



**Pilgrim Evangelical  
Lutheran Church**  
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Superior, WI 54880  
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**Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.**  
**Website: [www.plcsuperior.org](http://www.plcsuperior.org)**  
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

2025



### Can you Help Clean UP??

Callie Grones, an AmeriCorps member who serves as the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Friends of the Lake Superior Reserve, will give a brief overview on May 11<sup>th</sup> here at Pilgrim, of how the Friends group supports the St Louis River Estuary. The Friends group is sponsoring a Wisconsin Point beach clean up on May 18<sup>th</sup> and is looking for volunteers to help pick up trash.

**Beach Cleanup at WI Point:** Saturday, May 17, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Lot #1, Wisconsin Point Road, Superior, WI. Supplies and snacks will be provided. Help us keep Wisconsin Point beaches free from trash. There is a QR code on the flyer on the bulletin board to register or go on line to [lakesuperiornerr.org](http://lakesuperiornerr.org) during worship.

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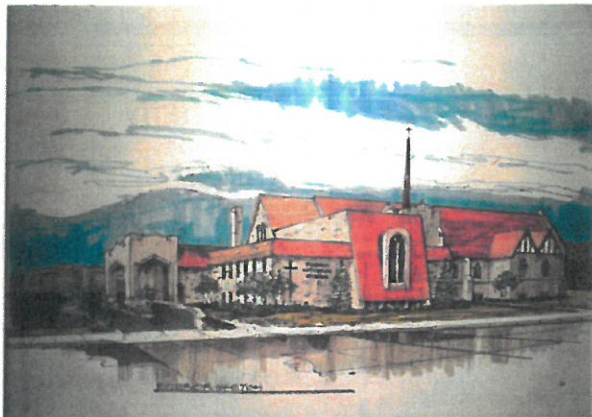
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### Monthly Pilgrim Progress

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  
Church Phone: 715-392-4731

### E-mail and Website Addresses

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noah@plcsuperior.org (Noah)

Church website: [www.plcsuperior.org](http://www.plcsuperior.org)  
Facebook: PilgrimSuperior  
Synod website: [www.nswi.org](http://www.nswi.org)  
ELCA website: [www.elca.org](http://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 . . . . Noah Holland  
Congregation Treasurer . . . . Don Miller  
Colleen Elonen, Ted Nelson, Sandy Breitzmann and  
Jeff Gronski

**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.

### Financial Report

*Will be in next months newsletter.*



### Pilgrim Spring Clean-up!!

Friday and Saturday, May 30-31st  
*Watch bulletins for times to be announced.*

If you want to get a head-start, have a pet-project of your own, and/or can't make the designated clean-up dates, check with council for a list of actions needed.

Thank-you, thank-you,  
thank you!



**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.

### Church Attendance

*March 2025 –*

*(5 Sunday Services here at Pilgrim)*

Total In-House Sunday Attendance:	161
Average In-House Sunday Attendance:	54
Total Online Sunday Attendance:	186
Average Online Sunday Attendance:	24
<i>(online includes 8 services – and midweek services)</i>	



*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 4 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Ushers:** Team 1: Ted Nelson, Capt.  
**Worship Asst:** Colleen Elonen  
**Sound System:** Fred  
**Altar Guild:** Rachel and Colleen  
**Hospitality:** Barb Manion  
**Greeter:** ??? anyone

#### May 11 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Ushers:** Team 2: Tad Matheson, Capt.  
**Worship Asst:** Courtney Dietsche  
**Sound System:** Max  
**Altar Guild:** Elaine & Mary  
**Hospitality:** Mary Matheson  
**Greeter:** ??? anyone

#### May 18 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Ushers:** Team 3: Jeff Gronski, Capt.  
**Worship Asst:** Don Miller  
**Sound System:** Jamie  
**Altar Guild:** Sandy and Theresa  
**Hospitality:** Elaine Arnovich/Ted Nelson  
**Greeter:** Sandy Breitzmann

#### May 25 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Ushers:** Team 4: Tyler Austreng, Capt.  
**Worship Asst:** Sue Connolly  
**Sound System:** Tyler  
**Altar Guild:** Laura and Greg  
**Hospitality:** Jan Cummings  
**Greeter:** ??? anyone

### Scripture Readings May 2025

Lectionary C

#### May 4 – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-20  
 Psalm 30  
 Revelation 5:11-14  
 John 21:1-19

#### May 11 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43  
 Psalm 23  
 Revelation 7:9-17  
 John 10:22-30

#### May 18 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18  
 Psalm 148  
 Revelation 21:1-6  
 John 13:31-35

#### May 25 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15  
 Psalm 67  
 Revelation 21:22 – 22:5  
 John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9



### Pilgrim Sunday School

We were so excited to have our SS kiddos lead a portion of worship on Easter Sunday! Thank you to all our students and teachers for helping make it amazing! We will continue to hold classes for our students all summer on Sundays after worship – looking forward to lots more wonderful learning together!

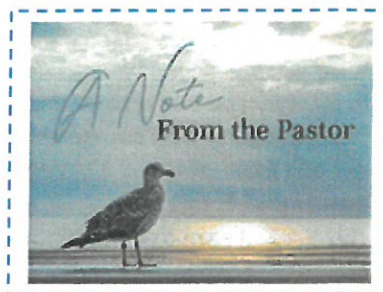




May 2025

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Saints and Siblings in Christ,



Last week I had the opportunity to head back to my alma mater, Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, for a ReFormation and Renewal event. I was able to gather with old classmates and hear a variety of professors who presented on everything from systematic theology to baptismal ecclesiology, to a deep dive on our church rituals in a modern context. We also honored the retirement of one of my professors, the Rev. Dr. Winston Persaud.

You've probably heard me mention Winston before. He famously describes the concept of our lived righteousness with the example of the 'righteous mango tree'. In short, a mango tree that produces pears is an all around interesting tree – but it's not righteous. Because it is not doing what God created it to do or being what God created it to be. A righteous mango tree produces mangos. In the same way, our righteousness is grounded in being who God created us to be and doing what God created us to do. Wherein the greatest commandments come into play: to love God and to love our neighbors.

I've been pondering this concept of righteousness a lot recently – as those of you who attend Theology on Tap can, no doubt, attest to. As people of faith, followers of Christ, faith-filled people – what is God calling us to right now? Who are we being called to be? What are we being called to do? There is, to say the least, a lot going on in the world around us. So much so that by the time this goes to print and gets to you, I really have no idea what Other Things may have happened. All these things come at us quickly and can seem overwhelming. Indeed, it's supposed to feel overwhelming – that's part of it. And while I don't have an easy answer on exactly what we should do next, what is clear to me is that we're being called to something. To resist. To welcome. To care for. To love. To be this imperfect people, called to a community of faith that is Pilgrim Lutheran Church, in order that we might better be who God created us to be. Which must involve caring for the people around us – especially those who are in the most danger right now.

On April 9<sup>th</sup> we commemorated the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the martyrdom of Dietrich Bonhoeffer – pastor, professor, reformer – who was murdered by the Nazi regime at Flossenbürg concentration camp in 1945. Among his many words still relevant today include these, which, I think, reflect my professor's definition of a Christian's righteousness well: "Not to speak, is to speak. Not to act, is to act."

Friends, Christ is indeed risen – and that changes things. It should change us. It must change us. Something I hope we can ponder – and do – together.

In Christ, Pastor Tanner





Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you all for the wonderful shower that you hosted for our growing family! We are blown away by your gifts and support, and are so grateful to be part of this community of faith. Thank you for your continued prayers – we can't wait to introduce you to our twins this summer! ~ Katie, Tanner, and Lorelai Howard.

### Coins for the Community.

We are going to continue collecting spare change for The Ruth House for May. The needs there are great. Remember every little amount makes a big difference. 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.

### Archives Team Meeting – May 14th | 9-noon

Church  
Archives

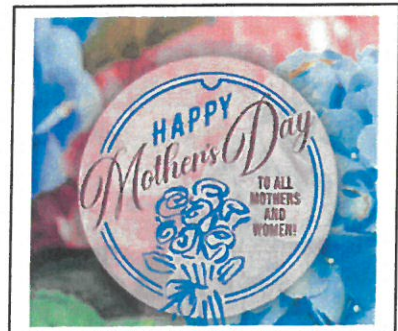


Interested in history? Want to learn more about our long history here as Pilgrim Lutheran Church? This is the group for you! Our new Archives Team will be meeting on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 9-noon. We are still in the process of cataloging some of our 136-year history as Pilgrim People in Superior. 136 years takes awhile to go through. Anyone is welcome to join us. Even if you can only come for part of the time. There are always goodies too!

If you have any questions contact Jean Miller.



Thank you to all Moms and special like moms. There are those aunties and other women in our lives that hold a very special and dear spot in our hearts. We are blessed to have all of you in our lives.







## Easter Chancel Garden 2025

**Nancy Somerville** – In memory of: My husband Bud and son John.  
In honor of my family

**Kara & Mikkel Long** – In honor of Rosalind and Sylvie

**Rich & Mary Garay** – In memory of Parents: Gus Garay and Mary Hinaus  
In honor of Grandchildren: Otto, Mae, Hugo, Ames, Griffin,  
Remy and Hudson

**Paul & Colleen Goesling** - In memory of Hazel Brock (1-30-1920 - 12-4-2024)

**Eileen Ward** – In memory of sister, Dorothy Tay

**Zane & Laura Swanson** – In memory of loved ones

**Ted Nelson** – In honor of My Family

**Elaine Arnovich** - In loving memory of my precious son , Stephen Arnovich;  
my twin brother, Dwaine Erickson,  
and my parents, John & Gertrude Erickson  
In honor of my grandchildren, Austin, Blake and Aili Arnovich

**Tad & Mary Matheson** - In memory of Parents: Sylvia Patterson,  
Howard & Deloris Matheson  
In honor of Robert Patterson

**Joyce Klick** - In memory of Gregory & Charlie Klick

**Gary & Julia Blaisdell** – In honor of Our Family and Pilgrim prayer chain

**Mike & Judy Hagen** – In honor of Our Children: Chad & Bri, Ryan & Amanda,  
Melissa and Tiffany;  
and Our Grandchildren: Wyatt, Isabelle, Kaylee and Nevaeh  
and Pastor Tanner, Katie and Lorelai

**Robert E. Patterson** - In memory of Sylvia A. Patterson

**Anna Hansen** - In memory of Loved Ones

**Sue Connolly** - In memory of Bill Connolly

**Roger & Sandy Breitzmann** – In honor of Our Family



*Thank you to all who made our church look so lovely for our Easter Worship.*



Come and join us!! Everyone is welcome!!



## 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



## 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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Services are on the first and third Sundays.

### Katie's Brew Crew – Update

We had a great time at our first gathering of brewers in April and are looking forward to more brewing opportunities in the coming months. If you're interested in joining the Brew Crew, please let Pastor Tanner know.

In the meantime, you are invited to a sampling event on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 here at Pilgrim. We will try out the three beers that the crew has made so far, and welcome other homebrewers to bring in their own brews to share. Everyone (21+) is welcome to join us for a sampling. Cheers!





## From the Bishop...

*This article appeared in the Wisconsin Examiner on March 27, 2025. It is written by the bishops of the ELCA synods of Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.*

### **As Lutheran bishops we stand for religious liberty and against Christian Nationalism**

Who gets to decide what is Christian? What does religious liberty look like today? With so much unsettling and destabilizing news coming from the new administration in Washington, DC, it's hard to keep up with and keep track of everything. We believe, however, that a recent decision by the President is a dangerous threat to religious liberty, promotes Christian Nationalism, and all people who care about our democracy need to take note.

We, the Lutheran (ELCA) bishops in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, are concerned about an executive order signed by President Trump on Feb. 6 that established a new "Task Force to Eradicate Anti-Christian Bias." This task force has the duty to "identify any unlawful anti-Christian policies, practices, or conduct by an agency." While some might think that all Christians would support an effort to root out "anti-Christian bias," that's not the case. We believe this executive order is a threat to the religious pluralism enshrined in the Constitution and does not actually protect Christians. Instead, this order aligns the federal government with Christian Nationalism, a dangerous conflation of fundamentalist Christianity, conservative politics, and fierce patriotism that distorts what it means to be an American citizen and an engaged Christian in society.

With this executive order, the federal government has given itself the authority to define what might be considered "anti-Christian," and therefore also the authority to define what *is* Christian — a power which belongs to the Church alone, not the federal government. This executive order violates religious freedom, corrupts the separation of church and state, and creates a more hostile environment for Christians and all citizens who believe differently than the current administration and its religious advisors.

We feel so strongly that this task force is a threat to our values and our freedom that we wrote a public statement and invited religious leaders and others to sign on (<https://www.wichurches.org/articles/religious-liberty>). We now have over 250 signers, and we invite all who care about religious freedom and the preservation of our democracy to join us.

Christian Nationalism is a dangerous ideology that distorts the Gospel and turns Jesus and Christianity into a weapon for power and division instead of a movement towards love and justice. It demands that a particular brand of Christianity be privileged by the state and impose that singular belief system in order to be a "good American." (For more information on Christian Nationalism, check out [www.christiansagainsthchristiannationalism.org](http://www.christiansagainsthchristiannationalism.org).)

In order to protect religious freedom, the federal government must not align with one religious ideology but rather honor the constitutional mandate to defend space for religious pluralism and ensure that each member of society is free to practice their religion, or no religion, while keeping the peace and working together for the common good. Please join us as we call upon the President of the United States and all elected officials to protect religious freedom in our country and uphold the constitution of the United States of America.

Faithfully,

Bishop Paul Erickson, Greater Milwaukee Synod ELCA

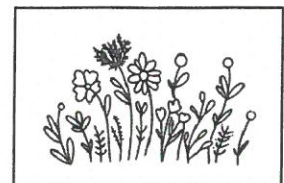
Bishop Anne Edison-Albright, East Central Synod of Wisconsin ELCA

Bishop Felix Malpica, La Crosse Area Synod ELCA

Bishop Martin Halom, Northwest Synod of Wisconsin ELCA

Bishop Katherine Finegan, Northern Great Lakes Synod ELCA

Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe, South-Central Synod of Wisconsin ELCA

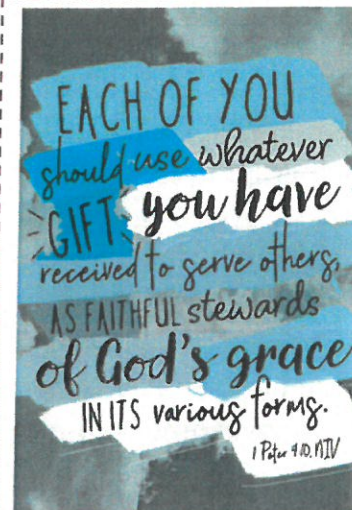




## Stewardship Committee Invitation

May 2025

Paul Goesling recently presented a thought-provoking testimony to our congregation on personal journeys, generosity, and how stewardship sustains ministry objectives at Pilgrim Lutheran Church. Our stewardship committee is intentionally trying all possible media to effectively introduce opportunities that spark personal interest in our mission and encourages our faith-community getting connected and getting involved.



As we experience a Generous Together campaign this year by experiencing new stewardship opportunities with local congregations through the Northeast Synod of Minnesota, I'm writing to highlight additional missions taking place at Pilgrim. Youth events and hosting youth groups, United Campus Ministry, Community Meals, LiveWell Wisconsin events and local groups utilizing Pilgrim's fellowship hall and kitchen space to name a few.

By continually introducing these events, we hope to strengthen the interest and investment in Pilgrim Lutheran's missions in our local community. Investing your time and talents, but also your interest in discovering ways to introduce others to the shared benefits we provide in maintaining an active, engaged, and enthusiastic group who want to support each other. We invite you to share a story of being generous. We invite sharing your talents. We encourage you to invite others to discover Pilgrim's good work in our community. Imagine a successful mission, share it with the congregation, and we will get after it. Walk the Talk never stops.



Your Stewardship Committee

## Step in Line-Dancing Class

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

Class will be every Tuesday, from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. until May 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

Talk to her at church, email her at [stepnlinedance@gmail.com](mailto:stepnlinedance@gmail.com) or call her at 218-393-3324.





## VBS News

We are excited to again partner with churches from around Superior in sponsoring a community-wide Vacation Bible School program this summer! VBS is scheduled for June 16-20 and will be held at Concordia Lutheran Church. The first planning meeting will be on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at Concordia Lutheran Church. Please sign-up in the narthex if you're interested in helping plan this awesome community event!

Registration is also open now! Scan the QR code or swing by the office for a paper copy of the registration form to get your kiddos registered today!



**FREE!**  
**COMMUNITY**  
**VBS**  
**June 16-20**  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Sponsored by:  
Concordia Lutheran  
Faith United Methodist  
Our Savior's Lutheran  
Pilgrim Lutheran  
St. Alben's Episcopal  
United Presbyterian  
Zion Lutheran

**8:00 - Noon**  
**Ages 4k thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**Snack & Lunch Provided!**

**Concordia Lutheran Church**  
**1708 John Ave | Superior**

Scan the QR code to register online  
or stop by any of the participating  
churches to register in person



**FOOD AND FRIENDS CLASS**  
*Mother's Day Edition*

**SATURDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> 10AM-12PM**  
**PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**820 BELKNAP STREET, SUPERIOR, WI**

Visit [livewellnorthernwi.org/calendar](http://livewellnorthernwi.org/calendar) to register. Limited to 20 participants.

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# Happenings Around Church

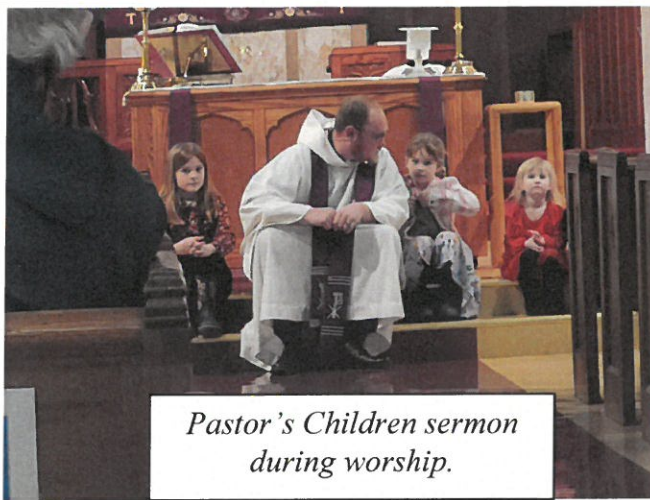


Making bread for all the worship services through Easter. Good Job!

*Confirmation students and Sunday School kids . . . wonderful to see*



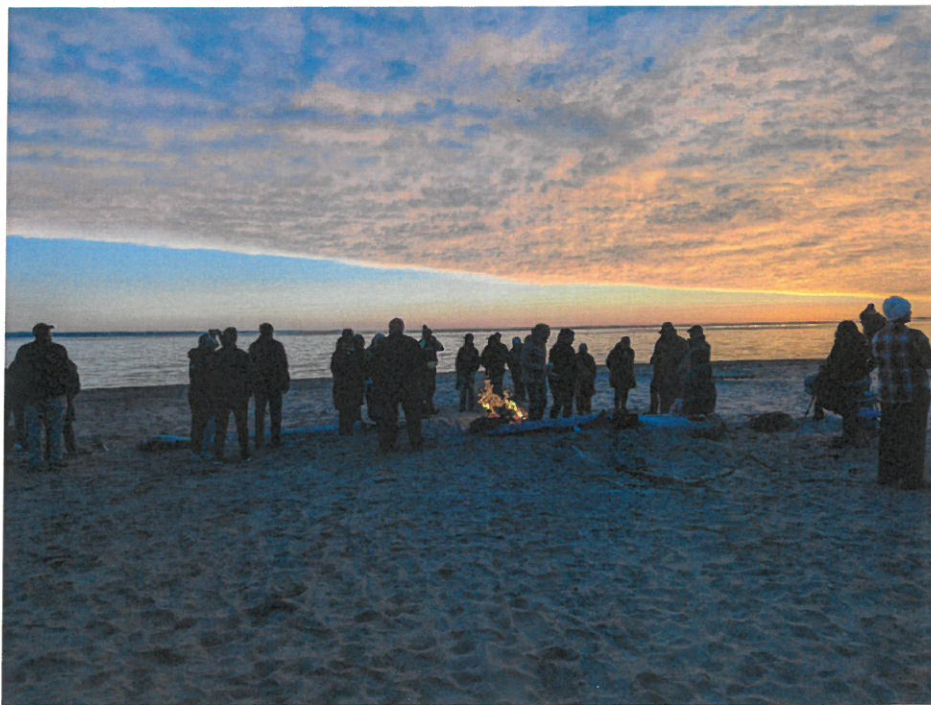
*Sunday School!  
Thank you  
Colleen and  
Rebecca*



*Pastor's Children sermon during worship.*



*Sunday School*



Easter Sunday  
Rise Worship  
service out at  
Wisconsin Point  
Lot#1

*Beautiful!!*



Violin music lesson's scheduled throughout the months

# May 2025

June 16-20 VBS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4 9:30 Worship 10:15 Sunday School <i>12-1 Eliza Studio Class</i> 4:00 NA 5:30 Community Meal 6:00 Adult Ed. Class 6:30 Evening Worship</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 11:00 Pastor's Text Study 4:00-5:30 Lessons, Teresa <b>5:00 Step in Line Dancing</b> 5:30 Choir Practice 6:15 Martial Arts Class 6:30 Praise practice</p>	<p>7 4:00 Confirmation Class 4:45 Girl Scouts 6:00 Katie's Brew Crew Sampling 7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap</p>	<p>1 10:00 Bible Study 5:45 Martial Arts Class</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
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<p>25 9:30 Worship 10:15 Sunday School <i>12-1 Eliza Studio Class</i> 2:00-4:00 Zach's Piano recital 4:00 NA 5:30 Community Meal 6:00 Adult Ed. Class</p>	<p>26 <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>27 11:00 Pastor's Text Study 4:00-5:30 Lessons, Teresa 6:15 Martial Arts Class</p>	<p>28 4:00 Confirmation Class 4:45 Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap</p>	<p>29 10:00 Bible Study 5:45 Martial Arts Class</p>	<p>30 Pilgrim Spring Clean Up Time—TB4</p>	<p>31 Pilgrim Spring Clean Up Time—TB4 2:30—5:00 Eliza Recital Rehearsal</p>