



# Pilgrim's Progress

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### Why Go to Church?

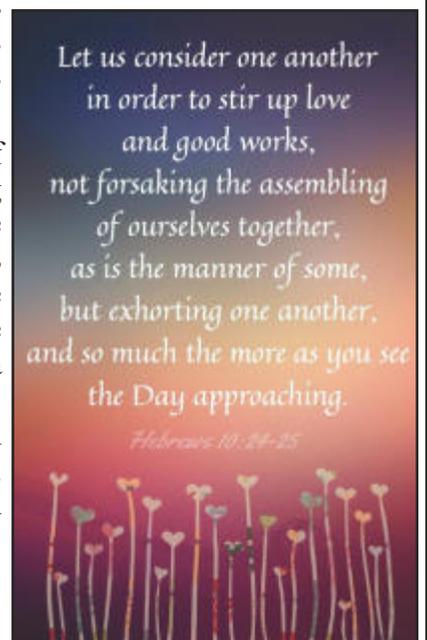
Why do you go to church? I'm not talking about the basic answers here, like, "I go to Pilgrim because I'm a Lutheran." I mean why do you go, actually get up on Sunday, or wrap up Saturday early, to physically go to church. This question has taken on a deeper meaning in the last year-and-change.

I assume that you already see value in attending church. If you didn't, you probably wouldn't see any value in reading a church newsletter either. Perhaps you see the value in attending so clearly that you attend weekly. But again, why? Habit? Or perhaps you are reading this, and, as is the case for many of our permanent or temporary homebound members, you long for the ability to attend. It's in conversations with those folks – those who cannot freely attend – that God's worship gifts to us are often recognized. For those who have found a new home doing "online worship" and are content with that, I wish to challenge you to reconsider removing yourself from gathering together. And not just me. God has a word on that too:

*"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." ~ Hebrews 10:24-25*

Below, I would like to highlight three of the greatest gifts we receive from gathering together. For those who are "at home online," I hope that this serves as encouragement to return to being "at home in the Father's house." For those who are permanently unable to attend, this is a recognition of some of what you have lost, and it highlights what you anticipate on "the Day." For those who attend regularly, it is food for deeper thought on why you go to church.

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## Inquirer's Class

**Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Session 4  
Conference Rm. #144  
8 AM—12 noon**

Pilgrim Lutheran's Inquirer's Class **introduces those who desire to become new members** to the basic beliefs of the Bible and our LCMS - church and **provides an opportunity for Pilgrim members to stay firm in their faith** by a regular review of the foundations of our faith.

You, as a congregation member are also encouraged to **attend Inquirer's Class with a friend or family member**. This class will be covering **Session 4 material: Bible, Prayers and End Times**.

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**The Ministry Office  
will be closed  
Monday, July 5,  
in observance of  
Independence Day**

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First, the Third Commandment. "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy." Luther explains it like this: "We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it." It used to be that the church is where you had to go to get God's Word. Sure, you could have a family Bible, but to actually get it – preached – you had to go to church. Today you can watch online, read a blog, or ignore it all together. But none of those can replace the experience of gathering together to hear God's Word read and preached together. The sermon is to be experienced, not background noise. Set aside in a sacred space, not absorbed in the same place you binge a new TV series. Holy time, holy space, God's Holy Word – all for you.

A second reason to gather together is the communal aspect of going to church. Our society loves the word "community" today, but wholly misunderstands what it actually means. First and foremost it means something like "a unified body of individuals" (Merriam-Webster). Today, it means whatever identity group someone is talking about at this time, and how we attempt to understand them. The deeper problem here is identity politics, and the solution is for the church to be the church. Do you know that at Pilgrim, we run large swatches of demographics? Some are poor, some are rich. We have a variety of different ethnicities, even if the majority is Caucasian. We have sinners of many different stripes – people who harbor hatred, people who look at others lustfully, people who covet, people who steal. But unlike any "community" out there in society, there is really only one admission standard for getting into the church for worship: admit that you don't belong. In a way, the concept of a vaccine passport works well here: in order to get in, you must admit that you have received not a Covid vaccine, but the invitation of God to gather together with others who are equal to you. Equally sinful. Equally redeemed. In other words, coming to church is not about just you checking off the box, or your family doing its thing, but it's about coming together with others who are nothing like you, and exactly like you, at the same time.

A final reason is, I'll admit, a bit self-serving on the surface. This reason is encouragement. Your attendance at church is appreciated by the pastors, it's much better to preach to a full house than an empty nest, or even a camera that we hope someone is looking back to us through. But beyond the pastors, your attendance is encouraging to so many others as well. Your fellow believers, your brothers and sisters in Christ, like to see you too! Church in this way serves as a weekly "family dinner," where we literally even receive Christ the feast for us.

So...why go to church? Here are three good reasons. Chew on them. And I hope to see you soon. At church, or, if you cannot make it, by bringing the church to you.

Pastor Hanson



## Religious Freedom

by Dale Bartel, Parish Education

One of our most important blessings is religious freedom. Because of religious persecution, the Pilgrims and many of our emigrant grandparents came to the United States to worship God free of being persecuted.

The First Amendment to the Bill of Rights states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof: or abridging the freedom of speech or the press: or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Today religious freedom is under attack as follows:

First, traditional marriage between a man and a woman is under attack.

Second, Christians face discrimination in public education. Parents with students in public schools need to be aware of what is being taught about marriage and in sex education classes.

Third, the House of Representatives passed the Equality Act. This act is being debated in the senate and the present version has no religious exemptions for people of faith.

Now for some good news! There are a number of Christian legal teams defending our Christian values.



First, is The Alliance Defending Freedom. For the past 24 years, this legal ministry has been defending Christian values.

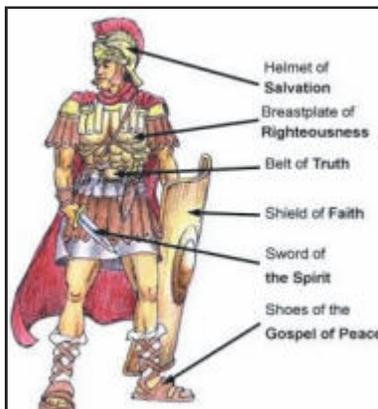


Second, is the American Center for Law and Justice. They have won victories that protect life and religious freedom.



Third, is the Christian Law Association. They provide free legal defense to churches and individuals.

*In Ephesians 6:13-15 it states: "Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the Gospel of Peace."*



## Vicars' "FareWelcome" Scheduled



A simple and heartfelt "Thank you!" just doesn't seem to be enough for our vicar, Colby Howell. We were truly blessed with his gifts and talents during his service to all of us through the Vicar Program for the past year. We will celebrate him and his wonderful vicarage on Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm. Stay tuned for more details.



Join us also in welcoming Vicar Joshua Duncan to the ministry team this summer at the "Vicar FareWelcome" on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Joshua's installation will be on Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, at 5:00 pm.



Card boxes (wooden church) will be available at BOTH sites for the vicars. **Please be sure to put the vicar's first and last names on the envelopes so we know what cards go to which vicar. THANK YOU!**

# What's Happening

## Help a Child Prepare for School

Each year, Pilgrim partners with ACTS 1:8 Ministries to distribute hundreds of backpacks with school supplies to students in need around Green Bay. Three options are available for you to help with this important need.

- First, you may pick up a backpack and shopping list any July church weekend (4<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>), fill it, and return the backpack by August 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Second, you may donate \$25 (cash or check to Pilgrim) per backpack(s) that you wish to sponsor, and the Evangelism committee will do the shopping and stuffing for you. Donations will be accepted at the Welcome Center on the same weekends, or can be given at the office.
- Third, please consider helping distribute the backpacks on the morning of August 14<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 11:00 at Pick-n-Save. For more information, please contact Pastor Hanson 920-965-2267 or Tracy Wahlen 920-676-7337.



## LWML Thanks You

Pilgrim's LWML extends a big thank you to all the members of Pilgrim who generously donated funds for our Orphan Grain Train service project.

At our last meeting in May, we assembled 65 hygiene kits and collected donations of \$386 for the Orphan Grain Train to help pay shipping costs for their relief efforts. Your donations will have a great impact on the lives of people in need due to a crisis or natural disaster. Through this effort you are emanating the love of Jesus to those who are in need.

**We thank you for your continued support of our mission efforts!**



## Neighborfest is BACK



On Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, Pilgrim will be hosting a different looking Neighborfest. **This event will take place in conjunction with our third Summer VBS and Pilgrim Family Night scheduled at the Green Bay site.** There will be games and other activities for ALL who attend (not just families).

The Neighborfest/Summer VBS Family Night meal will be much simpler than it has been in the past. Prepackaged foods and drinks will be available. **Watch the bulletin for more details as they become available.**

## Second Summer VBS and Pilgrim Family Night

**Summer VBS and Pilgrim Family Night** is scheduled again out at the Suamico site on Sunday, July 25, from 3:00-5:00pm. This is for all families with kids 3-18 years old. There will be games, devotions, grill out and handing out **VBS buckets** to our 3-year-olds through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Be sure to register online or at the Welcome Center. If you are able to help in any way contact Rebekah Spaulding.





## Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please call Carol Erickson at: 920-869-2943 or email her at [cerickson@netnet.net](mailto:cerickson@netnet.net); or call Julie Baye at 920-499-9973 or email her at: [sixbaves@yahoo.com](mailto:sixbaves@yahoo.com). You may also fill out a Prayer Request Card (found in the pews) and place the card in the collection plate, in Julie's or Carol's mailbox, or leave it at the Welcome Center.



## Lutheran Braille Workers

*By Nannette Hoppe*

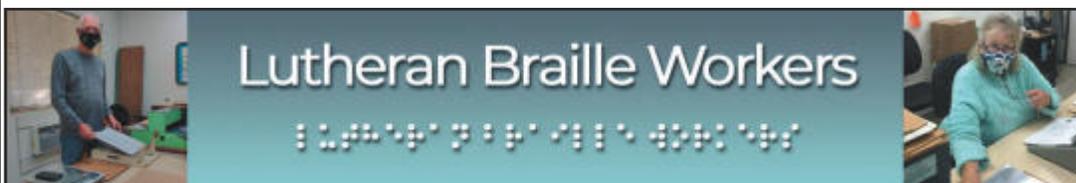
**Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW)** is the mission emphasis for “Coins for Christ” this month. **Lutheran Braille Workers** exists to bring the Word of God to the 253 million people throughout the world who are **blind or visually impaired**, completely **free of charge, in braille, large print, and audio-digital formats**. **LBW's** motto is “WE LIVE BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT” – 2 Corinthians 5:7 **LOVE WORKS**.

In its 78-year history, **Lutheran Braille Workers has produced and distributed over 14 million volumes of Christian material, in almost 40 languages to 164 countries**. The belief at LBW is that financial ability should never prevent the Word of God from being received, and has never charged a recipient to receive these materials.

More than 3,000 active volunteers throughout the United States and Canada produce and prepare the materials distributed to people who are blind or visually impaired throughout the world. Volunteers help produce almost 10,000 volumes of material every month, in addition to providing narration, formatting, or transcribing. The **VISION of Lutheran Braille Workers: “Equipping and enabling people in sharing the Gospel with all individuals who are blind or visually impaired”**

In response to a shortage of braille Bibles for blind pastors in Germany, **Lutheran Braille Workers** started in 1943. Mrs. Helen Loewe Koehler, with support of family, felt God calling her to first learn braille, and then begin the process of transcribing the Bible into German braille, one dot at a time. After months of hard work, an entire German Braille Bible was crafted and shipped out. Now, over 75 years later, Lutheran Braille Workers is the world's largest non-profit producer of braille, specialized large print, and audio Christian materials. And millions of people have been reached with the Christian Message.

Jay Zemke, President, leads the **LBW** Ministry from its headquarters in Yucaipa, California. New Centers are opening this year and increased production opportunities are evolving at existing centers. For more information, go to [www.LBWloveworks.org](http://www.LBWloveworks.org) Watch for individual **stories of inspiration from** those who have benefitted from LBW --- in Pilgrim Lutheran Church weekly bulletins this month. The **MISSION of LBW: “All people in the world who are blind or visually impaired will have free access to the Good News of Jesus Christ as Savior.”** Your prayers and gifts in support of this valuable world-wide mission will provide access to many of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you.





## Condolences

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

**Sandy Mahne & family** at the death of husband and father, **Gary Mahne.**



*Baptisms*  
Welcome to  
God's forever  
family!

**Chase Charles Petrie**  
*son of*  
**Joseph & Ellen Petrie**  
*and*

**Konrad Frederick Baumgartner**  
*son of*  
**Aaron & Kayla Baumgartner**

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

## Support Pilgrim in Two Ways

Pilgrim Church and School started a "Wishlist" of items for our Ministry. It is available at the Amazon site listed below. Pilgrim is also eligible to receive Amazon Smile donations! To support Pilgrim in this double way, visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to add **Pilgrim** as your selected charity, and then shop our "Wishlist" at [https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2UM3REE25SJZ7ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2UM3REE25SJZ7ref_=wl_share) The list will continue to have additions or deletions as we go through the summer months and into the upcoming school year! Please continue to check the link periodically, if you would like to contribute.

**God Bless You!**



## Prayers of Thanks

Our first **Summer VBS and Family Night** is in the books! What a wonderful time for all the families who attended. Games, devotions, and food made it fun for everyone. Children 3-years-old through 4th grade went home with a VBS bucket.

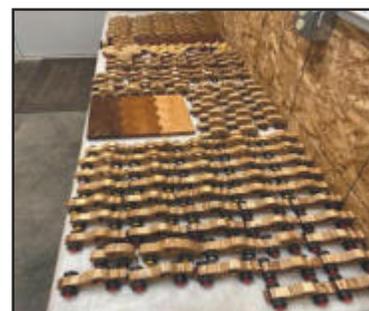
The event was truly blessed with many youth and adult volunteers who made the event flow very smoothly. They assisted with set up, take down, games, and food. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



## July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday P.A.C.K. Events



The first July Planned Act of Christian Kindness (P.A.C.K.) event will be held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 am. The event will take place at the Kwik Trip on Shawano Ave. until the gifts are gone. You're welcome to come help hand out some homemade wood toy cars from Rick's Toybox Inc. and flags that will remind us of our cherished freedom to worship our loving and awesome God.



The second July Planned Act of Christian Kindness (P.A.C.K.) event will be held on July 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. **Those who wish to assist please meet at the corner of N. Washington and Main St. in downtown Green Bay.** Come help share the wonderful gifts of our summer bags while they last! If you have any questions call Tracy Wahlen 920-676-7337 or Lee Larsen 920-264-4159.



# July 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: 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>Memory Verse of the Month</b> "Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22-23)		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4 Independence Day</b> 4:00 pm P.A.C.K. Event downtown 5:30 pm Adult Co-ed Volleyball	<b>5 Ministry Office Closed</b> 5:00, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00 pm Board Meetings		<b>7</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:45 am Men's Basketball
<b>11</b> 4:30 pm High School Night 5:30 pm Adult Co-ed Volleyball	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm Council Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Middle/ High School Youth Night	<b>15</b> 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:45 am Men's Basketball
<b>Pilgrim Youth/ Adult Service Trip to Montana</b>						
<b>18</b> 5:30 pm Adult Co-ed Volleyball	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:45 am Men's Basketball 6:00 pm <b>FareWelcome for our Vicars</b> (check the announcements and/or website for updated details as they become available)
<b>25</b> 3:00 pm VBS Family Night-Suamico 5:30 pm Adult Co-ed Volleyball	<b>26</b> 6:30 pm Elders Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Middle/ High School Youth Night	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 6:45 am Men's Basketball 5:00 pm Vicar Duncan's installation

# Liturgical Roles

## Welcome Center

**Saturday, July 3**

D Turckes

**Sunday, July 4**

L Miller

**Saturday, July 10**

L Lehman

**Sunday, July 11**

C Miller

**Saturday, July 17**

L Lehman

**Sunday, July 18**

Volunteer

**Saturday, July 24**

J Nelson

**Sunday, July 25**

C Novak

**Saturday, July 31**

J Nelson

## Elders

**Saturday, July 3**

5:00 pm Chervney

**Sunday, July 4**

7:45 am Ruggles

9:00 am Gipp

9:00 am **Suam** - Erickson

10:30 am Ganz

**Wednesday, July 7**

7:00 pm Schuettpelz

**Saturday, July 10**

5:00 pm Pedersen

**Sunday, July 11**

7:45 am Baye

9:00 am Tiedt

9:00 am **Suam** - Seyferth

10:30 am Charles

**Wednesday, July 14**

7:00 pm Schuettpelz

**Saturday, July 17**

5:00 pm Kosman

**Sunday, July 18**

7:45 am Ruggles

9:00 am Larsen

9:00 am **Suam** - Wittnebel

10:30 am Nier

**Wednesday, July 21**

7:00 pm Schuettpelz

**Saturday, July 24**

5:00 pm Urfer

**Sunday, July 25**

7:45 am Baye

9:00 am Baumann

9:00 am **Suam** - Erickson

10:30 am Bain

**Wednesday, July 28**

7:00 pm Schuettpelz

**Saturday, July 31**

5:00 pm Chervney

## Communion Assistants

**Saturday, July 3**

5:00 pm Kosman/Schlender

**Sunday, July 4**

7:45 am Heimerman

9:00 am Baumann/Olp/Williams

10:30 am Kraszewski/Weiderhoeft/Korth

**Sunday, July 11**

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

**Saturday, July 17**

5:00 pm Pedersen/Longmire

**Sunday, July 18**

7:45 am Heimerman

9:00 am Gipp/McClellan/Schultz

10:30 am Bain/VanBeaver/Zinkel

**Sunday, July 25**

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

**Saturday, July 31**

5:00 pm Urfer/Gannon

## Usher Team Schedule

**Saturday, July 3**

5:00 pm Raddant

**Sunday, July 4**

7:45 am Urbaniak

9:00 am Dommer

9:00 am **Suam** - Q Hansen

10:30 am Larsen

**Wednesday, July 7**

7:00 pm Rolefson

**Saturday, July 10**

5:00 pm Kosman

**Sunday, July 11**

7:45 am Burdey

9:00 am Olp

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

10:30 am Tilkens

**Wednesday, July 14**

7:00 pm Bordeleau

**Saturday, July 17**

5:00 pm Schlender

**Sunday, July 18**

7:45 am Anderson

9:00 am Rolefson

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

10:30 am Borst

**Wednesday, July 21**

7:00 pm Rolefson

**Saturday, July 24**

5:00 pm Raddant

**Sunday, July 25**

7:45 pm Urbaniak

9:00 am Rolefson

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

10:30 am Kraszewski

**Wednesday, July 28**

7:00 am Bordeleau

**Saturday, July 31**

5:00 pm Schlender

If you are unable to keep your assigned date or time, please call and arrange for your own substitutes.

**Thank you for serving  
at Pilgrim!**



# Young Adults & Youth News

## Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

### **High School Night**

Join us for Dinner & Bible Study  
4:30-6:30pm.

Contact Rebekah for address  
rebekahspaulding@pilgrimluth.org  
or Samantha Bahr  
samanthabahr@pilgrimluth.org

**All HS students are invited!**

## Monday Nights

### **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 on selected Monday  
Nights. Please contact Rebekah for  
dates & address.

## Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

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

(Church/ worship, bonfire, service  
project, food, hangout!)

Youth Attend WoW & a bonfire from  
7-9pm at Pilgrim-GB Site

## Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup>

### **PILGRIM FAMILY NIGHT**

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

**All HS students are invited!**

Stay tuned for details in bulletin.

## PILGRIM VBS FAMILY NIGHTS

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

**Our second summer event is:**

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

@ the 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 will be led by Pastor Malme, and  
a grill out under the tent!

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

**Our third summer event is:**

Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 3-5:00pm

Combined with Neighborfest

@ the Green Bay Site

**Watch for more details to be  
announced!**

## Montana Trip

July 11th-17th

Please pray for the group of adults, college  
students, and High School students as they  
travel to Montana to serve at a camp for a  
week! The group will be working to help the  
camp with many projects.



## Contact Info

Director of Youth & Family Ministries  
Rebekah Spaulding

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# The Principal's Epistle

## 20 Ways to Foster Values in Children

"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

**What are values and why do we need them?** They are cherished beliefs and standards for right and wrong. They provide direction and meaning to life. Values will certainly inspire constructive behavior. **What values might you consider most important?**

The following is a starting place for creating your own list of values: compassion, generosity, helpfulness, wisdom, forgiveness, courtesy, punctuality, thriftiness, truthfulness, self-respect, obedience, patience, responsibility, dependability, cooperation, honesty, fairness, kindness, tolerance, humility, self-discipline, loyalty, courage, self-assurance, sportsmanship, gratitude, creativity, joyfulness, motivation, perseverance, faithfulness, knowledge, respectfulness...

**How can you instill values in your child?**

1. Read and discuss stories that support your Christian beliefs.
2. Monitor your child's media exposure that can undermine your parental influence and the development of the moral standards for behavior you expect from your children.
3. Share your approval when praiseworthy behavior is portrayed in the media and/or in real life, and discuss your displeasure when corrupt behavior is displayed.
4. Comment on your child's admirable conduct. For example, "Johnny, you were being dependable when you fed the dog without being reminded." "When you helped Mrs. Jones pick up sticks in her yard, you did a good deed and showing her you cared."
5. Name your own commendable actions. For example, "I was honest when I told the clerk she had given me too much change." "I recycle items because we need to do our part to protect the environment."
6. Be polite and considerate toward others.
7. Do what you say you will do.
8. Share your time, talents and possessions.
9. Set goals and complete difficult tasks.
10. Display warmth, support, encouragement, and consistency toward your child.
11. Set high but reasonable standards for your child's behavior.
12. Listen respectfully to your child's ideas and feelings.
13. Answer your child's questions.
14. Offer your child choices.
15. Take time to have fun with your child. For example, play games, read, pretend, look at family photos, share dreams, attend events, participate in sports or hobbies, or volunteer for worthy causes.
16. Agree on family rules and live by them. For example, the TV is off during family meals; we are kind to each other; we do not use profanity.
17. Divide chores and work together on family projects.
18. Participate in religious activities by attending church and Sunday School and/or be faithful to your Christian and your personal moral beliefs.
19. Consider how your family spends time and money by asking yourself, "In my child's eyes, what does my family value most?"
20. Remember that your child will adopt the values you demonstrate daily.

## Teaching positions

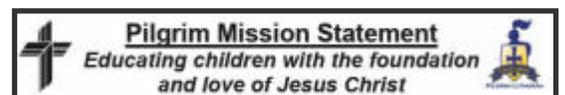
God is spectacular. As we open next school year of 2021-22 we presently have 260 children. As we look at this new year we have many positions which are filled with exemplary teachers. **Diana Stockfish** will be the administrator/teacher for our Preschool. She will also work as our Resource Teacher in the afternoon providing assistance for teachers and students in the lower grades. **Christine Malme** is back as our 4K teacher. **Kayla Ziesmer and Michaela Wilaby** will each teach our split Kindergarten of 31 children. **Kari Williams** will teach our 1<sup>st</sup> graders. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is also very large with 38 children who will be instructed by **Erin Schaefer and Rachel Toenjes**. **Patti Giovanetti** will work with our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders again. **Lisa Medenwald** will take our 4<sup>th</sup> grade and teach them in her room upstairs. Our Middle Upper Grade staff will be **Lynnette Hansen** as 5<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom, Reading and Literature, Librarian and Assistant Principal. **Kelly Schumm** will be our 6<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher and teach English and Art. **Mike Schumm** will be the 7<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher and instruct our children in Social Studies and Computers. **JJ Schultz** will once again be the 8<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher, teach Math, Physical Education, be our Athletic Director and coach. **Lisa Dhein** will move to full time and teach Science and Math for grades 5-8. We have also been blessed to hire **Kaitlin Petrie** as our Spanish teacher for grades 7 and 8. As of this printing we are still searching for our Music Director position. We are also blessed with awesome teacher aides. **Stephanie Zinkel** will be the teacher aide in the morning for Preschool and in the afternoon for 1<sup>st</sup> grade. **Stephanie DeMelle** will work with the 4K classes. **Amy VandeYacht** will assist both Kindergarten classes. **Sara Zeitler** will work with both 2<sup>nd</sup> grades and **Andrea Berg** will assist 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades. We are also blessed to have **Dawn Kirchner** returning as our School Administrative Coordinator. We are so blessed by all these wonderful people who serve the Lord through Pilgrim Lutheran Church and School.

## Congratulations—Above and Beyond Awards

Congratulations to **Dale Rusch and Kim Zimmerman**. **Dale is our Head Custodian who has done an excellent job keeping things up and running through the entire school year. The extra duties he did during our pandemic in cleaning and sanitizing, coordinating, and organizing were tremendous! As our Head cook Kim was so flexible. When we needed to eat in the Fellowship Hall/Cafeteria she was ready. When we needed to eat in our rooms she brought the food to the children who ate in their rooms. Neither one of them complained or griped. Without them this would have been a very challenging year. We are so thankful for both of them.** 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 recipients** and without them we would **not** be the quality church and school we are.

Thank you for your spectacular support of Pilgrim Lutheran School with your finances, positive words of encouragement, and especially your prayers! Thanks for the tremendously 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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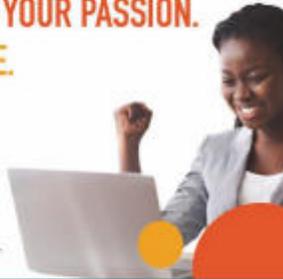
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