



PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A Congregation in Mission, Community and Service

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

JUNE 2019

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SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM

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TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: 9:30 AM

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WORSHIP: 10:00 AM





In the month of June, the Church Season shifts from Easter to Pentecost. Pentecost Sunday is June 9th.

Pentecost Sunday celebrates that day when the Holy Spirit came upon the Church gathered in Jerusalem (Acts 2:1-11). When the Holy Spirit came upon the believers, faith was strengthened, and hope restored. We see this in the example of the Apostle Peter, who previously would not confess his faith in Jesus before a servant girl, but now is emboldened to risk imprisonment and death for his Savior.

Actually, it's a misnomer to say that the Holy Spirit first came upon the Church on the Day of Pentecost in 33 A.D. Since the Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, He is God and has always been. At creation, the Spirit "hovers over the face of the deep;" *Genesis 1:2* in Psalm 51, King David prays, "Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me."

Lutherans properly confess that being God, the Holy Spirit is co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Son. However, because of His role the Holy Spirit usually stays in the background. The Holy Spirit does not call attention to Himself, but draws us to faith in Christ. The Holy Trinity is the cause and center of our salvation: the Father sent Jesus His Son, and the Holy Spirit brings us to faith in Jesus as our Savior.

Sometimes, well-meaning Christians reduce the Holy Spirit to a "feeling." While there is nothing wrong in feeling good about our faith, the Holy Spirit is more than a feeling: He comes to us through God's Word and the Sacraments to bring us to faith, to strengthen us in the same, and to forgive our sins through these Means of Grace.

Some equate the coming of the Spirit with being "Born again;" indeed we are "born again," through "water and the Spirit" (John 3:5) which is a reference to Holy Baptism. By God's grace through His Word and the water, we are "born again" from the outside through the working of the Holy Spirit, made acceptable to God through the washing away of the condemnation of our sins.

We give thanks to God for sending the Holy Spirit in all His fullness on the Day of Pentecost: thanks to the presence and work of the Holy Spirit, faith continues to abound in the world and the presence of the Church continues to abide over 2000 years since the Spirit's appearance upon the Church in Jerusalem.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Ben Eder



SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

JUNE 2019

DATE →	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
READER	Mary Werth	Sue Holway	Gary Smith	Tyrone Bryant	Karen Smith
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NURSERY	Jim & Gabby O'Brien	Carolyn Alessi	Amber Trimmer	Linda Eder	Peggy Clark



Fun in the sun

Enjoy some summer-themed laughter while you lounge!

Seen on a church sign (and appropriate for grilling season): "God doesn't make mistakes."

Person approaching a shoreline: "Is this river any good for fish?"

Response: "It must be. I can't get any of them to leave it."

Q: Why do people go to church in the summer? A: It's prayer-conditioned!

Q: Why was it so hot in the stadium after the game? A: All the fans left.

Q: While hiking, how can you identify a dogwood tree? A: By its bark.

Q: What do sheep have on sunny days? A: A baa-baa-cue!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Rod Mohr	Jun. 3
Mike Wuerch	Jun. 9
Marie Curcie	Jun. 10
Robert Schober	Jun. 10
June Pfohl	Jun. 13
Jim Rodgers Sr.	Jun. 18
Scot LaFalce	Jun. 25
Betty Yesny	Jun. 26
Diane Jakubowski	Jun. 27
Mary Werth	Jun. 28

Jun. 17	Gary & Karen Smith
Jun. 22	Paul & Sue Holway
Jun. 29	Alan & Kathy Kornacki



(IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY IN THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE CONTACT MARY WERTH. THANK YOU.)



The Community Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 6th, from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM. There will be more information to follow.



Our next Community Dinner is on Friday, June 7th, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. The menu is beef tacos (soft and hard shell), Spanish rice, tortilla chips and salsa with assorted desserts and beverages.



June 20-23, 2019: National LWML Convention, Mobile, Alabama. Please pray for the convention and those attending.

August 8, 2019: Buffalo Zone Picnic at Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center

September 20 - 22, 2019: LWML Eastern District Retreat at Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center.

Speaker: Katie Schuermann Theme: "Listen, Look, Leap" based on Proverbs 3: 5-6

The registration form will be in the Spring LINK

September 28, 2019: Buffalo Zone Fall Event 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Registration \$10 at First Trinity Lutheran Church. Topic: "Equipping Women for Service" Darlene Marcucci-Miller will be our speaker

June 12-14, 2020: Eastern District LWML Convention Syracuse, NY Theme: "Live By Faith" based on 2 Corinthians 5:6-7



ESTHER CIRCLE

The next meeting is Monday, June 10th, at 6:30 pm. at the church. We will be discussing the Bake Sale and future activities.

Thank you to all who helped make the Pot Faith and farewell to Alec Ruby on May 19th a success. We extend our prayers to Alec on his new journey in Reno, Nevada.

The Bake Sale is on Saturday, June 15th. Please see attached flyer for more information. We are looking for Bakers & Volunteers to help. A sign-up sheet is posted on the board. We hope to see our Pilgrim members come to support this event.

REMINDER! Used stamps trimmed with a quarter inch border can be given to Pat Watkins. These stamps are used for a mission project that provides Bibles to prisoners. Karen Smith will accept your "mites" (pennies and other change) for LWML mission grants. Check the board to see what projects have been funded by the "mites". Sue Holway will collect your Dash's grocery receipts.

LWML NEWS: Several Esther Circle members attended the Buffalo Zone Event on May 4th. A presentation was given on "The Burrito Project" at St Paul's Lutheran Church in North Tonawanda, an outreach to the homeless and hungry on the streets. Tie blankets were made for the homeless. On May 18th, a few of us went to the Niagara Zone Event in Lockport. We attended workshops and networked with others.

The Esther Circle extends appreciation to all the fathers as they celebrate their special day! May the Lord bless you all!

Carol Obot & Sue Holway

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be NO P. A. L. meeting in June.



THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE JULY NEWSLETTER IS JUNE 23RD.

Esther Circle Bake Sale



Saturday, June 15th

9 am – 3 pm

Pies, Mini Breads, Cookies, Brownies, Cakes

Please Label if Contains Nuts!

NOTE: No Cupcakes or Whipped Cream Frosting

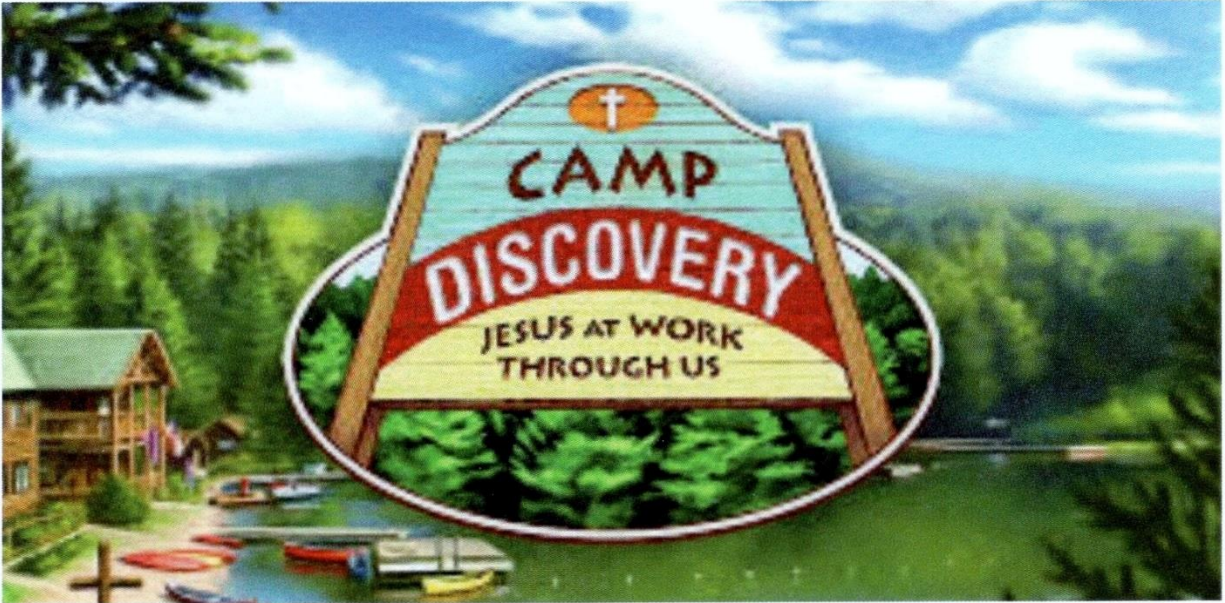
All Items Delivered At the Church

Friday June 14th

2pm-5pm

Thank you

SAVE THE DATE!!



PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

AUGUST 5th-9th

5:45pm – 8:00pm

AGES: 3 TO 12

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The Epistles of John

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Life
Proclaim
Fellowship
Light
Darkness
Walk
Purify
Sin

Confess
Forgive
Advocate
Know
Obey
Overcome
Truth
Son of God

Antichrist
Righteous
Remain
Spirit
God is Love
Believe
Water
Blood