

Pilgrim's Progress

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Monthly Newsletter

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Trunk or Treat

Sat., Oct. 30th
2:30 - 3:30 pm

Trunk or Treat will be at the Pilgrim Lutheran Church– Green Bay site this year. All children are welcome! It will take place in the large parking lot on St. Agnes so we can physically distance the cars/visitors for safety; having one entrance in and one exit out. Families will move forward to the next open spot as it becomes available.

Won't you consider decorating your trunk/tailgate for the event or donating candy/goodies? For more information about this event contact:

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Pushing Through

Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ~ Romans 5:3-5

St. Paul here writes familiar words exhorting the reader to recognize a two-fold reality of the Christian faith: first, you are justified by faith through Jesus which produces rejoicing; second, your rejoicing is also the way through times of suffering. This verse is on my mind this month for one specific reason, and it has nothing to do with our traditional fall topics.

Have you ever had to go through a long healing process? Rehabilitation from an injury, grief over the loss of a loved one, recovery from an addiction, feelings of rejection when your love is spurned. These, and other concerns like them, are marks of the sinful world revolting against our existence which brings about suffering in our lives.

But that suffering is not the end, indeed it is only ever penultimate for us. Paul begins this section with the conclusive, ultimate, reality: we have been justified by faith and are at peace with God, and that faith gives us grace to overcome all forms of suffering. Not by actively fighting against our personal suffering, but by passively receiving God's gifts.

Now this is where it gets personal and interesting, and why it has been on my mind. In October, I will be having surgery on my shoulder. I have an injury (the mark of a sinful world revolting against God's design of the human body), and rehab is supposed to be upwards of 9 months. We'll see how I do with that process. What I do know is that I cannot heal myself, but God has given me a doctor who can. Likewise, in the face of sufferings – whatever they are – we are called to be with, help, defend, etc. our brothers and sisters in Christ. See, the body cares for itself, and the individual need not fight alone.

Many of you will ask how you can help, and I truly appreciate it. One of my greatest pleasures in ministry is praying for people concerning specific needs. Please pray for my surgery and rehab. Moreover, pray for my wife who has to deal with a patient with no patience. And finally, should you find yourself in need, suffering from whatever, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Malme and me to pray for you. It's what we love to do, and it's our joy to be with you in your sufferings.

~Pastor Hanson

What's Happening

Inquirer's Class

Sat., Oct. 9th - Session II
Conference Rm #144
8 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.

This class will be covering Session 2 materials which is: The Apostle's Creed.

Rays of Hope



Sat., Nov. 6th
at 6:15 pm

Pilgrim's "Rays of Hope" is an annual memorial worship service held at church. All members and friends who have experienced the death of a loved one are welcome to participate at 6:15 pm on Saturday, Nov. 6th. This brief yet powerful worship opportunity in Pilgrim's sanctuary offers the occasion for Christians on the eve of "All Saints Day" to remember loved ones, to share in the hope of heaven and to light a memorial candle on the altar. The saints who have gone before us and we, as saints of God in Christ, worship in the light and life of the risen Lord Jesus Christ. *Please provide us with a picture of your loved one who passed away with **birth and death dates** if you'd like them included on a slideshow at the end of the service. If you'd like to send us a photo, please email a copy to the **Office**:*

office@pilgrimluth.org

Celebrating 20 Years of Serving at Pilgrim

Thank you, Pastor Malme for Loving us, Leading us, and "Save the Lost the Saved"!



Helping us to & Strengthen



Men's Ministry Breakfast and Bible Study

Saturday, October 16th, 7:30 am
Fellowship Hall



Join us every 3rd Saturday of the month through the month of May. Breakfast begins at 7:30 am and is followed by a Bible Study. **R.S.V.P.** to Larry Seyferth by calling 920-366-9170. A free will offering is accepted.



All Pro Dads Breakfast is Back

Tuesday, October 12th, from 7:00 - 8:00 am
Fellowship Hall

Calling all dads, grandpas and other male guardians! Bring your school-aged children the second Tuesday of every month Oct. - May. Let us serve you breakfast and provide an opportunity to grow as your child's spiritual role model. **Free will offering accepted.**

There will be a video with a different discussion topic, devotion, and give aways each month. A grand prize drawing for two \$500 scholarships will take place in May. *You will be blessed with good food and priceless time with your children.* For more information, call Rick DeMars, 362-3617.



Camp Luther

by Nannette Hoppe

“Building up all people in Christ for service and witness in the world.” This month our

“Coins for Christ” focus is on Camp Luther, a subsidiary ministry of the North Wisconsin District, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. **Camp Luther**, located in Three Lakes, WI, is celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year! **Camp Luther** provides a Christian educational experience in cooperative living in the outdoors. It uses the resources of nature to contribute significantly to mental, physical, social and spiritual growth with year round programs.

Executive Director, Gary “Woody” Vought, reminds us that it was in the spring of 1946 when a North Wisconsin District search committee visited a beautiful tract of land just north of Three Lakes, WI. The property included a lodge, four cottages and over 1,000 feet of frontage on Range Line Lake. The District’s offer of \$22,000 was accepted. That was the start of a very special ministry, **Camp Luther**.

Since that time, God has shown us that He is able to do more than we could have ever imagined through Camp Luther. Thousands of youth, adults, families, summer staff, junior counselors, church workers and volunteers have been built up and encouraged in their faith through this remarkable ministry. The North Wisconsin District made an investment in an idea for ministry in 1946. Since that time land, facilities, and programs have grown considerably. This investment has resulted in a generation of people growing in faith, leadership, and service within the Christ-centered community of camp. The needed new Camp Luther Community Center opened this year and boasts a new food service program led by food service manager, Alex “Baloo” Morris.

Keweenaw Base Camp (KBC) is located near Houghton, MI, and specializes in team building, wilderness adventures, faith development and service projects. It is a perfect place for those looking to challenge themselves spiritually and physically while getting up close and personal with God’s miraculous creation. The Base Camp is targeted at High School students and features intentional group building and adventures including backpacking, sea kayaking on Lake Superior, mountain biking and mine exploration.

You might want to consider **Camp Luther** gift certificates which are readily available for families, children, grandchildren, and can be purchased in any amount from Camp Luther. These can be applied to cottage bookings, the canteen, or any of the many summer youth camps which provide an incredible faith-filled experience for campers from kindergarten all the way through high school. Village Glamping or Saturday Fun Days are great for families or small groups to enjoy all of the camps’ experiential activities and faith building.

Further information can be obtained through the website, www.campluther.com; you may also subscribe to the **Camp Luther** newsletter, The Breeze, to arrive via email. Join Camp Luther staff and all associated with the Camp in giving thanks to God for doing more than could be imagined through **Camp Luther**. Your prayers and gifts of support are needed to continue the ministry of Camp Luther into the future and beyond this 75th anniversary year. **Thank you.**

Third Grade Bible Presentation

Weekend of Oct. 30th/31st

One thing that many people remember from third grade is receiving their first “real” Bible at church or in a Christian school. Pilgrim has traditionally given a Bible to every Pilgrim member in the 3rd grade including every third grade student at Pilgrim Lutheran School. This has been made possible through the very generous support of an anonymous donor.

We would like to present this Bible to your third grade son or daughter as a special part of the worship service. During the services all third graders present will be invited to come forward to receive their Bible:

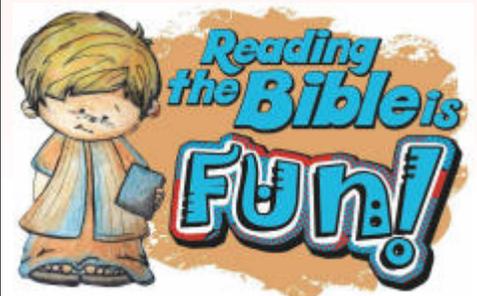
Green Bay site

5:00 pm Sat., Oct. 30th
7:45, 9:00, 10:30 am Sun., Oct. 31st

Suamico site

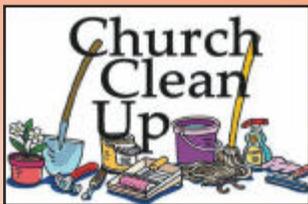
9:00 am Sun., Oct. 31st

Please plan to attend with your child at one of these services! We certainly would appreciate the opportunity to present this gift in person and to pray for all our Pilgrim third graders, that God’s Word will be *“a lamp to their feet and a light to their path.” Psalm 119:105*



Thank You for Clean Up Help

We are so blessed by all who donated time and gifts to our “clean up project” at the Suamico site on Friday, September 24th, including our Jr. High youth. We loved and appreciated having your help! As we start now to get prepared for our upcoming holidays we needed that little extra help to have things looking especially nice not only outside, but inside as well. So thank you for the “team effort” in readying our building and property for the upcoming season. Many hands made light work!



Support Pilgrim Lutheran School (organized by P.O.P.S. - Parents of Pilgrim Students)

October 26th *** 3:00 - 8:00 pm



Join us in person on October 26th at Heartland Pizza or order by phone (920-489-2500) or online (HeartlandPizzaCompany.com) to take it home. Either way it's a win win for all! Don't forget they have salads and ice cream, too!

The Joy of Children's Singing Returns in October

Saturday, October 9, @ 5:00 pm
3rd & 4th grade

Sunday, October 17, @ 9:00 am
1st & 2nd grade

Saturday, October 23 @ 5:00 pm
5th - 8th grade



LWML Mites for Missions



Perhaps you have wondered about the little white “LWML Mite” boxes or the “My Mission Offering” boxes decorated with colorful children's drawings at the Welcome Center. The name, Mite box, comes from the story of the widow's mite. Although her gift was very small, only two very small coins, she gave generously from what she had. These mite boxes are used by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) to collect contributions to support missions.

Those coins do add up! The North Wisconsin District LWML has already collected \$65,000 towards its 2020-2022 goal of \$110,000 and has funded 5½ of their mission grants. At the national convention this past summer a mission grant goal of \$2,150,000 for 2021-2023 was set.

You can use a mite box to collect your loose change at the end of the day or whenever you're thankful to God for what he has done for you. When it is full, return it to the Welcome Center. You may also donate mites electronically through the Pilgrim website. Because of your generous donations to mites, we can share the Gospel throughout the world.

On the weekend of October 9 & 10, we will be celebrating LWML Sunday and all that God has done through the LWML. Stop by our display to learn more about LWML and to pick up your own mite box or one for your children. Also, the loose offering in church on that weekend has been designated for Pilgrim's LWML. All women are welcome to join us at any time.

We are Lutheran Women in Mission

Lutheran Martyr

by Dale Bartel, Parish Education



On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses on the castle church door in Wittenberg, Germany. These theses were criticizing the practice and purpose of indulgences. With the development of the printing press, Luther's ideas spread across Europe. This year we will be observing the 504th anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation.

In England, Robert Barnes adopted Luther's theology. He was born in Kings Lynn, Norfolk in 1495. Barnes was educated at Cambridge and graduated with a Doctor of Divinity degree in 1523. Like Luther, Barnes joined the Augustinian religious order. Barnes helped introduce Lutheran theology to his native England. He is sometimes known as "the English Luther."

In his sermons, Barnes found himself in serious trouble and his superiors tried to silence him. In 1528, Barnes escaped to the mainland and ended up in Wittenberg. He became friends with Luther and Melancthon. His writings were designed to show that the church fathers taught the same doctrine as the Reformers. He also wrote about the corruption of the church through the centuries.

In the 1530's, Barnes advised Henry VIII at the beginning of the English Reformation. He also served as an envoy to Germany.

In the late 1530's the English parliament passed laws making traditional religious forms and doctrines the law of the land.

Barnes refused to recant his convictions and was sent to the Tower of London. In July 1540, Barnes was burned at the stake. Even today, some Christians, like Barnes, are being tortured and killed for refusing to recant.

Camp Luther Workbee Weekend

October 15-17

by Camp Luther website

Make a world of difference in just one weekend! Workbee Weekend volunteers are crucial to the ministry that happens at camp. The weekend includes 5 meals, Saturday evening worship, and of course plenty of time for work assignments. Projects vary, but there is something for everyone.

The Workbee Weekend will begin on Friday, with registration between 7-8 pm followed by an orientation and evening devotion. The work weekend concludes on Sunday after lunch. Participants work all day Saturday and Sunday morning on assigned work projects. You will gather together after a day of purposeful work for worship on Saturday evening. Housing and meals are provided **FREE** of charge. One-day participants are also welcome. Children (over 5) and youth are placed in adult-led teams for work projects.

Plan to join them for the next Workbee Weekend. You'll enjoy the atmosphere, the fellowship, and even the work!



ALL scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, (2 Timothy 3:16)

New WOW Sermon Series for October On 2 Timothy

In October, Vicar Duncan will be leading a Wednesday sermon series on 2nd Timothy, the last New Testament book which St. Paul wrote. St. Paul's final thoughts helped give St. Timothy focus on what truly matters in ministry. They also give insight to all later Christians, whether they be ministry leaders or not, about where authentic Christian thinking and living comes from.

Week 1: "The Definitive Gospel"

Week 2: "Maintaining Pure Thought and Speech"

Week 3: "Christ and Scripture: Key to Genuine Faith"

Week 4: "The Lord's Enduring Ministry"

What's Happening



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:

Brad and Rebecca Van Lanen & family at the death of his mother, **Donna.**

Larry and Maureen Seyferth & family at the death of his mother, **Lucille.**

Judy Nelson & family at the death of her sister-in-law, **Barbara Nelson.**



Baptisms

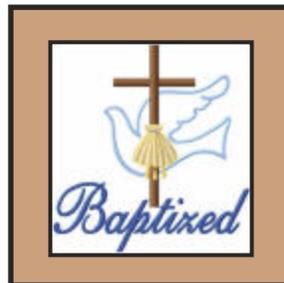
Welcome to God's forever family!

Ethan Allan Loppnow
son of
Jason & Laura Loppnow

Bryson Allen Luce
son of
Patrick & Megan Luce

Olivia Mae Unrath
daughter of
Lee & Brooke Unrath

received the gifts of God's grace through baptism.



October Bible Study Schedule

SUNDAY:

9:00 am - "Book of 1 Corinthians" with Dave Jones; "The Miracles of Jesus" with Gary Wiederhoeft; or the Youth & Family study of "Proverbs" with Bob Bain

MONDAY:

10:00 am - "1 Kings" with Pastor Malme (in person & online)
6:30 pm - "GriefShare" with Carol Krueger/Joyce Utter

TUESDAY:

6:00 pm - Young Adults contact Rebekah Spaulding/Mike Schumm for details

WEDNESDAY:

8:00 am - Men's Morning Bible study with Ray Klebesadel
9:30 am - "II Samuel" Women's Bible Study with Jane Watermolen
9:45 am - "The Book of Job" with Pastor Hanson
6:00 pm - "Mountains of the Bible" with Phil Korth
7:00 pm - WOW "II Timothy" with Vicar

THURSDAY:

1:00 pm - "Matthew" Women's LifeLight Bible Study with Chris Sarokin & Marianne Oates

SATURDAY:

7:30 am - Men's Every 3rd Saturday Breakfast and Bible Study with Larry Seyferth



November 7th



Packer Parking

Sunday, Oct. 3, @ 3:25 pm
Koinonia Lutheran Retreat group

Sunday, Oct. 24, @ 12:00 pm**
Suamico site group

Sunday, Nov. 14, @ 3:25 pm**
Missions group

Sunday, Nov. 28, @ 3:25 pm**
Pilgrim Athletics group

**** subject to flex schedule**



October 2021

WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Green Bay Site: Worship: Wed. (WoW) 7 pm; Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 7:45, 9 & 10:30 am
 Sunday School & Bible Studies: 9 am (Sept.-May)
 Hmong Bible Class & Worship: postponed
Suamico Site: Worship: Sunday 9 am
 Sunday School & Bible Study: following worship (Sept.-May)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>See complete list of Bible Studies on the facing page in the peach colored box.</p> <p>3 Communion-GB See Worship Schedule in upper right corner 5:30 pm Adult Co-ed Volleyball</p> <p>10 Communion-Suam See Worship Schedule in upper right corner LWML Sunday 5:30 pm Adult Co-ed Volleyball</p> <p>17 Communion-GB See Worship Schedule in upper right corner 5:30 pm Adult Co-ed Volleyball</p> <p>24 Communion-Suam See Worship Schedule in upper right corner 5:30 pm Adult Co-ed Volleyball</p> <p>31 Communion-GB Reformation Sunday 3rd Grade Bible Event See Worship Schedule in upper right corner 5:30 pm Adult Co-ed Volleyball</p>	<p>4 5, 6, 6:30, 7 pm Board Meetings 6:30 pm High School Girls' Bible Study 6:30 Grief Share</p>	<p>5 6:00 pm Adult Handbells</p>	<p>6 Communion See Worship Schedule in upper right corner 8:30 am Chapel 6:00 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>7 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 See Worship Schedule in upper right corner 6:45 am Men's Basketball</p>
<p>Memory Verse of the Month: "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." Hebrews 4:12</p>						
<p>11 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting; 6:30 Grief Share</p>	<p>12 7:00 am All Pro Dad's Breakfast 6:00 pm Adult Handbells</p>	<p>13 Communion See Worship Schedule in upper right corner 8:30 am Chapel 6:00 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>14 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Communion-GB See Worship Schedule in upper right corner 6:45 am Men's Basketball 7:30 am Men's Ministry Breakfast & Bible Study</p>	<p>23 See Worship Schedule in upper right corner 6:45 am Men's Basketball</p>
<p>18 6:30 pm High School Girls' Bible Study 6:30 Grief Share</p>	<p>19 6:00 pm Adult Handbells</p>	<p>20 Communion See Worship Schedule in upper right corner 8:30 am Chapel 6:00 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>21 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Reformation Day See Worship Schedule in upper right corner 3rd grade Bible Event 6:45 am Men's Basketball 1:00 pm Visually Impaired Mission Outreach 2:30 pm Trunk or Treat</p>
<p>25 6:30 pm Elder's Meeting 6:30 Grief Share</p>	<p>26 6:00 pm Adult Handbells</p>	<p>27 Communion See Worship Schedule in upper right corner 8:30 am Chapel 6:00 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Reformation Day See Worship Schedule in upper right corner 3rd grade Bible Event 6:45 am Men's Basketball 1:00 pm Visually Impaired Mission Outreach 2:30 pm Trunk or Treat</p>

Liturgical Roles

Welcome Center

Saturday, October 2

WC - D Turckes

Sunday, October 3

WC - L Miller

Saturday, October 9

WC - L Lehman

Sunday, October 10

WC - T Wallen

Saturday, October 16

WC - L Lehman

Sunday, October 17

WC - C Miller

Saturday, October 23

WC - J Nelson

Sunday, October 24

WC - C Novak

Saturday, October 30

WC - B Schunck

Sunday, October 31

WC - C Miller

Acolytes

Saturday, October 2

5:00 pm Ford, Escoto

Sunday, October 3

7:45 am Chopp, Look

9:00 am Tryon, Kirchner

Suamico - Volunteer

10:30 am Stuelpner, Schultz

Saturday, October 9

5:00 pm Ford, Perry

Sunday, October 10

7:45 am Ruggles, Kirchner

9:00 am Wogsland, Reineking

Suamico - Volunteer

10:30 am Belovoskey, Stuelpner

Saturday, October 16

5:00 pm Perry, Escoto

Sunday, October 17

7:45 am Ruggles, Bruley

9:00 am Nelson, Stockfisch

Suamico - Volunteer

10:30 am Belovoskey, tuelpner

Saturday, October 23

5:00 pm Nelson, Brunhoefer

Sunday, October 24

7:45 am Van Lanen, Evans

9:00 am Wogsland, Stockfisch

Suamico - Volunteer

10:30 am Schultz, Miller

Saturday, October 30

5:00 pm Brunhoefer, Brassfield

Sunday, October 31

7:45 am Elder

9:00 am Elder

Suamico - Volunteer

10:30 am Elder

Elders

Saturday, October 2

5:00 pm Pedersen

Sunday, October 3

7:45 am Baye

9:00 am Larsen

10:30 am Ganz

Wednesday, October 6

7:00 pm Schuettpelz

Saturday, October 9

5:00 pm Kosman

Sunday, October 10

7:45 am Ruggles

9:00 am Baumann

10:30 am Kraszewski

Wednesday, October 13

7:00 pm Schuettpelz

Saturday, October 16

5:00 pm Urfer

Sunday, October 17

7:45 am Baye

9:00 am Gipp

10:30 am Charles

Wednesday, October 20

7:00 pm Schuettpelz

Saturday, October 23

5:00 pm Cherveney

Sunday, October 24

7:45 am Ruggles

9:00 am Tiedt

10:30 am Nier

Wednesday, October 27

7:00 pm Schuettpelz

Saturday, October 30

5:00 pm Pedersen

Sunday, October 31

7:45 am Baye

9:00 am Larsen

10:30 am Bain

Communion Assistants

Saturday, October 2

5:00 pm Gannon/Olp

Sunday, October 3

7:45 am Heimerman

9:00 am Schumm/Williams/Olp

10:30 am Weiderhoeft/Korth/VanBeaver

Sunday, October 10

Suam - S Schlender/Seyferth

Saturday, October 16

5:00 pm Longmire/Kosman/Cherveney

Sunday, October 17

7:45 am Heimerman

9:00 am Schultz/McClellan/Schumm

10:30 am Zinkel/Vogt/Schelk

Sunday, October 24

Suam - Bero/Racine

Saturday, October 30

5:00 pm Olp/Longmire/Cherveney

Sunday, October 31

7:45 am Heimerman

9:00 am Williams/Olp/Schumm

10:30 am Weiderhoeft/Korth/VanBeaver

Ushers

Saturday, October 2

5:00 pm Wanek

Sunday, October 3

7:45 am Burdey

9:00 am Look

Suam - J Kiehn

10:30 am Borst

Wednesday, October 6

7:00 pm Rolefson

Saturday, October 9

5:00 pm Kosman

Sunday, October 10

7:45 am Rolefson

9:00 am Dommer

Suam - B Reinhold

10:30 am Larsen

Wednesday, October 13

7:00 pm Bordeleau

Saturday, October 16

5:00 pm Raddant

Sunday, October 17

7:45 am Urbaniak

9:00 am Olp

Suam - A Racine

10:30 am Kraszewski

Wednesday, October 20

7:00 pm Rolefson

Saturday, October 23

5:00 pm Wanek

Sunday, October 24

7:45 am Burdey

9:00 am Look

Suam - Q Hansen

10:30 am Tilkens

Wednesday, October 27

7:00 pm Bordeleau

Saturday, October 30

5:00 pm Kosman

Sunday, October 31

7:45 am Rolefson

9:00 am Dommer

Suam - R Stafford

10:30 am Borst

If you can't keep your assigned date/time, please call and make your own substitutes. Thank you!





National Youth Gathering

HOUSTON, TX

Current 8th-12th grade students
Deadline to sign up: November 1st

Contact Rebekah Spaulding for details

JR. HIGH EVENTS

Confirmation Retreat

7th - 8th graders, Families + friends are also invited

Sunday, October 31st

10:30am-4pm

Suamico Site

2999 Lakeview Dr, Suamico, WI 54173

Youth Game Night

Wednesday, October 13th

@ GB SITE

Join us for WoW (7-7:45pm)
stay for a dodgeball tournament,
pizza & a devotion! Ends at 8:30pm

Contact Info

Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Rebekah Spaulding

Email:

Rebekahspaulding@pilgrimluth.org

High School Girls

Monday Nights

October 4th & 18th

All girls entering 9th-12th are invited to join for Bible Study 6:30-8pm at Rebekah's house on selected Monday Nights.

We are beginning a study on "Jesus Entering Our Disappointments." All girls will receive a workbook & journal. Please come join us!

Please contact Rebekah for address.



The Principal's Epistle

Fighting Fire with Water

But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. Matthew 5:44

Sometimes you just can't help yourself. Perhaps it's a person who does a dangerous move in front of you when you are driving. Other times it is a cutting glance or snide remark directed at you. Rudeness. Unwillingness to reconcile. As I was driving on south I-41 the other day and heading toward home, I was trying to get in the far right lane to get off at Lombardi Avenue. I checked my blind spots, slowed down, checked my mirrors, turned on my blinker, and just as I am about to make my move, here comes this horn blaring at me as I began to enter the lane. Then comes the zoom, swish, dirty look, and the indication that I was number 1 from their finger placement out the window.

Whatever it is, this situation has gotten your hackles up. And immediately phrases like, "giving them a taste of their own medicine" or "fighting fire with fire" come to mind. The thought of speeding up and sharing hand gestures enters the mind. You want to demonstrate to that rude person, that ingrate, that clod, how hurtful they were and how upset it made you by handing it back to them as they dished it out. "How else will they learn?" you think.

By contrast, as God's people called to dedicate our moments to Christ, we are people called out by our Lord in baptism, and our task is to be Him to the world. "Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:44) is our calling from the Master. Our task is to follow His lead, not the lead of others. That whole "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" thing should be our guide.

We are called to mirror Christ, not the lovelessness we see around us. We are called to do so regardless of other people's reaction. Whether they get it or not, whether they change or not, whether anyone notices or not, our personal calling is to live like Christ before them, for His glory and not our own satisfaction. So how did my story end? Hey, I am aware I am supposed to set an example as the "principal." I am also aware that I am 67 years old and not 27. I don't react the same way I did when I was "young and foolish!" I have to work at it but reacting as a child of God is a much better way to go through life.

"Fighting fire with fire" just causes more burns. Our calling is to bring the water of life, Jesus Christ, to the world around us. Whatever anyone else does, that is our task. We need to fight fire with water. The water of Holy Baptism should guide and direct our actions. We have had our Old Adam washed clean and can now imitate our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May each of us be water of life in a world too often aflame, to the glory and praise of Jesus. May His Holy Spirit lead us all in the way of our Lord!

School is underway—Growing in Grace

We began school on Wednesday, August 25. We are so blessed to work with 254 children in grades Preschool 3 through grade 8. We continue to stay open and as a part of our policy we are leaving it up to the parents if their children wear a mask. Our Chapel services this year have used our school theme "Growing in Grace," which is based on Galatians 5:22-23. *That Bible passage reminds us the fruits of the spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.* Our 7th graders picked this theme and Mrs. Lynnette Hansen has organized the topics for Chapel and when our children will get together in our Faith families to work on the Bible passage. Our Faith families are led by our 8th graders and have children from all the other grades in a group or family. The older ones are the leaders who care for each member of their family and are giving the younger ones someone to look up to as we work together. The school unity in these activities is magnificent! Thank you Lord! We are so blessed!

Music and Band

We continue to search 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 continue to give thanks for Aaron Schroeder who plays 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 has stepped up to teach our School Music. We give thanks for Carol Krueger who has stepped up and instructs our Handbells group. We unfortunately had to accept the resignation of our Band Director Jacob Van Dyke who got a job at Mishicot. We have interviewed 8 prospects and have not been able to find anyone. We have contacted Music shops for names of people who could conduct band and give lessons to our children. We are working with NEWLHS and GB Trinity to find a competent person. We are lifting this and the Music Director positions up to the Lord who had someone already selected for us. We know we are ready and now we await the person the Lord is making ready for us. We will continue to search for the Music Director and Band Director. If you know of anyone who has their State of Wisconsin license to teach Band or graduated from an accredited college please contact me, Principal John Schultz via email at johnschultz@pilgrimluth.org or call me at 920-965-2269. Thanks!

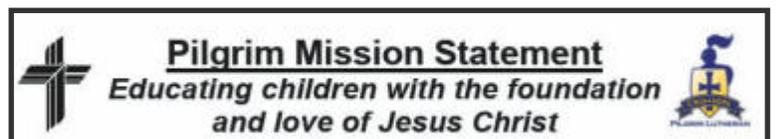
Above and Beyond

We give thanks for Erin Schaefer who has led our Walk-a-thon program, for Dale Rusch who worked so hard to prepare our school for all the new children this year, and for Lynnette Hansen's mother, Janet Jass who spent untold number of hours helping to prepare for children this year. We also give thanks for Andrea Berg who volunteers in the LMC. (Library Media Center) 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 tremendous 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 exhilarating 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!

Mr. John E. Schultz - Principal

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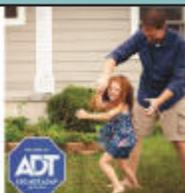
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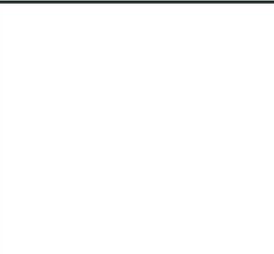
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