**Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church**
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***Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.***
***Website: www.plcsuperior.org***
***Facebook: PilgrimSuperior***

2026







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## Leadership

Pastor . . . . . .
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

## COUNCIL

Council President . . . Tad Matheson
Council Vice-President . . Jeff Gronski
Council Secretary . . . . . Colleen Elonen
Congregation Treasurer . . . . . Greg Elonen

Sandy Breitzmann, Noah Holland, Jan Cummings, Dianne Johnson, Rich Garay and Molly Warring

## 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
Church Phone: 715-392-4731

## E-mail and Website Addresses

officemgr@plcsuperior.org (Judy)
(Pastor)
treasurer@plcsuperior.org (Greg)

Church website: www.plcsuperior.org
Facebook: PilgrimSuperior
Synod website: www.nwswi.org
ELCA website: www.elca.org

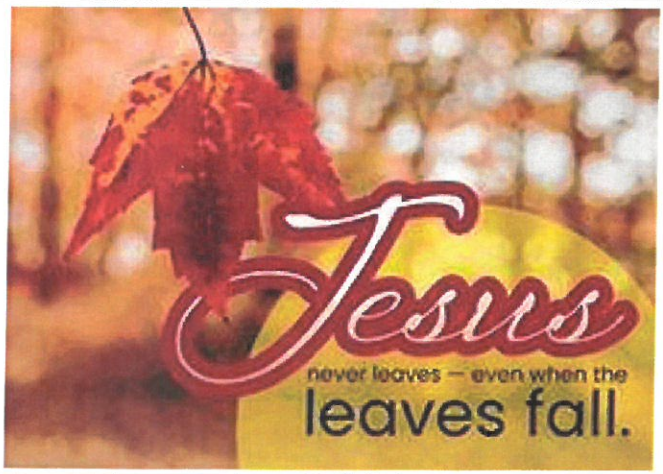
***PLC ONLINE*** ~ Check out Pilgrim's website at **www.plcsuperior.org** for the monthly calendar and newsletter, pictures, and much, much more.

## Financial Report

*July 2026*

| | |
|---|---|
| *Income:* | *$15,627.53* |
| *Expenses:* | *- 21,088.07* |
| *Surplus (Deficit)* | *(5,460.54)* |

*These figures have been submitted by Greg, Congregation Treasurer.*




***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

*July 2026 –*
*(4 Sunday Services -)*

| | |
|---|---|
| Total In-House Sunday Attendance: | 265 |
| Average In-House Sunday Attendance: | 67 |
| Total Online Sunday Attendance: | 118 |
| Average Online Sunday Attendance: | 30 |

***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!!***

**September 6**

| | |
|---|---|
| **Ushers:** | Team 4: Rich Garay, Capt |
| **Worship Asst:** | Noah Holland |
| **Sound System:** | Fred |
| **Altar Guild:** | Sandy and Theresa |
| **Hospitality:** | Julie & Tim McLaren |
| **Greeter:** | |

**September 13**

[redacted]

| | |
|---|---|
| **Ushers:** | Team 1: Ted Nelson, Capt |
| **Worship Asst:** | Don Miller |
| **Sound System:** | Jamie |
| **Altar Guild:** | Laura and Greg |
| **Hospitality:** | Mary Matheson |
| **Greeter:** | |

**September 20**

| | |
|---|---|
| **Ushers:** | Team 2: Tad Matheson, Capt. |
| **Worship Asst:** | Courtney Dietsche |
| **Sound System:** | Greg |
| **Altar Guild:** | Rachel and Colleen |
| **Hospitality:** | Anna Hansen & Joan Altman |
| **Greeter:** | |

**September 27**

| | |
|---|---|
| **Ushers:** | Team 3: Jeff Gronski, Capt. |
| **Worship Asst:** | Molly Warring |
| **Sound System:** | Jeff |
| **Altar Guild:** | Elaine and Mary |
| **Hospitality:** | Jamie Peterson |
| **Greeter:** | Sandy Breitzmann |

**Scripture Readings September 2026**
**Lectionary A**

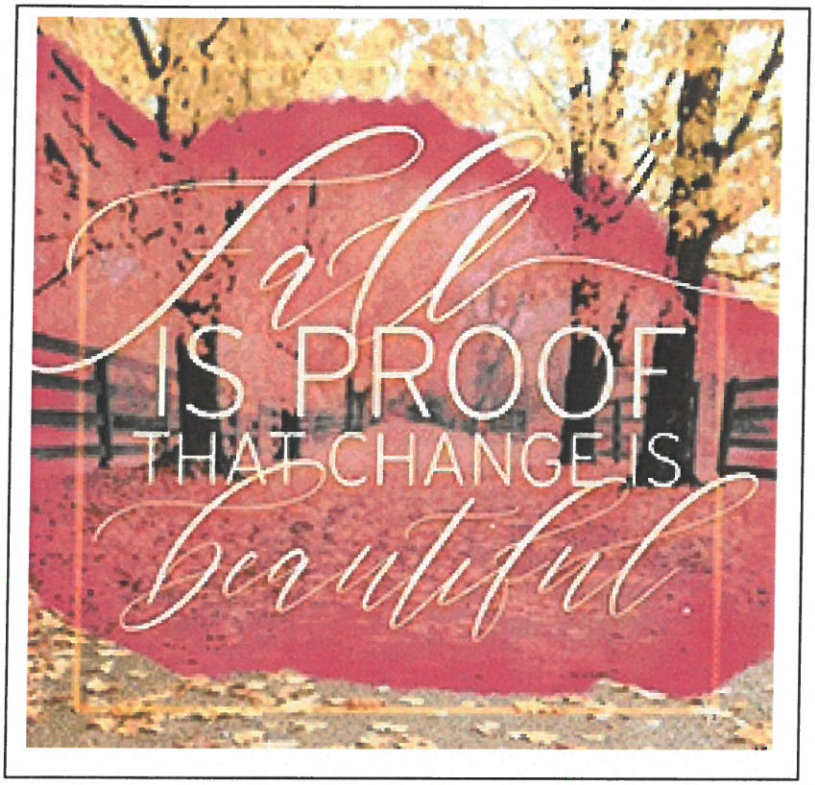
**September 6 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost**
Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

**September 13 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost**
Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:1-13
Romans 14:112
Matthew 18:21-35

**September 20 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost**
Jonah 3:10 – 4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

**September 27 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost**
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32




Fall
IS PROOF
THAT CHANGE IS
beautiful.


TRUST
Him with today.
HE IS ALREADY
IN TOMORROW.


Moments pass...
but God's faithfulness remains.

## Contact a Council Member

As it has been brought to our attention. People have asked who is on the council and how to get ahold of them. Names are printed on page 2 as they always have been. But with moving forward and looking for a new pastor or whatever is decided here are ways you can get ahold of a council member with your questions.

Tad Matheson (President) – haztad@chartermi.net
Jeff Gronski (Vice-President) – jeff.gronski@gmail.com
Colleen Elonen (Secretary) – celonen@yahoo.com
Greg Elonen(Congregation Treasurer) – treasurer@plcsuperior.org
Sandy Breitzmann (Council member) – sandrabreitzmann@gmail.com
Noah Holland (Council member) – noah@plcsuperior.org
Jan Cummings (Council member) – Janis.Cummings@hotmail.com
Dianne Johnson (Council member) – dianschael@aol.com
Rich Garay (Council member) – cell – 218-590-3650
Molly Warring (Council member) – mollysuemac@yahoo.com

## Quilting Helpers Needed!

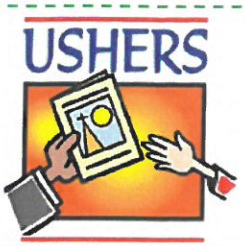


On Saturday Sept 19th, we will meet to assemble quilts and blankets from 9-12 in Fellowship Hall. We need to assemble about 12-15 blankets for incoming UWS international students. The next group of students will be here in December. Thanks to everyone who assembled this last batch of blankets and made tied blankets. We donated 12 to this semester's students!

Questions? Call Colleen 715-817-0444 or Jan Cummings for more information. We would appreciate more "hands" to help so any time you can donate would be great!






## Still Looking for Ushers!!

We have one person sign up to help usher. Thank You! We are looking to get a few more people so we can make a 5th team. Then it is a 5 week rotation. If you have any questions talk to any of our ushers. There is a sign up sheet by the calendar in the narthex.

Thank You for considering doing this.

## Always looking for pictures!! – From the Archive Committee

Always looking for new photos and articles – especially from 2000 to present.

Please identify the people in the photos as well as what year they are from. Please identify who gave them as well. So if we have any questions we will know who to talk to.

The group meets again on Wednesday, September 23rd from 9:00 – noon. Any one is welcome to come and join us. You don't have to stay the whole time – just even a little time is helpful. The is a big and ongoing project. Thank you!



Here is a QR code for submitting pictures.

**Coins for the Community.**

We will be collecting spare change for The Samaritan Fund for July, August and September. Thank you for your continued support!

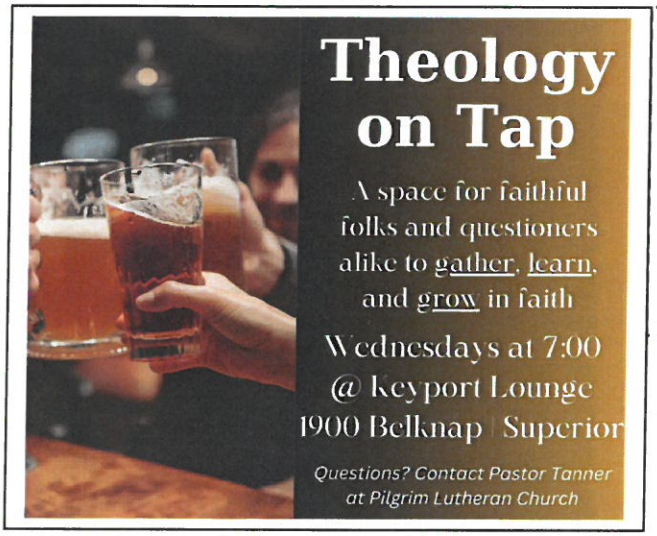
Still collecting pop tabs. They will be going to the Ronald McDonald house in Duluth. These go to the funding of having families stay with their kids while they are in the hospital. It means so much to be able to have your family with you when you are going through medical things. Lets fill up the jars.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



## Sign Up Sheets

Have you seen how many sign-up sheets we have. There are many things going on at Pilgrim. There is something there for anyone. They change all the time too.
Always check out the sign-up area.
It is located under the big Calendar in the Narthex.




We'd love to have you join the conversation at Theology on Tap – Wednesdays at 7:00 at Keyport Resturant (1900 Belknap Street). This is a fun, laid back gathering where we decide what we're talking about as we go and get to know each other along the way.
Grab a friend and we'll see you soon!

## Community Meals

We are excited to be able to offer free meals for our community on the first Sunday of each month! Here at Pilgrim at 5:30 on August 2nd. Pilgrim will be cooking this time. Can you help?



**Pilgrim Lutheran Church**
**Church Council Meeting Minutes**
**Aug 11, 2026**

**Call to Order:** President Matheson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:35PM.

**Roll Call:** Tad Matheson, Jeff Gronski, Rich Garay, Jan Cummings, Noah Holland, Dianne Johnson, Colleen Elonen, Molly Warring and Treasurer Greg Elonen were present. Sandy Breitzman was excused. Sunny Waterhouse was guest.

**Opening Prayer:** Noah Holland opened the meeting with prayer.

**Minutes from the Previous Meeting:** Noah made a motion to accept, Jeff seconded. No discussion or edits. Motion carried.

**Pastor's previous Report with updates:**

- o JacketFest is fast approaching in September. We will need to identify people to help at UWS at our booth. Jan Cummings will coordinate the plant giveaway.
- o Reminder about the benefit fundraiser for several UWS international students scheduled for Wednesday, September 9 th here at Pilgrim. The International Student Association and Professor Haji are leading the charge on this event. Everyone is welcome to attend, or donate funds directly to the program.
- o First Sunday Community Meals are continuing. Pilgrim would be in charge of meals in September and December. Colleen will make a sign-up sheet for potluck items.
- o Joint service scheduled with Zion, Concordia, and Our Saviors on Sunday, August 16 th at 10:00 with a meal to follow out at the Barker's Island Bandshell near the SS Meteor.

**Committee Reports (Old and New Business)**

**A.** Financial Report: Greg briefed council on financial report from July, highlighting out of the ordinary transactions. Quarterly billing is now occurring on some accounts. Pastoral care will now be done by Sean and Sara so assumption that there is no cost right now, but that may need to change if we continue this way until interim. Jan made motion to accept report. Molly seconded. Motion carried.

**B.** Music Ministry: Request by Pianist / Choir director regarding funding for remainder of calendar year, and projected expenses for 2027. The Council approved $600 for Lessons and Carols to be spent however Coordinators want to utilize the funds. Dianne will make sure Curt and Lorelei know to ask other ELCA church choirs to participate. Outreach will ask other churches for youth and helpers for the St Lucia portion. Colleen made motion, Rich seconded. Motion carried.

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**C.** Property Report: Tad – Request for Quotes to have Electrical work updated in kitchen from came from only Billings Electric. Tad will meet next week to finalize. Kevin Peterson = painting of outside trim to begin next week. Dale Fund will pay $1000 for electric and $500 for painting. New property insurance will be "actual cost value" vs. "replacement rate". Both Holden and Mutual Insurance will give us quotes for 3-year renewal. AC units were repaired by Belknap Electric – 2 days at $125/hr but materials should be covered under warranty. Boiler tune-up will need to be done before winter; Tad will reach out to Focus on Energy to see if we can get rebates on cost. Tad will show some of members how to buff and wax the floors in FH in September.
**D.** Mission and Outreach: Jan will coordinate Jacketfest for Thursday Sept 17 th . 11-1 at UWS. Quilt making Sept 19 th from 9-12. All blankets were given to UWS for this semester arrivals, so more is needed for Dec. International students.
**E.** Stewardship: Molly will schedule a meeting with Finance to start discussion on 2027 budgets in coordination with Stewardship mission.
**F.** Finance: Should probably try to meet monthly during the transition. Suggested that going Finance and Stewardship should meet quarterly.
**G.** Youth and Family Ministry: Colleen will talk with Rebecca about vision for SS for 2027 and clarity about children's sermons schedule.

**Other Business:**
**1)** Collaboration conversations with other churches – At July ChiMS meeting, attendees were able to meet Summer but she remained active listener and meeting gave her good background, and how that information can give us options on how we could move forward. Jan mentioned that although we have a lot of little things regarding property, we feel we are in good overall position. The previous survey sent out had a lot of good questions regarding member's thoughts/ideas/concerns if we were to move forward with consolidation or merger, but Summer would like to include "What is your biggest hope if we do move ahead?"
**2)** Summer felt it was really positive meeting-people were thinking outside of the box. Ideas for Buildings use…would we continue to support 4 buildings with different uses? Or would we close one /two and combine into one or another or both? Who could handle Communications/marketing, rather than have Sr. Pastor do it, etc.
**3)** Reminder that kitchen is now being used Monday – Friday during the days, so reach out to Colleen if you have questions/concerns. The prep area of the kitchen is always available for PLC members and use.
**4)** Pulpit support – Tad has it set up for next three months.

Next meeting will be 15 Sept 2026 6:30PM
Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

## Cohort for Students Affected by War (CSAW)

**Invites you to our inaugural**

# TUITION FUNDRAISER



**Menu:**

Basmati Rice

Channa Masala

Vegetable Korma

Chicken Curry

Mango Ice Cream

CHEF: Mr. Koresh Lakhan

**International students must show proof that they are able to fund their education before they are issued a visa to come to the US. Once they are here, wars and conflict at home can disrupt their financial situation because either businesses at their home country close due to war, exceptional changes in the value of their currency limit the value of their money, is and/or access to funds from their home country is limited. This fund will help students who are caught up in this situation cover tuition costs and living expenses.**

Location: Pilgrim Lutheran Church (820 Belknap St., Superior)

Date: Sept. 9 begins at 5:15 and ends at 7:30 pm

$25.00 per person/$175 per table of 8

To reserve tickets, please contact (218) 348-7896 or kdokhanc@gmail.com

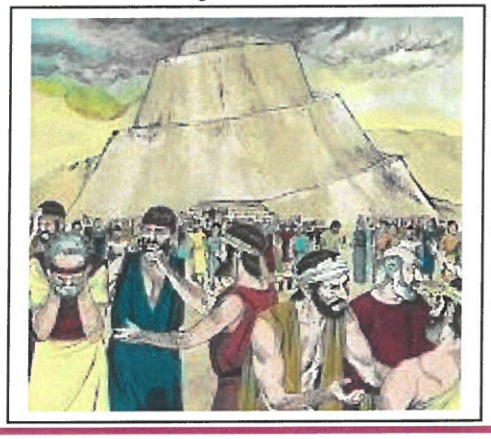
## Pilgrim Choir




The Pilgrim Lutheran Church choir will have its first rehearsal of the new season on Tuesday, September 8th from 5:30 – 6:30 pm in the choir loft. If you are high school age or older and enjoy choral singing to the glory of God, and you have been thinking about joining the choir, why not come and have some fun with us? We'd love to have you. All voice parts are welcome. For further information, contact the church office.

## Power up for Pilgrim Sunday School !

Starting Sunday, September 13, we will offer both in person and online Sunday school for our young people. If it isn't possible to attend on Sunday morning, this is a great option to continue one's all-important faith journey. We will cover remarkable Bible stories that do not just inform but transform. Come and see, find your Exodus





## Bells are back!!

**2026-2027 Bell Choir season begins September 13th.** Rehearsals will be from 8:15am -8:55am Sunday mornings. No musical experience required! Ages 10+ are invited to participate! Contact Lorelei Holland for more details or just show up! (piano.lorelei.zimmerman@gmail.com)



# September 2026

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Watch the bulletin for the CHIMS day and place in the bulletin* | | 1<br>6:15 Martial Arts Class | 2<br>11:00 Lessons, Teresa<br>**7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Keyport** | 3<br>10:00 Bible Study<br>5:45 Martial Arts Class | 4 | 5<br>8:00-10:00 Martial Arts Class<br>11:00 funeral for Susan Mayers |
| 6 9:30 Worship ~ Stump the Musicians<br>4:00 NA<br>5:30 Community Meal free By Pilgrim | 7<br>Labor Day<br>Office Closed | 8<br>5:30 Choir Practice<br>6:15 Martial Arts Class | 9<br>11:00 Lessons, Teresa<br>**7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Keyport** | 10<br>10:00 Bible Study<br>5:45 Martial Arts Class | 11 | 12 8:00-10:00 Martial Arts Class<br>9:00—Noon Live Well Class |
| 13 8:15 Bell Practice<br>9:30 Worship ~ Blessing of the backpacks<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>12-1 Violin Studio Class<br>1:30 NA committee<br>4:00 NA | 14 | 15<br>**Progress Articles Due**<br>5:30 Choir Practice<br>6:15 Martial Arts Class<br>**6:30 Council Meeting** | 16<br>11:00 Lessons, Teresa<br>**7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Keyport** | 17<br>10:00 Bible Study<br>11:00-1:00 Jacketfest UWS<br>5:45 Martial Arts Class | 18 | 19<br>8:00-10:00 Martial Arts Class<br>9:00-Noon Quilting |
| 20 8:15 Bell Practice<br>9:30 Worship<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>4:00 NA | 21 | 22<br>5:30 Choir Practice<br>6:15 Martial Arts Class | 23 9:00 –Noon Archives Crew<br>11:00 Lessons, Teresa<br>**7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Keyport** | 24<br>10:00 Bible Study<br>5:45 Martial Arts Class | 25 | 26<br>8:00-10:00 Martial Arts Class |
| 27 8:15 Bell Practice<br>9:30 Worship<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>4:00 NA | 28 | 29<br>5:30 Choir Practice<br>6:15 Martial Arts Class | 30<br>11:00 Lessons, Teresa<br>**7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Keyport** | | **Eliza's music lessons scheduled throughout Sunday -Thursday** | |