

# Progress

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## Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAYS

In-Person and  
Zoomed Online

9:00 am

#### WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Noon and  
5:30 pm  
at Good Shepherd

#### Office Hours

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

Friday  
Closed

## ROOTED

It doesn't seem possible, but John and I have been members of Pilgrim for over 40 years. We were married by Pastor Don Haines back in 1984. When our two daughters were born, they were both baptized by Pastor Rick DeBenedetto. Rachel was confirmed by Pastors Dennis and Paulette Creswell. Pastor Dennis presided over my mother's funeral. Lindsey was confirmed by Pastor Paulette, who also presided over her 2015 wedding. Three of our grandchildren were baptized at Pilgrim, by Vicars Will and Pat. Pilgrim Lutheran Church has been part of so many important times in our lives. John often reminds me that "We have roots here."

The years have flown by and times have changed. There are few people in the pews on any given Sunday. Those Pastors who used to be a stable cornerstone in our church lives have moved on. There are few new pastoral candidates graduating from seminaries. The future seems uncertain. Have we become too comfortable, too rooted with our church?

A number of years ago, I was given a small black book, "*The Essential*

*Lutheran Handbook, 500 Anniversary, Even Smaller Pocket Edition (2017.)*" The cover has a depiction of Martin Luther winking. To paraphrase the forward of the book, Luther is winking at the reader to remind us that though theology is serious stuff, we should remember that Jesus saves us and our life in the church should be experienced with some humor and love for one another. The forward notes that Luther's theology is "illuminated by a down to earth, everyday sense of humor." An example of this humor is Luther's favorite way to banish the devil, break wind (fart) according to the book.

There is a chapter called "Church Stuff," which caught my eye as I pondered the passage of time and changes at Pilgrim. It talks about Luther questioning how to identify the true Christian Church on Earth. The Augsburg Confession is an important document for Lutherans. Article 7 of this document claims that the "one Holy Christian Church is the assembly of all believers among whom the gospel is rightly preached and the holy sacraments are administered

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according to the gospel." Different than some other Christian denominations, Lutherans are organized around the purely preached Word and the giving of sacraments rather than organizing around popes and bishops. Today, bishops in the Lutheran Church are simply leaders in geographic areas according to the book. In Luther's time harsh criticisms were aimed at Catholic popes and bishops who did not support the pure preaching of the gospel. Luther, after all, was the fellow who painstakingly translated the Bible into German that ultimately allowed it to be printed for commoners to read for themselves.

As I consider what the outcome of church consolidation might be, it seems that staying true to Luther's teachings should be at the heart of our conversations. Pastors, leaders, buildings and programs change over time as does society. Maybe it is time to plant our roots in the fertile soil already here and find some humor and love along the way.

As we enter the Lenten Season, we get serious, turning toward God to consider how our lives need to change. We consider the blessing of each new day. We remember our baptism and the loving gift we have been given in our Savior, Jesus Christ. We mourn Jesus'

death for our sake, according to the "purely preached Word" as Luther believed. The structure of church may be a bit different, but Luther is still winking at us.

In Christ's Love,  
Jean Trempe,  
Council President

***Psalm 27:14***  
*Wait for the Lord;  
Be strong,  
and let your heart  
take courage;  
wait for the Lord!*



**EASTER FLOWERS**

Flowers will decorate the altar for Easter Sunday service! **Orders must be in the church office by Sunday, March 30th.** Please submit payment with, or shortly after, placing your order. Your flowers can be picked up after the worship service on Easter Sunday, April 9th. Thank you!

<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Lilies	_____	\$ 12.00	_____
Hyacinths	_____	\$ 13.00	_____
Tulips	_____	\$ 13.00	_____
Daffodils	_____	\$ 13.00	_____
Hydrangea	_____	\$ 31.00	_____
Mums	_____	\$ 16.00	_____
Azalea	_____	\$ 31.00	_____
Calendiva	_____	\$ 20.00	_____
Cyclamen	_____	\$ 16.00	_____
		<b>TOTAL COST: \$</b>	_____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In celebration of: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Make a joyful noise!

“Jesus, source of living water, may we drink of you and live!”

—the refrain to the Lenten hymn “As the Deer Runs to the River”

March finds the Lutheran Church in the season of Lent, a time meant for us to reflect in a personal way on the meaning of our Christian faith. It is a time for us to realistically confront the challenges and failings in our lives. It is also a time for us to prepare for Easter, our greatest source of hope.

One of the hymns on page 331 of our ELW hymnbook, “As the Deer Runs to the River”, helps to guide us on this journey. It begins with a paraphrase of Psalm 42 verse 1 “As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God”. The image of a deer running to get a drink in a stream or river is very familiar to those of us in Central Wisconsin. After all, deer are our next-door neighbors. It is quite amazing how this common image can help us reflect on where we often are in our lives and also on what we seek.

*As the deer runs to the river, parched and weary from the chase,  
we have come from hurt and hurry, thirsting for your healing grace.*

*“Come and drink,” Isaiah summoned, “all who for God’s mercy plead!  
God’s forgiveness, like a fountain, flows to satisfy your need.”*

*Christ, we come from desert places, deepest thirst unsatisfied.  
Lead us to the waters flowing from the cross on which you died.*

*Jesus, source of living water, may we drink of you and live!*

We all find times in our lives where we are parched and weary from the chase. It is a great comfort to us when we find God’s healing grace. What can be a better metaphor for healing grace, God’s mercy, and forgiveness than coming to a river of cool water where we can be cooled and refreshed?

I find the final verse to this hymn especially touching and meaningful. It is a prayer that honestly, without pretense, admits to God that we come from places in our lives that feel like deserts. We come from places where our thirst for mercy, forgiveness, and grace feels distant. Then the prayer leads us to the place of a Christian’s ultimate hope—“to the waters flowing from the cross on which you died.”

With thanks for creative people who use their talent to  
help us access our feelings of despair and lead us to hope,

Delores Kessel

# WHOLLY

## Experience a Lenten Journey

through

Hearing \* Sight \* Scent \* Taste \* Touch

Lent 2025 is a shared ministry effort between the congregations of Good Shepherd, Pilgrim, and St. Stephen Lutheran Churches. The Lenten journey includes:

Wed. 3-5-25: Ash Wednesday Worship at Pilgrim Lutheran Church @ 6:30 pm

Weds. 3-12 thru 4-9-25: Midweek Lunch worship at Good Shepherd @ Noon

Wednesday Evening worship at Good Shepherd @ 5:30 pm with the meal to follow

Thur, 4-17-25: Maundy Thursday Worship at Good Shepherd @ 6:30 pm

Fri, 4-18-25: Good Friday Worship at St. Stephen @ 6:30 pm

Sun, 4-20-25: Sunrise Worship at Sylvan Hill @ 6:00 am

St Stephen at 8:30

Good Shepherd at 9:00

Pilgrim at 10:30

See the weekly chart below for a schedule of serving ministries. **Our goal is to bring groups together to get to know each other through serving and fellowship!** If you are able to help, reach out to the contact person below, to get connected for a specific date. Each ministry will then coordinate a menu, the specific volunteer roles needed and where or how you would like to direct that day's free-will offering.

Each week we will provide lunch for approximately 25-40 lunch worshipers and 60-75 for the evening meal. (Numbers are estimates at this point) Groups should plan to have volunteers for setup, serving, dishwashing and cleanup for lunch and supper. Meals can consist of: at least 2 choices of soup (remember our vegan and gluten free friends), bread/crackers, dessert, milk, and salads (optional). We estimate 1 roaster for noon and 2 for evening.

Each week's meals will offer a free-will offering basket and designation of the day's funds collected will go towards the ministry or designation selected by the sponsoring group.

Wed. 3-12-25: Property Committee contact- *Kartika Putri*: kartika@gswausau.org

Wed. 3-19-25: Music Ministry contact- *Delores Kessel*: djkessel1@gmail.com

Wed. 3-26-25: Social Concerns / Evangelism contact- *Pr. Karoline Schwantes*: pastorkaroline@gmail.com

Wed. 4-2-25: Quilt Ministry contact- *Sue Koerten*: skoerten@icloud.com

Wed. 4-9-25: Angels / Bible Studies / Faith Formation contact- *Sarah Lonsdorf*: Sarah.Lonsdorf@aspirus.org

**Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday worship will happen individually at each of the three sites as scheduled.**

GOOD SHEPHERD	PILGRIM	ST. STEPHEN
930 Edgewood Rd., Wausau, WI 54403 PALM SUNDAY: 9:00 AM	709 Weston Ave, Wausau, WI 54403 PALM SUNDAY: 9:00 AM	512 McClellan St, Wausau, WI 54403 PALM SUNDAY: 9:00 AM

## LWR PERSONAL CARE KITS—LENTEN COLLECTION

This year, during Lent, we will collect items for personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Cleanliness may not actually be next to godliness, but it certainly helps a person feel more human. When families find their homes destroyed, or must flee for their safety, soap and a towel rarely make the cut for what they can carry. Arriving in a refugee camp or other place of safety, they are scared, vulnerable, and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit provide much-needed self-care, critical germ fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty. Items needed are:

Metal nail clippers  
(attached file optional)



Adult-size toothbrushes in their original packaging  
(toothbrush multi-packs are acceptable)



Lightweight cotton or cotton blend bath-size towel  
(20" x 40" to 52" x 27"), dark color recommended.



Two or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz.  
(any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars)



Sturdy combs  
(no picks or fine-toothed combs.)



### Collection Containers Located in the Narthex

#### HYGIENE DRIVE Shared Mission with St. Stephen Church

The Angels are hosting a Hygiene Drive through March 16 for the Community Center for Hope, Granite House, The Open Door, and The Neighbors' Place. The most urgently needed items are:

- Baby hygiene products—baby wash, baby lotion, diaper cream
  - Soaps—laundry, dish, body, shower gel, 2-in-1 shampoo/conditioner or individual shampoo and conditioner
  - Disposable razors (smaller packs)
  - Trash bags
  - Deodorant
  - Lotions
  - Wet wipes
  - Paper towels
  - Tampons and maxi pads
- Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted.

#### Men's Monthly Bible Study Breakfast at Eagle's Nest

2nd Thursday of the Month  
7:30 a.m.

The next gathering for food, faith, and fellowship is **March 13th**. If you are interested in joining, contact Eugene Viegut (715-359-9895).

#### 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.



## 40 DAYS 40 ITEMS A SHARED MISSION OF ST. STEPHEN / GOOD SHEPHERD / IMMANUEL / PILGRIM

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In observance of the Lenten Season, many people choose to “give up” something they enjoy as they enter a period of reflection. An alternative to or perhaps in addition to this observance is to “take on” something new.

You can collect an item for each day of Lent—40 days yields 40 much-needed items in our community for many organizations. You will make a profound impact on your community while you are reflecting on your life and making personal changes.

Please consider contributing the following shelf stable food to your local food bank, clothing or hygiene items to those that need it. You can bring these items to church and place them in the appropriate donation location, and we will sort and distribute at the end. Items collected will then be distributed amongst Neighbors Place, The Marty Bus, Women’s Community and Community Clothing Closet.

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|---|----------------------------------|
| 1. Peanut Butter                        | 2. Socks                         |
| 3. Canned Meal with Pop Tops            | 4. Canned Chicken/Tuna           |
| 5. Pasta                                | 6. Spaghetti Sauce               |
| 7. Cereal                               | 8. T-Shirts                      |
| 9. Canned Vegetables                    | 10. Canned Fruit                 |
| 11. Oatmeal                             | 12. Applesauce                   |
| 13. Pants                               | 14. Spices/ Sauces               |
| 15. Jelly                               | 16. Juice/ Juice Boxes           |
| 17. Flour, Sugar or Oil                 | 18. Sweatshirts                  |
| 19. Side Dishes                         | 20. Soup                         |
| 21. Popcorn/Snacks                      | 22. Hamburger Helper             |
| 23. New Tarps                           | 24. Baked Beans                  |
| 25. Granola Bars/Protein Bars/Pop Tarts | 26. Water                        |
| 27. Laundry Soap                        | 28. Toilet Paper                 |
| 29. New Underwear/Boxers                | 30. Instant Mashed Potatoes      |
| 31. Microwave Meals                     | 32. Crackers [Saltine or “Ritz”] |
| 33. Cake Mix with Frosting              | 34. Walking Shoes without holes  |
| 35. Individual Drink Mixes ex. Propel   | 36. Tooth brush/Toothpaste       |
| 37. Paper Towel                         | 38. Bath Soap                    |
| 39. Shampoo/Conditioner                 | 40. Deodorant                    |

**Please bring your donations to any one of the four churches.**

If you have questions, feel free to reach out to:  
Shauna Robinson at 608-514-4504 [nutband@gmail.com](mailto:nutband@gmail.com)

- ☺ To Jeff kessl, Charlene Buttner, Sue Koerten, Katie Ecker, and Shirley Ecker for helping with, and providing food for, the Community on Call dinner on Monday, February 10, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- ☺ To our visiting pastor and lay ministers this month — Pr. Tryphine Schrub, Shirley Ecker, Eugene Viegut, and Kay Palmer.
- ☺ To Pilgrim, St. Stephen, Good Shepherd, and Immanuel churches for helping the Wausau Police Department cover the cost of a security deposit to get an unhoused individual into permanent housing.

### AARP INCOME TAX PREPARATION

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Tuesday’s & Wednesdays  
2/4/25 thru 4/2/25

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers will offer free income tax preparation in Wausau. This program is especially for those 50 and older, with low to moderate income, who can’t afford a tax preparation service.

We are now receiving calls on Tuesdays Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:00—3:00, at 715-298-5734.to setup **REQUIRED** appointments.

For other local sites in the surrounding area, search: AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Site Locator or call 1-888-227-7669.

# MINUTES

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 12th, 2025  
Unapproved

**PRESENT IN PERSON:** Jean Trempe (President), Frank Koerten (Vice President), Charlie Freiberg (Treasurer), Linda Konkel (Secretary), Sue Koerten (Worship Chair), Jim Lenselink (Stewardship Chair), and Kay Palmer (Buildings & Grounds Chair), Charlene Buttner (Church and Society Chair)

**EXCUSED:** Janet Williams (Life & Growth Chair)

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Jean Trempe called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Devotions were led by Jean Trempe with a reading from Christ in Our Home.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:** (Jean Trempe) Review of the minutes of January 14, 2025, regular council meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Sue Koerten and seconded by Jim Lenselink. Motion carried

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** (Charlie Freiberg) Reviewed financial reports for January 2025. Cash in banks totaled \$80,951, with \$22,429 held in restricted

funds. The largest portion of restricted funds is for Blessings that Give Hope of \$13,367. Our long-term loan stands at \$59,931. Contributions for the month were lower than usual as there were only three worship Sundays. Due to inclement weather, worship was cancelled on January 19th. The church equity stands at \$20,195 (Cash-debts) Expenses are in line with prior months. The Evangelism restricted funds line item will be deleted and the \$551.68 will be moved to the checking account. This was set aside at one time to pay for commercial expenses and will no longer be used for that purpose. It will be necessary to change the signatories for the following bank accounts:

### **Incredible Bank- Checking and Savings:**

Currently: Jean Trempe, Charles Freiberg, Shirley Ecker

Update to: Jean Trempe, Charles Freiberg, Frank Koerten

\*\*Fred Patten is allowed to make inquiries into all bank accounts and any change in signatories should include language that he continues to be able to make inquiries.

### **Marathon Bank**

#### General Checking

Currently: Charles Freiberg, Shirley Ecker, Jeanette Carlson

Update to: Jean Trempe, Charles Freiberg, Frank Koerten

#### Food Program Checking

Currently: Charles Freiberg, Jeff Kessel, Delores Kessel

No Updates necessary to this account.

#### Scrip Checking

Currently: Charles Freiberg, Janet Williams

No Updates necessary to this account

#### Evangelism Checking & Debit Card

Currently: Charles Freiberg, Shirley Ecker, Jeanne Wunsch

This account will be closed. No longer used.

\*\*Fred Patten is allowed to make inquiries into all bank accounts and any change in signatories should include language that he continues to be able to make inquiries.

Frank Koerten made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report with a second by Charlene Buttner. Motion carried.

Sue Koerten made a motion to approve the necessary changes to

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## Transition Task Force

If you have a question or comment for the Transition Task Force, drop a written note in the box on the information table in the lounge or talk to a team member.

Charles Freiberg	charlesfreiberg@icloud.com	715-574-4904
Jeff Kessel (Communications)	Kessel.jeffrey@gmail.com	715-573-4491
Frank Koerten	fmkoerten@gmail.com	715-301-3939
Karen Larson	jar5804@gmail.com	715-297-4945
Stephen Moede	jar5804@gmail.com	715-297-4945
Kay Palmer (Chairperson)	kaypalmer@42llc.com	302-983-6946
Jean Trempe	jtrempe@frontier.com	715-575-5592

## Monthly Town Hall Meetings

2nd Sunday of each month following worship service

**Next Meeting  
March 9th**



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the signatories of the accounts as well as closing the Evangelism checking account. Jim Lenselink seconded it. Motion carried.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

(Jean Trempe) Jean received a call from Pastor Dara Clifford-Associate to the Bishop and Director of Evangelical Mission regarding our interest in an Intern. She was responding to a call that Shirley Ecker made several weeks ago regarding our application for an Intern or Student which requires information about a supervising Pastor. The Synod is responsible for working with the seminaries to place an intern and identify a supervising Pastor. Pastor Dara offered to assist.

Jean discussed some priorities for the year.

- Support the Mission of the Consolidation Task Force Work continues as the group looks for ways to be “Better Together.” The three worship teams have been working together for quite some time to find ways we can worship together. Should our next step be to start collaborating in other areas of the life of the congregations? An example would be a quilter’s luncheon or collections of assorted items for local non-profits. Noisy Offerings are being done at St. Stephen and Good Shepherd on a regular basis. Would it be possible if Pilgrim began that practice too as a way to be better together? All three congregations agree that evangelism is not being done as well as it should be. How can we improve in this area?
- Keep in touch with members of our Congregation. Jean would like to see us stay “more in touch” with the Pil-

grim members who do not attend worship on a regular basis. We currently send holiday cards to stay in touch. She is looking for ideas on how to reach out to these individuals. It was mentioned that care packages will be going out to the three Pilgrim college students soon.

Jean attended her first President’s meeting on January 28, 2025. This group will meet again on February 25 at St. Stephen at 6:30 p.m. Bethany, St. John’s Mosinee and Mount Calvary are ironing out the details of a shared ministry, sharing one Pastor. First English is preparing to gain congregational support for hiring a Pastoral candidate. Immanuel is still reviewing options. There are no changes for St. Andrew at this time.

Vacant council positions were the next topic of discussion. Currently there are two openings, Children and Youth and Evangelism. Jean will continue to ask members for volunteers.

At the annual meeting, there were no volunteers for the Nominations Committee for 2026 openings. The opening is for a member at large to serve along with two prior council members.

The Audit Committee is also in need of two volunteers. These individuals will look over Pilgrim’s financial records to verify everything is being done properly. This is done prior to the annual meeting after all year end income and expenses have been completed.

If any council member needs a copy of Pilgrim’s By-Laws or church policies, they can be obtained from the office.

Community Blood Bank will no longer offer blood drives at Pilgrim. They require at least fifteen

people each time. We have not met that quota. There are other locations around the area to donate blood such as the Red Cross, Community Blood Bank and Good Shepherd.

Jean reminded the council members to sign up for an “Opening Devotion” month.

The council will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

**VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** (Frank Koerten)-No Report

**TRANSITION TASK FORCE REPORT:** (Kay Palmer) Kay reported that the GPS Team met for an all-day Saturday work session. Her impression of the day was a good one. It felt like the group made some substantial progress especially in the area of “Where is each congregation at.”. She also felt like they were starting to work together more as a group instead of three separate entities.

The next meeting of the GPS Committee will be on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 for dinner with the meeting beginning at 5:00 here at Pilgrim.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REPORT:** (Kay Palmer) Kay has interviewed an applicant for the custodian position. Her name is Shelby Brod. The position will be four hours per week cleaning only. Any maintenance issues should be reported to Kay or Fred, and they will get someone to manage them. It may be necessary to have a monthly or quarterly cleaning day by Pilgrims to handle the extra cleaning like washing windows, cleaning kitchen etc. Motion to hire Shelby to be the custodian with a work schedule of four hours per week was made by Charlie Freiberg

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with a second by Sue Koerten.  
Motion carried.

**BLESSINGS THAT GIVE HOPE REPORT:** (Jeff Kessell)-  
No Report

**EVANGELISM REPORT:** No-  
Report

**CHILDREN & YOUTH RE-  
PORT:** No Report

**WORSHIP REPORT:** (Sue Koerten) Delores and Sue met with worship and music leaders from St. Stephen and Good Shepherd to talk about Lenten and Holy Week services:

The Worship committee approved the following schedule at their February 6th meeting.

Ash Wednesday March 5: 6:30 p.m. at Pilgrim, choir sings.

All midweek Lenten services will be held on Wednesdays at Good Shepherd.

Noon service with soup.  
5:30 p.m. Service  
6:00 p.m. Soup supper to follow.  
6:30 Choir practice for anyone who wants participate!

In the spirit of “Working Better Together” developed by the Task Force, different groups from the three churches will provide the soup lunch and supper.

March 12- Building and Grounds Committees (Kartika Putri Good Shepherd)

March 19- Music/Choirs (Delores Kessel Pilgrim)

March 26- Social Concerns (Pastor Karoline St Stephen)

April 2- Quilters (Sue Koerten Pilgrim)

April 9- Bible Studies (Sarah Lonsdorf St Stephen)

Free will offering basket will be at the meal. The committee or group serving the meal will decide where the money will go.

Weekly midweek offering: Loose offering and personal church envelopes, (Write your name and church on the envelope.), will be divided into three and given to each church.

Maundy Thursday April 17-  
Good Shepherd at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday April 18- St. Stephen 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday Services:

Good Shepherd Sunrise service 6:00 a.m. at Sylvan Hill for the community and neighborhood.

Good Shepherd 9:00 a.m. service.

St Stephen 8:30 a.m. service choir sings.

Pilgrim 10:30 a.m. service choir sings.

**CHURCH AND SOCIETY REPORT:** (Charlene Buttner) Donations were taken to the Salvation Army. It consisted of grocery bags, hygiene items and food. Charlene was told that the food pantry gets very few donations of jelly.

Little Library—We continuing to distribute mittens and hats through this method to the neighborhood.

In March we will again collect items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits.

A poster showing Lutheran World Relief results for 2024 kit and quilt collections and counties receiving items is currently displayed in the gathering area. Our items are sent through Minnesota. Lutheran World Relief is giving assistance to fire victims and hurricane victims in the United States.

The Community on Call dinner was a success. Pilgrim was able to make and serve dinner to 15 people who were spending the night

at Good Shepherd due to frigid temperatures. Everyone who helped serve thought it was a good experience. Pilgrims may be called upon next week as the temperatures are expected to be below zero once again. Thank you to all the Pilgrims that cooked, served, or helped in any other way. This is one way to show God’s love to our neighbors.

**LIFE AND GROWTH REPORT:** (Janet Williams)-No report.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:** (Jim Lenslink) The Furnace Fund pledges are currently being tabulated. It was suggested that some type of visual monitor be made so Pilgrims can watch the progress of the fund drive.

Jim has contacted two more companies requesting quotes for furnaces. He has not heard back from them yet.

**New Business:** Linda Konkel reminded the council that two delegates are needed to attend the annual meeting of the Crossways Camping Ministries. The meeting will be on March 8 beginning at 9:30. It will be held at St. Marks Church in Neenah. There will also be a Zoom link available.

**Progress articles are due to Fred by February 20, 2025.**

**The next council meeting will be Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. with devotions lead by Charlene Buttner.**

**ADJOURN/LORD’S PRAYER:** Motion by Frank Koerten and seconded by Charlie Freiberg to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

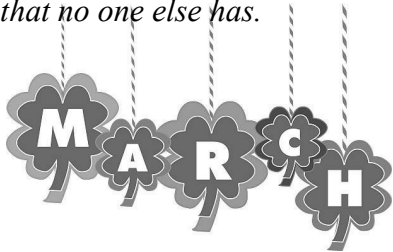
Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Konkel



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

Sara Konkell	03/03	Michael Konkell	03/19
Shylo Moon	03/03	Claire Laughlin	03/19
Lynn Rueth	03/04	Larry Brandenburg	03/20
Jimmer Yunek	03/05	Patti Petersen	03/21
Sonya Bergeth	03/07	Brad Bartell	03/25
John R. Schneider	03/07	Jill Windorski	03/27
Mollie Augustine	03/10	Katie Ecker	03/29
Preston Meyer	03/13	Stan Myers	03/31
Mary Dettmering	03/14		

*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

**March**

1 Alissa Strick	17 Jason Viegut
2 Ben Strick	18 Lila Viegut
3 Lufas Strick	19 Betty Walters
4 Manda Strick	20 Gary Walters
5 Brianna Stromme	21 Aaron Werth
6 Nathan Stromme	22 Caden Werth
7 Tammy Stromme	23 Natalie Werth
8 Brad Stubbe	24 Sarah Werth
9 Jeff Stubbe	25 Dana Weyer
10 Rebecca Strubbe	26 Lori Weyer
11 Mary Swanson	27 Maverick Weyer
12 Rick Swanson	28 Janet Williams
13 David Theis	29 Mary Williams
14 Jean Trempe	30 Bob Windorski
15 John Trempe	31 Jenna Windorski
16 Eugene Viegut	

**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

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<b>2</b> 9:00 Worship	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:30 Task Force Meeting	<b>5</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 6:30 Combined Worship Service held at Pilgrim	<b>6</b> No worship	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:00 Worship 10:15 Town Hall Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:30 Council Mtg.	<b>12</b> <b>LENT</b> 9:00 Busy Bee Quilters 5:30 Worship at Good Shepherd; meal to follow 6:30 Choir	<b>13</b> 6:30 No Worship 7:30 Men's Bible Study at Eagle's Nest	<b>14</b> Lay School	<b>15</b> Lay School
<b>16</b> 9:00 Worship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 11:45 Prayer Circle 5:00 GPS Meeting 6:00 GWCS Meeting at Pilgrim	<b>19</b> <b>LENT</b> 5:30 Worship at Good Shepherd; meal to follow 6:30 Choir	<b>20</b> No worship	<b>21</b> Progress Article Deadline	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:00 Worship	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 11:45 Prayer Circle	<b>26</b> <b>LENT</b> 5:30 Worship at Good Shepherd; meal to follow 6:30 Choir	<b>27</b> No worship	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:00 Worship	<b>31</b>					

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION UPDATE

### February 27, 2025

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	
		Budget	vs. Actual
\$ 59,931	Balance: 01/30/2025		
\$ 671	Principal Payment	\$17,840	\$12,462
\$ 203	Interest Payment		
\$ 59,260	Balance: 02/27/2025		
Outstanding Bills			
		\$810	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. Orders are taken periodically. For information, email or call the office at 715-842-4544

### 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](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice).

### 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

### 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... 301**

### 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!



**Ash Wednesday Combined Service**

March 5th, 6:30 p.m.

Held at Pilgrim

**Lenten Wednesday Combined Services**

Noon worship luncheon

5:30 p.m. with a meal to follow

Held at Good Shepherd

-see page 4 for details-

**Staff**

Ministers  
Music Coordinator  
Choir Director  
Pianists  
Custodian  
Office Manager

All Pilgrims  
Delores Kessel  
Jim Linselink  
Delores Kessel, Norah Brown  
Shelby Brod  
Fred Patten

If you wish to give a gift to Pilgrim electronically, please go to [www.pilgrimofwausau.org](http://www.pilgrimofwausau.org) and click on the DONATE button on the home page.

Thank you.



**Services**

Sundays at 9:00 am / Thursdays at 6:30 pm

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