



PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A Congregation in Mission, Community and Service

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

AUGUST 2024

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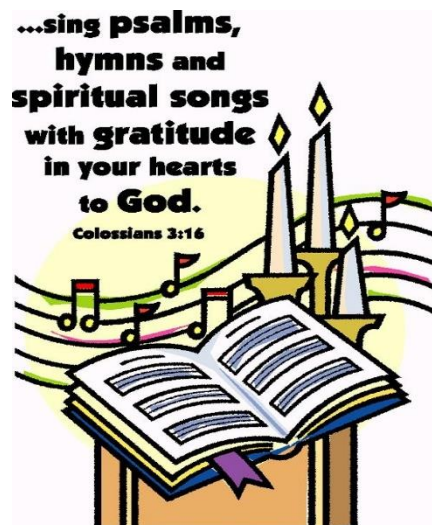
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM

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WORSHIP: 10:00 AM



God's gift of music



What helps you sort out what you're feeling, or experience an emotion more deeply? What allows you to let loose and cry, or fully celebrate when you're joyful? Nature helps some of us get in touch with our feelings, perhaps because it removes us from screens and other distractions.

But when getting out isn't possible — no mountain lake is nearby, or the weather isn't tranquil — consider the gift of music. Often instrumental or vocal music helps us access the depths of our soul like nothing else can. God may even speak to us through music — whether in song lyrics, our own inner thoughts or wordless stirrings of the heart.

Albert Schweitzer, a pastor, musicologist, physician and more, said, "Joy, sorrow, tears, lamentation, laughter — to all these music gives voice, but in such a way that we are transported from the world of unrest to a world of peace, and see reality in a new way, as if we were sitting by a mountain lake and contemplating hills and woods and clouds in the tranquil and fathomless water."

Make some playlists for various emotions: joy, grief, anxiety, hope. Then imagine yourself relaxing in nature, and experience God's love.

The meaning of membership

Oklahoma pastor Ricky Jones tackles the meaning of church membership or being part of Christ's body. "Leaving the church is not simply leaving a club," he writes at the Gospel Coalition website. "When you walk away, you dismember yourself from the body. Jesus and the rest of the body sorely miss you, and bleed after your departure. You cut yourself off from your only source of life and nourishment. Like an amputated hand, you will slowly bleed out, wither, and die."

Jones contends that "being a part of the universal church without submitting to a local church is not possible, biblical or healthy." It's impossible because you need to be part of a smaller community before you can be considered part of a greater community. It's unbiblical because the New Testament epistles are addressed to specific local churches. And it's unhealthy because wanting to independently make your own choices is "at the heart of sin," the pastor writes.

"You need to know we're all in this life together, and we won't walk away from you just because you let us down or we disagree," says Jones. "Together we build each other up into the image of Christ; no one can make it alone."



SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

AUGUST 2024

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

WEEKEND OF	Aug. 3-4	Aug. 10-11	Aug. 17-18	Aug. 25-26	
READER (Sat/Sun)	Ruth Whitmer/Sue Holway	Doreen Griebel/Carolyn Alessi	Rhonda Mohr/Eric Fellner	Ruth Whitmer/Richard Loster	
USHERS	Melody Keef/Jim Hartz	Ed Walsh/Eric Fellner	Mike Wuerch/Dianne Wuerch	Eric Fellner/Dooley O'Rourke	
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Eric Fellner	George Alessi	Jim Hartz	Ed Walsh	

(If you cannot serve on the day scheduled, and if you have not notified Tim McGuan (716) 418-5484, Dan Griebel (716) 259-9704, or Tyrone Bryant (716) 544-8983, PLEASE CALL AMBER SO SHE CAN CORRECTLY PUT THE CHANGE IN THE BULLETIN. Thank you.)



Sabbath sight

Miners used to use mules underground to pull the loaded carts. Spending so much time in the darkness, some mules eventually went blind. But one old miner found a solution: He simply let the mules spend one day a week outside the mines.

In a very real sense, God gave us the Sabbath to keep us from going spiritually blind. The Sabbath, as Jesus said, was made for humankind, but to use in sacred ways. It's our responsibility as followers of Jesus to decide how to best keep the intent of this commandment.

How might observing Sabbath improve your ability to "see" clearly?

—from *The Wired Word*



2024 SUNDAY COUNTERS SCHEDULE Weekly Rotation

If you are unable to count the date you are assigned, please let Dianne Wuerch know.

Date	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Lead Counter	Dianne Wuerch	Mike Wuerch	Sue Holway	Carolyn Alessi
Counter	Dolores Zeeb	Jim Hartz	Kathy Farkas	Janice Vogel

**If you are on Vacation or unable to attend Pilgrim's Services,
please consider using the following for your offerings.**



Tithe.ly

Go to Pilgrims web site -

<https://pilgrimkenmorelcms.org>

Click on green GIVE button!

Or Download the App





Gary Smith	Aug. 11
Margaret Walsh	Aug. 19
Carol Obot	Aug. 22
Adaline Trimmer	Aug. 23
Eric Fellner	Aug. 26

Aug. 26 Tim & Sharon McGuan



Q: How do you know if an elephant has been in your refrigerator?

A: You can see his footprints in the butter.

Q: Why do elephants wear sandals?

A: So they don't sink into the sand.

Q: Why do ostriches stick their heads in the ground?

A: To look for elephants who forgot to wear their sandals.

Q: Why do elephants paint the soles of their feet yellow?

A: So they can hide upside-down in bowls of custard.

Q: Did you ever find an elephant in your custard?

A: No? Works, doesn't it?

Q: Why do elephants live in herds?

A: To get a wholesale reduction on the shoes with yellow soles.



ESTHER CIRCLE

Our next meeting is Monday, August 12th, at 12:30 PM at the church. We will be discussing the upcoming bake sale. After the business meeting, we will review the final chapter (19) from the book “Joining Jesus on His Mission”.

The Esther Circle is sponsoring a bake sale on Saturday, August 24th, from 9 AM to 3 PM outside in front of the church. We are asking for baked good donations. Please bring your items to the church by Friday, August 23. Thank you for your support.

REMINDER: Dash’s receipts go to Sue Holway; mites (loose change) to Karen Smith or you can drop your mites in the large box at the back of the sanctuary. Canceled stamps trimmed with a 1/2-inch border go to Sharon McGuan. These collections help support various mission projects. Thank you!

August is here! It’s the last full month of summer. We have been blessed with warm days and summertime temperatures. Let’s enjoy being outside and with family and friends and appreciate God’s creation!

Carol Obot



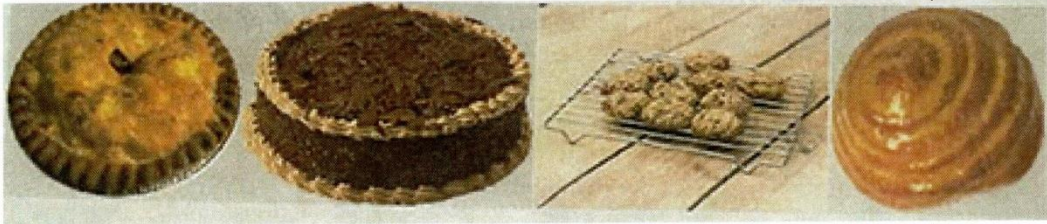
A spirit of gladness

Samuel Upham, a 19th-century theology professor, was known for his preaching and humor. On his deathbed in 1904, Upham was surrounded by friends and seemed to pass away. “No, he’s not dead,” said one. “His feet are warm, and no one ever died with warm feet.”

Hearing that, Upham opened his eyes and replied, “Jan Hus did!” — referring to the Christian martyr burned at the stake in 1415.

“We are sad by nature, and Satan is the spirit of sadness,” said Martin Luther. “But God is the spirit of gladness and preserves us.” As Upham’s final words reveal, he was preserved by God’s spirit of gladness, even in his final moments.

Esther Circle Bake Sale



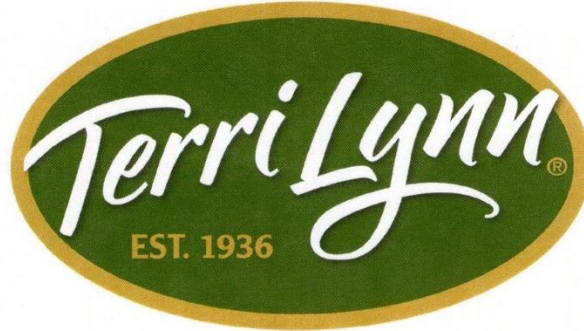
**Saturday, August 24th
9 am – 3 pm**

If You Love to Bake...

We Are Looking For
Pies, Mini Breads, Cookies, Brownies, Cakes,
Dog Treats, etc.

Please Label if Contains Nuts!

All Items Delivered at the Church
Friday August 23rd
2pm-5pm



Terri Lynn's Signature nuts, snack mixes, and chocolates are delicious on their own; but they also make great ingredients for your homemade, tasty creations.

Check out their recipes online and share them.

<https://www.terri Lynn.com/resources/recipes>



All profits are used to support local charities such as Ken -Ton Meals on Wheels, Local Church Food Pantries, Lutheran Bible Translators, Lutheran Hour Ministries plus many others. Please help us support them. Thank you!

Pilgrim Lutheran Church Terri Lynn's Webstore is
contactless, safe, and easy!!

<https://pilgrimesthercircle.terri Lynn.com>

Come Serve on the Church Council

NEW OFFICERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT – 2 YEAR TERM

RECORDING FINANICAL SECRETARY – 2 YEAR TERM

RECORDING SECRETARY – 2 YEAR TERM

If you are interested in any of these positions,
please see Pastor Walsh, Michael Wuerch,
Dianne Wuerch or Ruth Whitmer.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

As Written in Pilgrims Constitution

The President of the Congregation Shall

1. Act as the chief officer of the congregation and spokesperson for the congregation in secular matters that pertain to the congregation
2. Prepare an agenda for and preside at all Voters' Meetings
3. Enforce the Constitution and Bylaws of this congregation and carry out the expressed will of the congregation, coordinating functions, plans, and activities in the furtherance of the work of Christ's Kingdom.
4. Appoint ad hoc committee chairpersons and attend meetings of boards, committees, and groups in the congregation as desired
5. Vote at all Church Council meetings, and vote at the Voters' Meetings in case of a tie
6. Act in the absence of the Treasurer

B. The Vice-President shall

1. Carry out the functions of the President when the President is absent
2. Prepare an agenda for and preside at all meetings of the Church Council
3. Be the Parliamentarian at the Voters' Meetings
4. Be in charge of the periodic review of the Constitution and its Bylaws and prepare any amendments for Voters' Meetings
5. Vote at all Voters' Meetings, and vote at the Church Council meetings in case of a tie

The Secretary Shall

1. Record the minutes of all Voters' and Church Council meetings in a legible form, keep the attendance roster for the meetings, and keep these with the permanent records of the congregation.
2. Notify the members of the congregation of meetings
3. Prepare and issue all official correspondence from the congregation, including acknowledgements of memorials received
4. Keep a permanent record of the official acts of the church

The Financial Secretary Shall

1. Receive all monies contributed to the congregation, supervise its counting, deposit such monies and give a receipt of the monies to the Treasurer
2. Present a current financial report at all congregational and church council meetings
3. Distribute offering envelopes and financial reports
4. Work with the Pastor in the area of stewardship
5. Prepare and deliver weekly contribution reports to the Pastor
6. Keep weekly attendance and contribution records
7. Prepare and deliver quarterly tax receipts to the church's contributors

If you interested in being Nominated for any of one of these Elected Positions, please contact Paster Walsh or one of the following Church Council Members

President- Mike Wuerch	Secretary – Ruth Whitmer	Financial Secretary – Dianne Wuerch
Vice President – Sue Holway	Treasurer – Rhonda Mohr	Head Elder – Tyrone Bryant

BUFFALO ZONE LWML

Women in Mission

SCHOOL SUPPLIES REQUESTED: Glue & glue sticks, paper, notebook paper, scissors, pencil case, pencils, pink erasers, rulers, markers wide and pointed, colored pencils, folders, & Crayola crayons (24 count)

FOR THE CLASSROOM: Boxes of tissues, wipes, boxes of various sizes of storage bags used for projects, etc., colored construction paper or any other art/craft supplies. Stickers, package of copy paper, sturdy paint brushes, cleaning sponges, paper towels.

Teachers do purchase supplies for their classrooms from their own pocket.

INGATHERING: Our area is so fortunate to have Lutheran Schools. Our goal is to support children attending by purchasing backpacks for at least 2 children at school. Please consider helping us fill these backpacks with school supplies. All extra supplies will go to those classroom teachers.

Thank God for Lutheran Teachers!

**A Tote will be in the Back of Church to collect supplies until
Sunday August 11th**

2023–2025 Mission Grant #10

Set Apart To Serve

LCMS Office of Pastoral Education

About This Mission Grant

Set Apart to Serve is a Synod-wide initiative that focuses on forming and recruiting fulltime church workers to teach the saving faith to God's people. Since Christ provides workers for His church through His people, every congregation needs to talk intentionally to our youth and adults about church work to stimulate enrollment in Christian education, deaconess, director of parish music, director of family life, and seminary programs.

This grant will partially fund anticipated expenses of a broad, rigorously planned, and well-constructed, multi-year sustained effort across the LCMS to affect a positive, cultural change in the way church worker vocations are perceived. Prospective students will be encouraged and inspired to consider and prepare to serve the Church in lifelong professions that advance the Gospel both in the U.S. and abroad.



L: Acolytes extinguish the Paschal candle on Sunday, May 8, 2022, at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Palmer, Kan. LCMS

Communications/Erik M. Lunsford

R: The crucifer holds the processional cross at the opening Divine Service during the LCMS Lutherans in Black Ministry Family Convocation 2022 on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Mobile, Ala. LCMS Communications/Erik M. Lunsford



The Rev. Dr. James A. Baneck, executive director of LCMS Pastoral Ministry, speaks to a group touring the LCMS International Center in St. Louis on Thursday, July 7, 2022. LCMS Communications/Frank Kohn



Photographs from the Office of Vespers with the Distribution of Calls into the Holy Ministry on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, in Kramer Chapel at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. LCMS Communications/Erik M. Lunsford



IMPACTING PEOPLE RIGHT WHERE THEY ARE

What if every Christian saw his or her neighbor as a gift from God with gifts to share? How would that change how we view, interact with, and serve our neighbors?

During a time when people are searching for hope, community is more important than ever. LHM is answering the question, "How can I bring hope to my neighborhood?" We can use our individual gifts to make a real difference right where we are, among the neighbors we know and those we have not yet met but see every day.

If history is an indicator, God could use our good deeds to gain a hearing for the Gospel and, according to His will, draw our non-Christian neighbors to the faith. This concept is really nothing new for us at LHM. Gathering at the local level and building genuine relationships with people close to us have been in LHM's DNA since our inception more than a century ago. This 21st century approach brings people together while sharing the Gospel both in word and deed.

Understanding our giftedness and using those gifts to bless others can build strong connections with those around us. It is exciting to think about the impact of millions of Christians loving their neighbors. Together, we can make it a reality.

Impacting people right where they are is one of the three priorities for CONNECT, a bold initiative that supports LHM's vision for the future and Christ's call to reach the world with the hope of the Gospel. To learn more about CONNECT and how you can get involved, visit connectlhm.org



You don't have to visit the beach to make a sandcastle. Make fluffy "moon sand" to build fun structures.

What you need:

- Large bowl
- Wooden spoon
- 8 cups flour
- 1 cup baby oil



What you do:

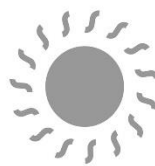
1. Measure flour into the large bowl. Add baby oil.
2. Mix thoroughly until all the oil is combined and the texture is consistent. If needed, use your hands to knead the mixture.
3. The sand is ready when it sticks together to form a ball when pressed in your hands.
4. Use sand toys and molds to create a sandcastle. Store sand in an airtight container for up to two weeks.



BY THE SEASHORE

The sea and its creatures are evidence of God's intention and purpose in creation.

Directions: Unscramble the words. Then copy the circled letters in order below to complete Psalm 104:24-25, NIV.



DASN
LHSELS
USN
ESEDAIS
BHECA
LALUBMER
WRTEA
FRUS
VWSEA





How many are your works, LORD!
In wisdom you made them ____;
the earth is full of your creatures.
There is the ____, vast and spacious,
teeming with _____ beyond number —
living things both large and small.
Psalm 104:24-25, NIV

Answers: sand, shells, sun, seaside, beach, umbrella, water, surf, waves, all, sea, creatures

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE
SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER IS AUGUST 24TH.**

Generous Support of CONNECT Has Allowed LHM to ...

- Develop a multitude of resources in partnership with Barna Group to help Christians strengthen their households, serve their community, and develop their God-given talents.
- Establish **The Hopeful Neighborhood Project** (HNP) as a collaborative network to improve neighborhood well-being. One of HNP's partner programs was named as Best Neighborhood Program at the Neighborhoods USA conference.
- Provide resources like devotions, topical booklets, online video Bible studies, online courses, and more to connect with people at any stage of their individual faith journeys.

Your Support CONNECTS LHM to People Like ...

Members of a community program group at The Restoration House in Knoxville, Tennessee. "Our goal is to help restore single mothers and their children back to God's good intent for their lives," says Carrie Pickell, volunteer engagement coordinator for The Restoration House. "We believe that God intended for us to live in community." When they learned about The Hopeful Neighborhood Project (HNP) from LHM, they knew it would be beneficial. They started with HNP's interactive lab, where they discovered their gifts, imagined the possibilities, and pursued the common good. Using this three-step process, they planned a 'Unity in the Community' event to bring women and children in the community together. "Our perspective shifted after the workshop," says Pickell. "We realized that we have a lot more to offer to our community than we realized."

