



# Pilgrim's Progress

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### Happy Labor Day - A Godly Holiday

Labor Day is observed on the first Monday of September. It's a day to honor the contribution of laborers and an extra long weekend for many Americans. As we celebrate labor in September, many are writing about the labor crisis in America, stating how difficult it is to find workers. You've probably seen "now hiring" signs everywhere.

God's Word speaks of labor as a blessing (Gen. 2:15) in the garden and a curse (Gen. 3:17) after the fall. Paul tells us, "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord." (Col. 3:23) Certainly, there are fun jobs (washing the car?) and jobs that make you groan (washing the car?). Whatever the job may be, it's clear that Americans are more demanding about the jobs that they will and won't do. For example, as of April 2021, job openings hit an unprecedented 9.3 million.

When it comes to laboring for the Lord, the idea of labor takes on an entirely different dimension. THAT's the challenge of this article. When labor is seen as a God-given honor to make a difference, to bless others, to live with purpose and to glorify God, it's very different than just a job that's a burden that you have to do to pay the bills.

WHEN we welcome a divine design for daily duties, God's work is something we pursue, not something we avoid. Nehemiah did. He saw Jerusalem's wall in ruins and said to King Artaxerxes, "send ME to the city." Working despite harsh opposition, Nehemiah completed the task of restoring Jerusalem. Amy Carmichael did. She heard of children living in poverty in India and established a home for them. Day after day she observed a godly labor day, saving lives from great despair despite her own health struggles with neuralgia that often left her bed-ridden for months. We are their brothers and sisters in faith.

People like Nehemiah and Amy remind us of the importance of stepping forward daily to serve others. Enjoy the holiday, but also observe the Holy days filled with meaningful work for the Lord!

See you in church! - Pastor Malme

# What's Happening

## Inquirer's Class

**Sat., TBD (Watch the bulletin)  
Session 2 - Rm. #143  
8 AM—12 noon**

Inquirer's Class introduces **those who desire to become 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.

This class will be covering **Session 2** material: The Apostles Creed.

## Men's Ministry Breakfast & Bible Study

**Saturday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am**  
(Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month  
Sept. - May)



Our Men's Ministry "**Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Get Together**" will start up again on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 am in the Fellowship Hall at the Green Bay site.

R.S.V.P. please to Larry Seyferth at  
920-366-9170

*(Free will offering accepted)*

## Scholarships Available for Future Church Worker Students

Pilgrim's future church worker students are encouraged to apply for scholarship funds from the Schmeling Endowment Fund. All Pilgrim students majoring in future church work are eligible to receive funds from the Endowment. Application forms are available in the Ministry Office and at the Welcome Center. **The deadline for the applications is October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.** The amount of the scholarships will be determined when all applications are received. Please submit them to:

**Pilgrim Lutheran Church  
1731 St. Agnes Dr.  
Green Bay, WI 54304  
Attn: Endowment Committee**



## Church Library News

*by Leanne Hansen*

Thank you to those of you who donated your used Christian books, music, DVDs, and other media during the past 18 months. It was an opportune time to go through bookshelves! The library was fortunate to receive many titles over a variety of topics such as Christian living, parental advice, Bible studies, devotionals, inspiration, biographies, and fiction. Come in and see what's been added.

Also, thank you to those who turned in their Church Library Builder Cards from the Lighthouse. These cards, worth \$5 each, will be used to purchase new titles for the church library at that bookstore. The Lighthouse will be discontinuing this rewards program, but they will continue to honor any builder cards that are still out. The church library has a small supply of blank reward cards if you'd like to pick one up; you can find these at the back of the check-out box.



*Church Library*

# What's Happening

## U.S. Supreme Court Decisions

By Dale Bartel, Parish Education

On Friday, June 28, 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage across the United States. In a 5-4 decision, gay men and women have the same marriage rights as opposite-sex couples.

During the month of June, the U.S. Supreme Court issues opinions on state appeals court cases that are argued before the court. Two court decisions that impact religious freedom were decided.

First, on June 17, 2021 the U.S. Supreme Court in an unanimous decision sided with a Catholic foster care agency that says its religious views prevent it from working with same-sex couples as foster parents.

The city of Philadelphia violated the Constitution in requiring Catholic foster care to certify same-sex couples as foster parents. A victory for religious freedom.

Second, florist Barronette Stutzman refused to make a creative floral arrangement for the marriage of two gay men. The state of Washington Supreme Court ruled that Stutzman broke the state's anti-discrimination law.

The Alliance Defending Freedom had appealed the Washington Supreme Court decision to the U.S. Supreme Court. The U.S. Supreme Court declined to take up the case. So the State of Washington's decision means Stutzman broke the state's anti-discrimination law. Stutzman will be fined and can no longer service weddings along with all other Christian businesses who support Biblical marriage in the state of Washington.

When Peter and the Apostles were charged not to teach about Jesus, they answered, "We must obey God rather than men." Acts 5:29. Are we willing to take a stand for Biblical values?

## Give Back Night for Pilgrim Lutheran School

Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>  
4:00-8:00 pm

Parents Of Pilgrim Students (POPS) organization would like to invite you to participate in their Giveback Night for Pilgrim Lutheran School on **Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, from 4:00-8:00 pm.** Enjoy a wonderful meal while helping to support our school. You have three options in which to enjoy your meal at the **Culver's on Hansen Road:**

- \* Dine in
- \* Drive through
- \* Call ahead/curbside pickup

No matter how you choose to do it, it's a **WIN WIN** for both you and the school!

**DONATE WHILE YOU DINE**

Enjoy a delicious meal and benefit a great cause for **POPS (Parents Of Pilgrim Students)!**

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



## Pilgrim Lutheran School



On the weekend of August 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, Pilgrim rejoiced with our staff members as they were either installed, commissioned, or rededicated for their ministry for the 2021-22 school year. The newest members to join our school staff include: **Michaela Wilaby (Kdg. teacher); Rachel Toenjes (2<sup>nd</sup> gr. teacher); Kaitlyn Petrie (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish); Andrea Berg (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher aide) and Amanda Van de Hey (1<sup>st</sup> gr. teacher aide).**

## September P.A.C.K. Event

Friday, Sept. 3  
12:00-1:00pm at the  
Kwik Trip on Shawano Ave.



A \$2 bill and Flag Giveaway **P.A.C.K. Event (Planned Act of Christian Kindness)** will take place on Fri., Sept. 3rd, from noon -1pm. **All are invited to come help** share a little something to ease the burden of high gas prices and a reminder that Jesus wants to ease their every burden. Let the flag serve as a reminder of our freedom to worship and give glory to the Lord in such a way that all may witness and draw near.



*With  
deepest  
sympathy*

## 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:

**Dennis and Kim LaPlante & family** at the death of his father, **Lyle LaPlante**.

**Family & friends** at the death of member, **George Boucher**.

**Family & friends** at the death of member, **Stu Stock**.

**Tom and Kristen Kosman & family** at the death of his step-father, **Kurt Kennedy**.



*Baptized*

*Welcome to  
God's  
forever  
family!*

**Teagan Elizabeth Zimmer**  
*daughter of*  
**Brody & Rachel Zimmer**

**Maisy Elaine Achterberg**  
*daughter of*  
**Tory & Diana Achterberg**

**Kylee Kae Ganz**  
*daughter of*  
**Keil & Kendra Ganz**

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



## September Bible Study Schedule

Most of them will start the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September

Time to make plans for attending **one or more** of the scheduled Sept. - May Bible studies.

Watch for the announcement of the comprehensive printed schedule that will be available to you toward the end of August/ beginning of September (in fact it may already be available to you now!). The printed schedule will include the day of the week; time, leader, and topic of the class; and the date it begins. **You're ALWAYS welcome** to join at any time during the year!

## Packer Parking

**Monday, September 20**  
**7:15 pm vs. Lions**  
*Visually Impaired Mission Outreach*

**Sunday, October 3**  
**3:25 pm vs. Steelers**  
*Koinonia Lutheran Retreat*

**Sunday, October 24**  
**\*12:00 pm vs. Washington**  
*Suamico site*



**\* Subject to flex scheduling**

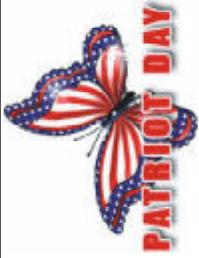
**Ministry Office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>**



**Pilgrim Lutheran School will not be in session on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Growing Together in His Word*





# September 2021

## WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Green Bay Site: Worship on Wed. (WOW) 7 pm  
 Saturday 5 pm; Sunday 7:45, 9, & 10:30 am  
 Sunday School & Bible Studies: 9 am (Sept.-May)  
Suamico Site: Worship: Sunday 9 am  
 Sunday School: 10:00 am (Sept.-May)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>5 Communion GB</b> See Worship Schedule in upper right corner 5:30 pm Adult Coed Volleyball	<b>6</b> NO SCHOOL—Labor Day; Ministry Office closed 5, 6, 6:30, 7pm Boards mtgs 7:00 pm Dartball Practice	<b>7</b> 6:00 pm Adult Handbells 6:30 pm Bd. Of Christian Ed.	<b>1 Communion</b> See Worship Schedule in upper right corner Preschool First Day (MWF) 8:30 am Chapel 6:00 pm Confirmation	<b>2</b> Preschool First Day (TH)	<b>3</b> NO SCHOOL—Labor Day	<b>4 Communion GB</b> See Worship Schedule in upper right corner 6:45 am Men's Basketball
<b>12 Communion Su</b> See Worship Schedule in upper right corner 5:30 pm Adult Coed Volleyball	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm Church Council mtg. 7:00 pm Dartball Practice	<b>14</b> 6:00 pm Adult Handbells	<b>15 Communion</b> See Worship Schedule in upper right corner 8:30 am Chapel 6:00 pm Confirmation	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry	<b>17</b> 8:30 am Pilgrim School Walk-a-thon	<b>11 Patriot's Day</b> See Worship Schedule in upper right corner 6:45 am Men's Basketball
<b>19 Communion GB</b> See Worship Schedule in upper right corner 5:30 pm Adult Coed Volleyball	<b>20</b> 7:00 pm Dartball Practice	<b>21</b> 4:00 pm Culver's Dine to Donate 6:00 pm Adult Handbells	<b>22 Communion</b> See Worship Schedule in upper right corner 8:30 am Chapel 6:00 pm Confirmation	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>18 Communion GB</b> See Worship Schedule in upper right corner 6:45 am Men's Basketball 7:30 am Men's Ministry Breakfast and Bible Study
<b>26 Communion Su</b> See Worship Schedule in upper right corner 5:30 pm Adult Coed Volleyball	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm Elder's mtg. 7:00 pm Dartball Practice	<b>28</b> 6:00 pm Adult Handbells	<b>29 Communion</b> See Worship Schedule in upper right corner 8:30 Chapel 6:00 pm Confirmation	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b> See Worship Schedule in upper right corner 6:45 am Men's Basketball	<b>25</b> See Worship Schedule in upper right corner 6:45 am Men's Basketball
<b>Memory Verse of the Month:</b> "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up." (James 4:10)						

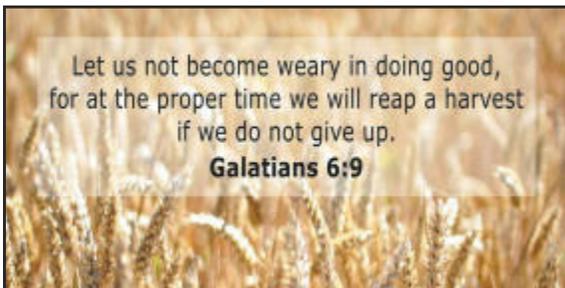
## “Don’t Give Up...”

Over the past year each of us has seen people we care about go through difficult situations; job loss, divorce or family disputes, serious illness, or death of a loved one, etc. It has been a tough period in time for many, but through it all our Pastors and Pilgrim Church family have been there for us; additionally, your Stephen Ministers have continued to provide care to hurting individuals. We didn't give up!

Now as we attempt to put the pandemic behind us, the need for Christian care is likely to increase. In order to prepare to meet this anticipated need, Stephen Ministry is currently looking for compassionate men and women to join our ministry team. An initial training course and ongoing support will be provided.

If you want to grow in your faith, and are willing to be a Christian friend to someone going through a difficult time in his/her life, please consider serving as a Stephen Minister. The training course will begin on October 7<sup>th</sup> and prior registration is required. For additional information, please contact Nancy Kraszewski at [nkraszewski@new.rr.com](mailto:nkraszewski@new.rr.com) or (920)-869-1818; or Barbara Hein at (920)-362-5035.

***"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9***



## PLS Annual Walk-A-Thon



On Friday, September 17, 2021, Pilgrim students in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be participating in a school-wide Walk-A-Thon. Kindergarten through fourth grade will participate in this event at Pilgrim Lutheran School while grades five through eight will participate at NEW Lutheran High School.

This important fundraiser helps to keep our Pilgrim Lutheran School a growing and effective ministry in our community. The proceeds from this event will go towards supporting the financial needs of our school in order to help keep tuition costs down for each and every student. Reach out with your help to sponsor a student from the school or simply send a donation to the school office. Thanks in advance for your prayerful help and sponsorship.

## September W.O.W. Sermon Series on Psalms

Starting in September our new sermon series will focus on different types of Psalms. Please feel free to join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

**Sept. 1 - Psalm 30 (Thanksgiving)**

**Sept. 8 - Psalm 13 (Prayer for Help - Individual)**

**Sept. 15 - Psalm 79 (Prayer for Help - Corporate)**

**Sept. 22 - Psalm 29 (Hymn)**

**Sept. 29 - Psalm 91 (Psalm of Instruction)**

Thanks everybody! Backpack Giveaway for P.A.C.K. (Planned Acts of Christian Kindness) brings in many donations and volunteers!





## ALL Youth Game Night

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

@Pilgrim GB Site, following WOW 8-9pm  
Pizza + ice cream + game

Join us for Wow (7pm) & then a youth night afterwards!

## High School Night

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

@ Pilgrim Suamico Site

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

Please bring a food side item to share, We will have burgers!

Contact: [Rebekahspaulding@pilgrimluth.org](mailto:Rebekahspaulding@pilgrimluth.org)  
All HS students are invited!

## High School Girls Bible Study

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

@ Rebekah's house

Join us for Bible Study from 6:30-8pm

Contact: [Rebekahspaulding@pilgrimluth.org](mailto:Rebekahspaulding@pilgrimluth.org)

## Jr. High Youth Event

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

@ Suamico Site, 5-8:30 pm

Suamico cleanup day (*service Project*) +  
Outdoor Movie + Pizza

We will start with cleaning up around the Suamico site followed by Pizza and a Movie at sunset.

## Contact Info

Director of Youth & Family Ministries  
Rebekah Spaulding

### Email:

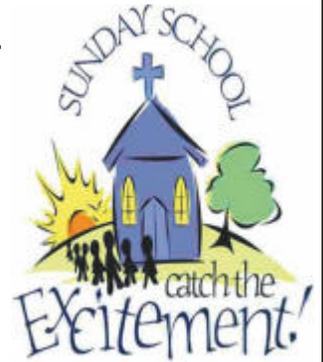
[Rebekahspaulding@pilgrimluth.org](mailto:Rebekahspaulding@pilgrimluth.org)

## Sunday School

All children, Preschool 3 yr. old -  
6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join  
Sunday School for the  
2020-2021 school year  
beginning on September 12<sup>th</sup>

**GB site (9:00 am)**

**Suamico site (10:00 am).**



Please register online at

[www.pilgrimluth.org](http://www.pilgrimluth.org)

or pick up forms at the

Welcome Center.

**Please contact Jenny Erickson or Rebekah Spaulding with questions or if you would like more information.**



All incoming 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, please register for Confirmation today online!

[www.pilgrimluth.org](http://www.pilgrimluth.org)

## **Wednesday Confirmation classes**

(public school students)

begin September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm

in the Sanctuary

**If you have missed the registration date, no worries please contact us!**

# Liturgical Roles

## Welcome Center

**Saturday, September 4**

L Lehman

**Sunday, September 5**

L Miller

**Saturday, September 11**

D Turckes

**Sunday, September 12**

T Wahlen

**Saturday, September 18**

L Lehman

**Sunday, September 19**

C Nowak

**Saturday, September 25**

J Nelson

**Sunday, September 26**

S & C Miller

## Acolytes

**Saturday, September 4**

5:00 pm Ford-Gustafson, Krebsbach

**Sunday, September 5**

7:45 am Abigail Ruggles

9:00 am Volunteer

10:30 am Belovoskey, Stuelpner

9:00 am **Suam**— VOLUNTEER

**Saturday, September 11**

5:00 pm Escoto, Ford-Gustafson

**Sunday, September 12**

7:45 am Brabazon, Kirchner

9:00 am Reineking, Wogsland

10:30 am Perry, Wollenzien

9:00 am **Suam**— Volunteer

**Saturday, Sept 18**

5:00 pm Brunhoefer, Krebsbach

**Sunday, September 19**

7:45 am Kirchner, Tilkens

9:00 am Nelson, Stockfisch

10:30 am Perry, Wollenzien

9:00 am **Suam**— Volunteer

**Saturday, September 25**

5:00 pm Stockfisch, Brunhoefer

**Sunday, September 26**

7:45 am Tilkens, Ruggles

9:00 am Nelson, Wogsland

10:30 am Escoto, Belovoskey

9:00 am **Suam**— Volunteer

## Elders

**Wednesday, September 1**

7:00 pm Schuettpelz

**Saturday, September 4**

5:00 pm Pedersen

**Sunday, Sept. 5**

7:45 am Baye

9:00 am Gipp

10:30 am Charles

9:00 am **Suam**—Seyferth

**Wednesday, September 8**

7:00 pm Schuettpelz

**Saturday, September 11**

5:00 pm Urfer

**Sunday, Sept. 12**

7:45 am Ruggles

9:00 am Larsen

10:30 am Ganz

9:00 am **Suam** - Wittnebel

**Wednesday, September 15**

7:00 pm Schuettpelz

**Saturday, September 18**

5:00 pm Chervený

**Sunday, Sept. 19**

7:45 am Baye

9:00 am Baumann

10:30 am Nier

9:00 am **Suam** - Erickson

**Wednesday, September 22**

7:00 pm Schuettpelz

**Saturday, September 25**

5:00 pm Kosman

**Sunday, September 26**

7:45 am Ruggles

9:00 am Tiedt

10:30 am Kraszewski

9:00 am **Suam** - Seyferth

**Wednesday, September 29**

7:00 pm Schuettpelz

## Communion Assistants

**Saturday, September 4**

5:00 pm Chervený/Longmire

**Sunday, September 5**

7:45 am Heimerman

9:00 am Larsen/McClellan/Schumm

10:30 am Bain/Vogt/Schelk

**Sunday, September 12**

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

**Saturday, September 18**

5:00 pm H. Olp/Longmire

**Sunday, September 19**

7:45 am Schuettpelz

9:00 am Gipp/Schultz/Williams

10:30 am Korth/VanBeaver/Wiederhoeft

**Sunday, September 26**

9:00 am **Suam**—M. Bero/Hansen

## Usher Schedule

**Wednesday, September 1**

7:00 pm Bordeleau

**Saturday, September 4**

5:00 pm Raddant

**Sunday, September 5**

7:45 am Urbaniak

9:00 am Olp

10:30 am Kraszewski

9:00 am **Suam** - Racine

**Wednesday, September 8**

7:00 pm Rolefson

**Saturday, September 11**

5:00 pm Wanek

**Sunday, September 12**

7:45 am Rolefson

9:00 am Loock

10:30 am Borst

9:00 am **Suam** - Reinhold

**Wednesday, September 15**

7:00 pm Bordeleau

**Saturday, September 18**

7:00 pm Raddant

**Sunday, September 19**

7:45 am Burdey

9:00 am Dommer

10:30 am Larsen

9:00 am **Suam** - Reinhold

**Wednesday, September 22**

7:00 pm Rolefson

**Saturday, September 25**

5:00 pm Kosman

**Sunday, September 26**

7:45 am Urbaniak

9:00 am Olp

10:30 am Tilkens

9:00 am **Suam** - Stafford

**Wednesday, September 29**

7:00 pm Bordeleau

**If you are unable to keep your assigned date/time, please call and make your own substitutes. Thank you for serving at Pilgrim!**



## Orphan Grain Train

by Nannette Hoppe

**Relief for Human Need Worldwide.** This month our featured “Coins for Christ” mission is **Orphan Grain Train (OGT)**. Headquartered in Norfolk, Nebraska, **Orphan Grain Train** has volunteers in 29 regional locations across the United States who gather food, clothing and other relief supplies for destitute people around the world. They also raise money to send these relief goods and food where most needed. As one of its projects, Pilgrim’s LWML group annually prepares and sends hygiene kits to the Wisconsin Center for distribution from its warehouse in Westfield.

Affects of Covid 19 caused many **OGT** domestic and international shipments to be cancelled or delayed due to warehouses being closed temporarily. Volunteers stepped up to help those affected by Covid 19, and the **Wisconsin Branch** alone delivered 22 full semi-trailers during the past year to Quemado, Del Rio, Laredo, Benito and Mercedes, TX; Myra, KY, and Black Hawk, SD, according to the 2019-2020 shipment summary. Shipments included Harvest meals, fortified rice meals, potatoes, mixed foods/vegetables/dried beans.

**Orphan Grain Train** is a recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The Mission of **Orphan Grain Train**: “In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God’s people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ’s name and character to needy people both far and near.”

How did the **Orphan Grain Train** movement begin??? After The Reverend Ray S. Wilke visited Latvia and Russia in 1992, and saw the need for spiritual and humanitarian aid in the former Soviet Union, he and Mr. Clayton Andrews founded this ministry. Their vision blossomed into a ministry and a movement. Last fiscal year nearly 5.1 million fortified rice meals were distributed worldwide. **OGT** had 37.7 million dollars worth of humanitarian aid shipped to people in need in the United States and around the world. They had 245 shipments sent in the Fiscal Year 2020-21 to 23 different countries and 132 shipments to domestic locations! **Orphan Grain Train** is rated “4 Stars”, which is Charity Navigation’s highest rating - for the last 9 years! 98.2% of its budget goes for helping those in need worldwide.

“**I will not leave you as orphans. I will come to you.**” John 14:18. For further information, email updates, newsletters and how you can help, access the **OGT at [www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org)** The need is great, but with your prayers, gifts and God’s blessings many destitute people worldwide will have hope and care. Thank you.



## Monday Morning Bible Class

Begins Mon., Sept. 13  
**NEW** time 10-11:00 am



Pastor Malme’s Monday Morning Bible Class will begin on Monday, Sept. 13th. The class will meet again in the sanctuary and the study will be on 1 Kings. **The time will change slightly this year to 10-11:00 am.** Please plan to attend and bring a friend. Bring your Bible with you. A study guide and clipboard will be made available for you to take notes.

## Congratulations Coed Softball Champs



(L to R): Tyler Buchholz, The Rev. Dr. Michael Hanson, Wade Handrich, JJ Schultz, Quinn Hansen, Marshall B., Phil Kirchner, Mike Schumm. (Kneeling): Kayla Osterberg, Mark Osterberg. (Not pictured - Tom Kosman, Vicar Colby Howell, and Eric Heimerman)

# The Principal's Epistle

## Children Obey Your Parents

"Children obey your parents in the Lord for this is right. Honor your father and mother-- which is the 1st commandment with a promise-- that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Ephesians 6:1-3

The call came in Saturday afternoon. It was the dreaded announcement that my mom would not make it until Labor Day. I really had tried to prepare for this time. I thought I knew all the right words. Yet I was reminded of these..."Children obey your parents..." I really wanted to say good-bye. I wanted to share my gratefulness and appreciation for the unconditional love, the unwavering support, and the unbelievable encouragement I received in a lifetime.

"...for this is right." Do I remember all the times I was disciplined? You bet! Can I recall the fingernails which dug into my leg to draw me back to each sermon on Sunday? Definitely! Do I desire to thank her for showing me Jesus and the pathway to Him? Oh, yes!

"Honor your father and mother..." What do I owe my parents? How about my growth as a person which was shaped by them. How about my maturity as an individual which was molded by them. Lest I forget, how about the gift of eternal life which I received at my baptism.

"...that it may go well with you..." Has my life been a bed of roses? I think not! Have I tasted inimitable success every day because I honored them? Guess again. But I can tell you that I have the joy, yes the thrill, which accompanies the knowledge that I am assured of God's love, by what Jesus has done for me. I am ecstatic knowing I am called into my faith by the Holy Spirit.

"that you may enjoy long life on the earth." This is an unbelievable promise from God! What really is long life? 70, 80, 100? This I must leave in the Lord's hands. As His people we are assured of one thing..."I know that my Redeemer lives." Because He lives, my mom and I will live again in heaven! Yes, you will too! That is the message we share at Pilgrim Lutheran School. Can we teach subjects better than the public schools or offer more than they do? Maybe! Can we offer the knowledge of eternal life? **Oh, you bet!** Can we offer the assurance of forgiveness? **Definitely!**

That message of forgiveness and eternal life this month is coming to our students because of your marvelous support! We are who we are because you as a congregation commission us to the task of sharing the Gospel with our children. We are so thankful for your prayers, your positive verbal comments, and your tremendous gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Thank you for being that blessing to provide Christian education through Pilgrim Lutheran School.

### Classes Begin Again

We began school on Wednesday August 25. What a great summer! We have added students. This year we will have in excess of 260 students over the 221 we had last year! We thank the Lord! We have added staff. We give thanks to the Lord leading us to Michaela Wilaby our new second Kindergarten teacher, Rachel Toenjes our new second 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, and Kaitlin Petrie our new Spanish teacher. We give thanks for all the work Dale Rusch our lead maintenance and custodian and his crew have done this summer by painting in rooms, adding additional clothes hooks and shelves for the additional children, washing the carpeting in the rooms and the hallways, scrubbing and waxing the hallways, and making sure we have enough desks and tables to take care of the additional children. We give thanks for Stephanie Zinkel who will not only be our Preschool teacher aide but will teach music to our children in the afternoons. We give thanks for Diana Stockfisch our Preschool Director and teacher who will be using her Master's degree in Special Education as she is our Resource teacher in the afternoons. We give thanks for Christine Malme our 4K teacher who continues to conduct our Contemporary worship every Wednesday and every Sunday! We give thanks for Stephanie DeMelle who is our 4K teacher aide. We give thanks for Kayla Ziesmer our Kindergarten teacher. We give thanks for Amy VandeYacht who is our Kindergarten teacher aide. We give thanks for Kari Williams our 1st grade teacher. We give thanks for Amanda VandeHey who is our 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher aide. We give thanks for Erin Schaefer our 2nd grade teacher. We give thanks for Sara Zeidler who is our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher aide. We give thanks for Patti Giovanetti our 3rd grade teacher. We give thanks for Lisa Medenwald who is our new 4th grade teacher. We give thanks for Andrea Berg who is our new 3/4 teacher aide. We give thanks for Lynnette Hansen who is our 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. We give thanks for Kelly Schumm who is our 6th grade teacher. We give thanks for Mike Schumm our 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. We give thanks for JJ Schultz who is our 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Athletic Director, and coach. We give thanks for Lisa Dhein who is our Math teacher and our new Science teacher for grades 5-8. We give thanks to Dawn Kirchner our School Administrative Coordinator. Thank you Lord! We are so blessed!

### Music and Band

We have searched for a Music Director to replace Mrs. Kari Longmire and have not been able to find the one the Lord has selected for us yet. So we have to give thanks for Aaron Schroeder who continues to play the organ for our traditional services. We give thanks for Christine Malme who continues to conduct the Contemporary music at all of our services. We give thanks to Stephanie Zinkel who will step up and teach our School Music. We give thanks for Carol Krueger who will step up and instruct our Handbells group. We will continue to search for the Music Director who is the one the Lord has prepared for us and we will keep you informed as to how this process is going.

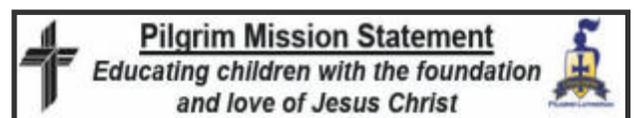
### Above and Beyond

We give thanks for Lin Lehman who continues to do so many things for us. She is our first selection for Above and Beyond as she helped Aaron Schroeder prepare all our new iPads for the children to use this year. She receives the books ordered, prepares them, and delivers them to all the classrooms. What a blessing! We are also giving thanks for all the things Dale Rusch did to prepare this building for this coming school year. A fresh coat of paint and a clean carpet go a long way to sprucing things up. We give thanks for Mike and Kelly Schumm who put new locks on our lockers. They had to install each lock separately in each locker. Very time consuming and very meticulous! Many of these things happened behind the scenes so no one notices them. So thank you Lord for these your servants who have gone Above and Beyond!

I can't thank you enough for your spectacular support of Pilgrim Lutheran School with your finances, positive words of encouragement, and especially your prayers! Thanks for the marvelously positive word of mouth that you share with all you know! **It is truly 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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