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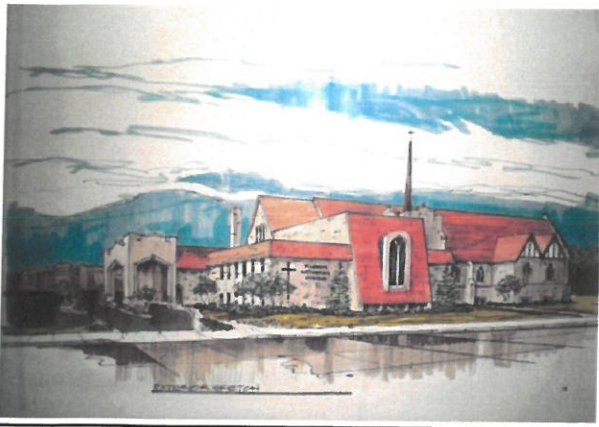
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Remember to contact the church office whenever there is a change with your mailing address, phone number, e-mail or any other information that you feel should be shared or updated. E-mail addresses are useful for contacting the congregation with mid-week cancelations or changes in meetings. Feel free to leave a note on the secretary's desk, send an e-mail, or call the church office at:715-392-4731 or e-mail officemgr@plcsuperiororg



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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

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 am—1:00 pm
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E-mail and Website Addresses

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ELCA website: www.elca.org

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

Prayer Chain

We have a prayer chain here at Pilgrim. If you would like to be on it call or email the office and let us know. Also for those that are on the prayer chain could you let us know if you would like to continue to be on it. We can let you know about prayer requests either by email or phone.



Leadership

Pastor Rev. Tanner Howard
Office Manager Judy Hagen
Custodian Mark Pero
Music Director/Pianist Lorelei Holland
Violinist Eliza Wilson
Organist Dr. David Tryggestad
Choir Director Curt Hanson
Education Coordinator Rebecca Waterhouse
Financial Secretary Julie McLaren
SAM (Synodically Authorized Minister) Jenny Carey Dudderar

COUNCIL

Council President . . . Dan Breneman
Council Vice-President . . . Tad Matheson
Council Secretary Courtney Dietsche
Congregation Treasurer Don Miller
Mary Johnson-Garay, Colleen Elonen,
Ted Nelson, Sandy Breitzmann and Jeff Gronski

Ongoing Reminders:

Theology on Tap at the Tap on Tower (1106 Tower Avenue) 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday's

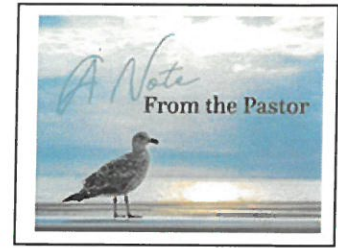
Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday's at Pilgrim with Pastor Tanner.

Anyone is welcome to come and join the group – even if it would be your first time. Come check it out!

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.



May 2024



Saints and Siblings in Christ,

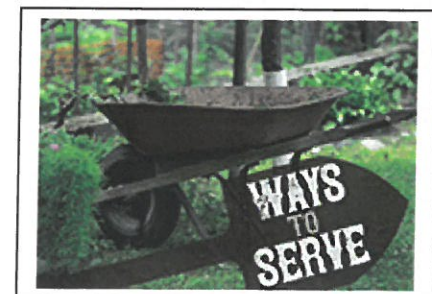
Fits and starts. That's what this spring feels like to me this year. Much of Lent was a warm and mild end to winter. Then Good Friday potato planting featured snow. Since then, it's been an up and down of temperatures and weather – not uncommon or unfamiliar, but it definitely makes packing for daycare an adventure. Conveniently the peas, radishes, lettuce, and spinach love this chilly weather and seem to be thriving alongside some sunny-colored tulips that are fighting through the occasional snow. In the meantime I'm sure my future tomato and pepper plants are glad to be in whatever local greenhouse they're tucked into.

It's a good metaphor for the church. You may have noticed – we have a lot going on around here at Pilgrim! Worship and bible study, ecumenical gatherings and campus tours, Theology on Tap, Community School, Sunday School, piano lessons, fiddle lessons, and photography. We're working on VBS and youth service trips and Campus Ministry opportunities. The choir is singing. The band is rehearsing. Pasties are cooking. And the resident theologian and church therapy dog is always ready with a greeting. The Spirit is alive and moving in this place as we are gifted with countless opportunities to engage and walk the walk of faith. People of God: there is so much growth and new life sprouting up in this place!

And there are bare spots too. Shockingly enough, not every single thing that we try, works. And that's ok. Some things will take longer to grow. Some things need more water to thrive. Some things need to be moved around and fiddled with a bit in order to reach their fullest potential. Wonderfully enough, we are a congregation with many hands and feet who can come together to make that happen.

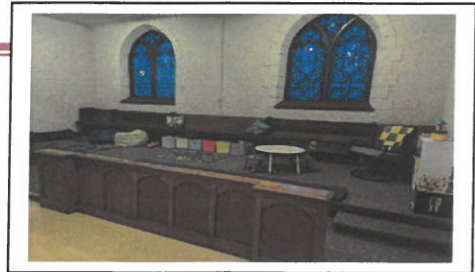
So, friends, that is my challenge to you this month. In this season of growth and new life – try something different at church. Whether it's an old thing you haven't done in awhile or a new opportunity that you've never engaged in. Try something. Check out a space the Spirit is stirring. From refugee resettlement to community mental health, archive cataloging, record updating, worship leading, reading, and serving, painting and learning together – it's all here folks.

See you soon,
Pastor Tanner



Introducing Our PrayGround!

Here at Pilgrim, everyone is welcome and wanted in worship. We love having children (and their noise and wiggles) in worship, and we delight in their ability to see and experience all that is happening in the worship space. We invite you to sit anywhere you are comfortable. There is a special place at the front of the sanctuary on the right side that is our designated PrayGround, where kids can worship, wiggle, play, color, learn, and grow as part of our faith community. Adults are encouraged to sit in or near this space where children can see them while they are using the PrayGround, in case they need assistance.



A reminder that if you (kid or adult!) need a break, the service audio is played in the Chapel space, and there is a nursery located area located past the bathrooms near the pastor's office. Changing rooms are located in the accessible bathroom on the main floor. There are worship bags and books for children located in the back of the sanctuary. During the school year, Sunday School is held immediately following worship for all ages. If you have questions about Sunday School, First Communion, or Confirmation classes, please contact Pastor Tanner at tanner@plcsuperior.org

Helping for funerals

We have a list of names and numbers that we call for helping with funerals. If you would like to get your name on the list please call the church or email the office and let us know. Also if you are on the list and would like to be taken off let us know this too. Thanks



Member Directory Photos

Calling All Pilgrim People! The time has come to put together a new photo directory for our congregation. Sign-ups are still available in the narthex for photo slots before and after worship on May 12th. Photos will be taken by Fred Dudderar in the studio space downstairs at Pilgrim. It is so incredibly helpful and important that we have as complete a directory as possible, so please make it a priority to sign up for a spot. We are also using this time to update our membership roster with accurate addresses, emails, and phone numbers. Forms will be available to fill out and return to the office. Thank you for your help in keeping our records up to date!

MAY 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!!

May 5 – 6th Sunday of Easter

Ushers: Team 2: Tad Matheson, Capt.
Worship Asst: Colleen Elonen
Sound System: Fred
Altar Guild: Rachel and Colleen
Hospitality: Barb Manion
Greeter: ??? anyone

May 12 – 7th Sunday of Easter

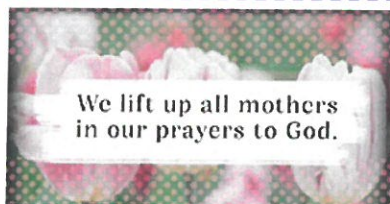
Ushers: Team 3:
Worship Asst: Courtney Dietsche
Sound System: Colleen
Altar Guild: Elaine & Nancy
Hospitality: Mary Matheson
Greeter: ??? anyone

May 19 – Day of Pentecost

Ushers: Team 4: Tyler Austreng, Capt.
Worship Asst: Don Miller
Sound System: Jeff
Altar Guild: Julia and Sandy
Hospitality: Elaine Arnovich/Ted Nelson
Greeter: ??? anyone

May 26 – The Holy Trinity

Ushers: Team 1: Ted Nelson, Capt.
Worship Asst: Sue Connolly
Sound System: Jamie
Altar Guild: Laura and Greg
Hospitality: Jan Cummings
Greeter: ??? anyone



Church Statistics

March 2024

Total In-House Sunday Attendance: (5 Sunday Services and Maundy Thursday & Good Friday)	475
Average In-House Sunday Attendance:	68
Total Online Sunday Attendance:	246
Average Online Sunday Attendance:	36
Total Combined Sunday Attendance	721
Total Average Sunday Attendance:	104
Envelope Offering (General Fund)	\$ 11,368.40
Loose Offering (non-envelope):	\$ 1,290.00
Electronic Offering (General Fund):	\$ 2,796.32
Total General Giving:	\$ 15,454.72

**All totals include 5 Sundays and the two extra services.*

Scripture Readings May 2024

Lectionary B

May 5 – 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48
 Psalm 98
 1 John 5:1-6
 John 15:9-17

May 12 – 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
 Psalm 1
 1 John 5:9-13
 John 17:6-19

May 19 – Day of Pentecost

Ezekiel 37:1-14
 Psalm 104:24-35
 Acts 2:1-21
 John 15:26-27; 16:4-15

May 26 – The Holy Trinity

Isaiah 6:1-8
 Psalm 29
 Romans 8:12-17
 John 3:1-17

Worship Assistants

We are looking for people to assist with worship. You help by reading the scripture and assisting with communion. The summer sign up sheet will be posted on the Kiosk in the narthex.

Thank you for your help!





Coins for the Community

February & March we collected \$43.69 for Harbor House.
For April & May we are collecting money to go towards the
Welcome Corps program to help Amena and her family.

Thank you for your help!

NEW Sunday Evening Worship



Want to come to worship, but can't make Sunday mornings? We are offering a Sunday night service just for you. A combination of worship service with an element of reflection, contemplation and meditation. It's a great way to start your week with a calming and peaceful service to quiet your mind and talk to God. Please join us and come as you are.

Evening Prayer Service

Every Sunday at 6:30 pm

Holy Trinity Chapel at Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Upcoming events in June include:

A "Categories of Wine" (with tasting) on June 6th.

On June 13th, there will be a Estate and Wills planning class offered by Jenny Dudderar.

On June 20th, Pastor Tanner will talk about funeral planning and final wishes.

**Watch in June's Progress for the times for all of these events.*

Attention New Members

We will be receiving new members in worship on The Day of Pentecost – Sunday, May 19th. If you have any questions please talk to Pastor Tanner.



Violin Student Recital Program

Will be here on May 12th starting at 3:00 p.m. Come and listen for an enjoyable afternoon. If you have any questions talk to Eliza.

To-Do List



Have you ever wondered about All The Things that need doing around the church? Would you like to help? We'd love to have you! There are a variety of one-time and long-term projects that we could use a hand with here at Pilgrim. As we prepare to launch new programming this summer and fall, we're looking for folks to help clean out, sort through, and reset different spaces in the church. Projects include preservation and organization of historical documents, cleaning out old office spaces, painting, sorting, and generally sprucing up different spaces around the church. A semi-official and ever-changing list of projects will be posted in the narthex, and you are encouraged to grab a friend, make some coffee, and tackle a space together. All ages and abilities needed! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Tanner or a member of the council. Thank you!



QUILTING GROUP

“Learn to Sew and Quilt” evening.

No experience necessary!

We will have Master Quilters demonstrating how to make a beginner quilt. They will also be available to teach people how to sew, from threading the needle to selecting the correct stitch!

Please bring two ½ yards of different material to get started for your quilt. Either two solid colors, one solid and one small-patterned, or two small-patterned pieces – all contrasting light and dark. Material should be washed/ironed. Bring your sewing machine if you are able.

Material and thread can be provided – a \$5 donation is requested, and please call the office 715 392 4731 or email celonen@yahoo.com and let us know if you are coming so we can have materials ready. Otherwise, just show up!

Thursday, May 2nd and Tuesday, May 7th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Come for one or both classes!



PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

Pilgrim Lutheran Church April 9, 2024 Council Minutes

I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer: Meeting called to order at 6:35 by President Dan Breneman. Pr. Tanner led us in opening prayer.

II. Those in attendance: Mary Johnson-Garay, Tad Matheson, Courtney Dietsche, Dan Breneman, Jeff Gronski, Sandy Breitzmann, Ted Nelson, Pastor Tanner Howard, Colleen Elonen. Excused: Don Miller

III. Approve Minutes: Tad made a motion to approve the March 12 council meeting minutes. Colleen seconded. Motion approved.

IV. Pastor's Report:

- Pr. Tanner will apply for the Formation Co-op grant that targets youth ministry.
- There are two youth groups doing service learning projects in the near future that would like to use Pilgrim's space. One group will be having breakfast and preparing to-go lunches, and the other would like to stay for several days. Pr. Tanner will ask for a donation from each group.
- Almost all of the church directory picture openings are full, so two new days have been added.
- There is a potential additional kitchen tenant who would use the space for a few hours on the weekends. Pr. Tanner will discuss possibilities with her and have her sign a contract.
- Tad made a motion, and Mary seconded, to increase Judy's hours by 30 minutes per day (two hours per week) so that she will have enough time to complete all necessary tasks.

V. Music:

- There were no music ministry items to discuss.

VI. Property:

- The grant through the City of Superior is still on hold.
- We will be searching for a new custodian who will be available at times that more closely align with our needs.
- In order to ensure custodial supplies are ordered in a timely fashion, we will be ordering from Amazon in the future.
- The door of the handicap-accessible restroom on the main floor is too heavy for people to open easily. Someone from the Property committee will see what can be done to fix this.

VII. Finance:

- The finance report will be approved at the next council meeting.
- Checks are now being written through QuickBooks.
- It was noted that transfers of funds need to be made in a timely fashion so that bills can be paid.
- The financial forecast discussion was tabled.

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VIII. Community/Outreach/Missions

- Jeff offered to join the Welcome Corps Team.
- There will be several upcoming events for the community school, including a beginning quilting demonstration, estate planning, funeral planning, and wine tasting. Pasties are also available for sale.

IX. Stewardship:

- Pr. Tanner and Judy are working on determining who will coordinate event planning and clean up.

X. Other Business:

- Pr. Tanner is working on filling out City of Superior tax-exempt status paperwork. Colleen will help with that.

Our next meeting will be May 14, 2024.

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



About Amena and the Welcome Corps program from Pastor Sarah





Through the Welcome Corps program, the ELCA churches in Superior are working to support Amena, a refugee from Afghanistan, to bring her family to the Duluth/Superior community.

In August 2021, Amena had to flee her home country of Afghanistan when the Taliban took over power. Amena had been working at the time for the United States military operations there. She finally arrived in Duluth in January 2022, and she has been working ever since to bring her mom and 2 siblings to live safely here with her.

The Welcome Corps is a government that program began in 2023 as a way for private citizen groups in the United States to sponsor refugees coming from places like Afghanistan. As a part of the program, we need to form a team of at least 5 people who will work together to plan for how the refugee family will find housing, transportation, medical care, and language classes in our community. This team with the support of the 4 churches will also commit to welcome and guide the family in their first 90 days in our community along with fundraising \$2,425 per person to help support them during that transition time.

Contact Pastor Sarah Gunderson from Zion Lutheran (715-817-6543) if you have questions or want more information ahead of the meeting.

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Violin music lesson's scheduled throughout</p> <p>5 9:30 Worship Usher 2 10:30 Sunday School 4:00 NA 6:30 Evening Worship</p>	<p>6</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>5:30 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 Praise practice 5:00—8:00 p.m. Learn to Sew & Quilt Class</p>	<p>1</p> <p>3:00-4:00 piano lessons—Zach 7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study 3:00-6:30 piano lessons—Zach 5:00—8:00 p.m. Learn to Sew & Quilt Class</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> 
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<p>26 9:30 Worship - Usher 1 10:30 Sunday School 4:00 NA 6:30 Evening Worship</p>	<p>27</p>  <p>Memorial Day</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:30 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 Praise practice</p>	<p>29</p> <p>3:00-4:00 piano lessons—Zach 7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study 5:30-6:30 piano lessons—Zach</p>	<p>31</p>	