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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

In-Person and
Zoomed Online

9:00 am

THURSDAYS

In-person

6:30 pm

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday

Summer (closed)

A Message from our Council President...

Jean Trempe

RESTORE RENEW REOPEN

The COVID-19 virus has dominated most of our lives for the past year and continues to cause anguish among our members and throughout the world. Some have felt overwhelming fear of catching the sometimes deadly virus. As an ELCA congregation, we have looked to our Synod for guidance. Today that guidance is somewhat contradictory to the Centers for Disease Control guidance. Who should we look to for guidance? As Christians should we not try to discern God's Will and plan for us as individuals and as a congregation? Should our faith in the Father and Son help us to overcome our fears and help us to move forward with our lives and the activities of the Church? These are questions I have pondered for most of the past year.

We pray that all people can remain safe and free of the ills of COVID-19, especially those who are most vulnerable. When the sanctuary was shuttered back in March of last year, this was a priority. We pray that those who suffered or lost loved ones are returned to health and are comforted.

We have only recently begun to take small steps toward bringing the congregation back into the Church. God provided the miracle of vaccines devel-

oped by people with God-given talents. At this point, a large number of our members and community are fully vaccinated. Scientists and medical experts tell us that once fully vaccinated, chances of catching the virus or passing it on to others is very unlikely. If you have visited a retailer or a restaurant lately, you saw people's faces again. Many of the school districts are moving to fully open, if they are not already and are also ditching the masks. Nearly all of the other church denominations in our area have reopened their churches to in-person worship as they provided prior to the pandemic. Perhaps we should take these signs and know that God is in control and helping us to begin the process of restoring, renewing and ultimately fully reopening. Please do not misunderstand. Those who remain vulnerable or fearful still need our protection and understanding. There is still a need for personal assessment of risk and responsibility.

In the summer months ahead, as more people allay their fears and return to more normal daily lives, Pilgrim Church's Congregation will move forward, continuing to live into God's mission for us. The steps taken may be

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FELLOWSHIP HALL RENEWAL

small at first, but we have firm reason for the belief that by August we can eliminate most of the restrictions that have hampered our ability to freely worship and be part of the church activities we knew prior to the pandemic. Online services will continue to allow accessibility to those who cannot attend church in person.

Our Pilgrim congregation is entering another phase of our church life, entering a time of transition and an exciting time of renewal. We were blessed to work with Vicar Will over the past three years. His journey with us ended in May. We pray that Vicar Will's journey is led by God's presence as he seeks his call and path for the future. Bless he and his family as they begin the next leg of this journey.

Vicar Patrick Kempf will begin his internship with the congregation on August 2, 2021. We look forward to getting to know our new Vicar. Prior to his arrival, we will restore the sanctuary and other spaces. Watch for volunteer opportunities to assist with cleaning and moving furnishings. We have an opportunity to refresh our church spaces. There will be opportunities to plan for and help with welcoming Vicar Patrick. It is time to shake our bells and sing our songs once again.

In Christ's Love,
Jean Trempe, Council President

Fellowship Hall at Pilgrim has not changed much over the past 30 some years. It still has the 1980's wallpaper border. It still has the old, worn flooring. There are still tattered dividers that served to house Sunday School classes when we had more than four or five children. The chalk boards now hold posters. The dishwasher in the kitchen remains broken. We have not served a church meal on the dishes in the cabinets in quite some time.

Two or three years ago, when we began the Seeds for Growth program, part of the program involved touring our partner churches and providing feedback. When Pilgrim was toured, most of our counterparts thought our Sanctuary, offices and lounge area were very well maintained and attractive. Fellowship Hall and the kitchen did not fare as well.

Our budget each year has been focused on programs that help the community, paying salaries, essential expenses and meeting the Church's mortgage and other financial obligations. Over the years, Fellowship Hall and the kitchen have served us well. We have not considered the need to update this space or planned for fundraising to do so much as paint. Consider the number of events held in Fellowship Hall, including CFC worship services, fellowship events such as celebration dinners, soup suppers, annual rummage sale, Christmas Memories, blood drives and Family Fun Night for example. We often offer the facility for private events such as bridal showers, anniversary parties and even wedding receptions. Perhaps in this time of renewal, it is time to look at what could be done to renew this space and raise funds to do so as priorities are set. Some projects will be inexpensive and other may take a while to accomplish. If nothing is done, just like a home, it will continue to deteriorate.

I would like to pull an ad hoc committee together to look at the possibilities. There is no intention to borrow money to do any project identified. Special fund raising will be required. The duties of the committee would include:

- Creating a list of possible projects to undertake.
- Enlist congregation members with expertise and skill sets that can help determine what needs to be done and may be able to assist with the projects once determined. Work closely with buildings and grounds committee.
- Set priorities for projects with input from Congregation and CFC. This may involve getting quotes, determining fundraising requirements, and helping to set some timelines. These projects could span a number of years based on ability to raise funds.
- Work with Council and volunteers to create fundraising plans.

Please prayerfully consider your talents and how you might help with this project. If you feel called to participate, you can reach me at 715-845-4611 or email jtrempe@frontier.com

Thank You!

Jean Trempe, Council President

Make a joyful noise!

He [God] will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

~ Zephaniah 3:17b

I love the idea of God exulting over us with loud singing. I am including part of a quote by John Piper from his book *The Pleasures of God* given to me by Charlene Buttner because it talks about this very thing—God making music for us.

“What do you hear when you imagine the voice of God singing?”

I hear the booming of Niagara Falls mingled with the trickle of a mossy mountain stream. I hear the blast of Mount St. Helens mingled with a kitten’s purr. I hear the power of an East Coast hurricane and the barely audible puff of a night snow in the woods. And I hear the unimaginable roar of the sun...1,300,000 times bigger than the earth, and nothing but fire... But I hear this unimaginable roar mingled with the tender, warm crackling of logs in the living room on a cozy winter’s night.

I stand dumbfounded, staggered, speechless that God is singing over me—one who has dishonored him so many times and in so many ways. It is almost too good to be true. He is rejoicing over my good with all his heart and all his soul. He virtually breaks forth into song when he hits upon a new way to do me good.”

I have been listening for God’s songs in nature that we can hear right here in Central Wisconsin. My list includes the sound of the wind in the trees and in tall grass, birds chirping, water from a lake hitting the shore on windy days, water rushing through Wausau Whitewater Park when the dam has been opened for kayak races, crickets on summer nights, toads and frogs in marshy areas, the rustle of leaves when squirrels, chipmunks, and even deer move through our yards, walking on snow that is so cold it squeaks underfoot, and, of course, the sounds of children laughing while they play outside. Your list may be much different than mine.

I think it’s fun to stretch our minds out of the usual concept of music into the music of nature. It reminds me of the words from the hymn, “This Is My Father’s World.”

*This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father’s world; the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world; he shines in all that’s fair.
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.*

With thanks that our world is filled with God’s ever changing music,

—Delores Kessel

WEEKLY PRAYER CIRCLE

Tuesdays
11:45 a.m.

If you would like to join the group, drop in. Or, if you would like to receive the weekly prayer list, contact the office.

MEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY BREAKFAST

at Eagle's Nest
First Thursday of the Month
7:30 a.m.

The next gatherings for food and faith are June 3rd and July 1st. Contact Eugene Viegut (715-359-9895) if you are interested in joining or have questions.

BOOK STUDY

"When Christ Comes"
—Max Lucado
Monthly at Pilgrim
9:00-10:00 a.m.

June 12	September 11
July 10	October 9
August 14	November 13

**CAN'T GET TO CHURCH ON
SUNDAY?**
**COME WORSHIP THURSDAYS
AT 6:30 PM!**

We gather for worship each week in a simple service of hymns, prayers, Scripture, sermon, and the Lord's Supper. We don't "dress up," and it only lasts 30 – 40 minutes. If your spirit needs food for the journey, please consider joining us. We promise you will be fed!

SCHOOL KITS

Over the next few months, we are collecting items for SCHOOL KITS for Lutheran World Relief and local students.

Education is important for any community, especially where poverty or disaster has limited the options for young people to reach their potential. SCHOOL KITS contain essential supplies to help children—and in some cases, adults—continue learning despite the hardships they face. And that learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.

These are the items we are collecting for each school kit:

- * Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10.5"; no loose-leaf paper (Menards or Fleet Farm, Dollar General...)
We are especially in short supply of notebooks.
- * One pencil sharpener

- * A 30-centimeter (12-inch ruler), or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- * One pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- * Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure with a rubber band
- * One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- * Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure with a rubber band
- * One 2.5" eraser
- * sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bags, approx. 14" x 17" (sturdy cotton, canvas, denim, and twill) No standard backpacks

Items can be left in the collection boxes in the narthex. Call Charlene Buttner at 715-842-7683 for more information.

Thank you!

DON'T FORGET! As summer approaches and you plan those warm-weather getaways, please remember the ongoing needs of the congregation. Please send in your offering or use Paypal—a link is available at our website. Thank you!

Summer Office Hours

The church office will be open Monday - Thursday
8 - 12 and 1 - 3.

Closed on Fridays.

**GIVE
BLOOD**
SAVE A LIFE

The Blood Center of Northcentral Wisconsin will be conducting a blood drive here at Pilgrim on Thursday, July 15, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Call 715-842-0761 to make an appointment, or just drop in.



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Colton Lemanski
Wausau East

Wesley Schneider
Wausau West

Logan Zaitz
Wausau East

Baccalaureate Sunday, June 6th, Pilgrim congregation will recognize this year's graduates.

*Blessings and Peace
to Pilgrim Lutheran Church.*

*I want to say Thank You with all my heart.
Your overwhelming support and appreciation
for my family and me has touched our hearts deeply
in ways beyond what words can say.*

*Thank You for all the touching cards, the gifts of scrip cards,
the quilt, and the prayer shawls. Thank You for being here with us.
Your presence fills me with joy as we gather together for a time
celebration and in praising our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
You are truly a blessing to the church and for God's mission.*

*I wish you the best as you continue to venture forward in
ministry together and as your own faith continues to grow,
with the Holy Spirit guiding, inspiring, and leading.
As we live in community together and as
members of the one Body of Christ,
"Together... Wherever We Are."*

*Peace,
Vicar Will Ostrem*



Action is slowly ramping up with the local art galleries. The Center for the Visual Arts, right here in Wausau, is featuring a "Hard and Soft" exhibit from May 14 through July 10.

On display will be examples of fine art created in both fiber and ceramic, displaying a stark contrast regarding the mediums employed. At the Riverfront Gallery in Stevens Point, the annual featured exhibit called "Visions XXII" will be happening again from June 25 through August 15. This signature show displays fine art from artists located far and wide. All the above-mentioned shows are juried and will assuredly display a high quality of fine art. As always, these galleries are in strict accordance with rules regarding public health safety.

shout OUT!

- ☺ To John Trempe for moving the tree and bush on the southwest corner of the church
- ☺ To Stan Meyers for helping to install the screens on the church windows
- ☺ To the following people for assisting with the Pilgrim Rummage Sale: Cathy Gottschalk, Mary Swanson, Randy & Shirley Ecker, Jeanette Carlson, Chris & Terra Ecker, Katie Ecker, Jenni Zaitz, Connie Brandenburg, Deanna Kelly, Charlene Buttner, Ramona Schmitz, June Champagne, and Eugene Viegut.
- ☺ To our bakers: Sue Koerten, Karen Larson, Kathy Brown, and Betty Walters.
- ☺ To Eugene Viegut, Randy Ecker & Chris Ecker for taking the remaining items to Dime & Dollar Store and St. Vincent de Paul of Wausau.
- ☺ To Jeff Kessel and Cathy Gottschalk for advertising the rummage sale on social media.
- ☺ To the Pilgrim members donating items to the rummage sale.
- ☺ To all who donated Pentecostal geraniums in celebration and in memory of friends and loved ones.



...to the congregation for the gifts in celebration of our Lay School graduation.

Jeanne Wunsch/Mollie Augustine

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 11, 2021
(Unapproved)

PRESENT IN PERSON: President Jean Trempe, Vice President Shirley Ecker, Treasurer Charles Freiberg, Secretary Jenni Zaitz, Jeanne Wunsch, Eugene Viegut, Vicar William Ostrem, Charlene Buttner, Jeff Kessel and Janet Williams.

EXCUSED: Sue Koerten

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Jean Trempe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Vicar Will had devotions.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Jean Trempe) Trempe reported that Patrick Kempf will be starting on August 2nd. We may need to assist him with finding an apartment and he will need to move furniture so the church will assist with the expense of renting a U-haul. Larry Brandenburg has resigned from the Internship Committee. Motion to accept his resignation with regret by Buttner, second by Ecker. Motion carried. Jeanette Carlson has agreed to take Larry's position on the Internship Committee. A motion to accept the nomination of Jeanette Carlson to the Internship Committee by Ecker, Second by Viegut. Motion carried. The current lease for the Christian Fellowship Church to use Fellowship Hall expires May 31st. The Lease was looked over and it was decided that no changes need to be made a motion was made by Viegut to renew the lease, second by Freiberg. Motion carried. Updates and cleaning are needed in Fellowship Hall and the kitchen. A committee will be established possibly by church members that signed up for "Special Projects" on their Time and Talent sheets.

This committee would be responsible for identifying possible projects and the need for fund raising efforts. Projects may include flooring, removal or replacement of the dishwasher, removing dividers and some painting. Compost has been delivered to the gardens. A number of plots are still available. The memorial garden is in the process of being scaled back. The following council positions are still vacant: Children & Youth, Stewardship, and Homme Home Representative. Progress Articles are due May 20, 2021.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT: (Shirley Ecker) No Report

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Charlie Freiberg) Reviewed the Income and Expense Statement, Accounts Payable, Check Register and Balance Sheet. Everything is in good order. Miscellaneous income is about \$1000.00 lower than last year. We have received the last \$3000 payment from the grant for the food program. Motion to accept the treasurers report by Ecker, Second by Viegut. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Jenni Zaitz) Minutes were reviewed. Motion by Buttner, second by Wunsch to accept the minutes of the April 13, meeting. Motion carried.

VICAR'S REPORT: (Vicar Will Ostrem) Vicar Will reported that the Wednesday after the last council meeting the synod let him know that there was not a deadline to leave Pilgrim in May. The Synod then reached out to President, Jean Trempe. On Tuesday, April 27 the Executive Committee held a meeting with Vicar Will to discuss possible options and it was determined that Vicar Will's Last Sunday service will remain May 23rd and his last day will be May 27th. He will graduate on May 16 and continue with his call

process.

WORSHIP TEAM: The Worship Team met on April 28th. Topics of discussion included the following:

- Resumption of Thursday evening services. The team voted to resume these services on 5/13. Jean will poll the council on this.
- Supply pastors and lay ministers are lined up through July 4th.
- Vicar Will's sendoff service is planned for 5/23. Vicar Will proposes a formal outside service. That is approved by the team.
- One team member proposes moving the altar forward and discontinuing mask use during services. There appears to be great interest that the altar be moved forward, and communion done behind the altar so that the vicar and assistant are facing the pews. As for mask use, we may need to wait for herd immunity. There was no resolution on the issue of mask use; this will be deferred to next month.

The combined COVID Response Task Force and Worship Team met on 05/11/21.

The bulk of the meeting was spent discussing:

- The current COVID-19 guidelines from the Marathon County Health Department, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and the U.S. Center of Disease Control that provide "harm reduction behaviors" and ways to come together as a faith community to protect each other.
- Measures that we can take at Pilgrim that will allow those anxious to get back to normal to do more and that will allow

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safety conscious people to continue to feel safe while participating in activities at church. We decided that that the best way way to help both groups is to make staged changes or baby steps.

The following are our recommendations and notifications for Pilgrim Council:

- We recommend that congregants be allowed to sing with masks on. Motion by Viegut to sing with masks on, second by Freiberg. Motion carried.
- We recommend that, during the worship service, mask use by the vicar/intern/pastor and worship assistant be made voluntary. Motion by Eckert, Second by Freiberg. Motion carried.
- We recommend that social interaction be allowed inside the building while following Pilgrim's already established policies on face mask use and physical distancing. Motion by Buttner to accept this recommendation, second by Freiberg. Motion carried.
- We did not change our basic policies on face mask use or physical distancing.

The worship Team met 05/11. Topics of discussion included the following:

- Vicar Will's last service here on 05/23. Vicar Will has already planned the bulk of the service. We discussed specific items for the congregation's portion of the service which will take place in the "Open Time for Reflection of the Congregation" just after the communion prayer.
- Thursday evening worship services.

- A. These will resume on 05/20.
- B. Prerecorded (digital) piano music will be provided for these services.
- C. Attendees at the service may sing (while observing our policy of mask use).

- Sound System problems. One of the microphones that we use has not been working well for months. On Sunday, 05/9, it stopped working completely for almost 4 minutes. This mic will no longer be used. A different mic will be used.
- Two or more members of the team would like to have more outside worship services in the summer. Several significant logistic problems with the proposal were identified. It was decided to hold off on summer outside worship services for the time being.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS TEAM: (Eugene Viegut) The lawn mowing crew has been set up. There are seven volunteers who have agreed to help out. The spring outdoor cleanup has been done. Three new shrubbery have been planted on the east side of the church. The screens have been installed for the summer.

EVANGELISM Report: (Shirley Ecker) The Evangelism Team will be hosting a book study beginning Saturday, June 12 from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. at Pilgrim. We have selected the book "When Christ Comes" by Max Lucado. In this book, Max believes that the day Christ comes will be the "beginning of the very best". Our primary task is to be prepared and peaceful while we wait.

Fred checked with Janke Bookstore and the cost of the book is \$16.00 for paperback. Janke needs one week to get books in. Please contact Fred at the church

office or by email if you would like to order a book, he would need orders by June 1st.

We will be meeting on the following Saturday's June 12th, July 10th, August 14th, September 11th, October 9th and November 13th. Everyone is Welcome.

BLESSINGS THAT GIVE HOPE: (Jeanne Wunsch) No Report

CHURCH AND SOCIETY MISSION TEAM: (Charlene Buttner) Buttner reported that the Women of the ELCA won 15 awards for 2020 communication work from the Religion Communicators (RCC) and the Associated Churches Press (ACP). Awards were won by Gather Magazine and BoldCafe.org, Gather won RCC's top award for the design of it's December 2020 issue. Adult and children's books and Food are needed for the Little Library. Grocery bags were donated to the Salvation Army.

NEW BUSINESS: We received a letter from a Neighbor that is selling their house and would like us to revisit the easement situation. This topic will be handed over to the Executive Committee.

ADJOURN: Eugene Viegut has devotions at the June 8th council meeting. Freiberg made a motion of sincere congratulations to Vicar Will, Second by Ecker. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenni Zaitz, Secretary

BIRTHDAYS!

Happy Birthday from your Pilgrim family!
Please contact the church office with any updates.

Janice Hayes	06/01	Jason Brown	07/09
Dana Weyer	06/02	Brianna Stromme	07/10
Diane Yunek	06/03	Betty Walters	07/11
Brent Widmark	06/11	Kathy Brown	07/12
Chasity Cota	06/17	Gabe Dins	07/13
Caroline Radow	06/19	Sara Fehlhaber	07/15
Adam Petersen	06/20	Delores Kessel	07/15
Brauley Schneider	06/21	Lauren Zaitz	07/15
Keith Woodward	06/21	Ben Fandre	07/17
Jamie Kislow	06/22	Kathy Kainz	07/19
Jacob Will	06/22	Colton Lemanski	07/19
Michael Konkell	06/25	Mary Williams	07/19
David "Charlie" Behnke	06/28	Timothy Wohlfahrt	07/19
June Champagne	07/01	Ella Fehlhaber-Poppe	07/22
Kenneth Rueth	07/06	Ramona Schmitz	07/26
Rita Jones	07/07	Jenna Brandenburg	07/27
Megan Behnke	07/09	Tianna Daniels	07/27

On birthdays, we honor our beginnings and remember that in God's eyes, we have a place in this world that no one else has.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

the following members of our Pilgrim family on their numbered day of the month

June and July

1 Gary Yeast	1 Steve Boehm
2 Diane Yunek	2 Karen Boller
3 Jimmer Yunek	3 Richard Boller
4 Jenni Zaitz	4 Connie Brandenburg
5 Kevin Zaitz	5 Jenna Brandenburg
6 Lauren Zaitz	6 Larry Brandenburg
7 Lillie Zaitz	7 Ann Brooks
8 Logan Zaitz	8 Annarose Brown
9 Jack Ziebell	9 Deacon Brown
10 Paul Ziebell	10 Jackson Brown
11 Ellen Anderson	11 Jason Brown
12 Cody Augustine	12 Julian Brown
13 Easton Augustine	13 Kathy Brown
14 Kassidie Augustine	14 Norah Brown
15 Mollie Augustine	15 Oscar Brown
16 Taylen Augustine	16 Tom Brown
17 Pamela Bannister	17 Julie Bukowski
18 Timmy Bannister	18 Michael Butterbrodt
19 Timothy Bannister	19 Sharon Butterbrodt
20 Brad Bartell	20 Charlene Buttner
21 Bruce Bartell	21 Jeanette Carlson
22 Nancy Bedessem	22 June Champagne
23 David Behnke, III	23 Lois Christenson
24 David "Charlie" Behnke	24 Dale Clark
25 Finley Behnke	25 David Clemment
26 Megan Behnke	26 Rachel Clemment
27 Oliver Behnke	27 John Cravens
28 Sonya Bergeth	28 Sara Cravens
29 Zackary Billington	29 Guy Daniels
30 Kathy Boehm	30 Tianna Daniels
	31 Gary Dettmering

June

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1 11:45 Prayer Circle	2	3 7:30 Men's Bible Study at Eagle's Nest 6:30 Worship	4	5
6 BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY 7:45 Evangelism Team Meeting 9:00 Worship w/ Communion	7	8 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:30 Council Mtg.	9	10 6:30 Worship	11	12 9:00 Book Study "When Christ Comes"
13 9:00 Worship; Camper Sendoff	14	15 10:30 Task Force/ Worship Team Meeting 11:45 Prayer Circle	16	17 6:30 Worship	18	19
20 9:00 Worship w/ Communion	21	22 11:45 Prayer Circle	23	24 6:30 Worship	25	26
27 9:00 Worship	28	29 11:45 Prayer Circle	30			

July

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				1 7:30 Men's Bible Study at Eagle's Nest 6:30 Worship	2	3
4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 7:45 Evangelism Team Meeting 9:00 Worship	5 Holiday—Office Closed	6 11:45 Prayer Circle	7	8 6:30 Worship	9	10 9:00 Book Study "When Christ Comes"
11 9:00 Worship	12	13 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:30 Council Mtg.	14	15 3 - 7 Blood Drive at Pilgrim 6:30 Worship	16	17
18 9:00 Worship	19	20 11:45 Prayer Circle	21	22 6:30 Worship	23 Progress Article Deadline	24
25 9:00 Worship	26	27 11:45 Prayer Circle	28	29 6:30 Worship	30	

FINANCIAL INFORMATION UPDATE

May 27, 2021

A budget is a statement of faith. It is our way of saying this is what we believe God wants us to do. And we trust that God will provide.

Mortgage	Year-to-Date Revenue
\$ 88,395 Balance: 04/29/2021	Budget vs. Actual
\$ 584 Principal Payment	\$52,395 \$48,786
\$ 371 Interest Payment	Outstanding Bills
\$ 87,811 Balance: 05/27/2021	\$1,939 Total Bills

PARTICIPATE IN THE SCRIP PROGRAM AND SUPPORT PILGRIM

Put your regular household shopping dollars to work by purchasing gift cards at Pilgrim. Scrip-participating retailers sell gift cards to Pilgrim at a discount and you get the full face value of the gift card. Order cards on Sunday from a team member or call the office at 715-842-4544.

THOSE PILGRIMS UNABLE TO ATTEND SERVICES

Please remember the following Pilgrims who are not able to attend worship due to personal limitation. If you need their addresses, please contact the church office.

In Care Facilities

Kathleen Huebner.....Mount View

In Their Homes

Kathy Boehm John Schneider
Donald Mattke Stephen Williams

PILGRIM PRAYER CIRCLE

The Pilgrim Prayer Circle meets each Tuesday at 11:45 a.m. Everyone is invited to join either at church or a more convenient personal location. Call the church office for details about participation or to place a prayer request.

THRIVENT CHOICE PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce that Pilgrim Church receives funds through Thrivent Financial's Thrivent Choice program. By directing Choice Dollars, eligible Thrivent members can recommend which nonprofit organizations they feel should receive charitable grant funding from Thrivent. If you are an eligible member, please consider us when directing Choice Dollars. Call 800-847-4836 or visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Do you know someone who needs prayer and a special word of encouragement? Consider extending the love of Jesus through a Circle of Women prayer shawl.

A cabinet in the lounge holds a variety of prayer shawls. Choose one to deliver to a person who needs a special, tangible reminder of God's love and presence. Sign the book to show that you have taken one, and use a prayer request form to add this person to the Prayer Circle list, if that is appropriate.

A wicker basket sits next to the cabinet. If you have extra yarn to donate, you may place it there to be used for other handcrafted shawls. Thank You!

Shawls given to date... 260

Dear Camp People,

Closing camp in 2020 was hard. Starting camp back up in 2021 is a different kind of hard.

We are committed to providing a high-quality camp experience, and we need your help with three specific tasks that look different this year as we get ready to welcome campers.

Supplies aren't just low - they are completely missing. Fans and filters aren't a luxury, but a safety requirement. And summer staff need our support more than ever.

RESTOCKING THE SHELVES

In a normal year, we have to restock our kitchen and health center to prepare for summer. This year, the extent of the supplies we need is dramatically greater.

With no campers or guests in 2020, we donated over a hundred pounds of food to local food pantries before it could expire. This was a blessing for our neighbors in need, but it has left us with very empty shelves. Can you imagine a summer without s'mores? We need to restock everything from normal summer supplies (fresh produce, meat, marshmallows to pantry staples (spices, flour, cereal). Once you help us stock the basics, we'll be able to manage replenishing supplies weekly.

The same thing happened in our health centers. Small replacements throughout the summer fit easily into our budget. Replacing a complete health center at each camp, all at once, is a burdensome cost. Without support from you, we will start the summer with only the minimum required medical resources.

COVID-19 PROCEDURES

Last summer, we were worried we couldn't find enough hand sanitizer, but this year, cleaning supplies are easy to buy. Our concern now is providing the maximum levels of air ventilation and filtration.

Crossways staff have figured out how to do nearly all camp activities outside. But we need safe indoor spaces for sleeping and for shelter from rain, extreme heat, or storms.

Our local health officials are impressed with the natural ventilation of most of our buildings, simply by opening windows and doors. Some of our spaces may need to be closed for the summer unless we can keep air moving and free from contaminants. Your support for items like fans, air exchangers, and filters will make sure we have the space we need to keep campers safe from the weather and from Covid, at the same time.

INVEST IN STAFF

We take pride in recruiting and training some of the best staff around. They are the secret sauce that makes camp so great! We provide them with extensive training before they work with campers. They get faith training on how to lead prayers, Bible study, and worship. They earn necessary certifications in lifeguarding, or Wilderness First Aid, or archery. They learn about the developmental needs of campers at different ages and stages. And this year, the schedule includes extra training on how to help campers who are bringing higher than normal anxiety, and how to minimize the risk of Covid.

Though we will be limiting camper capacity to about half of what's normal, we will not be reducing our staffing. We need to continue to meet ratios for supervision. We need to have an adult present in our cabins overnight. We need to have staff on hand to provide expertise in areas of programming.

Every dollar you give to support our staff does double duty. First, it trains and supports young adults who are exploring leadership and servanthood in the Lutheran church. Second, those staff are the role models who have life-changing one-on-one conversations with every camper in their cabin. If we do not have the support to hire enough staff, we will have to turn away campers, who will miss out on another summer of camp.

We are beyond excited to welcome campers back to Pine Lake, Waypost, and Imago Dei Village. With fewer campers and extra expenses, we are facing another challenging year financially. With your help, and by God's grace, we made it through the non-camp summer of 2020. With your help, and by God's grace, we can do it again.

You are the Camp People—the donors, advocates, and supporters who make this ministry possible. You show up to ensure that the next generation of campers is able to experience the blessing and wonder of God's love at camp.

Can we count on you to stock the shelves? Can we count on you to keep the air flowing? Can we count on you to support our summer staff?

Grace Abounds,

Rev. Sharon L. S. Cook,
executive director

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Baccalaureate Sunday

June 6th

Celebrating Our Graduates



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Custodian:

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Sundays 9:00 a.m. and Thursdays 6:30 p.m.

Education Hour

Ages 3 to Adult, Sundays at 10:15 a.m., September - May



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