



#### PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A Congregation in Mission, Community and Service

## PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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#### What is the Church?

We often refer to "the church," but what does that mean? The "church" can mean a building. It can even be used to describe a synod or denomination.

The meaning of the word "church" comes from the Greek word "Ecclesia," which means "the called out." In common usage, it means "The gathering of the faithful."

In Article VII of the Augsburg Confession (one of the confessions of the faith that Lutherans hold to) the church is defined as "the congregation of saints, in which the Gospel is rightly taught, and the Sacraments are rightly administered."

By God's grace in Christ Jesus, Pilgrim Lutheran Church was planted 99 years ago and will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022. Much planning and preparation is underway to celebrate this milestone.

Many times, whenever we refer to the church we often speak of the needs of the building and grounds. Certainly, we want the building and grounds to look good because it reflects the love and care that God's people have for His House. Likewise, a church building that obviously needs repair and a lawn that needs attention tells the community that we don't care. And, if we don't care, why should they?

As pastor, I am concerned about what the church and grounds look like on the outside. But I am even more concerned about what takes place inside the building. It is inside the building where the church lives. The Word of God is preached in this building. The Sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper are rightly administered. The people come together, at the urging of the Holy Spirit, to hear God's Word, receive the Sacraments, and to give praise to God and encouragement to one another.

To be concerned only about the outside, and not the inside, puts us in the camp of the Pharisees who believed that their outward actions and practices made them righteous before God. In response, Jesus called them "Whitewashed tombs" – they look good on the outside but are rotting and putrid inside. The Pharisees were concerned about appearances at the expense of the inner, spiritual life.

Churches without people are, at best, museums to what went on before. In some cases, empty churches have become apartments, bars & pubs, or become houses of worship for other religions entirely (such as the Muslims).

Congregations do come and go, and steeples rise and fall, but the Church shall always remain. Jesus promises us that "the gates of Hell shall not prevail against my Church."

Through the work of the Holy Spirit within us and among us, may we remain "living stones" set in the foundation of Jesus Christ to proclaim His Gospel – not only among ourselves, but also to the community and the world.



Abigail Size	Jul. 1
Violet Schober	Jul. 10
Delores Zeeb	Jul. 17
Sharon McGuan	Jul. 22



Jul. 12	Rod & Rhonda Mohr
Jul. 18	Robert & Vi Schober
Jul. 24	Greg & Diane Jakubowski
Jul. 25	Jim & Kathy Rodgers



#### **ESTHER CIRCLE**

There will be no meeting in July. Our next meeting will be on August 9th. The Esther Circle has agreed to coordinate the Fellowship time. Please refer to the flyer in this newsletter. We will be asking other members to volunteer as hosts. Keep it simple! Thank you!

The Esther Circle received a generous donation of \$700 from the PALS men's group at Pilgrim. We will be using this money for future Christian outreach. This donation is greatly appreciated! A

REMINDERS! The mites (loose change) are collected for LWML mission grants. You will be seeing a mite box in your mailbox at church. Please use this at home to drop change in. We have displayed a container near the front door for these mite collections. Please take time to give whatever you can. It is more than a donation, it's an opportunity to make a difference! Thank you to Karen Smith for collecting and counting this change.

Cancelled stamps cut with a 1/2-inch border frame go to Sharon McGuan to help purchase Bibles for prisoners. Old ink cartridges go to Pat Watkins. Dash's receipts go to Sue Holway. Thank you!

It's officially Summer! Denion those special moments with family & friends! Enrich your Faith and feel the warmth of God's Love!

**Carol Obot & Sue Holway** 

#### A gentle answer

As it does this year, July 4 fell on Sunday in 1937. While Pastor Eldred Johnston led worship that morning in Paulding, Ohio, local kids set off firecrackers nearby (restrictions were rare back then). Realizing he needed to act, the pastor slipped outside during a hymn and found the revelers.

But instead of scolding or shouting, Johnston stayed calm. "I used to enjoy shooting fireworks too," he said, adding that he knew it was a fun way to celebrate. "But many in this town are gathered in worship, and the noise is very distracting. All I'm asking is that you wait until church services are over — about noon — and then shoot firecrackers all you want." The pastor smiled at each youth and returned to church.

Recounting that experience in *Liberty* magazine, Johnston said he half-expected to hear defiant explosions. Instead, the kids waited respectfully until worship was over. When conflicts loom, may we heed that example — and this advice from Proverbs: "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger" (15:1, NIV).



## **Fellowship Time**



 Definition of fellowship
community of interest, activity, feeling, or experience <u>intransitive verb</u>
to join in fellowship especially with a church member

### The Following Sundays for Fellowship Will Be:

Sunday, June 27 Sunday, July 11 Sunday, July 25 Sunday, August 8 Sunday, August 22

### **Keeping It Simple!**

Thank-You Esther Circle for organizing Fellowship This Summer.



## Kenmore Presbyterian Church Food Pantry

The Board of Deacons of Kenmore Presbyterian Church Offers a Food Pantry

Second Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Right now they are bagging a variety of items and handing out the bags outside in the parking lot.

Last Thursday of the month from 12 noon to 2 p.m., We offer a Soup Luncheon. The Soup Kitchen is ON PAUSE for now



Fellowship and Pot Faith Sundays All donations will be collected by Esther Circle

## Summertime Events

Tasty, colorful sweets and mixes— Terri Lynn has something for every taste...

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#### **#HOPEABOUNDS RIGHT WHERE YOU LIVE**

For more than 100 years, Lutheran Hour Ministries has been blessed to bring the hope of Jesus to individuals around the world, especially during unprecedented times. Through culturally relevant materials and programs, LHM shares the hopeful Gospel message in more than 60 countries.

In addition to LHM spreading hope around the world, #HOPEABOUNDS in the communities right where we live. Take a look at some stories from our generous supporters who shared how they see that #HOPEABOUNDS in their daily lives.

#HOPEABOUNDS for me when I read my Bible and then write in my journal. 1 Peter 5:7 says, "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." There are so many reasons for anxiety right now. But Jesus tells us to cast all our anxiety on Him because He cares for us. Jesus' love is so personal. Jesus is talking to every one of us, and I'm so glad He left this message of hope for us. When I read this first Peter verse, my imagination took hold of me. I saw myself sitting on the bank of a river casting my fishing pole into the water with an anxiety or fear on the hook instead of fishing bait. Jesus is standing in the middle of the river and He catches every one of my fears and anxieties that I cast to Him. I can hear Him say, "Ok, I got that one. I'll take care of it," each time he catches the line. I can feel the anxiety leave me as Jesus takes every one of my cares upon Himself. I feel hope spread over me. My load of anxiety is gone. I am free again. - Doris from Nebraska

#HOPEABOUNDS as my siblings and I are comforted at the loss of our dad by the kind words of love and support from our friends and neighbors. - Susy from Missouri

My #HOPEABOUNDS every day when I open my eyes and can thank my Lord for this beautiful day that He has made no matter the weather. My #HOPEABOUNDS when I confess my sins and my Lord forgives me for Jesus' sake. My #HOPEABOUNDS when I read His Word, when I go to church and hear from my pastor about Jesus' love for me and all sinners, that love that Jesus bought and paid for on the cross for you and me, free of debt! I am humbled by His sacrifice for me, a poor miserable sinner, that the sinless Son of God, my Savior paid my horrendous debt! - Shirley from Texas

#HOPEABOUNDS by seeing a baby smile; all the possibilities become clear again. - Christine from Ohio

#HOPEABOUNDS for me every morning as I read God's Word and receive His grace and mercy in forgiveness! Praise and honor be to God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! - James from Florida #HOPEABOUNDS for me when I can be outside in the sunshine, working with my gardens. We can count on the seasons to change because God is in control! - Elaine from Iowa

#HOPEABOUNDS when my husband, Tim, and I do the LHM Daily Devotions together. It brings us closer to God and to each other when we share this time and faith. - Jeri from Kansas

#HOPEABOUNDS in me when I read the Psalms. - Robert from Kentucky

#HOPEABOUNDS daily with my sharing the LHM daily devotions and The Lutheran Hour sermons. Some of my recipients share these emails with others who really enjoy them. - Kenneth from Texas

#HOPEABOUNDS for me because I am blessed with wonderful friends, family and work I love. I get to allow God to work in my life daily to be a light in the darkness. - Diane from California

#HOPEABOUNDS when there is reconciliation & forgiveness in a family. - Darlene from Minnesota

#HOPEABOUNDS for me when I recall my confirmation text (Isaiah 54:10), which reads "For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace (kindness) shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you." - Paul from Indiana

We want to hear from YOU. How do you see that #HOPEABOUNDS in YOUR life? To see more ways LHM spreads hope around the world and to share YOUR story, visit <u>lhm.org/hopeabounds</u>.



## **OUR FIRST PASTOR - 1921 - LONG ISLAND**

## PASTOR RESIGNS CHARGE AT BAYSIDE

Bayside, March 8 .- The Rev. Fred J. Muhlhauser, pastor of the English Lutheran Chapel of this place, has tendered his resignation to the official board, to take effect April 15. No reason was assigned for his resignation, but it is understood that Mr. Muhlhauser has been anxious to be relieved of his charges so that he might extend his activities into a larger field. The chapel was organized by Mr. Muhlhauser in October, 1915. with a small membership. The membership has grown considerably since that time. In addition to his work here. Mr. Muhlhauser conducted the Church of St. Saviour in Port Washington. Before assuming another pastorate he will spend several months at the home of his father in Hamlin, N. Y.

## AFTER A REST AT HIS FATHER'S HOME

## PASTOR TO BE RECEIVED.

Kenmore, Nov. 4 .- The Rev. F. J. Muhlhauser will be installed as resident pastor of the Lutheran mission on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Muhlhauser comes from Long Island, where he has been serving as pastor of a church. He is a graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. The mission meets in the village hall, and will continue. to make their church home till a permament building can be erected. The Kenmore North Buffalo church basketball league was formed last evening under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Representatives from all the churches in this section were present and indications are that the number of teams will exceed that of last year. The games will be played on the Hazeltine avenue gym.

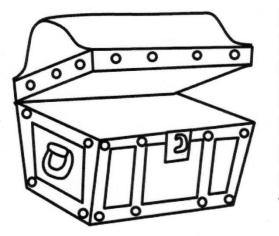
(Why the bit about a church basketball league is part of this article is anybody's guess.)

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