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What's recyclable these days?

(effective 10-25-25) From Mike, at Eureka Recycling Corp. Mpls, MN where all of Superior's recycling goes for processing.

- 1s & 2s— Yes, rinse and caps on. (e.g. pop & water bottles and milk jugs)
- 3s— No. Contain PVCs; have adverse health effects.
- 4s— Yes. But ONLY clean soft plastic bags. (take to your grocery store)
- 5s— Yes. But CLEAN. (e.g. butter & yo-gurt)
- 6s & 7s— No
- Aluminum foil— Yes, but scrape food off and roll into a ball.

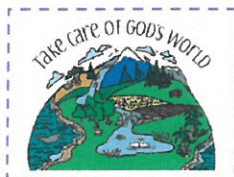


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Monthly Pilgrim Progress

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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ELCA website: www.elca.org

Leadership

Pastor Rev. Tanner Howard
Office Manager Judy Hagen
Custodian Anna Johnson
Music Director/Pianist Lorelei Holland
Violinist Eliza Wilson
Choir Director Curt Hanson
Education Coordinator Rebecca Waterhouse
Financial Secretary Julie McLaren
SAM (Synodically Authorized Minister) Jenny Carey Dudderar
High School Youth Leader Noah Holland

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

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

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.

Financial Report

November 2024

Total General Giving:	\$ 11,846
Other Revenue:	331
Expenses (excluding utilities)	- 14,659
Utilities	- 1,425
<i>Borrowed from savings to pay bills</i>	<i>(3,907)</i>

These figures have been submitted by Don Congregation Treasurer.

Church Attendance

November 2024 –

(4 Sunday Services / 1 Thanksgiving Sunday evening Service)

Total In-House Sunday Attendance:	395
Average In-House Sunday Attendance:	79
Total Online Sunday Attendance:	114
Average Online Sunday Attendance:	23
Total Combined Sunday Attendance	509
Total Average Sunday Attendance:	112

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!!

January 5 – Second Sunday of Christmas

Ushers: Team 4: Tyler Austreng, Capt.
Worship Asst: Noah Holland
Sound System: Fred
Altar Guild: Elaine and Mary
Hospitality: Mary Houk
Greeter: ??? anyone

January 12 - Baptism of Our Lord

Ushers: Team 1: Ted Nelson, Capt.
Worship Asst: Courtney Dietsche
Sound System: Jeff
Altar Guild: Sandy and Theresa
Hospitality: Ken & Julia Kochsiek
Greeter: ??? anyone

January 19 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

Ushers: Team 2: Tad Matheson, Capt.
Worship Asst: Don Miller
Sound System: Max
Altar Guild: Laura and Greg
Hospitality: Molly Wrring
Greeter: ??? anyone

January 26 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

Ushers: Team 3: Jeff Gronski, Capt.
Worship Asst: Julie McLaren
Sound System: Jamie
Altar Guild: Rachel and Colleen
Hospitality: Mary Johnson-Garay
Greeter: Sandy Breitzmann

**Scripture Readings December 2025
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January 5 – Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14
 Psalm 147:12-20
 Ephesians 1:3-14
 John 1:1-18

January 12 – Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7
 Psalm 29
 Acts 8:14-17
 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 19 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5
 Psalm 36:5-10
 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
 John 2:1-11

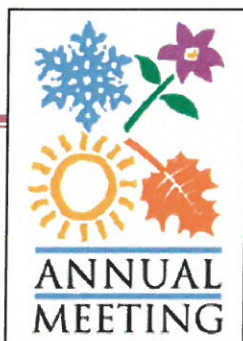
January 26 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
 Psalm 19
 1 Corinthians 12:12-31
 Luke 4:14-21

Hey Snow Birds and Winter Travelers

If you are going to be away please let us know. The post office will not hold bulk mail. Which is what the newsletters are. Either give us a forwarding address or we can hold your newsletters until you get back then mail them to you.

They charge the church extra when they are returned. Thanks and have a wonderful winter.



The Annual Meeting of Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church will take place on Sunday, January 26th immediately following worship.

You are also invited to participate in a Budget Forum on Sunday, January 19th as we discuss the 2025 budget and answer any questions you may have.

January 2025

Saints and Siblings in Christ,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



What a joy December was! Gathering for Advent worship, blessing our community with the Bethlehem Garage Sale, celebrating with Lessons and Carols and Vesper Tea, and worshipping together on Christmas Eve. We collected hats and mittens for our neighbors, hosted college students for meals, learned to make lefse, offered gluten free cooking classes, held another blood drive, and blasted through our \$5,000 goal for the Walk the Talk Campaign. Friends, the Spirit is alive in this place, and I am grateful for each and every one of you who contribute your time, your talents, and your gifts for God mission and ministry here at Pilgrim.

As we move into this new year (2025 – can you believe it!), we continue to keep our eyes wide and hearts open for the people and places God is calling us to serve. We will continue to collect coats, hats, and gloves throughout these winter months to distribute to our community – look for the drop-off space in the narthex. Our Sunday School and Confirmation programs are going strong, and we are always excited to welcome new students and teachers to these classes. Our Traveling Tutors continue to read with students at Northern Lights Elementary. And we're always looking for new ideas to help us best serve our community.

January also brings with it some administrative responsibilities as a congregation. We will gather for our annual meeting on Sunday, January 26th immediately following worship. There we will thank outgoing council members and elect new ones. We will hear reports from our leadership and committees, and we will pass a budget for 2025. For those of you interested (and I hope you all are), we will hold a budget forum on Sunday, January 19th following worship. There you can take a look at the proposed budget from the council and ask questions prior to the annual meeting on the 26th.

Finally, a plug for the good work that our newly assembled Stewardship Team has been doing. First of all, a huge thank you to Colleen Elonen, Dan Breneman, and Paul Goesling for their work on the Walk the Talk Campaign this fall. This idea came from the group as a way to help fund non-budgeted new and innovative ministry opportunities with a \$5,000 goal. Friends, we have exceeded that goal! As of printing we have raised \$5,070 for the Walk the Talk campaign and I am grateful for your generous contributions to this cause.

Continued

Moving forward, the team is excited to announce that we are taking part in a new program called Generous Together. Generous Together is a year-round stewardship experience intended for congregations to use to help us name, claim, and give language to the generosity already present in our congregation. On Sunday, January 5th we will welcome the Rev. Taryn Montgomery, Synod Minister for Discipleship and Christian Community in the Northeastern Synod of Minnesota, to preach and lead us in the first session of this initiative. Please plan to join us for worship that Sunday, and stick around to hear more about the program.

As I said at the beginning – the Spirit is moving here at Pilgrim, and I am excited for our work together. Thank you for being part of it.

Pastor Tanner

From the Stewardship Team

In October your Stewardship Team placed a challenge before the congregation: raise \$5,000 by the end of the year through the *Walk the Talk Campaign* – an initiative to provide funding for new and expanded ministry opportunities here at Pilgrim. We are pleased to report that we have surpassed that goal and raised \$5,070.00 that is already being used for ministry. As Pastor Tanner says: thank you, thank you, thank you!



Looking ahead we are excited to announce that Pilgrim is partnering with our neighbors in the Northeastern Minnesota Synod in the *Generous Together* stewardship initiative. Generous Together will help us to better identify and celebrate the generosity already alive in our congregation, while also giving us the opportunity to explore the different aspects of stewardship and generosity in our church and community. This initiative is for everyone – all ages and levels of experience in the church – and will be filled with opportunities for conversation, reflection, and connections through our stories and the stories of scripture.

Our first session will be led by the Rev. Taryn Montgomery from the NE Minnesota Synod office on Sunday, January 5th. We hope you'll make plans to join the conversation that day and learn a bit more about this program. If you're interested in being involved with our Stewardship Team, please contact Dan Brenneman.

Helping Children in Need



Traveling Tutor Update

The Traveling Tutors have been busy working with the Northern Lights students since October. Our team of tutors has been able to help the teachers and students of Northern Lights by listening to children read, helping them to learn to sight words, the letters of the alphabet, multiplication tables, and other math skills. The students are always excited

to go with us and are well behaved. Giving them just a little bit of special attention really boosts their confidence and brings a lot of joy to the tutors themselves. Here are a few comments from those who are currently working with the students.

I sure enjoy the 2nd graders. Some days I have lots of kids who want to read, other days I am done a little earlier. ~ Diane Johnson

I have been really enjoying the kids reading ... third graders... some of them really expressive when they read. ~ Ted Nelson

Having fun with the first graders. Practicing sight words and then watching their faces when they sound out words they aren't familiar with is awesome. ~ Laura Swanson

Things are really going well and I am truly enjoy being in the kindergarten classroom with the kids!

~ Kate McCall

The kids are really excited to see me come to the door to grab them. They are really good readers and understand what they are reading. It makes it fun to listen to them and share in the reading. I also work on math skills with some of the kids and it is fun to watch their faces when they start making connections. ~ Mary Johnson-Garay

If you are interested in joining the Traveling Tutors, we are always open to adding more to help students at Northern Lights. The hours are flexible, you choose your day, time, grade level and if you have to miss, that is completely flexible too. A background check is required, but I am more than happy to help you complete that step, if needed. There is a video tutorial explaining everything you need to know.

Please contact Mary Johnson-Garay at 218-393-3324, or catch me at church!



Theology on Tap

A space for faithful folks and questioners alike to gather, learn, and grow in faith

Wednesdays at 7:00
@ Tap on Tower
1106 Tower | Superior

Questions? Contact Pastor Tanner at Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Come and join us!! Everyone is welcome!!

EVENING PRAYER

Join us for a time of meditative worship on Sunday evenings at 6:30. A time to calm your mind and talk to God. You are welcome here.

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Adult Education Opportunities

As we enter into a new year, we are excited to offer ever more opportunities to engage with the bible and learn about theology as a community of faith. As we plan, it is helpful to know 1) what you're interested in learning about, and 2) when you are available.

Please take a moment to fill out the survey below and return it to the church. You can also email your responses to Pastor Tanner at tanner@plcsuperior.org
Thank you for taking a moment to respond and I hope you'll join us as we dig deeper into our lives of faith this year!

Name (optional) _____

Interest Areas (check all that apply): Bible Catechism Luther
 Music Theology Other _____

Preferred Times (check all that apply):

Weekday Morning ___ Afternoons ___ Evenings ___
Weekends Morning ___ Afternoons ___ Evenings ___

Two proposed times: Sunday Evenings at 6:00 ___ and Wednesday Evenings 5-7 ___

A specific time and day that works for you: _____

Coins for the Community.



We will be collecting spare change for The Ruth House for January and February. We let you know next month what came in for the Ministerium's Good SAMaritan Fund. Thank you for your support!

Still collecting pop tabs. They will be going to the Ronald McDonald house in Duluth. These go to the funding of having families stay with their kids while they are in the hospital. It means so much to be able to have your family with you when you are going through medical things. Lets fill up the jars.



Community School - Sourdough Baking Class

Our friends at LiveWell! Northern WI are hosting a Sourdough Baking Class here at Pilgrim on Saturday, January 18th from 9-noon. You can register online at www.livewellnorthernwi.org or by calling the church office.

Attention All Thrivent Members!



Did you know that as a member of Thrivent you are eligible for TWO \$250 Action Team Grants each year? These grants provide seed money to help do projects that benefit our community and are a great way to bolster the different ministries of our congregation. If you are a Thrivent member and have an Action Team Grant that you would be willing to share on a project this fall, let us know! From community meals to hygiene kits to service projects or any idea you have – we would love to partner with you. Contact the church office for more information.



Cold Weather Collections

Throughout the winter months we will continue to collect hats, coats, mittens, and socks to distribute to members of our community. Bring your donation in anytime and drop it in the box in the narthex. Thank you for generously caring for our neighbors in need!

Archives Team Meeting – January 8th | 9-noon

Church
Archives



Interested in history? Want to learn more about our long history here as Pilgrim Lutheran Church? This is the group for you! Our new Archives Team will be meeting on Wednesday, January 8th from 9-noon. We are in the process of cataloging some of our 136-year history as Pilgrim People in Superior. Anyone is welcome to join us. We'll look into what we have and develop a process of preserving and displaying objects. For more information contact Jean Miller or the church office.

Special note * If anyone has pictures they would like to share from the Lessons and Carols we would love to archive some of them. Also we are looking for volunteers to take pictures at future events here at Pilgrim. Please let Jean know. Thank you!



Offering Envelopes for 2025

There are still some left on the table in the Narthex. If you see someone's that hasn't been picked up yet maybe you can grab them and pop in for a visit.

If you haven't gotten envelopes and would like them let the office know.

Step in Line-Dancing Class

Dance class is starting up again. Line Dancing and more! All ages and abilities welcome! No sign up required. \$5.00 per class.

Class will be every Tuesday, starting January 7th from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Interested or have any questions talk to Mary Johnson-Garay.

Talk to her at church, email her at steplinedance@gmail.com

or call her at 218-393-3324.



Chess Tournaments

Eliza is hosting on the 2nd Sunday of the each month from 11:30-5:00 Chess Tournaments.

If you would like to find out more . . . talk to her when you see her. She can give you much more information.

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Violin music lesson's scheduled throughout						
5 9:30 Worship-Usher 4 10:30 Generous Together Session 1 10:45 Bell Practice 4:00 NA Group 6:30 Evening Worship	6 Annual Reports Due by 9:00 a.m.	7 5:00 Step in Line Dancing 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Praise practice	8 7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap 9:00 –Noon Archives Team meeting 4:00 Confirmation Class 4:45 Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap	9 10:00 Bible Study 5:00 CHIMS meeting at Our Savior's Lutheran Church	10	11 10:00-3:00 Reserved
12 9:30 Worship-Usher 1 10:15 Sunday School 10:45 Bell Practice 11:30-5:00 Chess Tournaments—Eliza 4:00 NA Group 6:30 Evening Worship	13	14 5:00 Step in Line Dancing 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Praise practice 6:30 Council Meeting	15 4:00 Confirmation Class 7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap Progress Articles Due	16 No Bible Study Pastor's Conference Gath-	17	18 9:00-Noon Sourdough Baking Class Registration required
19 9:30 Worship-Usher 2 10:15 Sunday School 10:30 Budget Forum Meeting 10:45 Bell Practice 4:00 NA Group 6:30 Evening Worship	20	21 5:00 Step in Line Dancing 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Praise practice	22 4:00 Confirmation Class 4:45 Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap	23 10:00 Bible Study	24	25 2:00-5:00 Eliza Rehearsal
26 9:30 Worship-Usher 3 10:15 Sunday School 10:30 Annual Meeting 10:45 Bell Practice 3:00 Recital - Eliza 4:00 NA Group 6:30 Evening Worship	27	28 5:00 Step in Line Dancing 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Praise practice	29 4:00 Confirmation Class 7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap	30 10:00 Bible Study	31	

Pilgrim Portrait Rebecca Waterhouse Education Coordinator

“We are planting seeds”.

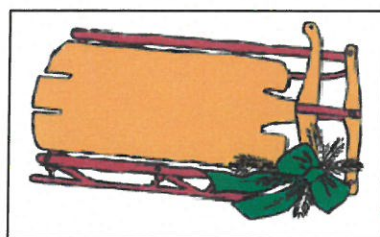
That is the message from Rebecca Waterhouse, who along with Colleen Elonen, currently co-teaches Sunday School to the children and grandchildren attending Pilgrim.

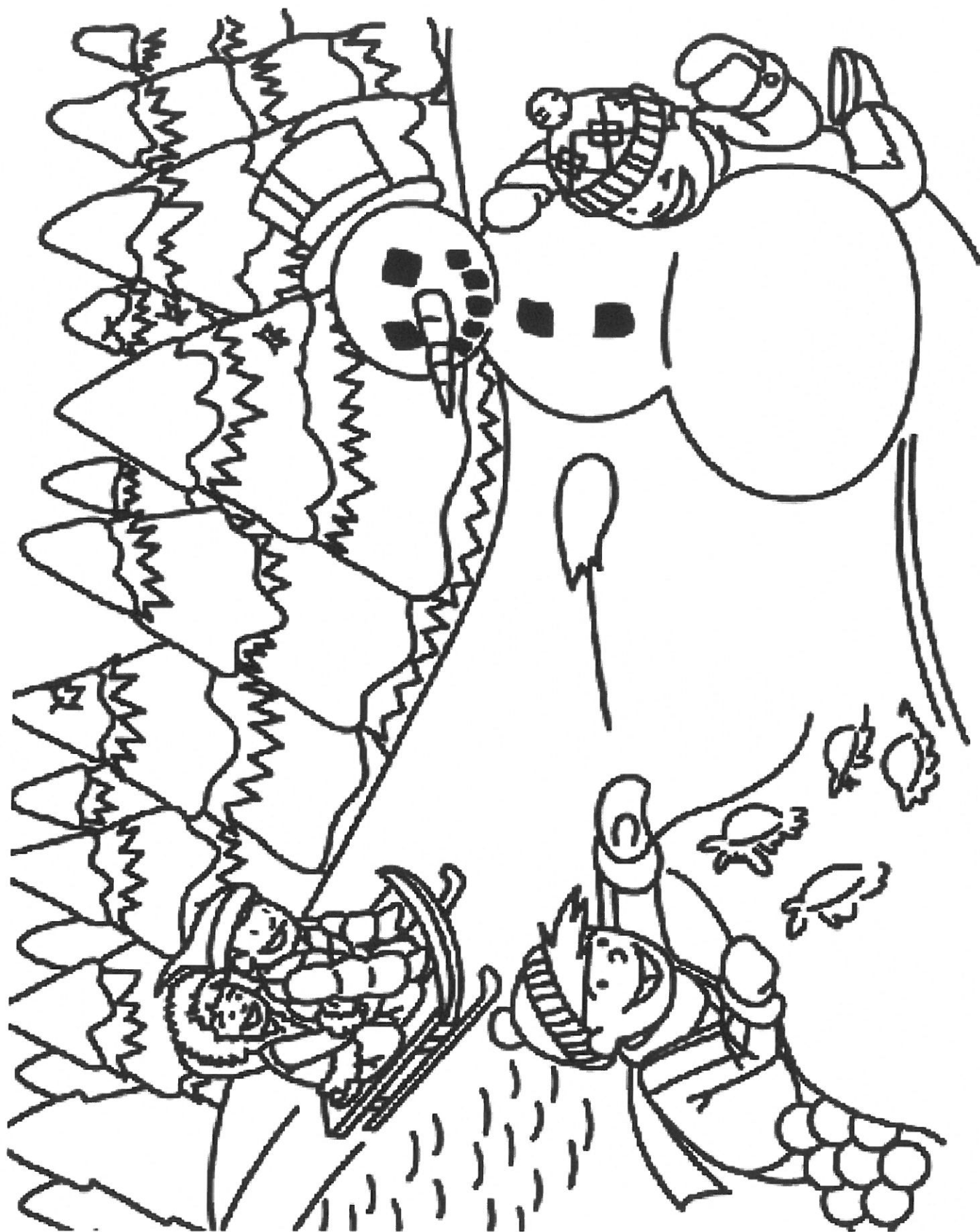
The weekly lessons are tied closely with the Gospel message for the week, and the children have recently been given the ELCA SPARK Bibles to reinforce the very important stories of Jesus. And Rebecca adds, “we take the stories and make it memorable, make it fun.” In addition to the readings, the children are learning sign language to recall the fruits of the spirit, the armor of God, and finally, the children are practicing American Sign Language to the Christmas Carol “Angels we have heard on high”. Rebecca feels strongly about being present here with the children and building meaningful relationships with them.

Rebecca is a teacher with over 35 years of experience, teaching German and Physical Education at various schools including the Marshall School, Hermantown, and at UWS. She attended Wartburg seminary to earn a Youth and Family certification and served for four years as Youth and Family minister at Salem Lutheran Church in Longville, Minnesota.

Rebecca began attending Pilgrim in 2016 with her beloved husband Mark, who passed in 2020. She is thrilled that her daughter, son-in-law, and two beautiful granddaughters now sit in the same sanctuary with her. She is blessed to have four children and nine grandchildren, and enjoys every minute with them.

She says: “There are genuine people here at Pilgrim. Good people. And I’m “all in” sowing the seeds of faith for our youth.”







Christmas Poinsettia Garden 2024

Thank you to the following for contributing to the poinsettia garden:

Lucy Johnson

In memory of Aronson and Johnson Families
In honor of Grandchildren & Great-grands

Don & Jean Miller

In memory of Parents and Grandparents
In honor of Grandchildren: Ethan and Natalie Miller, Frederick Wherland,
Anders and Tuomi Gilbertson

Molly & Rick Warring

In memory of Roy & Virginia Nelson

Robert E. Patterson

In memory of Sylvia A. Patterson

Elaine Arnovich

In memory of Stephen Arnovich, precious son;
Dwayne Erickson, twin brother;
and John & Gertrude Erickson, parents
In honor of Austin, Blake & Aili Arnovich, grandchildren

Debbie Landgreen

In honor of my kid and grandchildren

Dean & Kate McCall

In honor of Lars

Nancy Somerville

In memory of My husband Bud and son, John
In honor of My Family

Ken & Julia Kochsiek

In honor of grandchildren; Caroline, Madi, Sami, Gabi and Walker

Gary & Julia Blaisdell

In honor of Our Family

Tad & Mary Matheson

In memory of Sylvia Patterson and
Howard & Deloris Matheson

In honor of Robert Patterson

Dann Gronski, Jeff Gronski and Patti Gronski-Coughlin

In memory of Margaret Cullen, Elaine Fleissner and Elizabeth Gronski

The Grandkids

In honor of Grandpa Don and Grandma Jean Miller and all of the Greats

Sue Connolly

In honor of My Family

Natalie

In honor of Maria

Roger & Sandy Breitzmann

In honor of Our Family

Rachel Austreng

In memory of my loving mother, Sylvia Patterson

In honor of my siblings, Mary, Pamela, Michelle and Patrick

Nancy Clark

In memory of Bob Clark

Eileen Ward

In memory of my sister-in-law, Claire Schlegel

Joyce Klick

In memory of Gregory Klick and Charlie Klick

Judy & Mike Hagen

In honor of Our Wonderful Pastor Tanner

From their children

In memory of John & Mildred Ahlborg

Thank you again for all who helped make our church
look so beautiful on Christmas Eve.

