



*Pilgrim Lutheran Church*

*Weekly News*

*December 9, 2018*

***Those who celebrate:*** Thomas and Jennifer Seering at God's gift of baptism for daughter, Ryann Elizabeth.

***Those with special needs:*** Les Heimerman, JJ Schultz, Jamie DeGrave, Tom Burdey, Heather Vahena, Larry Smith, Ron Reimer, Verona Faultynski, Elliot Derricks, Jerry Caldie, Madison Pluger, Megan Zierk, Mark Kiehn; Carla McGee, Donna Schlender, Bonita Medina, Lincoln Canaday, Tiffany Dietz, Bonnie Warren, Pam Huettl, Jamie Steenbock, Butch Merryfield, Harlen Heinrich, Carol Zelzer, Carol Ann Lemke, Rachel Klosterman, Marilyn Kiehn, James Fischer, Patti Beining, Paxton Melnarik, Norma Pfeifer, Tim Ashmann, Mike Ruge, Sandy Starks, and Pastor Jeff Dobratz.

***Those who are grieving:*** Cindy Muther & family at the death of her uncle Roger Ploeckelmann; Vicar Moon & family at the death of his uncle, Alvin and cousin Nick; Ruth Williquette & family at the death of her sister, Marie Etzel; and Renee Rovinski & family, Paul Ziemer & family, Toni Anderson & family at the death of their father, Forest Ziemer.

***Those who serve in the military:*** Jack Delsart, Dalyn Rudesill, Kyle Lindow, Patrick Ziesmer, and Erich Hein.

***Pilgrim's Shut-ins:*** Vi Braem, Rod Hughes, Hope Reinhardt, Tim Ashmann, Joe Vanseveren, Matt Erickson, Gail Zey, Janice Fonder, Marcella Ehrfurth, Dennis Lueck, Floyd/Judy Leidel, Floretta Schwartz, Donna Woefel, Rachel Klosterman, Barbara Schaal, Florence Hafeman, Marilyn Havlovitz, Delores Parilek, Larry Langenhorst, Butch Merryfield, Barbara Klopp, Cleo McQuillin, Patti Beining and Joanne Hanson.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

*All events are at the Green Bay site unless specified "Suamica"*

**The Advent Midweek Worship Services** - this year will be led by the children of our Church and School at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm.

Wed., Dec. 12 - 3rd -5th Grade School Service

Wed., Dec. 19 - Hymn sing am & Sunday School Christmas Service pm

**Attention!! Please return any black crates you might have used when delivering bags of Mountain of Food last Saturday. Thank you!**

*We have extra pictorial church directories. If you would like one, they may be purchased for \$10.00 at the Welcome Center.*

**FORMER PILGRIM VICAR REV. MICHAEL NIELSEN WILL BE INSTALLED AS PASTOR AT SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH IN BARRON, WI THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH AT 4:00 PM. PILGRIM MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

**All Pro Dads Breakfast** Tuesday, December 11th from 7:00 - 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your grade school aged children to the Fellowship Hall for breakfast followed by a video with a different discussion topic, devotion and give-aways each month. A grand prize of a \$500 scholarship will be given in May. For more information contact Rick DeMars at demarsfcu@new.rr.com or 362-3617.

**Men's Breakfast and Bible Study** Saturday, December 15th in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30 am. A Free Will Offering will be taken. Breakfast is followed by a group Bible study and discussion. **Please R.S.V.P** to Larry Seyferth by calling 608-212-0467.

**The Suamico Sunday School Christmas Service** will be held on Sunday, December 16th at 9:00 am.

**The Green Bay Sunday School Christmas Service** will be held on Wednesday, December 19th at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Students should arrive at 6:00 pm that evening.

**December P.A.C.K. (Planned Acts of Christian Kindness) Events** EVERYONE is invited to help out! Saturday, December 22nd - Loaf of Bread and Candy Cane Giveaway from 8:00-10:00 am at area Kwik Trips (Cardinal Ln, Shawano Ave, Lombardi Ave, & Walnut St). This event has added meaning as we invite people to come and celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas season! For questions, please contact Lee Larsen at (920) 264-4159.

**Pilgrim's 13th Annual School Dinner Auction** will take place on Friday, February 15th at The Rock Garden, 1951 Bond Street, Green Bay. Doors will open at 4:30 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. The live auction will follow dinner. ***Early bird pricing is \$40 per person or \$300 for a reserved table of 8 through January 4th.*** On January 5th through the 31st, the ticket price increases to \$45 per person or \$340 for a table of 8. After January 31st, all tickets will be \$50. The tickets may be purchased on www.pilgrimpluth.org, before/after Advent services on Wednesdays, or in the Pilgrim Office. Consider being a sponsor or donating an item by visiting the auction tab on Pilgrim's website.

**Poinsettias for Worship** If you would like to provide a Poinsettia for the decoration of the sanctuary, please pick up an order form in the Narthex or at the Welcome Center.

**Daily Bread Devotions** are available for you in the Narthex today.

**Serve at St. John's Homeless Shelter** Pilgrim is preparing for our 2nd year of serving at St. John's Homeless Shelter. You will be contacted with details regarding dates/ service once you sign up. We will send groups on Saturday evenings throughout the season to serve at St. John's. We will assist in the following ways: checking in guests, assisting with laundry and phone charging, sharing supper with the guests while offering positive interaction with a Gospel emphasis and assisting with dynamics of the guests. Please prayerfully consider joining our Homeless Shelter Ministry. If you would like more information about Pilgrim's monthly involvement with St. John's, please contact Rebekah at [rebekahschumacher@pilgrimluth.org](mailto:rebekahschumacher@pilgrimluth.org) or call 965-2242.

**The Annual German Christmas Service** will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 824 Wisconsin Avenue in Sheboygan. There will be an English translation for non-German speakers. A fellowship hour with German Christmas pastries and coffee will be held after the service. All are welcome.

## YOUTH NEWS

*Contact Rebekah (965-2233) or [Rebekahschumacher@pilgrimluth.org](mailto:Rebekahschumacher@pilgrimluth.org) for all Youth events*

**Christmas Caroling** Come join the Youth in Christmas caroling on December 15th at 2:00 pm. We will meet at 1:45 and drive over to Cottonwood Nursing home on Biemeret & Military.

**Youth Christmas Party**: SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, December 16th from 4:30-6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall! All 7th-12th grade students are invited to Pilgrim's Youth Christmas party which includes fellowship, games, food, and Christmas activities! We will also be preparing Homeless Shelter Kits and are gathering up hats, socks, gloves, toiletries, and dried foods. Sign up online to bring a food item or a donation for the kits.

**High School Nights** will resume on January 9th in the Fellowship Hall from 8-9:00 pm for all High School Students!

**Sunday Youth Bible Study** in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am. This will be a half hour bible study in the Old Testament. We hope to see all youth 7th-12th grade there!

**Confirmation Student Update Reports** will be available for parents at the end of each quarter of study. Please check your church mailbox for your update report.

**7th Grade Cross Project** Please visit the Fellowship Hall to view Pilgrim's 7th Grade Cross projects. Each student chose a name of Jesus from Scripture that is meaningful to them and created a cross to represent the name along with a short description.

## MISSIONS

**COINS FOR CHRIST:** **Concordia Seminary** is our mission recipient for December. Founded in 1839 in Perry County, Missouri, by a group of emigrants from Germany, the seminary moved to St. Louis in 1849 and relocated to its current 72-acre campus in suburban Clayton in 1926. The LCMS currently has two seminaries providing men for the Holy Ministry and preparing women through its Deaconess studies program. Since its inception, Concordia Seminary has provided more than 12,500 professional workers for the church. Your **prayers and gifts to our Seminary** will be a blessing for years to come.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**The Sanctuary Candle** is sponsored this month by Gerald & Jodi Fonder and by Cameron & Olivia Fonder and Haley & Blake Fonder in loving memory of Elmer & Josephine Giese. Thank you.

**The Altar Flowers** are sponsored this week by Shirley Meisner in memory of husband, Marshall and mother-in-law, Ann Meisner. Thank you.

**The Bulletins** are sponsored this week by a Friend of Pilgrim. Thank You.

## PILGRIM'S MINISTRIES

**Holiday Ham Distribution** Volunteers are needed to deliver hams to families in need. Please consider your gift of time to help make your Christmas a happier one. **Delivery will be after December 10th.** Contact the Ministry Office at 920-965-2233 or email [BarbaraHein@PilgrimLuth.org](mailto:BarbaraHein@PilgrimLuth.org).

**Christmas Giving Tree** We will be working with Family and Childcare Resources of N.E.W. in providing holiday assistance to needy families. A Giving Tree in the narthex will be filled with items helpful in making everyday a better day for families. This could include such items as baby wipes, wash and shampoo, blankets, infant toys and toddler books. Take the item desired off the tree, purchase it, and return it to the bin provided in the Narthex area **by December 17th**. You do not need to wrap the gift.

**Coed volleyball at Pilgrim** meets every week on Sunday nights in the Pilgrim gym. If you are over 18 and would like to play, a signup sheet is at the Welcome Center. For more information, please contact Mark or Kayla Osterberg at 497-4508.

**GriefShare** *Mondays at 6:30 pm in Conference Room.* "GriefShare" is a Bible-based program for anyone who has lost a loved one to death. We meet for 13 consecutive Mondays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. **Last session is December 10th for 2018.** January 14th is

the start of the next session. Any questions please contact the Ministry Office or Linda Siegmann at 920-498-9681.

**Ministry Action Teams Need You!** Just as the Bible teaches that all Christians are an important part of the body of Christ, we as members of this congregation all have a part on the Pilgrim ministry team. To help you find your ministry niche' we've created a multitude of Ministry Action Teams. For the month of December we are highlighting these teams as a possibility for your involvement.

**Adult Choir** -Meets every Thursday from 6:30—7:30 pm. Adults of all ages and levels are invited to join this group. The choir sings at various services throughout the year.

**Bethesda Thrift Shop** -Participate within the community by volunteering at the LCMS Bethesda Thrift Shop. Help with unloading donations and prepping items for the floor to be sold.

**Sign up sheets for Ministry Action Teams may be found at the Welcome Center. Any questions - please contact [wendyurfer@pilgrimluth.org](mailto:wendyurfer@pilgrimluth.org) or call 965-2233 (Ministry Office).**

**Food Pantry (GB)** Monetary donations, gas and Walmart cards would be greatly appreciated. Also **Veggies, Spaghetti Sauce and Jello** . **Thank you** to all who have contributed.

**Greeting Cards for Sale:** Pilgrim receives all proceeds. Prices changed for quick sales before end of 2018. Available between services and on weekday mornings.

**Have you ever considered** directly helping a church member or another church/mission that is struggling? We are looking for members who would like to give above and beyond standard tithing to help a church member or “neighbor” in a truly meaningful way. Please contact Pastor Malme if you would like to learn more. **Luke 6:38**

**Thrivent Choice Dollars** lets you decide where Thrivent Financial directs their charitable gifting dollars if you are a qualifying member. Go to [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to see if you are eligible. Thrivent will send the donation to the destination of your choice (Pilgrim Lutheran). Get started today before the end of the year!

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

**N.E.W. Lutheran High School** is having a Christmas Concert, “The Greatest Gift” on Monday, December 17th at 7:00 at Pilgrim Lutheran Church. All are invited!

**NOW HIRING - TRACK COACH AT N.E.W. LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL (March - June)** Applications are now being accepted for the position. Please contact Mark Meerstein at [athleticdirector@newlhs.com](mailto:athleticdirector@newlhs.com) or call 469-6810.

## This Week at Pilgrim

*All events are at the Green Bay site unless specified "Suamico"*

- Sun. 12/09** 7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 AM Worship Services  
9:00 AM Suamico Worship Service  
9:30 AM Youth Bible Study (FH)  
1:00 PM Hmong Bible Study (Preschool Classroom)  
2:00 PM Hmong Worship (C)  
5:30 PM Adult Co-ed Volleyball (G)
- Mon. 12/10** 9:45 AM Monday Morning Bible Class (FH)  
4:00 PM Stephen Ministry (L)  
6:30 PM Church Council Mtg (UR)  
6:30 PM Grief Share (CR)
- Tue. 12/11** 7:00 AM All Pro Dads Breakfast (K/FH)  
12:30 PM Stephen Ministry Training (UR)  
4:00 PM Evangelism Visits Team A (OS)
- Wed. 12/12** 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study (CR)  
8:30 AM Chapel (C)  
9:30 AM Women's Bible Study (UR)  
9:30 AM Pastor Hanson's Bible Study (Y)  
6:00 PM Dave Jones Bible Study (CR)  
6:00 PM Confirmation (FH)  
7:00 PM 3-5 Grades Advent Service (FH)
- Thu. 12/13** 12:30 PM Lighthouse Bible Study (L)  
6:30 PM Adult Choir (C)  
6:30 PM Stephen Ministry (CR)  
7:30 PM Men's Basketball (G)
- Fri. 12/14**
- Sat. 12/15** 7:30 AM Mem's Ministry Breakfast (K/FH/CR)  
5:00 PM Worship Service (C)
- Sun. 12/16** 7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 AM Worship Services  
9:00 AM Suamico Sunday School Christmas Service  
9:30 AM Youth Bible Study (FH)  
10:15 AM Bible Study-Suamico  
1:00 PM Hmong Bible Study (Preschool Classroom)  
2:00 PM Hmong Worship (C)  
4:00 PM Youth Christmas Party (K/FH)  
5:30 PM Adult Co-ed Volleyball (G)



## Sunday Bible Studies

*\*beginning Sept 16th*

*8:00 am*

### **“Stuff They Did Not Teach Me in Sunday School”**

Gene Fiedler  
(Rm 144/Conference Rm)

*(Following classes 9:00 am)*

### **“The Gospel of John”**

Gary Wiederhoeft  
(Rm 143/Library)

### **“I Corinthians”**

Dave Jones  
(Rm 244 & 245/Upper Rm)

### **“Supernatural-The Biblical Take on the Supernatural”**

Phil Korth  
(Rm 144/Conference Rm)

### **\*Youth and Family Bible Study Rebekah Schumacher**

**9:30-10:00**  
(Fellowship Hall)

### **“Weekly Readings” Suamico Site**

10:15 – Pastor/Vicar

### **Key:**

- BR** - Band Room (Rm 242)
- C** - Church (Rm 130)
- CL** - Computer Lab (Rm 207 & 208)
- CR** - Conf Rm (Rm 144)
- FH** - Fellowship Hall (Rm 142)
- G** - Gym (Rm 125)
- K** - Kitchen (Rm 141)
- L** - Church Library (Rm 143)
- MO** - Ministry Office (Rm 209)
- MR** - Music Room (Rm 243)
- N** - Nursery (Rm 132)
- OS** - Off Site
- SL** - School Library (Rm 101 & 102)
- SO** - Small Office (Rm 248)
- SR** - Science Room (Rm 201 & 202)
- TWR** - Teacher's Work Room (Rm 212)
- UR** - Upper Room (Rm 244 & 245)
- V** - Vestry (Rm 137)
- YR** - Youth Room (Rm 241)

# Stewardship

## Second Sunday in Advent

### Hebrews 12:25-29

As we look forward to the celebration of the birth of Jesus, we are far removed from the time of Moses and his leading of the people out of bondage in Egypt. We cannot imagine Moses' response to God's flaming bush appearance on Mt. Sinai. The awesome nature of God was definitely present at that moment. "God is a consuming fire." The words of this epistle's reference to Moses were familiar to those who first received them. They were people of the Old testament, of the Law of God. Now, with the image of this familiar story, new information is shared with them - that they were "receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken", a kingdom of love and forgiveness - and of a way of living and managing their lives. We have the advantage of knowing "the rest of the story." Moses led his people out of the bondage of slavery; with Christ we are led out of the bondage of slavery to sin. How awesome is that! What a motivation for living the life of a steward!

### "His Love, Our Response"

Last week's Worship Attendance .....	766
Last week's Offering .....	week #23..... \$33,179.82
Last week's Budgeted Need .....	\$25,828.00
YTD Offerings.....	\$560,464.53
YTD Budgeted Need .....	\$558,210.00

### Hand in Hand Capital Campaign

Debt (10/31/18).....	\$1,144,704.00
	- 3,272.00
Remaining Debt (10/31/18).....	\$1,141,432.00
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**Thrivent Choice Dollars: Year-to-Date: Total: \$2,017.00**

**Please designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars if you have not already done so.**

**December 9 – Advent II** – The Gospel of God's grace awakens us to approve what is excellent (Philippians 1:10). Is facilitating a suicide "excellent"? Is experimenting on embryos a "fruit of righteousness"? Is advocating for abortion access "pure and blameless"? These involve ending a life that began by the holy work of God. And even when we cannot foresee how, He will bring it to completion, as sure as Jesus finished His mission, as sure as we ourselves exist. **Prayer: *Gracious Savior, fill our hearts and throats with Your glory and praise. Amen.***

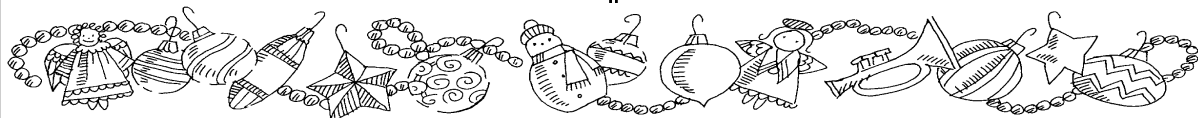
**This Week**

**Serving at Pilgrim**

**Next Week**

Group	Date	Day	Time	Name
<b>Greeters</b>	12/08 Sat.		5:00 pm	K Huens / D Steenbock
	12/09 Sun.		7:45 am	W / E Luebke
			9:00 am	W Maes
			10:30 am	C Miller
<b>Elders</b>	12/08 Sat.		5:00 pm	Urfer
	12/09 Sun.		7:45 am	Anderson
			9:00 am	Gipp
			10:30 am	Allen
	12/12 Wed		7:00 pm	Schuettpelz/Cornelius
<b>Usher Teams</b>	12/08 Sat.		5:00 pm	Laylan
	12/09 Sun.		7:45 am	Burdey
			9:00 am	Look
			10:30 am	Tilkens
	12/12 Wed.		7:00 pm	Volunteers
<b>Acolytes</b>	12/08 Sat.		5:00 pm	M Grell
	12/09 Sun.		7:45 am	C Manos / Z Zielinski
			9:00 am	M Moricke / G Warren
			10:30 am	J Weigandt / J Rosario
<b>Organist</b>	12/08 Sat.		5:00 pm	Kari Longmire
	12/09 Sun		7:45 am	Kari Longmire
			9:00 am	Kari Longmire
			10:30 am	Malme Adult Praise Team
(Singers): Angie Kornowski, Rebekah Schumacher, Toni Osterberg, Tammy Nier, John Schultz, Craig Keller, Mark Osterberg (Congas): Paul Goderstad (Bass): Andrew Korth (Guitar): Isaiah Van Lament (Sound): Doug Schoenwalder, Kelly Heimerman				
	12/12 Wed.	7:00 pm	Kari Longmire	
<b>Nursery</b>	12/09 Sun.		9:00 am	Pam Zeitler
				Sydney Zinkel
			10:30 am	Michelle/Rebecca Schlek Joli Weigandt
<b>Prayer Team Ministers:</b> Rick & Patti DeMars				

Group	Date	Day	Time	Name
<b>Greeters</b>	12/15 Sat.		5:00 pm	K Froland
	12/16 Sun.		7:45 am	L / A Hervas
			9:00 am	J / R Schultz
			10:30 am	C Miller
<b>Elders</b>	12/15 Sat.		5:00 pm	Ziemer/Pedersen
				Longmire/Schumm
	12/16 Sun.		7:45 am	Baye/Heimerman
			9:00 am	Tiedt/Baumann
		10:30 am	Schultz/Fiedler	
		10:30 am	Nier/Allen/Perino	
			Zinkel/Wiederhoeft	
	12/19 Wed		7:00 pm	Schuettpelz
<b>Usher Teams</b>	12/15 Sat.		5:00 pm	Olp
	12/16 Sun.		7:45 am	Urbaniak
			9:00 am	Dommer
			10:30 am	Borst
	12/19 Wed.		7:00 pm	Schuettpelz
<b>Acolytes</b>	12/15 Sat.		5:00 pm	M Grell
	12/16 Sun.		7:45 am	C Manos / Z Zielinski
			9:00 am	M Moricke / G Warren
		10:30 am	J Weigandt / J Rosario	
<b>Organist</b>	12/15 Sat.		5:00 pm	Kari Longmire
	12/16 Sun		7:45 am	Kari Longmire
			9:00 am	Kari Longmire
			10:30 am	Siebert Praise Team
Katie Kamin, (Keyboard) Mike Siebert, (Bass) Doug Schoenwalder, (Guitar/Singer) Paul Goderstad, (Percussion/Singer), Trudy Goderstad, Sarah Schoenwalder, Craig Keller (Singers)				
	12/19 Wed.	7:00 pm	Aaron Schroeder	
<b>Nursery</b>	12/16 Sun.		9:00 am	Jill/Veronica Caelwaerts
				Hailey Burklund
			10:30 am	Kathy Adams-McIntoh Janelle Perez-Bublitz
<b>Prayer Team Ministers:</b> Matt & Penny Cornelius				



**SUAMICO** 12/09 Sun 9:00 am  
**Elder**– Wittnbel **Assist** - Schlender **Usher** - Joe O.  
**Music** - Micah Wheeler  
**Acolyte** - J Steenbock

**SUAMICO** 12/16 Sun 9:00 am  
**Elder**– Erickson **Usher** - Kiehn  
**Music** - Christine Malme  
**Acolyte** - J Steenbock