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THIS MONTH AT PILGRIM

Worship Schedule in March

March 5 – Worship at 9:30 a.m.
March 12 – Worship at 9:30 a.m.
March 19 – Worship at 9:30 a.m.
March 26 – Worship at 9:30 a.m.



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*** Special Note – The company has been called again (2/15). They are still in line at the printer. It could still be a couple of weeks. We will keep you posted. Thank you for your patience.



Monthly Pilgrim Progress

To make things easy we are going to have the Progress deadline be the 15th of each month. If there is a problem contact Judy and talk to her.

Church Office Hours

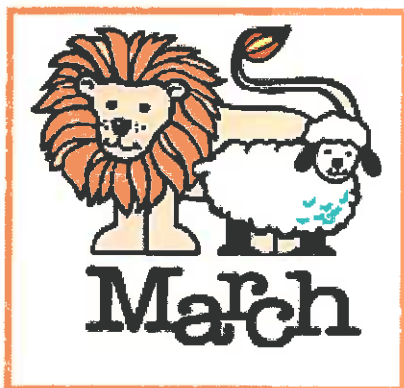
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PLC ONLINE ~ Check out Pilgrim's website at www.plcsuperior.org for weekly bulletins, the monthly calendar and newsletter, pictures, and much, much more.



STAFF

- Pastors Rev. Carolyn Mowchan
Rev. Joel Huenemann
- Office Manager Judy Hagen
- Custodian Mark Pero
- Organist/Pianist Lorelei Holland
Dr. David Tryggstad
- Choir Director Curt Hanson
- Education Coordinator Rebecca Waterhouse

**SYNODICALLY
AUTHORIZED MINISTERS**

- Jenny Dudderar
- Andrea Rubesch

OFFICERS

- Council President . . . Mary Johnson-Garay
- Council Vice-President . . . Dan Breneman
- 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.



LENT AT PILGRIM: A TIME TO PAUSE

From Pastor Carolyn,



Traditionally Lent is a time to take stock, to examine our hearts and lives and wonder how God's Spirit is encouraging, calling or correcting us. The Gospel lesson for the first Sunday in Lent is the story of Jesus in the wilderness being tempted by the devil. Power, wealth, food, proof of God's love can all become unhealthy distractions. Jesus was tempted by each of these but kept his focus on the main thing. What is the main thing? Preparing to be God's servant in the world. Clearing our hearts and minds of anything that might have become an idol.

Pilgrim is also at a time of reflecting, but not just because it's Lent. It may take longer than the forty days set aside before Easter to make way for new life here. What kind of church do we want to be? What inspires us to spend more time with God? What inspires us to invite others to worship with us? What do we do for God that's visible in the world and becomes "our witness"? That's part of the work of preparing for a new pastor. To look realistically at our selves as a congregation is not easy. Who is involved in the life of the congregation? Who is stepping up to help when needed? Who sees the positive, and not just the fear of change? What is the vision that propels us forward? All of these questions need to be answered, but we can't do it without you. How do we still our hearts and minds enough to think deeply about where God is calling Pilgrim?

Let me invite you to participate in some ancient faith practices during Lent. It has always been a time for remembering the poor. There will be an opportunity for "Almsgiving"...spiritual offerings for those in need. Look for a little donation box and a little donation jar in the narthex. At the end of Lent we will decide where the best place to make a contribution might be. Look for the food box in the narthex to give donations to the food shelf. That's another way to remember the poor. But also heed the call to turn aside...like Moses...to pay attention to what God is doing with us, or with you in this season. There may not be a burning bush, but there are opportunities to reflect together. Remember that Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name I will be among them." Gather with us as we think about the state of Christianity. Come either at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays or 7:00 p.m. on zoom to discuss: [Hunting Magic Eels](#), by Richard Beck. (Download it on Kindle!)

I have included a "teaser" about the book in this newsletter! We will have four sessions, reading one part of the book for discussion at each session. Pastor Joel and I will be cohosting! The book points toward ways of thinking positively about the future of the church.

Pause. Consider your church practices and habits and your living faith. That's what the season of Lent is for. May God bless our pauses.

In His Service,

Pastor Carolyn



**A SNEAK PEAK TO WHET YOUR APPETITE:
from HUNTING MAGIC EELS by Richard Beck 2021**

“Five hundred years ago, life was enchanted.” (Read enchanted to mean charged with the presence of the holy.) A World stuffed with supernatural wonders seems to be a thing of the past. Our world is secular, skeptical and scientific.”

“With the Protestant Reformation and the beginning of the Enlightenment, the world-in the West, at least-has grown increasingly disenchanted.” “Our public sphere is increasingly described as secular and “post-Christian”.

“This rising tide of disenchantment has profoundly affected our religious imaginations. We’ve lost our capacity for enchantment, our ability to see and experience God as a living, vital presence in our lives.”
“God is everywhere, but we don’t see it. This pervasive disenchantment, which affects nonbelievers as much as Christians, poses the single greatest threat to faith and the church in our post-Christian world. How we lost our ability to see God, why we need to recover it, and how we can do that is what I want to share with you.”
“We think religion is a matter of belief. (but) Faith is a matter of perception. Faith isn’t forcing yourself to believe in unbelievable things, faith is overcoming attentional blindness; about the intentional recovery of a holy capacity to see and experience God in the world.”

“Attention is the only faculty of the soul that gives access to God. Disenchantment isn’t about belief. Disenchantment is a failure to attend.” The result is that faith is diminished to the point of Christianity just means being a “good person”. When faith is reduced to moral or political performance, life with God is stripped of its strange, startling, sacred magic. Faith becomes being a good neighbor and voting well.”
(But) “morality and politics do not heal the deep pain we’re experiencing in the modern world.”
“My students are very good people. They are kind, tolerant, environmentally conscientious, and justice-minded. But they are also very unhappy, anxious, and lonely. Something in this skeptical age is hurting them. And not just them. We’re all feeling lost and unwell.” “Morality and politics don’t heal the ACHE. An enchanted faith is, in contrast, a wonder-and-joy-filled adventure with God, opening the wardrobe door and finding yourself in Narnia.”

“The mystics didn’t believe in God; they encountered God.”

“Belief without experience is an empty bucket, making it a very useless, discardable thing.

By religious enchantment, I mean an encounter with sacred transcendence, God existing outside, above, and beyond the cosmos. By spiritual enchantment, I mean an immanent encounter with the sacred, the divine located within creation itself.”

“All you need to do is bring a little willingness to see.” (From the introduction to the book.)

Book Discussion Schedule: You must sign up in the office to receive the zoom link from us!

March 1st read to page 62.

March 8th: Discuss Part Two

March 15: Discuss Part Three

March 22: Discuss Part Four (one extra week if we need a “snow day”!!
Come even if you haven’t finished the reading! We are a grace filled group!

Call Committee News!!

Any news regarding the call committee will appear in this blue box. Watch future newsletters to see what's going on or what you need to reply to.

Dear Pilgrim Lutheran Church members,

Hope everyone is getting Spring Fever with the recent warm temperatures! March is here and that hopefully brings more spring like weather! March is also the month for the CAT Survey tool to be completed. Everyone should have received a letter via mail or email in the last couple of weeks explaining what the CAT is.

The link to the survey will be emailed out once we have the information. Or other accommodations to fill in the survey can be made. Please participate in the survey and have it completed by 3/19/23. If you have any questions, please reach out to the office or any of the Call Committee members.

Thank you!



Stamps, Stamps and more Stamps!

Save your stamps that come on the letters you get in the mail. Bring them into the office. We have someone that is collecting them and they turn them into help out with people that have Alzheimer's. What a wonderful and easy thing to do.

People Are Needed!

We are in need of people to sign up for the Altar Guild.
There is a sign up sheet on the Kiosk in the Narthex.
Or you can call the office and Judy can put your info there for you.
There isn't a big time commitment to this job.
Laura will explain what will be expected of you.
Please consider signing up for this.
Thank You!



Progress Deadline change

To make things more simple. **The deadline for the Progress will be the 15th of each month.** So it will always be the same. So when you want stuff in the next months Progress, get it in the office by the 15th of the previous month. Either email or stop by the office. Thanks!

MARCH SERVERS

Below is the list of those who are signed up to help with our worship service. If you are signed up and cannot make it. Please find someone to fill in for you and also let the office know. Thank you to all of you for helping with our worship here at Pilgrim.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!

March 5 ~Second Sunday in Lent

Ushers: Team 3: Dale Johnson, Capt
Worship Asst: none, Celtic Service
Sound System: ~~Fred~~ Colleen or Tyler
Altar Guild: Elaine & Nancy
Hospitality: Laura Swanson

March 12~Third Sunday in Lent

Ushers: Team 4: Tyler Austreng, Capt.
Worship Asst: Jan Cummings
Sound System: Colleen
Altar Guild: Julia & Robin
Hospitality: Anita Maki

March 19 ~Fourth Sunday in Lent

Ushers: Team 1: Ted Nelson, Capt.
Worship Asst: Evie Warring
Sound System: Don
Altar Guild: ~~Bruna~~ & Laura + Sandy B
Hospitality: Christine Busche

March 26 ~Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ushers: Team 2: Tad Matheson, Capt.
Worship Asst: Anna Hansen
Sound System: Jamie
Altar Guild: Rachel
Hospitality: Joy Higgins



Church Statistics

January 29 – February 19, 2023

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

Total In-House Sunday Attendance:	171
Average In-House Sunday Attendance:	43
Total Online Sunday Attendance:	394
Average Online Sunday Attendance:	99
Total Combined Attendance:	565
Total Average Attendance:	141

January 29 – February 12, 2023

Envelope Offering (General Fund)	\$ 4,719.00
Loose Offering (non-envelope):	\$ 220.00
Electronic Offering (General Fund):	\$ 1,898.60
Total General Giving:	\$ 6,837.60

Scripture Readings March 2023 Lectionary A

March 5: Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4
 Psalm 121
 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
 John 3:1-17

March 12: Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7
 Psalm 95
 Romans 5:1-11
 John 4:5-42

March 19: Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13
 Psalm 23
 Ephesians 5:8-14
 John 9:1-41

March 26: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14
 Psalm 130
 Romans 8:6-11
 John 11:1-45

Music, Music, Music! Pilgrim Needs You!

It's not unusual, but Pilgrim's choir is fighting for life.

With illness and small numbers anyway, surgeries and etc. we need some immediate life support if we are going to have music for Easter. Please consider joining just for the season! I'm sure Curt will be happy to work around your conflicts if you have an interest! I am doing a dangerous thing by speaking FOR him...but as your current pastor, who loves music....I'm putting the ask out there! Covid threats have dwindled to the point of making most of us safe. Please consider an Easter choir!
Thanks! Thanks! Pastor Carolyn



Lent Around Superior:

Check out the offerings if ours don't fit with your lives. Concordia has a bus and will pick you up if you need a ride! The phone number is: 715-394-3762. See the full list of opportunities listed below!

Lenten Offerings in Superior at ELCA Churches

Pilgrim: Ash Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Book Discussion on Wednesday's at 10:00 a.m. at Pilgrim or 7:00 p.m. on zoom.

Our Savior's, 1424 Wyoming Ave.:
Ash Wednesday and every Wednesday in Lent at 6:30 p.m.

Concordia, 1708 John Ave.: Ash Wednesday and every Wednesday in Lent service at noon.

Bethel, 5821 John Ave.: Spaghetti Dinner Mardi Gras, Tuesday (2-21) from 4:00-6:00 p.m.; Soup (5:00p.m.) and service (5:30 p.m.)

Zion, 2022 E. 2nd Street: Has dinner (5:45)/service (6:30) combos on Ash Wednesday and every Wednesday in Lent.

Coins for the Community

Drop your change in the jar. When the jar is full we'll vote where to donate, and fill it again! Look up "Almsgiving" in the Bible!



PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

Pilgrim Lutheran Church Annual Meeting

January 29, 2023

Called to order at 10:36.

Opening prayer by Pastor Carolyn.

Roll Call: Curt Hanson, Dale Johnson, Ted Nelson, Greg Elonen, Elaine Arnovich, Tyler Austreng, Lucy Johnson, Richard Paton, Dean McCall, Betty Paton, Tad Matheson, Mary Matheson, Rachel Austreng, Roger Breitzmann, Sandy Breitzmann, Julia Blaisdell, Gary Blaisdell, Betty Henry, Robert E. Patterson, Criag Peterson, Abigail E. Seyoum, Courtney Dietsche, Ken Kochsiah, Julia Kochsiah, Anna Hansen, Greg Peterson, Jamie Peterson, Laura Swanson, Rebecca Waterhouse, Richard Garay, Robin Rickman, Sue Connolly, Theresa Lull, Dan Breneman, Gloriann Barton, Mary K. J. Garay, Colleen Elonen

Approval of January 31, 2022 minutes. Colleen Elonen made a motion to approve, Tyler Austreng seconded. The motion passed.

Financial Report: Colleen Elonen explained some aspects of the report, including the money that was transferred from the endowment funds to meet budgetary needs in 2022. For the 2023 budget, the council will create committees for specific areas, and those groups will have their own budgets. We anticipate having to transfer money once again in 2023 to meet the budget. We are planning at some point to begin using in-house live stream service to save money. Some of the money in various accounts will be transferred to high-yield funds to generate more income. Craig Peterson made a motion to accept the financial report, Richard Garay seconded. The motion passed.

The new council member, Dan Breneman, was announced and approved.



New Business: Two people are needed to attend the upcoming Zoom synod assembly. Pastor Carolyn will be one person, and Colleen Elonen volunteered to be the second person.

Closing prayer by Pastor Carolyn.


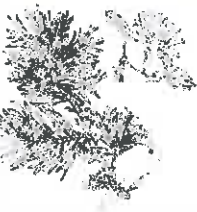

Motion to adjourn made by Craig Peterson, Sue Connolly seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 10:57.

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00 at Pilgrim Book Club 7:00 p.m. on Zoom Book Discussion	2 6:30 c/c choir	3	4
5 9:30 Worship Usher 3 4:00 NA	6	7 5:30 Choir	8 10:00 at Pilgrim Book Club 7:00 p.m. on Zoom Book Discussion	9 6:30 c/c choir	10	11
12 9:30 Worship Usher 4 1:30 NA committee 4:00 NA meeting	13	14 5:30 Choir 6:30 Council	15 Progress Articles Due 10:00 at Pilgrim Book Club 7:00 p.m. on Zoom Book Discussion	16 6:30 c/c choir	17	18
19 9:30 Worship Usher 1 4:00 NA	20 	21 5:30 Choir	22 10:00 at Pilgrim Book Club 7:00 p.m. on Zoom Book Discussion	23 6:30 c/c choir	24 	25
26 9:30 Worship Usher 2 4:00 NA	27	28 5:30 Choir 6:30 Council meeting	29 10:00 at Pilgrim Book Club 7:00 p.m. on Zoom Book Discussion (snow day if one is needed)	30 6:30 c/c choir	31	

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 Worship Usher 3 Palm Sunday 4:00 NA	3 	4 5:30 Choir	5	6 6:30 c/c choir Maundy Thursday	7 Good Friday	8
9 9:30 Worship Usher 4 Easter Sunday	10	11 5:30 Choir	12	13 6:30 c/c choir	14	15 Progress Articles Due
16 9:30 Worship Usher 1 4:00 NA	17	18 5:30 Choir	19 	20 6:30 c/c choir	21	22
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