

Pilgrim Lutheran Church Announcements

December 3, 2023



Pilgrim's Prayers for...



Those Who Contemplate: Pilgrim as we come together today at our Voters Meeting. Our Pastoral Call Committee as we search for our next Associate Pastor.

Those Who Grieve: Lew Imig, David Imig, LuEllen Oskey and families at the death of Carole Imig. Orrie Kreuzscher, Leo Bordeleau, Marlee Wiederhoef and families at the death of Gary Kreuzscher.

Those with Special Needs: Marlene, Carolyn Bohl, Neisa Butterfield, Lincoln Canaday, Zoe Dittman, Jermaine Dommer, Mike Jandrin, Jim Johnson, Carl and Ann Kohel, Carl and Marilyn Kiehn, Randy Krause, Jim Lemke, Duane and Rosemary Miller, John Morris, Amanda Ohnstad, Mike Sanders, Barbara Schaal, Annabelle Schmidtke, Otto Schmiling, Ruth Schultz, Barb Schutt, Rachel Stock, Bill Swaner, Sue Stone, Scott Van Wier, and Marcia Ward.

Pilgrim's Shut-ins: Fred Bessler, Ruby Dollhopf, Dick English, Carol Erickson, Janice Fonder, Rachel Klosterman, Judy Leidel, Dennis Lueck, Sue Miller, Nancy North, Barbara Schaal, Judy Schultz, Linda Siegmann, Ruth Williquette, Dick Witt, and Donna Woefel.

Pilgrim's Missionaries: Paul and Ali Federwitz (Lutheran Bible Translators-Africa), Sam and Cayla Schaefer (Overland Missions-Middle East), and Michael and Evynn Schlender (Youth With A Mission-Madison).

Those in the Military and Those Struggling due to War: The people of the world who need God's calming presence as they face the instability and trials of war. Those who serve in the military as we pray for their courage and safekeeping.

Can we pray for you? Prayer requests can be made through one of our Pastors, by completing a prayer request card in your pew, or by emailing office@pilgrimluth.org.

Upcoming Events



Today is the Voters Meeting! Join us after the 10:30 am service as we have a Voters Meeting to elect board members, to receive updates from the call committee and building committee, and to vote on the Church Council's recommendation to the congregation. Child care is available in the nursery.

Today is Concordia Sunday! Today we are hosting Concordia University Wisconsin representatives at Pilgrim for "Concordia Sunday". Please warmly welcome Rev. Dr. Roy Peterson, Concordia's Senior VP of Finance & CFO, as our guest speaker at all services. Additionally, we welcome Leah Toerpe, Director of Traditional Undergraduate Admission. She will be available between the 9:00 am and 10:30 am services to share her knowledge on the university and the admission process. All are welcome to stop by and

learn more.

Advent Devotionals - Stewards of the Coming Christ: Pilgrim is offering FREE Advent devotional materials today! As part of Pilgrim's Foundations Capital Campaign, the Board of Christian Life and Growth is providing monthly stewardship reminders. In December, they are reminding us to be stewards of the coming of Christ into hearts and homes through devotions. Today, the Board will hand out devotional books for children and adults. Please help yourself as you recall the Good News of Advent and Christmas in your devotional life.

This week's music rehearsal schedule: High School Bells today, 11:45ish, in the conference room; and Children's Choir on Wednesday, December 6, at 6:00 in the music room upstairs. Adult Bells and Adult Choir do not rehearse this Tuesday, but we will touch base next Sunday afternoon before "Christmas at Pilgrim."

Advent Midweek Worship Services - Join us at our midweek Advent worship services that will be led by the children of our Church and School:

"Just Look in the Stable"

Wednesday, December 6 at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm featuring 4K-Grade 2 children

"Behind the Manger Scenes"

Wednesday, December 13 at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm featuring Grades 3-5 children

"Christmas Hope"

Wednesday, December 20 at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm featuring Grades 6-8 children

Upcoming Membership Class: The Inquirer's Class is our monthly new member class. The four sessions of the Inquirer's Class series that are needed to become a Pilgrim member can be taken in any order. You are warmly invited to attend these sessions whether you are planning to join Pilgrim - or are a member attending the class as a refresher. Session 3 will be held in Saturday, December 9 from 8:00 am-12:00 pm in the GB Upper Room and will cover the Sacraments, Confession, and Church.

Please join us next Sunday afternoon, December 10, at 4:00 for "Christmas at Pilgrim," a holiday worship experience in Scripture and song: All our choral and bell groups will participate along with a wonderful variety of soloists. Mark your calendar and plan to celebrate with us!

Upcoming P.A.C.K.: Join us for a Planned Act of Christian Kindness (P.A.C.K.) on Saturday, December 16 at 11:00 am at Metro Market (Lombardi Ave) to give away stuffed animals. Confirmation students may use this as a service project.

Christmas Poinsettias and Decorations: Our altar has a beautiful display of poinsettias during Advent. If you would like to sponsor a Poinsettia or fund Christmas decorations, please pick up an order form from the round table in the Narthex.

Visually Impaired Mission Outreach: This bible study group serves visually impaired people with monthly meetings for fellowship and bible study. Visually impaired members are driven to the meeting to enjoy lunch, bible study, music and prayers together before being driven home. Do you know a visually impaired person who would benefit from this time with fellow Christians? The next meeting will be Saturday, January 27 from 1:00 pm-

3:00 pm at the GB site.

General Announcements

Changes coming to our online offerings! In the next few weeks, our online giving provider will be updating our “E-Giving” page on Pilgrim’s website. As they change the software that powers our online giving - that means some changes for us too! Stay tuned for instructions on how to update your recurring online giving.

2024 Offering Envelopes will be mailed out in December: Please note that new offering envelope numbers are assigned with the start of every new year. To help the offering counting process, please only use 2024 envelopes starting on January 1st. Going forward, please note that you will receive two months of offering envelopes in one mailing. This is a change from the previous quarterly mailing cycle.

Can I give an initial offering to the Foundations capital campaign? People have been asking if they can make an initial capital campaign donation with their 2023 giving. **The answer is yes!** Simply make a check out to Pilgrim and write “Capital Campaign” in the memo line. The check can be put in the offering plate or mailed directly to our church. Thank you for leading with your early generosity to our capital campaign efforts!

End of Year Giving - Our church is blessed by the generosity of God’s people. As we begin to wind down the calendar year, we would like to remind the congregation that donations that are mailed by Dec. 31, 2023 are calendar year 2023 gifts. A special rule allows gifts with a valid postmark of December 31, 2023 or earlier to be treated as a 2023 gift – even if the gift arrives in early 2024. We will provide you with your total amount of tax-deductible gifts to assist you in completing your tax return. These giving statements will be available in late January.

December’s Hymn of the Month expresses the hope of the Church as we observe the season of Advent – that Jesus will return as He has promised: This month, we’ll be singing “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns,” LSB 348, and as we do, we will look forward to “the day when Christ in splendor comes and we shall see His face.”

Pilgrim Food Pantry Needs: We have an immediate need in Pilgrim’s food pantry for hearty soups, low-sugar cereals, and crackers. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Advertise in the Monthly Newsletter! Anthony from LPI, our newsletter printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our newsletter successful, and you attract customers! Contact Anthony at 440-510-6213 or APraskavich@4lpi.com to learn more.

Prayer Task Force: God has blessed us so richly with a growing school and many more families. We have begun planning for a building addition which will bless our church and school. We have also begun our discussions and plans for financing. Please pray for the Lord's blessing, wisdom and guidance as we undertake this project for His Kingdom. If you are interested and would be willing to join our Prayer Task Force team, please contact Vicar John E. Schultz at johneschultz@pilgrimluth.org.

Update on the Associate Pastor call process: Thank you to everyone who supplied potential

Associate Pastor names using the nomination forms. We have received a call list from the North Wisconsin District-LCMS office, and have contacted the candidates to see whether they are available for consideration. The committee is now reviewing the available candidates' information and preparing for interviews, likely in January.

Free Monitors: Pilgrim was recently blessed with a donation of computer monitors to upgrade many of the older monitors in our classrooms. If you are interested in any of our decommissioned Dell 19 inch monitors, please email helpdesk@pilgrimluth.org.

FREE VHS movies: The church library is removing VHS movies from the shelves. If you would like to take any of the titles for your personal use, they are located in the library through the end of December.

December Coins for Christ: Through the "Coins for Christ" program, all loose coins in the offering plate are donated to a recipient that rotates monthly. This month's recipient is Concordia University Wisconsin (CUW). CUW is a Lutheran higher education community committed to helping students develop in mind, body, and spirit for service to Christ in the Church and in the world. Thank you for your support and prayers for this vital mission.

Pilgrim Youth News

School-age children are invited to participate in "Christmas at Pilgrim" on December 10: Our song and fingerplay are available at public.pilgrimluth.org – Music – Sunday School. We are learning verses 1, 2, and 5 of "Someone Special," and there's a song video there too! Questions? Please contact Ruth at ruthmackie@pilgrimluth.org.

Changes to High School Bible Studies! Instead of the previously scheduled December high school bible studies, we invite all high school students to a High School Christmas Party on Monday, December 11 from 6:00-8:00 pm. We will meet in Fellowship Hall for dinner. Then we will head over to TitleTown to go ice skating + tubing. Cost: \$8 for ice skating and rentals + tubing!

All Junior High Students and parents are invited to a Christmas party! Current 7th and 8th grade students and their parents are invited to a Junior High Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 13 from 5:30-7 pm in Fellowship Hall.

June 2024 Mission Trip: Join us as we serve through Camp Linn Haven in Linville, North Carolina! Current 9th-12th grade youth servants, college-age mentors, and Pilgrim adult chaperones will share the hope of Christ through a strenuous week of growing as disciples and serving others through various ministries. **This LCMS servant trip will run June 22-30 and the total cost of \$600 includes all lodging, food, travel, registration** (Pilgrim youth will be expected to fundraise to help offset the \$600 cost of trip). Email Rebekah Spaulding to sign up and pay a \$150 deposit to secure your spot.

School News

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Pilgrim! Come shop during book fair hours: Wednesday, December 6, 2:30 - 4:00 pm; Thursday, December 7, 7:30 am - 3:30 pm; and Friday, December 8, 7:30 am - 7:00 pm (during cookie walk). This is a great opportunity to shop for books and related educational materials. We get credited with 50-60% of our sales

to help stock our school library with quality books for our Pilgrim students.

Pilgrim's Cookie Walk is Back on Friday, December 8, 2023: Come purchase exquisite, mouth-watering homemade cookies and treats from 3:30 pm-7:30 pm on December 8! Proceeds will support our school's library. Cash, check and credit card are accepted.

All Pro Dad's Breakfast: On Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 am, the Men's Ministry will be hosting All Pro Dad's Breakfast for all K-8th grade children, their fathers, and their grandfathers with a hot breakfast, video discussion, devotions, and giveaways. Each time a school family attends the event, they are allowed an additional student entry for the Larry Syferth \$500 Tuition Scholarship drawing in May.

Acknowledgments

With gratitude, we acknowledge that the December Sanctuary Candle is sponsored by Dale and Debbie Hendricks & Aaron and Kayla with Adalyn, Kinley, Archer, and Konrad Baumgartner in memory of Elmer and Josephine Giese.

With gratitude, we acknowledge that this week's altar flowers are sponsored Shirley Meisner in memory of husband Marshall Meisner and son Bradley Meisner.

Christian Community Announcements

\$25,000 BLAZER CHALLENGE: Any sponsorship for NEW Lutheran High School for the remainder of the year will be matched dollar for dollar. For more info, please call Chris Nelson at 920-471-5754.

Plan to join us in celebrating the birth of our Savior! The Christmas season provides many wonderful opportunities to introduce others to our church.

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Christmas Eve Traditional Advent Worship

Suamico Site

9:00 am with communion

Green Bay Site

9:00 am

Christmas Eve Family Worship

Suamico Site

3:00 pm & 5:00 pm

Green Bay Site

2:00 pm & 4:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Green Bay Site

6:00 pm

Christmas Day Worship

Green Bay Site

10:00 am with communion

This Week at Pilgrim

Sunday, December 3 (First Sunday of Advent)

- 7:45 am Traditional Worship Service (GB Sanctuary)
- 9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School (GB - various)
- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service (GB Sanctuary)
- 9:00 am Blended Worship Service (Suamico Sanctuary)
- 10:00 am Sunday School (Suamico - various)
- 10:15 am Lectionary Lessons (Suamico Conference Room)
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service (GB Sanctuary + live stream)
- 11:30 am Prayer Ministry (GB Sanctuary)
- 11:45 am High School Bells (GB Conference Room)
- 11:45 am Voters Meeting (GB Sanctuary)
- 4:00 pm Packer Parking (St. Agnes Lot)

Monday, December 4

- 6:00 pm Evangelism Board (GB Upper Room)
- 6:00 pm Trustees Board (GB Church Library)
- 6:30 pm GriefShare (GB Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm Christian Ed Board (GB 6th Grade Classroom)
- 7:00 pm Christian Life & Growth (GB Upper Room)

Tuesday, December 5

- 10:00 am Pastor Mackie Bible Study (GB Sanctuary + live stream)
- 3:45 pm Building Committee (GB Upper Room)

Wednesday, December 6

- 7:30 am Men's Morning Bible Study (GB Conference Room)
- 8:30 am Chapel (GB Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Pastor Hanson Bible Study (GB Conference Room)
- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study (GB Upper Room)
- 2:30 pm Book Fair (GB Narthex)
- 6:00 pm Revelation Bible Study (GB Conference Room)
- 6:00 pm Confirmation (GB Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 pm Children's Choir (GB Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm Worship on Wednesday (GB Sanctuary + live stream)

Thursday, December 7

- 7:30 am Book Fair (GB Narthex)
- 12:30 pm Lifelight (GB Church Library)
- 1:00 pm Cover Girls/Quilters (GB Upper Room)

Friday, December 8

- 7:30 am Book Fair (GB Narthex)
- 3:30 pm Cookie Walk (GB Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, December 9

- 6:45 am Men's Basketball (GB Gym)
- 7:30 am Men's Ministry Breakfast (GB Fellowship Hall)
- 8:00 am Inquirers Class (GB Conference Room)
- 9:00 am Praise Team Practice (GB Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (GB Sanctuary and live stream)

Sunday, December 10 (Second Sunday of Advent)

- 7:45 am Traditional Worship Service (GB Sanctuary)
- 9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School (GB - various)
- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service (GB Sanctuary)
- 9:00 am Blended Worship Service (Suamico Sanctuary)
- 10:00 am Sunday School (Suamico - various)
- 10:15 am Lectionary Lessons (Suamico Conference Room)
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service (GB Sanctuary + live stream)
- 11:30 am Prayer Ministry (GB Sanctuary)
- 11:45 am High School Bells (GB Sanctuary)
- 4:00 pm Christmas at Pilgrim (GB Sanctuary)



Information about the facilities recommendation from Church Council and the Building Committee is available to the congregation in the narthex.

All Pilgrim members should plan to be present at today's 11:45 am Voters Meeting.



Updated calendar info is available at pilgrimluth.org or follow this QR code.

Stewardship

“God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” The faithfulness of God is our great comfort. He has made promises to us, and He will keep them. He is kind and loving toward us and will not break faith with us. This gives us the confidence to step out in faith, to leave fear behind. So, when it comes to following the Lord’s commandments for our daily lives, we know His will is best for us because He is faithful. (1 Corinthians 1:9)

His Love, Our Response

Last week’s Worship Attendance	755
Last week’s Offering (Week #22)	\$19,657
Last week’s Budgeted Need	\$30,756
YTD Offerings	\$600,403
YTD Budgeted Need	\$596,220

Thrivent Choice Dollars Fiscal Year-to-Date Total: \$881



Offering Plate

Place in offering plate during the church service.

Mail or Drop-off

You can mail your offering to: Pilgrim Lutheran, 1731 St. Agnes Drive, Green Bay, WI 54304 or drop-off at the Welcome Center.

E-giving

Online giving is simple and private using your checking account or debit/credit cards at pilgrimluth.org. *Please note that changes are coming to our online offerings. Stay tuned for instructions on how to update your recurring online giving.*

Looking for other ways to give?

Under federal law, individuals at a certain age with a Traditional IRA are required annually to take a minimum distribution (RMD).

You may distribute part or all of your RMD through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to our church. Talk to your financial advisor to learn more.

❧ Serving God Together. ❧

This Week - Green Bay

WELCOME CENTER	Sat. 12/2 Sun. 12/3		Turkes Miller
ELDERS	Sat. 12/2 Sun. 12/3	5:00 pm 7:45 am	Kosman (H. Olp/ Gannon) Ruggles (Heimerman)
		9:00 am	Baumann (D.Olp/ Loock)
		10:30 am	Charles (Vogt/ Wiederhoeft)
	Wed. 12/6	7:00 pm	Schuettpelz
USHER TEAM	Sat. 12/2 Sun. 12/3	5:00 pm 7:45 am	Raddant Grosnick
		9:00 am	Powell
		10:30 am	Borst
	Wed. 12/6	7:00 pm	Rolefson
ACOLYTES	Sat. 12/2 Sun. 12/3	5:00 pm 7:45 am	Krohn Lesperance Vandenplas
		9:00 am	Ruggles Jensen
		10:30 am	Collar Stuelpner Kosak
	Wed. 12/6	7:00 pm	Volunteer Volunteer
ORGANIST	Sat. 12/2 Sun. 12/3	5:00 pm 7:45 & 9 am	Mackie Mackie
		10:30 am	Young Adult Praise Team
	Wed. 12/6	7:00 pm	Mackie

Singers: Angie Burkel, Tiffany Ellingson, Lydia Lloyd, Matt Reep, Stephanie Reep, Rebekah Spaulding, Lane Stuelpner, Rachel Yanke;
Drummer: Taylor Olp; *Bass:* Andrew Korth; *Guitar:* Jacob Yorton;
Sound; Kelly Heimerman; *Piano:* Christine Malme

This Week - Suamico

ELDER	Sun. 12/3	9:00 am	Wittnebel
USHER	Sun. 12/3	9:00 am	T. Henkel
MUSIC	Sun. 12/3	9:00 am	Van Nuland

Next Week - Green Bay

WELCOME CENTER	Sat. 12/9 Sun. 12/10		Lehman Wahlen
ELDERS	Sat. 12/9 Sun. 12/10	5:00 pm 7:45 am	Cherveney Ruge
		9:00 am	D.Olp
		10:30 am	Kraszewski
	Wed. 12/13	7:00 pm	Schuettpelz
USHER TEAM	Sat. 12/9 Sun. 12/10	5:00 pm 7:45 am	Kosman Luepke
		9:00 am	Loock
		10:30 am	Kraszewski
	Wed. 12/13	7:00 pm	Rolefson
ACOLYTES	Sat. 12/9 Sun. 12/10	5:00 pm 7:45 am	Ford-Gustafson Ford-Gustafson
		9:00 am	Rai Nett
		10:30 am	Jensen Weis
	Wed. 12/13	7:00 pm	Bokunevitz Bokunevitz Volunteer Volunteer
ORGANIST	Sat. 12/9 Sun. 12/10	5:00 pm 7:45 & 9 am	Schroeder Schroeder
		10:30 am	Malme Praise Team
	Wed. 12/13	7:00 pm	

Singers: Angie Burkel, Trudy Goderstad, Lydia Lloyd, Tammy Nier, John Schultz, Rebekah Spaulding; *Congas:* Paul Goderstad;
Bass: Andrew Korth; *Guitar:* Jacob Yorton; *Sound:* Kelly Heimerman;
Piano: Christine Malme

Next Week - Suamico

ELDER	Sun. 12/10	9:00 am	Bero (Schlender/ Seyferth)
USHER	Sun. 12/10	9:00 am	T. McGrane
MUSIC	Sun. 12/10	9:00 am	Rusch



**Can you picture a church service without our volunteers?
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Pilgrim by emailing barbaravanseveren@pilgrimluth.org.**

