

# Pilgrim's Progress

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### The Amazing Pilgrim Team

In a chapel service at the end of the school year Vicar Howell built a “machine” of moving parts from school children and staff in worship. He pulled the lever and it “worked” as long as each part did its job. When one part stopped working, the whole thing went kaput! That visual lesson offers an image of the importance of people working together in our ministry at Pilgrim.

We’ve said it almost on a daily basis in the ministry office, but maybe you haven’t heard it so often. This year has been an amazing year of staff transition at Pilgrim! At the beginning of the school year, we added Diana Stockfish (Pre-K), Jessica Kloehn (Daycare), and Kayla Ziesmer (K), and at the end of the school year, four more reliable team members are retiring, Duane & Kari Longmire, Wendy Urfer, and Keith Halverson. Thank You, Lord, for them! There was additional transition during the school year. To assist with recording our worship services, we built a videography team of approximately 12 people. Finally, we added three new part-time cleaners due to some health needs on our custodial team.

Moving on to next year. Two new graduates are coming to our school, Michaela Wilaby and Rachel Toenjes, and several other teachers will shuffle responsibilities. We will again experience the annual Vicar exchange and welcome Joshua Duncan, and we are presently pursuing a new music leader, 2 teacher aides, a new Foreign Language teacher and additional office help. That’s a lot of moving parts.

Many of these transitions are due to ministry growth and retirement, but the team doesn’t end with the staff! We estimate that it takes approximately 50 volunteers/week just to accomplish the basic tasks at Pilgrim. The amazing combination of staff and volunteers working in partnership makes Pilgrim a ministry that is buzzing with activity.

This reminds us of the words of Paul, “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (I Corinthians 12:27) That’s where YOU come in. Praise the Lord for His provision of people who will bless and pray, teach and guide, clean and mop and so much more. May the Lord continue to uphold and sustain our amazing Pilgrim team.

See you in church! ~Pastor Malme

# What's Happening

## Inquirer's Class Session 3 Conference Rm #144

**Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 am - 12 noon**

Inquirer's Class introduces new members to the basic beliefs of the Bible and our Church and provides an excellent opportunity for Pilgrim members to stay firm in their faith by a regular review of the foundations of our faith.

You are also encouraged to attend Inquirer's Class with a friend or family member. You do not have to take them in any order. They are on a four month rotation. This class will be covering the **Session 3 materials: The Sacraments, Confession and Church.**

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## Pilgrim Summer Childcare

Summer is most certainly here! Pilgrim's Childcare is seeking interest in their Daycare and Summer Care Programs. If you are looking for care, please email [jessicakloehn@pilgrimluth.org](mailto:jessicakloehn@pilgrimluth.org) or call the School Office at 920-965-2244.



## New Worship on Wednesday (WOW) Series

**"Famous Last Words:  
Final Blessings from the  
People of God"**

*by Vicar Colby Howell*

If you only had a few more moments with people you love, what would you say? As the summer goes on, I am asking myself that question. It is almost time for me to leave, and for the next vicar to begin his own ministry at Pilgrim. My days are coming to an end, and soon I will be off on the next task God has appointed for me. So, what should I say to you all, who have loved me so well and been so good to me? What would I say to you as our moments come to a close?



There are many places in the Bible where final moments like this happen, and they all have a common theme: as God's people leave each other in this life, they always *bless* each other. Time and time again, final blessings flow from the lips of His saints. So as my time at Pilgrim comes to an end, may you be blessed as we study God's blessings together.

**The series begins June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
and will run through  
July 21<sup>st</sup>.**

## June Ministry Action Team

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 niche' we've created a multitude of Ministry Action Teams. For the month of June we are highlighting this team as a possibility for your involvement. We are especially looking for help with the following ministry:



**WE NEED  
YOUR HELP!**

### Pilgrim's Family VBS Devotion

**Events** - Pilgrim will offer three family events this summer in place of a traditional VBS experience. The first family event of the summer will be held at our **Suamico Site on Sunday, June 13, from 3:00pm - 5:00pm** for all families with children ages 3 - 18. There will be games, worship songs for kids, a children's devotion and a take home "VBS is a Bucket" for each family to have a mini VBS in the home. The event will conclude with a BBQ!



A sign up sheet to help with this Ministry Action Team may be found at the Welcome Center. For any other questions please contact [Rebekahspaulding@pilgrimluth.org](mailto:Rebekahspaulding@pilgrimluth.org)



# What's Happening

## Pilgrim Says a Fond Farewell

Pilgrim Lutheran School will be saying a fond farewell to teacher, Mr. Keith Halverson. Keith spent forty-one years teaching German in Green Bay area schools and then another two years at Pilgrim for our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes. We are thankful for all he has done for our students in sharing the German language and culture that he is all too familiar with. God's blessings on your retirement!



On the weekend of June 5-6<sup>th</sup> we will recognize Keith, along with Wendy Urfer, and Kari and Duane Longmire who are also retiring, at a service that they attend.

**Happy Retirement! May you be proud of the work you have done, the people you are, and the difference you have made.**

## Using God's Gifts to Bless Others...

Do you know God has given each of us spiritual gifts? Scripture tells us He gives these to the members of His church to serve others (1 Peter 4:10) and to build up the body of believers. Curious what some of these gifts are? Read Romans 12:4-8 and 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 for a few examples.

Our Pilgrim family has many opportunities to utilize your personal spiritual gifts. One of them, Stephen Ministry, trains volunteers how to care for someone who is going through a difficult time in his or her life. Do you have the gifts of faith, empathy, or compassion? If so, please consider joining this caring ministry. A new training course will be offered this fall.

Another is Prayer Ministry; each Sunday after the 10:30am service volunteers are available at the front of church to confidentially pray with individuals. We are currently in need of more faithful members who consider praying to our Heavenly Father a privilege and are willing to serve others in this capacity approximately once every two months.



If you are interested in more information about either of these caring ministries, please contact: Nancy Kraszewski @ 869-1818; [nkraszewski@new.rr.com](mailto:nkraszewski@new.rr.com) or Barbara Hein @ 920-362-5035.



## Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty

*by Dale Bartel, Parish Education*

The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) is located in Washington D.C. The purpose of the Center is to educate and raise awareness about the increasing intrusion by the government and culture that threatens our religious freedom.

In a February 2021 letter from Rev. Dr. Gregory P. Seltz, he states the following, "Regrettably, that spirit of anti-Christian bigotry and persecution is growing in our country as well." Dr. Seltz cites the following examples:

- ◆ States passing laws where abortion is legal to the 9<sup>th</sup> month
- ◆ The Virginia Values Act targets Christians who support the Bible's view of marriage and sexual identity
- ◆ The Equality Act has passed the House and now is before the Senate. This Act is similar to the Virginia Values Act

Dr. Seltz further states, "In the midst of the fires in our culture, we can boldly take our stand together for the things of God." He shares the following examples:

- ◆ Defend the public voice of God's people
- ◆ Create Bible studies on God's Two-Kingdom (2KG) involvement
- ◆ Internships to train our youth in God's 2KG program
- ◆ Expand our "Champions for Liberty" network
- ◆ Support the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) and the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty

Like Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego it's time for Lutherans to take a stand and defend our Religious Liberty and freedom of speech.

You can support the work of the **Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty** by sending a contribution to:

P.O. Box 790347

St. Louis, MO 63179-0347

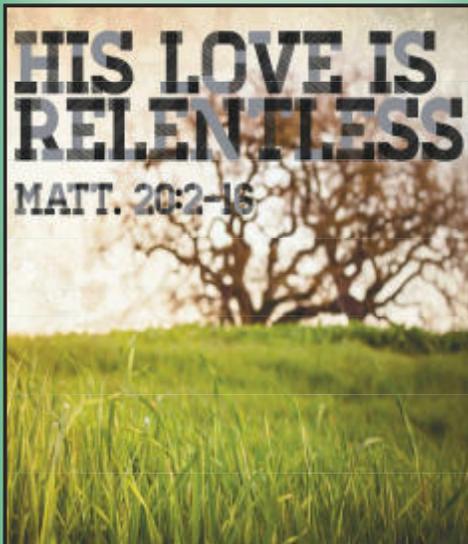
or go online at [LCRLfreedom.org](http://LCRLfreedom.org) and follow the link to a secure site.

# What's Happening

## Women's Summer Bible Study

Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am  
June 16<sup>th</sup> - August 11<sup>th</sup>

Upper Room 244/245



A summer Women's Bible study will begin on Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30 am. The group will be studying "God's Relentless Love" led by Jane Watermolen. Feel free to join them at any time.



## Greetings From Our Newly Assigned Vicar



Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Green Bay,

God's grace be with you all! Hello, everyone. This is Joshua Duncan, writing from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, having received a call to be vicar at Pilgrim this coming year. I'm writing to say that I gladly accept this call as vicar. I've already heard many wonderful things about your church from seminary friends and from friends at Concordia University in Ann Arbor, my alma mater. And I'm thankful for the warm welcome I've received from you already, as so many of you have already contacted me, kindly embracing and bringing me into the Pilgrim family.

To tell you a little bit about myself, I was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1991, when my father was completing His seminary training. But I've spent the majority of my life in the Metro Detroit area, my home now being in the suburbs of Westland, MI, 45 minutes west of Detroit. I was raised in a loving home, spending lots of time in the congregation which my father planted, Living Word Lutheran Church, located now in Plymouth, Michigan. The time spent watching my father preach and teach largely inspired me to want to be a pastor myself. I was homeschooled by my mother for many years, except for a few grade school years and four years of public high school. I graduated from Concordia University Ann Arbor in 2018, with a Bachelor's degree in English. My time at CUAA was enriching and made me more confident in my Christian faith, and in Lutheran teaching, and in my ability to communicate it, before I came to the Seminary.

Again, I want to thank all of you for this great opportunity and for investing in my Seminary journey. I'm humbled to become part of your ministry. I look forward to meeting all of you, to growing under the supervision of Pastor Malme, and to serving the Gospel at Pilgrim.

The grace of Christ be with you all,  
Joshua Duncan



# Coins for Christ & More



## Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care

by Nannette Hoppe

Our “Coins for Christ focus this month is **Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care** (YLM). This 501c (3) is a faith based non-profit organization that provides relief and human care services while planting and nurturing missions on the U.S./Mexico border (El Paso/Juarez region).

During this Covid 19 year, Bibles and other Christian literature have been taken to the **El Paso Immigration Detention Center**, by Ysleta Chaplain Dave and volunteer Miquel. Another aspect of the **Lutheran Prison Ministry** is making Bibles available to prisoners throughout the United States. Along with Bibles and Christian literature, the month’s sermon reading and notes are mailed to inmates requesting them. With COVID-19 restrictions, many who are detained are having a difficult time celebrating their faith.

The Mission of Ysleta, “**Changing lives through simple acts of kindness,**” was exemplified through donations of **face masks**, hand sanitizers and touchless thermometers, needed items on both sides of the border, along with food and shelter. **Easter Baptisms** were announced by Rosy Lira, deaconess for La Santa Biblia, a mission church partnering in ministry with Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care (YLM).

**Dia de los Ninos**, in Mexico April 30<sup>th</sup>, is a day dedicated to celebrating children. The members of Iglesia Luterna Santisima Trinidad made sure, after everything was cancelled in 2020, the children of Kilometro 30 and the colonia of San Francisco, would get something to let them know they were celebrated. Pastor Jose Hernandez, shepherd of Santisima, and congregation provided special meals for the children on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The hamburger fest (hamburgesada) has been celebrated for 21 years (with exception of 2020). The Juarez government allows churches to operate at 30%. But children are not allowed to come to church at this time.

Many families in Anapra, an impoverished suburb of Ciudad Juarez, deal with multiple struggles stemming from the poverty in which they live. Yet it is filled with people who find ways to help others. For two of the mission churches partnering with Ysleta Lutheran Mission volunteers have been coming from throughout the United States to build little two room houses for families. Mayer Lutheran High School from Mayer, Minnesota, is one of those groups; in 2019, close to 80 youths and adults helped build five houses for five families. Although the Mayer Servant Event group trip for 2020 was cancelled due to COVID, The Mayer Servant team sent much needed support.

Rev. Dr. Karl Heimer is pastor and CEO of YLM Human Care. “A new commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also are you to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:34-35

For more information about **Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care**, go to <https://ylm.org> Your prayers and gifts are needed for continuing Christian mission service to impoverished people on the United States/Mexican Border. Thank you.

## Summer Scrip Hours

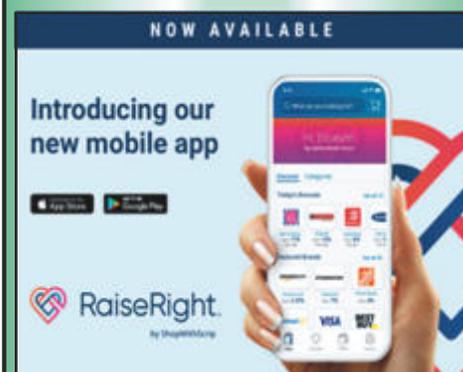
Started after May 28<sup>th</sup>

# SCRIP



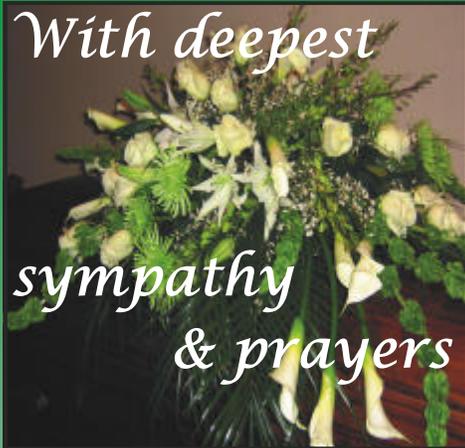
Support our School!

You will be able to continue filling advanced orders with a deadline of 10:30am on Sundays. All families are encouraged to order Scrip online, which provides access to hundreds of retailers e-certificates immediately upon payment of the order. Pick up for “filled orders” will continue on Sundays at the Welcome Center between 9:45-10:30am and also during the “**NEW**” Friday hours between 11:00am-1:00pm.



As a reminder you can download the RaiseRight app on your cell phone, and use Pilgrim’s enrollment code **LAA9LDDF913** to start using Scrip online today!

# What's Happening



*With deepest  
sympathy  
& prayers*

## Condolences

We pray for God's comfort and peace for the following Pilgrim family members as they grieve the death of a loved one in their family:

**Kristen & Rev. Dr. Michael Hanson and family** at the death of her grandmother **Ramona Van Asten**.

**Daughters, friends, and family** at the death of former teacher and secretary, **Dorothy Riemer**.

**Mark Mattson & family** at the death of his mother, **Kay Mattson**.



## Baptisms

*Welcome to  
God's forever  
family!*

**Meeka Rose Romanello**  
*daughter of*  
**Stephen & Cali Romanello**

**Mariah Hope Potter**  
*daughter of*  
**Pamela Jane Nikodem**

**Journey Claire Golden**  
*daughter of*  
**Sara Golden**

*received the gifts of God's grace  
through baptism.*

## Weekly/Monthly Bible Studies



Weekly/monthly Bible studies will resume in September after our summer break. Watch for important information coming in August and early September on start-up days, times, and frequency.

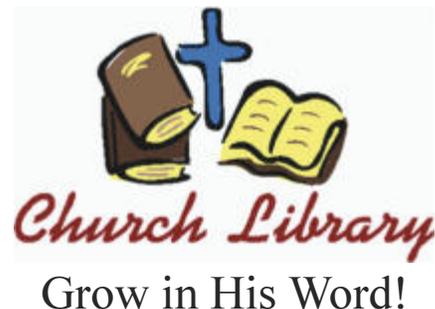
Remember that a break from "structured" Bible studies is not an encouragement to take a break from worship or studying His Word, but an excellent opportunity to begin or foster independent habits.

Looking for materials or books to use this summer? Feel free to go to our Church Library located down the hall from the mailboxes and PreSchool room at the Green Bay site. Follow the directions by the desk in the room for check out procedures (the "old" sign the card with your name and put it in the box routine). Return the book(s) in a timely manner for others to use. If you personally own Bible study books/materials find a Pilgrim friend to loan it to or better yet start a "small group study" with some friends/family.

## Summer Ministry Office Hours

**Office will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday!**

**Starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, the school entrance, Door B, will be unlocked from 8:00am - 3:00pm. No one will be at the Welcome Center (except Friday 11am-1pm for Scrip).**





# June 2021



## WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Green Bay Site: Worship: Wed. (W.o.W) 7 pm; Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 7:45, 9 & 10:30 am  
 Sunday School: 9 am & Bible Studies: 8 & 9 am (Sept.-May)

Suamico Site: Worship: Sunday 9 AM  
 Sunday School & Bible Study: following worship (Sept.-May)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5 Communion-GB</b> 6:45 am Men's Basketball
<b>6 Communion-GB</b> 4:30 pm High School Night @ the Spauldings 5:30 pm Coed Volleyball	<b>7</b> 5:00, 6:00-6:30, 7:00 pm Board Meetings 6:30 pm High School girls Bible study 7:00 pm Dartball practice	<b>8</b> 6:30 Church Council meeting	<b>9 Communion-GB</b> 7:00 pm Middle School & High School Night @ Pilgrim	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:45 am Men's Basketball 8:00 am Inquirer's Class - Session 3
<b>13 Communion-S</b> 5:30 pm Coed Volleyball 11:30 am <b>Voter's budget Meeting</b> 3:00 pm VBS Family Night @ Suamico followed by a BBQ	<b>14</b> 7:00 pm Dartball practice	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible study	<b>17</b> 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry	<b>18</b>	<b>19 Communion-GB</b> 6:45 am Men's Basketball
<b>20 Communion-GB</b> <b>Father's Day</b> 4:30 pm High School Night 5:30 pm Coed Volleyball	<b>21</b> 6:30 pm High School girls Bible Study 7:00 pm Dartball practice	<b>22</b>	<b>23 Communion-GB</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible study 7:00 pm Middle School & High School Night @ Pilgrim	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6:45 am Men's Basketball
<b>27 Communion-S</b> 12:00 pm 7th - 12th gr. & families to Cave Point 5:30 pm Coed Volleyball	<b>28</b> 6:30 pm Elders' Meeting 7:00 Dartball practice	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible study	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p><b>Memory Verse of the Month</b>            "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day."            (2 Corinthians 4:16)</p> </div>		

# Liturgical Roles

## Welcome Center

**Saturday, June 5**

D Turckes

**Sunday, June 6**

L Miller

**Saturday, June 12**

L Lehman

**Sunday, June 13**

T Wahlen

**Saturday, June 19**

L Lehman

**Sunday, June 20**

T Wahlen

**Saturday, June 26**

J Nelson

**Sunday, June 27**

C Novak

## Elders

**Wednesday, June 2**

7:00 pm Schuettpelz

**Saturday, June 5**

5:00 pm Urfer

**Sunday, June 6**

7:45 am Ruggles

9:00 am Larsen

9:00 am **Suam** - Wittnebel

10:30 am Bain

**Wednesday, June 9**

7:00 pm Schuettpelz

**Saturday, June 12**

5:00 pm Kosman

**Sunday, June 13**

7:45 am Baye

9:00 am Gipp

9:00 am **Suam** - Erickson

10:30 am Ganz

**Wednesday, June 16**

7:00 pm Schuettpelz

**Saturday, June 19**

5:00 pm Pedersen

**Sunday, June 20**

7:45 am Ruggles

9:00 am Tiedt

9:00 am **Suam** - Seyferth

10:30 am Charles

**Wednesday, June 23**

7:00 pm Schuettpelz

**Saturday, June 26**

5:00 pm Pedersen

**Sunday, June 27**

7:45 am Baye

9:00 am Larsen

9:00 am **Suam** - Wittnebel

10:30 am Nier

**Wednesday, June 30**

7:00 pm Schuettpelz

## Communion Assistant

**Saturday, June 5**

5:00 pm Cherveney/Olp

**Sunday, June 6**

7:45 am Heimerman

9:00 am Tiedt/Williams/Olp

10:30 am Wiederhoeft/Korth/VanBeaver

**Wednesday, June 9**

7:00 pm

**Sunday, June 13**

9:00 am **Suam** - Schlender/Hansen

**Saturday, June 19**

5:00 pm Cherveney/Gannon

**Sunday, June 20**

7:45 am Heimerman

9:00 am Schultz/McClellan/Schumm

10:30 am Bain/Zinkel/Vogt

**Wednesday, June 23**

7:00 pm

**Sunday, June 27**

9:00 am **Suam** - Bero/Seyferth

## Usher Schedule

**Wednesday, June 2**

7:00 pm Bordeleau

**Saturday, June 5**

5:00 pm Schlender

**Sunday, June 6**

7:45 am Anderson

9:00 am Dommer

9:00 am **Suam** - A Racine

10:30 am Tilkens

**Wednesday, June 9**

7:00 pm Rolefson

**Saturday, June 12**

5:00 pm Raddant

**Sunday, June 13**

7:45 am Urbaniak

9:00 am Olp

9:00 am **Suam** - B Reinhold

10:30 am Borst

**Wednesday, June 16**

7:00 pm Bordeleau

**Saturday, June 19**

5:00 pm Kosman

**Sunday, June 20**

7:45 am Burdey

9:00 am Rolefson

9:00 am **Suam** - B Reinhold

10:30 am Kraszewski

**Wednesday, June 23**

7:00 pm Rolefson

**Saturday, June 26**

5:00 pm Schlender

**Sunday, June 27**

7:45 am Anderson

9:00 am Looock

9:00 am **Suam** - M Kiehn

10:30 am Schelk

**Wednesday, June 30**

7:00 pm Bordeleau

If you are unable to keep your assigned date/time, please call and make your own substitutions. Pilgrim thanks you for your service!



\* Fellowship time has returned to both sites on Sundays

\* Coffee along with prepackaged snacks are available

\* Free will offering accepted

# Youth News & Young Adults

**Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

## **High School Night at Rebekah's & Nathan's**

Join us for Dinner & Bible Study 4:30-6:30pm.  
Contact Rebekah for address  
rebekahspaulding@pilgrimluth.org  
All HS students are invited!

**Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

## **High School Girls Bible study**

All girls entering 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> are invited to join for  
Bible Study 6:30-8pm at Rebekah's house.  
Contact Rebekah for address.

**Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**

## **Middle/ High School Youth Night**

(Church, bonfire, service project, food, hangout!)  
Youth Attend WoW & a Bonfire from 7-9pm at  
Pilgrim GB Site  
Pack VBS SUMMER BUCKETS for distribution

**Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>**

## **PILGRIM FAMILY NIGHT**

Youth are encouraged to attend with families or  
help out! See Event for details

**Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

## **High School Night**

Join us for Dinner & Bible Study 4:30-6:30pm  
Contact Rebekah for Location information  
rebekahspaulding@pilgrimluth.org  
All HS students are invited! Stay tuned for  
details in bulletin.

**Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**

## **High School Girls Bible study**

All girls entering 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> are invited to join for  
Bible Study 6:30-8pm . Location is TBD. Contact  
Rebekah for details.

**Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

## **Middle/ High School Youth Night**

(Church, bonfire, service project, food, hangout!)  
Youth Attend WoW & a Bonfire from 7-9pm  
at Pilgrim GB Site

## **Contact Info**

Director of Youth & Family Ministries  
Rebekah Spaulding

**Email:**

rebekahspaulding@pilgrimluth.org

## **PILGRIM FAMILY NIGHTS**

### ***\*Free Outdoor Family Event\****

**Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 3-5pm**

**Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 3-5pm**

**August: TBD**

**Pilgrim Suamico Site**

**2999 Lakeview Dr. Suamico, WI**

**Families with kids of all ages (0-18+)  
are invited!**

***KIDS (3yrs-4<sup>th</sup> grade) receive  
their free VBS Bucket!***

Event will consist of Family Friendly  
Outdoor Games (Large group & individual:  
Think kickball & capture the flag type  
games, along with yard games), Devotion  
led by Pastor Malme, and a grill out under  
the tent!

**Our Theme: To help equip families for a  
devotional life together!**

*Register at the Welcome Center or online!*

## **ADVENTURE DAY at Cave Point**

**Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, noon-5pm**

All youth entering 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade + families are  
invited to join us for a day at Cave Point. We  
will hike, swim, play ultimate frisbee, have a  
devotion, and grill out! We will need plenty of  
drivers and help with providing food.

**Sign up at our website!**

*Contact Rebekah Spaulding with questions  
If weather is bad, event will be postponed.*

# The Principal's Epistle

## Top 5 Reasons to Enroll in a Lutheran School

This month I would like to share about five of the Top Ten Reasons for Enrolling in a Lutheran School. **Academic Results, Our Kids Love our School, Parents Appreciate Pilgrim and Choose to Be Involved, Excellent Pre-School, and Tuition Assistance are the first five.** This month we will look at five more reasons to enroll.

**5. We are Affordable** – Visitors are surprised at how reasonably priced our quality education program is compared to other high quality Christian schools in our area. To choose a different Christian school in the Green Bay area that comes anywhere close to a similar combination of program, staffing, and facility found at Pilgrim Lutheran, families have to pay \$1000 or more per child over our school tuition. Families are able to spread payments out over various monthly plans. Families who pay in full up front even receive a discount off of that rate. We are positive we offer the absolute best value in Christian education in Green Bay!

**4. Outstanding Teachers** – Our professional educators are fully qualified and thoroughly educated, with many already holding or pursuing Master's degrees. They all have years of experience in Christian education, and have demonstrated their commitment and passion to sharing Christian faith and values with children and families while passing on their lifelong love for learning.

**3. Our student-teacher ratio is kept low** – Small class sizes at all grade levels allow students to receive excellent attention, with teachers able to appropriately address learning hurdles and intellectually challenge students. The children stay interested and motivated all day long. We maintain a 12-1 student-teacher ratio for our children. At the K-8 level, a maximum of 15 is set for 4K, 22 is set for Kindergarten, 26 for the upper grade classrooms.

**2. Core Knowledge Sequence Curriculum** – In pursuit of academic excellence, greater fairness, and higher literacy, our school has joined with schools and districts across the nation in implementing this solid, specific, shared, and sequenced curriculum, establishing strong foundations of knowledge, grade by grade. Our Pilgrim Curriculum provides a clear outline of content to be covered at each grade level, PS-8, ensuring our students enter each new grade ready to learn while also preventing the many repetitions and unfortunate gaps that characterize much current schooling. Our Sequence also intentionally provides all children, regardless of background, with the shared cultural knowledge they need to be included in our national literate culture. We fill out our curriculum with other instructional components vital to a well-rounded education: faith instruction, physical education, computers, music (general, vocal, and instrumental), Spanish, and art.

*And the Top Reason for Enrolling in a Lutheran School:*

**1. We are Christ-centered** – We believe the Bible is the completely accurate and true Word of God. We believe we have salvation and eternal life through faith alone, by the Trinity of God and not by anything we have earned or accomplished for ourselves. We believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior, the Lord of our lives. These core beliefs impact and influence **every aspect** of our school. Our School Mission Statement says it clearly: Pilgrim Lutheran School is **“Educating children with the foundation and love of Jesus Christ.”**

## Congratulations—Retirement

We are so thankful for the services of Duane and Kari Longmire, Wendy Urfer, and Keith Halverson! They are all retiring at the end of this 2021 school year. Duane has served as a teacher in Lutheran Schools for 41 years and Kari has served as a teacher and church Music Director for 34 years. Wendy has served Pilgrim for 21 years as a Teacher Aide and the congregation in so many other capacities. Keith has served as a teacher in the Green Bay area for 41 years and the last 2 years at Pilgrim teaching our students German. We are so very thankful for all of these dedicated servants.

## Students of the Month—May

Each month our teachers have selected students based on their exemplary behavior, their hard work, outstanding deportment, and tireless effort, as well as their cooperation and classroom leadership as Student of the Month. For the month of April we congratulate Will Barington, Morgan Rai, Tristan Kline, Brynn Ellingson, Charley Baudhuin, Grace Hein, Molly Kehler, and Jonah Ropson as Students of the Month. Their teachers Mrs. Keri Gosa, Mrs. Lynnette Hansen, and Mrs. Kari Williams nominated them as outstanding students. They will be recognized in Chapel. Great job boys and girls! We are so thankful for you!

## Congratulations—Above and Beyond Awards

Congratulations to Aaron Schroeder, Kelly Schumm, Patti Giovanetti, and Erin Schaefer. Aaron is our Technology Director and he installed the new phone system. Kelly did a fabulous job with the grades 4-6 Musical. Patti has taught both in person and virtual all year long. As of today she has had her whole class in the room for only 3 days this year. Erin has had a number of students she has gone Above and Beyond to help in her room. All these people have worked really hard to make our school the best it can be. We are so blessed to have employees who care so much about our Pilgrim Lutheran School, the people they serve, and our positive church and school climate. These people are our **Above and Beyond Award** Winners and without them we would **not** be the quality church and school we are.

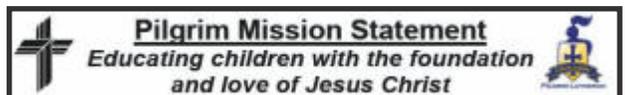
## Congratulations—Teacher Anniversaries

At the end of this school year we will celebrate teaching anniversaries for our teachers. Diana Stockfisch, our Preschool Director and teacher—10 years. We also celebrate Diana's completion of her Master's in Special Education degree! Stephanie Zinkel, our teacher's aide in Preschool—10 years. Keri Gosa, our additional 1st grade teacher—15 years. And finally, Christine Malme, our full time 4K teacher, our church musician, and our Contemporary Music Director—20 years. God has truly blessed us with these fabulous instructors! We thank and praise Him for their service in His kingdom.

*Thank you for your spectacular support of Pilgrim Lutheran School with your finances, positive words of encouragement, and especially your prayers! Thanks for the superbly positive word of mouth that you share with all you know! It is really exciting to see what the Lord is doing at our school and with our children! We are so very thankful for all the Lord continues to do for us! We pray the Lord will continue to bless us all year through!*

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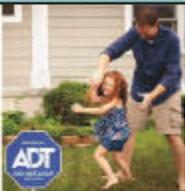
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