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
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2026



Attention!!

Worship Service time has changed!!
Starting November 1st.

Worship will now be at 9:00 a.m.

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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
Church Phone: 715-392-4731

E-mail and Website Addresses

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



Remember to set your clocks back an hour when you go to bed Saturday night – October 31st.

Leadership

Pastor . . . . . .Sarah Gunderson (November 15th)
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

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

Financial Report

September 2026

Income:	*$11,139.61*
Expenses:	*- 12,703.09*
Surplus (Deficit)	*(1,563.48)*

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

September 2026 –
(4 Sunday Services here at Pilgrim)

Total In-House Sunday Attendance:	215
Average In-House Sunday Attendance:	54
Total Online Sunday Attendance:	86
Average Online Sunday Attendance:	22

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!!

November 1

Ushers:	Team 4: Rich Garay, Capt.
Worship Asst:	Noah Holland
Sound System:	Fred
Altar Guild:	Sandy and Theresa
Hospitality:	Laura Swanson
Greeter:	Dick Erickson

November 8

Ushers:	Team 1: Ted Nelson, Capt
Worship Asst:	Jan Cummings
Sound System:	Jamie
Altar Guild:	Laura and Greg
Hospitality:	Jan Cummings
Greeter:	Eileen Ward

November 15

Ushers:	Team 2: Tad Matheson, Capt.
Worship Asst:	Molly Warring
Sound System:	Greg
Altar Guild:	Rachel and Colleen
Hospitality:	Mary Matheson
Greeter:	Jan Cummings

November 22

Ushers:	Team 3: Jeff Gronski, Capt.
Worship Asst:	Colleen Elonen
Sound System:	Jeff
Altar Guild:	Elaine and Mary
Hospitality:	Molly Warring
Greeter:	Sandy Breitzmann

November 29

Ushers:	Team 4: Rich Garay, Capt
Worship Asst:	Sue Connolly
Sound System:	Jamie
Altar Guild:	Sandy and Theresa
Hospitality:	Sue Connolly
Greeter:	????????

Scripture Readings November 2026

Lectionary A

November 1 - All Saints Day

Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

November 8 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

November 15 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

November 22 – Christ the King

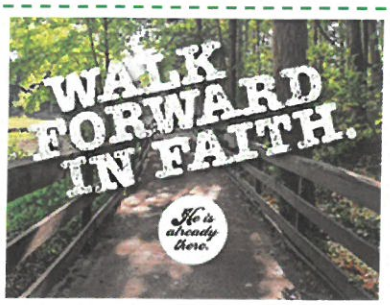
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Lectionary B

November 29 – 1st Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37





HONORING OUR NEIGHBOR'S FAITH

The small group study of the book "Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith – A Lutheran Perspective on Faith Traditions in America" meets on Mondays at 9:00 am and Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the Library at Pilgrim Lutheran Church. The November schedule is:

Monday, November 2nd and Tuesday, November 3rd Roman Catholic Church
Monday, November 9th and Tuesday, November 10th Buddhism
Monday, November 16th and Tuesday, November 17th Hinduism
Monday, November 23rd and Tuesday, November 24th Islam
Monday, November 30th and Tuesday, December 1st Judaism

After the class on December 1st, we will take a "semester break" until January, 2027. For more information about the class please talk with Joel Huenemann, (218) 428-7300.

Attention!! Things will be a little different.

Some changes are happening here at Pilgrim.

Pastor Sarah Gunderson from Zion has agreed to do part time here at Pilgrim. This will be for 6 months to see how things go. She will start on November 15th.

Welcome Pastor Sarah!!!!

Starting on November 1st –
Worship service will be at 9:00 a.m.

Which means Choir Practice will be at 8:30 a.m. before church.

Sunday School will be a 9:15 a.m.

Bell Practice will be from 10:00 – 10:45.



Pilgrim Lutheran Church
Church Council Summary
October, 2026

Committee Reports (Old and New Business)

A. **Financial Report**: Treasurer briefed council on financial report from September, highlighting out of the ordinary transactions.
B. **Worship and Music Ministry:** Piano humidifiers/dehumidifiers need to be updated/tweaked so that the wood remains pliable for playing. Worship times are changing Nov. 1 to 9:00am. Choir and Handbell practice times will change as well.
C. **Property Report:** Building Insurance needs to be updated. Deductible is raised to 10K, but moving to ACV valuation from Holden Insurance will reduce overall cost. Snow removal/snow plowing will be done by volunteers again this year.
D. **Mission and Outreach:** Quilting Oct. 17 to support UWS international students. Bethlehem Garage sale week of Dec. 6th. Looking for someone to spearhead to a Visiting Group to go to Nursing homes and shut ins to visit by "deacons".
E. **Stewardship**: Hoping to reach out to Steve and Bethany Friberg and invite them to give presentation at community wide dinner. Asking Archives to put up photos in Library area. Reviewing surveys with the Listening session notes to plan how to move forward. Council Presidents met with Summer to review progress.
F. **Finance:** Donation for Match It of $6000 so we exceeded our goal! Deposited into ELCA Foundation. Looking into Venmo account as well as Vanco for ease of giving.
G. **Youth and Family Ministry:** Sunday School and confirmation classes have started. Hoping to have UWS put up brochures for community dinners for Sunday night. Small group discussions going well and have a lot of participants

Other Business:

1) Pastor Sarah has been hired to work with us on part-time basis for 6-month. We are changing service time to 9:00am, Zion moving their time to 10:30 am. We will make suggestions on how to reduce overall service time (announcements at end, communion only once a month, not collecting offering but have box outside sanctuary, choir singing the HOTD, rather than at offering).
2) Bishop may come up on Nov 15th and Sarah will start that morning.
3) Next ChiMs at Our Savior's at 5:30 Oct. 22nd.

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) – sandrabreitzmann55@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

Blood Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated blood on the drive we had on October 14th. Everything went very well.

But the need for blood to be donated is great.

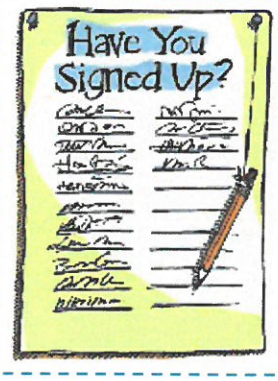
Another Blood Drive will be coming up in December.
It will be on December2nd.
From 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
This one is the battle of the badges.

Watch December Newsletter for more details.



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.



Sunday School and Confirmation!



Thank you to Colleen and Rebecca for working with the youth.

Rebecca is doing our Sunday Children's sermons (which a lot of the adults enjoy). She is also working with our confirmation students. Confirmation will be starting on October 7th at 4:15.
Right now we have 3 students. If you have anyone that would like to come and join they are welcome to. Just get ahold of Rebecca or the church office.

Colleen is taking care of the Sunday school classes. They meet at 9:45 downstairs. Again, if you would like to come and join the group you are more than welcome to.

Children are an important part to a church. They are the future!

Always looking for pictures!! – From the Archive Committee



Here is a QR code for submitting pictures.

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, November 18th 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!

All Saints' Day

We will celebrate All Saints' Day during worship on November 1st. Nancy Ann Nelson, Gloriann Barton, Julia Ann Dalbec, Johnny Rodberg, Jean Sellers, Betty Porter and Susan Mae (Randa) Mayers.
In addition to naming those who have died from our community of faith in the past year, we are inviting you to lift the names of other Saints who have gone before us as part of our prayers and candle lighting during worship.

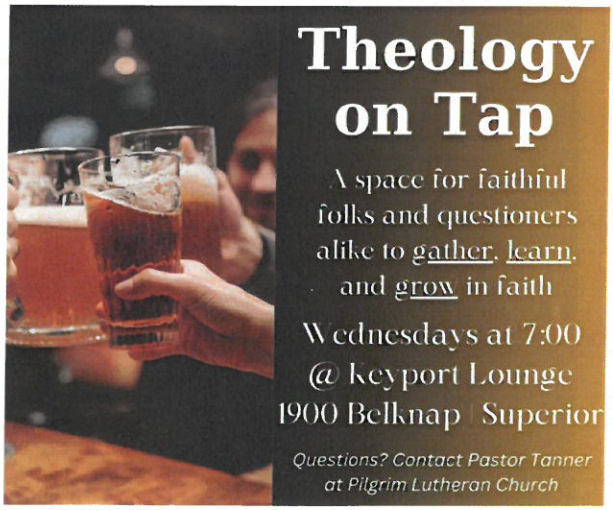


Coins for the Community.

We will be collecting spare change for CASDA from October – December.
The Samaritan Fund collected $55.91 from July – 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!!

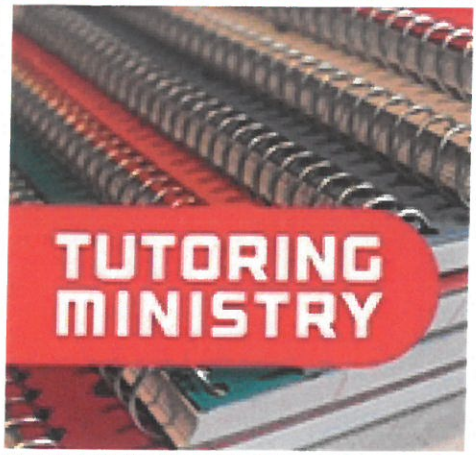


We'd love to have you join the conversation at Theology on Tap – Wednesdays at 7:00 at Keyport Resturant (1900 Belknap Street). This is a fun, laid back gathering where we decide what we're talking about as we go and get to know each other along the way.
Grab a friend and we'll see you soon!

Community Meal

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 November 1st. Concordia will be putting on this meal. Come join us.





Traveling Tutor

Are you looking for a way to help out in your community? Do you enjoy working with kids? If so, Pilgrim is partnering with Northern Lights elementary school by tutoring students in math and reading. There are a variety of grades from which to choose along with a variety of times. This is a very flexible volunteer opportunity. A simple background check required by the School District of Superior must be processed first, but it is very easy. If you would like more information, contact Judy in the office and she will pass along the information to Mary Johnson-Garay. Thank you!

Looking for Donations!

Harbor House is looking for donations of gently used full and twin sheets, pillowcases, towels, and laundry detergent.
Outreach and Witness group will collect these through the month of October so please bring any donations to church and put in the collection bin.
We will take them over to the house weekly.







Poinsettia's Again this year! Order form below . . . .

Christmas Poinsettia Garden 2026



To honor or memorialize a loved one, and to add beauty to our sanctuary during this Christmas season, we invite you to contribute a floral offering. Please fill out the form below and place it in the offing plate or return it to the office **by Sunday, December 6th.** Plants can be picked up after the Christmas Eve worship if you ordered one.

From

_____

_____

Phone: _____

IN MEMORY OF:

_____

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IN HONOR OF:

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Cost of poinsettias this year is $13.00 per plant.
PLEASE ORDER _____PLANTS
TOTAL COST $ _____



Remember When?

The Archives team has submitted a photo. They are hoping that seeing a picture from past events - it will remind you to submit photos you have sitting around. You can use the QR code on page 7 or go straight to our web site and go to the Archives page.

Attention kids of any age.

On page 12 there is a coloring page. Show us your coloring talent. If you would like to bring them into the church office we will hang them up for all to see. But if you want to put it on the fridge at home that is ok too.

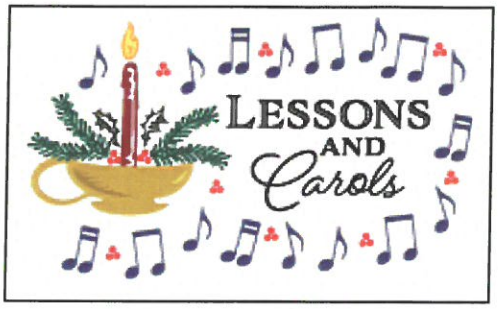




Name _____ **Age** _____

****SAVE THE DATE –**

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS AND VESPER TEA**



Pilgrim's traditional Service of Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday, December 13 at 4 pm. The Pilgrim choir, along with many choral friends from around the area, will present the service of music and scripture which marks the transition from Advent to the birth of our Savior. The presentation of Santa Lucia and the Vesper Tea will follow.

The Service of Lessons and Carols has been a tradition at Pilgrim since the early 1980s and the Vesper Tea dates back to 1937. Don't miss this treasured annual event!

Bethlehem Garage Sale

It has been decided that Pilgrim will do the Bethlehem Garage Sale again this year. This is an event that people donate items kids can come and pick out gifts they would like to give their families. Their siblings, parents, grandparents and so on. This event is free for the kids.



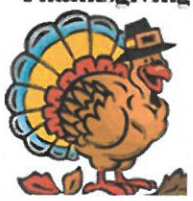
It is a community event.

So check out around your house and see if there are items you would like to donate. We will also need wrapping paper, bows, bags to help the kids wrap their packages.

We will also need helpers to set up before the sale and during the sale. More info coming on these details.

This event is scheduled for December 6th. Jan Cummings is the contact person for this event.

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Worship – *All Saints* 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Bell Practice 12-1 Violin Studio Class 4:00 NA Group 5:30 Community Meal - free by Concordia	**2** 9:00 Honoring our Neighbors's Faith Study	**3** 2:00 Lessons, Teresa 4:00 Pilates Class 5:30 Choir Practice 6:15 Martial Arts Class 7:00 Honoring our Neighbors's Faith Study	**4** 3:00 Lessons, Teresa **4:15 Confirmation Class** 5:00 Girl Scouts 7:00 Theology on Tap @ Key Port	**5** 10:00 Bible Study 4:00 Pilates Class 6:15 Martial Arts Class	**6**	**7** 8:00 -10:00 Martial Arts Class **10:00 – 4:00 Reserved for Birthday Party**
8 9:00 Worship – *Stump the musician* 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Bell Practice 1:30 NA Committee 4:00 NA Group	**9** 9:00 Honoring our Neighbors's Faith Study	**10** 2:00 Lessons, Teresa 4:00 Pilates Class 5:30 Choir Practice 6:15 Martial Arts Class 6:30 Council Meeting 7:00 Honoring our Neighbors's Faith Study	**11** **Office Closed** 3:00 Lessons, Teresa **4:15 Confirmation Class** 7:00 Theology on Tap @ Key Port **Veterans Day**	**12** 10:00 Bible Study 4:00 Pilates Class **5:30 CHIMS meeting at Pilgrim** 6:15 Martial Arts Class	**13**	**14** 8:00 -10:00 Martial Arts Class **10:00 – Noon Live Well Cooking Tamales Class**
15 9:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Bell Practice 4:00 NA Group **Progress Articles Due**	**16** 9:00 Honoring our Neighbors's Faith Study	**17** 2:00 Lessons, Teresa 4:00 Pilates Class 5:30 Choir Practice 6:15 Martial Arts Class 7:00 Honoring our Neighbors's Faith Study	**18** **9:00 – Noon Archives Crew** 3:00 Lessons, Teresa **4:15 Confirmation Class** 5:00 Girl Scouts 7:00 Theology on Tap @ Key Port	**19** 10:00 Bible Study 4:00 Pilates Class 6:15 Martial Arts Class	**20**	**21** 8:00 -10:00 Martial Arts Class
22 9:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Bell Practice 4:00 NA Group	**23** 9:00 Honoring our Neighbors's Faith Study	**24** 2:00 Lessons, Teresa 4:00 Pilates Class 5:30 Choir Practice 6:15 Martial Arts Class 7:00 Honoring our Neighbors's Faith Study	**25** 3:00 Lessons, Teresa **4:15 Confirmation Class** 7:00 Theology on Tap @ Key Port	**26** **Happy Thanksgiving** 	**27**	**28** 8:00 -10:00 Martial Arts Class
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Eliza – Violin lesson's scheduled Sunday -Thursday throughout the month.