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THIS MONTH AT PILGRIM

Worship Schedule in August

August 6 – Worship at 9:30 a.m. *(Praise and Worship)*

August 13 – Worship at 10:00 a.m. **at**
Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Billings Park
~ Picnic will follow.

August 20 – Worship at 9:30 a.m. *(Traditional)*

August 27 – Worship at 9:30 a.m. *(Jenny presiding)*



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

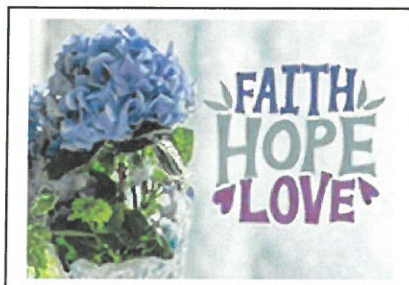
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PLC ONLINE ~ Check out Pilgrim's website at www.plcsuperior.org for the monthly calendar and newsletter, pictures, and much, much more.



STAFF

Bridge Pastor Rev. Joel Huenemann
 Office Manager Judy Hagen
 Custodian Mark Pero
 Music Director Lorelei Holland
 Organist 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

Colleen Goesling
 Scott Swanson Bob Patterson

MISSIONARIES TO TANZANIA

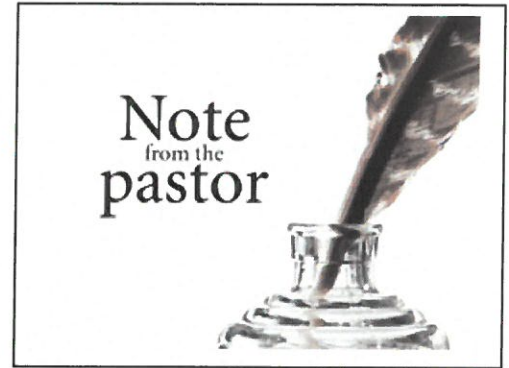
Dr. Steven & Bethany Friberg

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.



Bridge Pastor's Page

Pilgrim Progress August 2023



The theme for my time with you seems to be change, some of my doing, some of the church council's doing.

For example, I presided over Communion while facing the altar, something I had not done for 40 years. And you came forward to the altar and knelt to receive the elements, something the Council tells me was a tradition at Pilgrim.

And I have introduced the Prayers of the People, where I come into the congregation, ask for prayer requests, and offer prayers right then; rather than the more traditional Prayers of Intercession.

On August 13, all the ELCA churches in Superior are worshiping together outdoors at 10:00 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Billings Park, something you began last summer.

What had been a Celtic worship service on the first Sunday of each month, and then became a contemporary Celtic worship service, is now under the direction of Lorelei Holland. In consultation with the Church Council, its new name is Praise and Worship Service. It will still be the first Sunday each month, but the style of music, with the new members of the Worship Team, will be more eclectic. I think you will enjoy it.

I suspect the changes will lessen as I become more a part of your family of faith. But I hope you enjoy the changes. I also hope you will let me know (or a Council member) if you do not enjoy them. As we continue to rebound from the pandemic, as we continue to seek to reinvigorate our worship and to attract new people, and as we prepare to welcome a new installed pastor, it is good to follow the lead of the Spirit as it moves in our midst, leading us to a new day.

Shalom, Joel



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.

Hi Pilgrim Congregation,

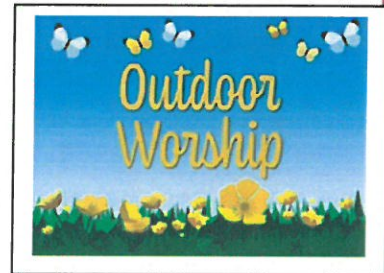
No update at the moment from the Call Committee. Everything has been submitted to the Synod and now we are in the waiting game, this could take time so please be patient. We will keep you posted if we hear anything, enjoy the end of your summer. Thank you!

Call Committee Chair
Tyler Austreng

Outdoor Worship on August 13

There will be an all ELCA outdoor worship service on Sunday, August 13 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Billings Park, followed by a picnic lunch. In case of rain it will move inside the church.

The service will be led by a praise band from Eau Claire. (There will be no worship at Pilgrim that day.)



Community Events



Below is an event happening in the community that might be of interest to you.

Strikepoint, a Bell Choir of First United Methodist Church, Duluth will be in concert on Monday, August 7, 2023 at 7:00 at The Coppertop Church in Duluth.



UW-Superior Connection

Jacketfest will be held on September 21, 2023 on the campus of UW-Superior at 11:00 am. This event gives new students an opportunity to find out information about campus groups, community groups, volunteer opportunities and paid employment. Pilgrim plans to have a presence, and to give free plants to students to welcome them to Superior, and to invite them to worship with us.

You can help with this project by donating the plants we will give away. Perhaps it is time to share some of your plants, because you have more than you need, or just because you like to share. Perhaps you have a green thumb, and would like to propagate some new plants, so need to start that process now. Perhaps you have some outdoor plants that will not survive the winter, and might do better in a dorm room. Please begin thinking about how you might contribute to this effort. Thanks.

AUGUST 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!!

August 6– Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers: Team 4: Tyler Austreng, Capt.
Worship Asst: none – Celtic/Contemporary service
Sound System: Don
Altar Guild: Rachel
Hospitality: Richard Erickson

August 13 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

** We will not have service here at Pilgrim this day.*

It will be at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Billings Park.

August 20 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers: Team 2: Tad Matheson, Capt.
Worship Asst: ??? anyone
Sound System: Tyler
Altar Guild: Elaine & Nancy
Hospitality: Laura Swanson

August 27 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers: Team 3:
Worship Asst: ??? anyone
Sound System: Colleen
Altar Guild: Julia & Robin
Hospitality: ~~Lucy Johnson~~
Laura Swanson



Church Statistics

June 2023

Total In-House Sunday Attendance:	175
Average In-House Sunday Attendance:	44
Total Online Sunday Attendance:	na
Average Online Sunday Attendance:	na
Total Combined Attendance:	175
Total Average Attendance:	44
Envelope Offering (General Fund)	\$ 5,656.00
Loose Offering (non-envelope):	\$ 335.03
Electronic Offering (General Fund):	\$ 2,204.91
Total General Giving:	\$ 8,195.94

Scripture Readings August 2023 Lectionary A

August 6– Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5
 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
 Romans 9:1-5
 Matthew 14:13-21

August 13 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9-18
 Psalm 85:8-13
 Romans 10:5-15
 Matthew 14:22-33

August 20 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
 Psalm 67
 Romans 11:1-2, 29-32
 Matthew 15:10-28

August 27 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6
 Psalm 138
 Romans 12:1-8
 Matthew 16:13-20

PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

Pilgrim Lutheran Church June 27, 2023 Council Minutes

I **I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer:** Meeting called to order at 6:39 by President Mary Johnson-Garay.

I **II. Those in attendance:** Mary Johnson-Garay, Colleen Elonen, Courtney Dietsche, Don Miller, Dan Breneman, Ted Nelson. Excused: Joel Huenemann, Jamie Peterson, Tad Matheson. Guests: Lorelei Holland.

I **III. Approve Minutes:** Dan made a motion to approve the May 16 council meeting minutes. Ted seconded. Motion passed.

I **IV. Pastor's Report:**

II • Joel suggested having a picnic on the third Sunday in September (the 24th) to coincide with UW-Superior's Jacketfest celebration. This would be a way to welcome students to Pilgrim. It was also suggested we could have a plant giveaway at the same time. Joel would like to start a regular dinner event for the 20s and 30s age group.

I **V. Music/Ministry:**

II • Lorelei offered her thoughts on music for the summer. Curt has already chosen the hymns for the non-Celtic services, so she will play those songs and continue to select the music for the Praise and Worship services. In August, the council will meet with the choir director and the pianist to re-evaluate the music planning going forward.

I **VI. Property:**

II • The copier in the church office has a new lease and is working well.

I **VII. Finance:**

II • The council is looking for a new financial secretary to work on the financial statement oversight. More information will be forthcoming in the Progress and bulletin announcements.

I **VIII. New Business:**

• • Dr. David Potter at UW-Superior may be interested in using our organ for practice. Courtney will reach out to him to make possible arrangements.

• • Since we do not have live services during the summer months, Matt Dietsche has offered to share the link to weekly services at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Iron River, WI. He will put it on Pilgrim's website and Facebook page.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20, and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Church -

To Go or Not To Go That is the question...

As you read the Pilgrim's Progress, I have a question. Do you choose to go to church at Pilgrim each week? Or do you struggle to get yourself to church? Do you find every excuse you can create to not come through the doors on Sunday at 9:30 AM? Are these some of your excuses? Too busy, too tired, the weather is bad, I don't like the Pastor, I don't like the music, I get nothing out of it, I have to work, I can listen online, the people at that church have hurt me, church is boring, I am not comfortable there, I liked how things used to be.

Well, guess what? Going to church is not about you. It is about God, and serving the people God loves. Your excuses might be valid, but the benefits of going to church are so big, it might be worth reconsideration.

What benefits might church offer? How can one hour a week benefit your health? Let me explain.

1. Regular church attendance reduces stress. Yep, you read that correctly. By standing in the presence of God, you find hope. Hope helps us to approach our anxieties and worries in a different manner. We are not alone. We have God on our side.
2. Friendships are created by attending church regularly. If you attend regularly, you begin to meet others, find Godly mentors, like-minded individuals. Coffee and treats after church encourages connection with each other.
3. Corporate worship is far more beneficial than individual salvation. God put us in community for a reason. He knows that it is the best way to build our faith.
4. A chance to use our God-given gifts. We all have been blessed with gifts that we are expected to use and share with others. There is no better place to share your gifts than in church.
5. Bringing children to meet God. Research shows that children who attend church regularly are happier, healthier and better adjusted. They learn that God is who they can lean on when they are troubled.
6. Provides opportunities to serve the community. Service is one of the tenets of the church. We are called to be witnesses of Christ. To serve and help others.
7. Teaches us how to love others. Need I say more?
8. Provides opportunities for leadership. There are many ways a person can get involved in church leadership. These opportunities build skills, friendships and the church itself.
9. Encouragement. The church is there to lift you, inspire you, and support you in times of need.
10. Jesus! The church teaches us about God, we learn to study our bibles, pray for ourselves and others; we become a part of the living, breathing Christ.

The doors are open, the lights are on, you have an open invitation to join us at Pilgrim. By becoming a part of the body of the church you will be blessing yourself with better health. No sweat involved!

Mary Johnson-Garay/Council President
Certified Personal Trainer and Fitness Coach

