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**THIS MONTH AT PILGRIM**

**Worship Schedule in February**

*February 4* – Worship at 9:30 a.m.  
*February 11* – Worship at 9:30 a.m.  
*February 14* – Worship at 6:00 p.m.  
*February 18* – Worship at 9:30 a.m.  
*February 21* – Worship at 6:00 p.m.  
*February 25* – Worship at 9:30 a.m.  
*February 28* – Worship at 6:00 p.m.

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### Monthly Pilgrim Progress

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

### Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 am—1:00 pm  
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Synod website: [www.nswi.org](http://www.nswi.org)  
ELCA website: [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

**PLC ONLINE** ~ Check out Pilgrim's website at [www.plcsuperior.org](http://www.plcsuperior.org) for the monthly calendar and newsletter, pictures, and much, much more.

### Soup Supper

We are in need of people to host a soup supper during Lent. We will have a soup supper before worship on February 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, and March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex on the Kiosk. Any questions talk to Pastor Tanner.



### STAFF

Pastor . . . . . Rev. Tanner Howard  
Office Manager . . . . . Judy Hagen  
Custodian . . . . . Mark Pero  
Music Director/Pianist . . . . . Lorelei Holland  
Organist . . . . . Dr. David Tryggestad  
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 . . . . . Julie McLaren

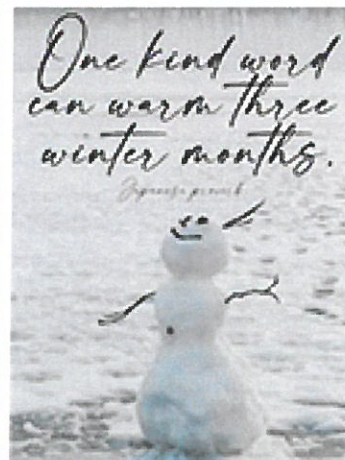
### OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Colleen Goesling  
Scott Swanson                      Bob Patterson

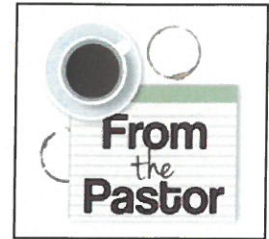
### MISSIONARIES TO TANZANIA

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.



February 2024



*“Therefore, as **God's** chosen **people**, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” Colossians 3:12*

Saints and Siblings in Christ,

One of the most frequent questions I get asked as a pastor is, “what does the church do?” And that’s a fair question – especially in a time when our society is becoming less and less church-ed, with fewer people willing to commit the time and energy to joining or maintaining a relationship with a congregation. Now, that’s a hard reality for us churchy folks, and some might even look at these smaller numbers and less involvement as a failure. I disagree.

Instead, I think this is our greatest opportunity. There is an assumption by many in our communities that the church exists for itself. It is, for lack of a better understanding, a club full of folks who put a lot of time and effort into upkeep of a facility. Friends, it is our responsibility and call to change that notion.

I know, people of God, that the church exists to share the good news of Jesus Christ. I also know that “my talk talks and my walk talks but my walk talks louder than my talk talks.” That is, what we say matters. But what we do matters more. Our proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ exists hand in hand with service to our neighbor.

The season of Lent is a perfect time to reflect on and renew our commitment to that service. Ash Wednesday falls, appropriately enough, on Valentine’s Day. We begin this season in love and continue it in service. This year our theme for Lent is “Created for Community” as we renew our commitment to service in this place we call home. I hope that you will join us for worship and supper every Wednesday in Lent at 6:00. In addition to our prayers, songs, and conversations, we will hear about the work being done here at Pilgrim, and by some of our ministry partners around Superior. We will also have the opportunity to gather items to support these groups, as we practice walking the walk of faith together.

Please take time to read through our list of needs and get to know some of these partner organizations throughout the Lenten season. May we all be moved to continue to boldly live out our lives of faith together.

Peace, Pastor Tanner



# FEBRUARY 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!!*

## February 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Ushers: Team 1: Ted Nelson, Capt.  
 Worship Asst: Mary Houk  
 Sound System: Fred  
 Altar Guild: Elaine and Nancy  
 Hospitality: Richard Erickson

## February 11 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

Ushers: Team 2: Tad Matheson, Capt.  
 Worship Asst: Molly Warring  
 Sound System: Tyler  
 Altar Guild: Julia and Greg  
 Hospitality: Craig Peterson

## February 14– Ash Wednesday

Ushers: Team 3:  
 Worship Asst: Colleen Elonen  
 Sound System: Colleen  
 Altar Guild: Laura and Sandy  
 Hospitality: none needed

## February 18 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

Ushers: Team 4: Tyler Austreng, Capt.  
 Worship Asst: Julie McLaren  
 Sound System: Don  
 Altar Guild: Rachel and Colleen  
 Hospitality: Anna Hansen

## February 25 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Ushers: Team 1: Ted Nelson, Capt.  
 Worship Asst: Jean Miller  
 Sound System: Jamie  
 Altar Guild: Elaine & Nancy  
 Hospitality: Colleen Elonen



## Church Statistics

*December 2023*

Total In-House Sunday Attendance:	178
<i>(4 Sunday Services)</i>	
Average In-House Sunday Attendance:	45
Total Online Sunday Attendance:	na
Average Online Sunday Attendance:	na
Total Combined Attendance:	178
Total Average Attendance:	45
Lessons and Carols Attendance:	181
Christmas Eve Attendance:	104
Envelope Offering (General Fund)	\$ 10,185.00
Loose Offering (non-envelope):	\$ 868.00
Electronic Offering (General Fund):	\$ 1,827.40
Total General Giving:	\$ 12,880.40

## Scripture Readings February 2024 Lectionary B

### **February 4 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

Isaiah 40:21-31  
 Psalm 147:1-11, 20  
 1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
 Mark 1:29-39

### **February 11 – Transfiguration of Our Lord**

2 Kings 2:1-12  
 Psalm 50:1-6  
 2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
 Mark 9:2-9

### **February 14 – Ash Wednesday**

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17  
 Psalm 51:1-17  
 2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:10  
 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

### **February 18 – First Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 9: 8-17  
 Psalm 25:1-10  
 1 Peter 3:18-22  
 Mark 1:9-15

### **February 25 – Second Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
 Psalm 22:23-31  
 Romans 4:13-25  
 Mark 8:31-38

## Coins for the Community

The mission for November and December was to collect money for Ruth House - One coin at a time – we collected \$101.25. Wonderful job Pilgrim!

Now for January we are collecting for Harbor House. Drop your change in the jar (or bills) and lets see what we collect this next time.  
Thank you for your help!



The Quarterly Quilting group will meet on Feb 10 from 9:00am-12:00 pm to assemble quilts down in Fellowship hall. We will try to assemble as many as possible this month in anticipation of National Quilting Day (March 16<sup>th</sup>). It celebrates quilts and those who make them annually on the third Saturday in March. The National Quilting Association started National Quilting Day in 1991.

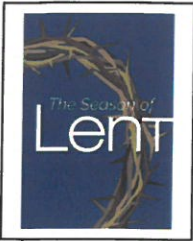
On Sunday, March 17 we will have many of our quilts on display in the sanctuary. We encourage anyone who has a suggestion of where to donate quilts, from shut-ins, home-bound folks to local charities, to please let Colleen Elonen know. While our “quilts” are more like ‘blankets’ it is nice to share them as warm hugs when folks may be in need!

Reminder!! Thursday Bible Studies at 10:00 in the Chapel space. Each week we will take a look at the texts for the upcoming Sunday. The coffee will be on so bring yourself, a bible, and a friend and join Pastor Tanner for conversation!



## **Joint Superior ELCA Worship Service**

We are excited to join with our ELCA siblings in Christ in another joint service on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Concordia Lutheran Church (1708 John Ave.) with a meal to follow. Please note, there will NOT be worship at Pilgrim that morning, so be sure to come on over to Concordia as we join our voices together in worship and have some fun with our fellow Lutherans!



## Pilgrimage through Lent | Created for Community

Throughout our Lenten pilgrimage this season we will gather around texts that remind us of our connections to the church and the world. Together we are in community with Creation, the Saints, our Neighbors, those on the Margins, and Christ. As we gather on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings we will encourage one another in faithful living and take time to be renewed in the promises of God. Wednesday evenings you are invited to gather in the chapel for food and worship together starting at 6:00. We'll also be collecting goods for our ministry partners throughout the season, so keep an eye on the announcements.

February 14<sup>th</sup> | Ash Wednesday – Worship with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at 6:00 in the sanctuary.

- Community Partner Project: Hygiene Kits
  - o We will be creating kits for use by our partner ministries and for members of the congregation to take and pass out. Needed items include small personal sized: shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, toothpaste, a toothbrush, lotion, granola bars, small packet of Kleenex

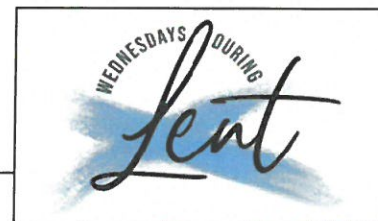
February 21<sup>st</sup> | In Community with Creation – Worship and Meal at 6:00.

- Community Partner Project: Good Samaritan Fund for Superior Ministerium
  - o The Superior Area Ministerium (SAM) is a collaborative association of congregations from around our community. Together we

February 28<sup>th</sup> | In Community with All the Saints – Worship and Meal at 6:00

- Community Partner Project: The Seafarers Center
  - o In support of our longtime partnership with the ministry at the Seafarers Center, and in anticipation of Mariner's Sunday (March 3<sup>rd</sup>) we will be collecting (to be announced).

Stay tuned for more information in the March newsletter, online, and in announcements during worship.



## **SOUPer Bowl Sunday!**

Join in a friendly competition between the ELCA congregations of Superior as we work together to tackle hunger in our community. On Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> (Super Bowl Sunday) you are encouraged to bring in a nonperishable, easy-open food item or personal hygiene item. All donations will go toward stocking the free food shelf at Zion Lutheran Church, and the congregation who collects the most items will receive a fabulous prize – to be presented at our Joint ELCA Worship Service on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at Concordia Lutheran Church. Let's Go Pilgrim!

# **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 11th, bring a nonperishable, easy-open food item or hygiene item for donation to the food shelf at Zion Lutheran Church.

**CONCORDIA**  
Lutheran Church

**OUR SAVIOR'S**  
Lutheran Church

**PILGRIM**  
Lutheran Church

**ZION**  
Lutheran Church

*Together Serving Superior*

# PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

## Pilgrim Lutheran Church December 19, 2023 Council Minutes

**I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer:** Meeting called to order at 6:36 by President Mary Johnson-Garay. Pr. Tanner led us in opening prayer.

**II. Those in attendance:** Mary Johnson-Garay, Colleen Elonen, Tad Matheson, Courtney Dietsche, Don Miller, Dan Breneman, Jamie Peterson, Pastor Tanner Howard. Excused: Ted Nelson.

**III. Approve Minutes:** Tad made a motion to approve the November 28 council meeting minutes. Don seconded. Motion approved.

**IV. Meeting with Shane:** The council met with Shane regarding his lease of the kitchen and other space in the Fellowship Hall and his plans for 2024. He is looking for another location for his business, and he asked if Pilgrim could extend his contract either on a month-by-month basis or by three months, if needed. He also offered to help us find a new tenant for the space. Regarding the cleaning of the kitchen, he agreed to restore it to cleanliness at the end of each day, and we agreed that anyone using it on the weekend would restore it to the condition in which they found it on Friday. Shane's items in the Fireside Room will be moved to another room.

### **V. Pastor's Report:**

- The Lutheran churches in Superior are creating a list of available resources for people in need so there is more awareness of where to refer people when they need help.
- Facebook and the website are still being worked on.
- Sunday School and confirmation will be started up again in 2024.
- Bible Study will be on Thursdays at 10:00 am.
- Theology on Tap will happen on Wednesday nights at 7:00 at the Tap on Tower (1106 Tower Ave.).
- Pr. Tanner asked if Pilgrim has had a pastor's discretionary fund in the past. We haven't had one by that name specifically, but there are funds that could be used for that purpose.
- Pr. Tanner would like to convert the unused right choir transept into a Prayground for use during worship by families with small children. He has someone who is able to help with the construction and moving the items in that area. Dan made a motion to convert the space, and Tad seconded. The motion was approved.



## **VI. Music/Ministry:**

- The Vesper Tea was very successful, with around 180 people in attendance. The event raised \$660, which will be turned over to the PLCP group to donate to a local charity.
- Livestream of worship service will begin on Christmas Eve.
- To create better space for those with mobility challenges, four pews will be removed and stored in another part of the church. We are still working on making the hearing assistance devices functional.
- The various mission work ideas are still be worked on.
- We would like to highlight one community partner each week of Lent. Pr. Tanner will work on finding out which organizations need money or supplies, and members could donate that week.

## **VII. Property:**

- Tad has one roof estimate so far and will get more. He is also getting estimates for the bell tower and the area around the chimney that needs work.
- The City of Superior will decide in January about the grant money for structural improvements. The council will have the application information ready in case the grant will be offered. We will also check on getting conservation information from SWLP.

## **VIII. Finance:**

- The 2024 budget is set based on projected giving and expenses.
- The Annual Report will be presented at the annual meeting after worship on January 28.
- Colleen made a motion to approve the financial report. Mary seconded. Motion approved.

## **IX. New Business:**

- During Lent, Fred Dudderar will be taking pictures for our new directory. More information on dates and times will be forthcoming.
- The next blood drive will be March 19, 2024.
- In order to better accommodate schedules, Mary proposed changing the day of council meetings to the second Tuesday of the month. Dan made the motion to change the day, and Mary seconded. Motion approved.
- Clarification was provided regarding when each council member's term will conclude.
- There will be a joint ELCA service on February 25 at 10:00 at Concordia Lutheran Church.
- The annual meeting will be at 10:30 on January 28. Annual reports are due to Judy by January 10.
- Pilgrim received a thank-you note from Anna Hansen.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35, and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

# PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

## Pilgrim Lutheran Church January 9, 2024 Council Minutes

**I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer:** Meeting called to order at 6:38 by President Mary Johnson-Garay. Pr. Tanner led us in opening prayer.

**II. Those in attendance:** Mary Johnson-Garay, Colleen Elonen, Tad Matheson, Courtney Dietsche, Don Miller, Dan Breneman, Ted Nelson, Pastor Tanner Howard. Excused: Jamie Peterson.

**III. Approve Minutes:** Tad made a motion to approve the December 19 council meeting minutes. Colleen seconded. Motion approved.

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

- Lent starts on February 1, and Pr. Tanner would like to do some soup suppers and worship services on Wednesday nights. Lorelei has met with him to discuss music during Lent.
- An idea for Mariners' Sunday (the first Sunday in March) is having a speaker and appetizers after the service. Pr. Tanner will look into this.
- Some names were suggested as possible additions to the council. Colleen will ask those she knows and go from there.
- Pr. Tanner would like to form an audit committee to audit Pilgrim's financial statements once a year.
- For our joint service with Concordia on February 25, we will provide the coffee and another beverage.
- Mary volunteered to help out with Sunday School.
- Pr. Tanner will create a sign-up for people to be greeters.

### **V. Music/Ministry:**

- Livestream is going well. Pr. Tanner will let members who are in other locations for the winter know that we have Livestream operational again.
- Current mission work ideas are continuing to progress.

### **VI. Property:**

- The carpenters will be here on February 8 & 9 as well as the following week to complete construction of the Prayground in the right-hand transept.

- SWLP was in the building to advise on light replacement to increase utility efficiency. They have a program that will match the money we spend on upgrades and repairs dollar for dollar. Some areas covered by this program include thermostats, lights, and air conditioners.
- We are still waiting for the City of Superior to decide on the grant money.

**VII. Finance:**

- The 2024 budget is set and ready for discussion and approval at the annual meeting.
- Mary made a motion to approve the financial report. Tad seconded. Motion approved.

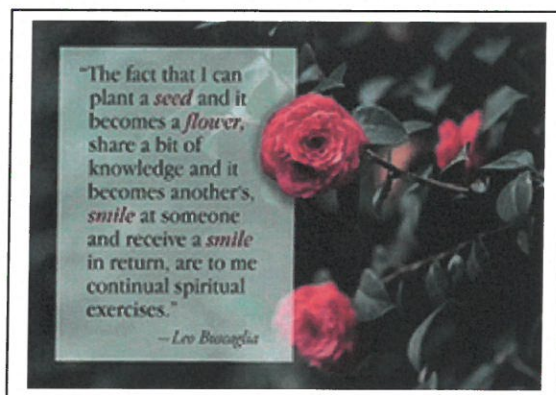
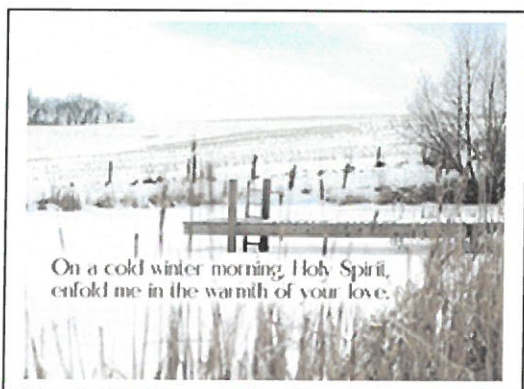
**VIII. Old Business:**

- One pew has been removed near the center on the left side and seems to be working well for families and those who would like more room to maneuver.
- The safety protocols are waiting on the City grant.

**IX. New Business:**

- Pr. Tanner will talk to Fred Dudderar about taking pictures for the directory during Lent.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10, and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.



Reminder . . . Join Pastor Tanner on Wednesdays at 7:00 for Theology on Tap at the Tap on Tower (1106 Tower Avenue). We'll gather for fellowship and informal conversation around questions both theological and secular. Grab a friend and come on out!

# February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00 Bible Study 5:30-6:30 piano lessons—Zach	2	3 Funeral for Charlie Klick 10:00 Visitation 11:00 funeral
4 9:30 Worship Usher 1 10:30 Sunday School 4:00 NA	5	6 5:00 p.m. Join Superior ELCA Churches meeting 5:30 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 Praise practice	7 3:00-4:00 piano lessons—Zach 7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap	8 10:00 Bible Study 5:30-6:30 piano lessons—Zach	9 Pray Ground Construction	10 9:00-12:00 Quilting Group
11 9:30 Worship * Super Bowl Caring Day Usher 2 10:30 Sunday School 1:30 NA committee 4:00 NA	12	13 5:30 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 Praise practice 6:30 Council Meeting	14 3:00-4:00 piano lessons—Zach 6:00 Worship—Ash Wednesday - Usher 3 7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap	15 Progress Articles Due 10:00 Bible Study 5:30-6:30 piano lessons—Zach	16	17
18 9:30 Worship Usher 4 10:30 Sunday School 4:00 NA	19	20 5:30 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 Praise practice	21 3:00-4:00 piano lessons—Zach 6:00 Lent Worship 7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap	22 10:00 Bible Study 5:30-6:30 piano lessons—Zach	23	24
25 10:00 Joint Worship At Concordia Lutheran Church. Meal to follow No service at Pilgrim today 4:00 NA	26	27 5:30 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 Praise practice	28 3:00-4:00 piano lessons—Zach 6:00 Lent Worship 7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap	29		

Violin music lesson's scheduled  
throughout the month