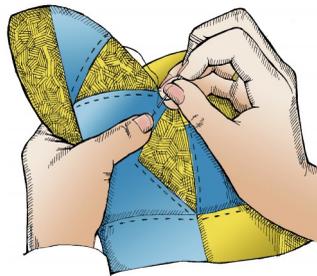
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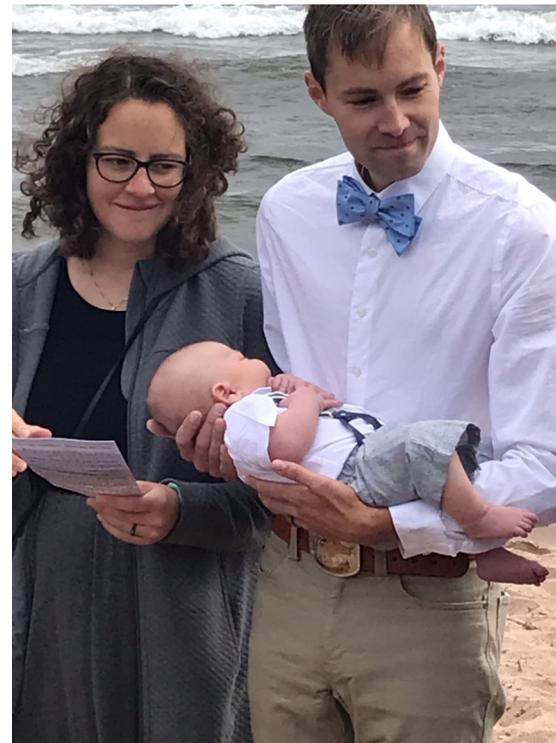
IT'S TIME TO RESTART THE QUARTERLY QUILTERS (BLANKET BUNCH?)!

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.

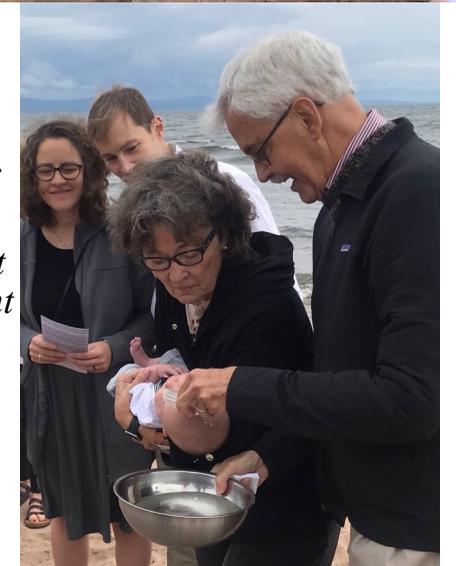
We are looking at dates for next month—so if want to join us let us know.



QUILTING GROUP



*Baptism of
Oskar John
Rubesch out
at Park Point
on August
7th, 2022.*





Check out one of our boilers.

Our building is going to be a mess for the next couple of months or longer.

Please be mindful of the construction going on. There will be things laying around. Things will be messy and dirty.

There is an envelope located in the newsletter for a special donation towards our boiler fund. Thank you in advance for any help you can

give us towards this project.

Any

amount makes a difference.



Property Committee Update

- The last week of July & 3 weeks of August have been very busy.
- The old boiler & related items were disassembled and removed from the boiler room.
- Concrete was poured to fill the pits and construct a base for new boilers.
- Boilers were set & piping began. Along with modifications to about 60 radiators, necessary because of change from steam to hot water.
- If everything goes as planned, we should have boilers on line by September 23.
- We have recorded about \$4,000 in meeting our goal of \$12,500 by December.

Thank you to all who have donated.

Church Statistics

August 2022

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

Total In-House Sunday Attendance:	95
Average In-House Sunday Attendance:	24
Total Online Sunday Attendance:	172
Average Online Sunday Attendance:	43
Total Combined Attendance:	267
Total Average Attendance:	89

Attendance count does not include August 14th which was at Billings Park. Also August 28 live stream is not included.

Envelope Offering (General Fund) \$ 5,935.00 <i>(July 31—August 21)</i>	
Loose Offering (non-envelope): \$ 150.00 <i>(July 31—August 21)</i>	
Electronic Offering (General Fund): \$ 2,853.62 <i>(July 24-August 21)</i>	
Total General Giving:	\$ 8,938.62

Parents ~

If you have children or confirmation age youth we are ready and able to offer educational programming for you.

Talk to Pastor Carolyn.



Scripture Readings September 2022 Lectionary C

September 4: 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

September 11: 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:1-10
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

September 11: 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:4-7
Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

September 25: 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 6:1, 4-7
Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

AUGUST 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!!

September 4 ~ 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers: Team 1: Ted Nelson, Capt.
Worship Asst: TBA
Sound System: Don
Altar Guild: Brenda & Tanya
Hospitality: Colleen Elonen

September 11~ 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers: Team 2: Tad Matheson, Capt.
Worship Asst: TBA
Sound System: Don
Altar Guild: Rachel
Hospitality: Anita Maki

September 18 ~ 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers: Team 3: Dale Johnson, Capt.
Worship Asst: TBA
Sound System: Jamie
Altar Guild: Laura
Hospitality: Christine Busche

September 25 ~ 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers: Team 4: Tyler Austreng, Capt.
Worship Asst: TBA
Sound System: Tyler
Altar Guild: Elaine & Nancy
Hospitality: Joy Higgins





NEXT CELTIC SERVICE


October 2nd at 9:30 a.m.

From the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Mission Endowment Committee

Strengthening Ministry - Today, Tomorrow, Together

Matthew 13:32 : “It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

This passage beautifully illustrates an image of something so small growing into a vibrant network and support system. This, in many ways is symbolic of your Synod Endowment Fund. Since its planting in 2001, the Fund has continued to sprout new branches and has supported dozens of ministries by:

- Encouraging whole life stewardship
- Strengthening and resourcing the ministry of the synod and
- Enhancing the ministry of the synod in addition to, and apart from, its yearly operating budget, with emphasis on, but not limited to:
 - Strengthening congregational vitality
 - Developing ministry for the next generation and
 - Equipping and supporting new leaders through seminary debt assistance, training, and lay leader development

Since inception, the fund has grown to almost a half million dollars and has gifted over two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. In the last five years, the Endowment Fund has made gifts to ministries totaling over \$200,000 with \$81,000 of that total given toward Seminary debt assistance.

This year alone, the Endowment Fund gifted over \$47,000 to various congregations and ministries with almost \$20,000 of that total going to Seminary debt assistance. As you can see, the Endowment Fund has been actively supporting ministries throughout the church by not only speaking of God’s Love but putting that Love into action.

At this year’s April Synod Assembly, the Endowment Fund launched a two-year campaign to raise awareness of the Endowment Fund and to grow the Fund so that the work of the church and its ministries can continue to be supported and enriched. The theme for this campaign is: **“Strengthening Ministry – Today, Tomorrow, Together”** with an emphasis on:

- equipping and supporting leaders (seminary debt assistance and training lay leaders)
- strengthening congregational vitality
- developing ministry for the next generation

The goal over the next two years is to increase the endowment fund by \$125,000 and to generate future commitments of an additional \$150,000. The Endowment Fund is committed today and into the future to assist and support churches, ministries, and seminarians with their ministry journeys. **Therefore, the Endowment Fund is asking for your partnership through a gift to help ministries of the church in their journey.** Gifts may be cash or an optional future financial commitment. Whether you have much to give or a small amount to share, leaving a gift through the **Today, Tomorrow, Together** campaign will have long lasting impact. Together we are responding to the story of God’s generosity in the world.

The Endowment Fund is only able to do all this great work because of people just like you who chose to make a gift to the Synod Endowment Fund. Because of your generosity, incredible stories are unfolding, and lives are being touched. It is truly God’s Work, Our Hands.

For more information or to make a gift, please contact the Synod Office or visit the Synod Website at: <http://nwswi.org/giving>

The image in Matthew 13:32 gives us a promise of new growth, strength, and support. We know that the church in ten years will look far different than it does today. We know that we need to do more to support those changes within ministries and prepare church leaders for the future. Because of your generosity, the smallest of seeds can become the strongest of trees. Thank you for your continued support of the Northwest Synod Mission Endowment Fund.



September

Pilgrim Lutheran Church 2022

October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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* <u>Celtic/Contemporary = c/c</u>				5:30-6:15 Viola lessons * 6:30 c/c choir	3:30-5:30 Violin lessons	
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