

### PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A Congregation in Mission, Community and Service

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

# **JULY 2024**

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SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY: 9:00 AM WORSHIP: 10:00 AM \*





# SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE JULY 2024

# (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

WEEKEND OF	July 6/7	July 13/14	July 20/21	July 27/28	
READER (Sat/Sun)	Ruth Whitmer/Donna Vogel	Rhonda Mohr/Kathy Farkas	Doreen Griebel/Mary Werth	Rhonda Mohr/Dianne Wuerch	
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\*\*\* IF YOU CANNOT SERVE ON THE DAY SCHEDULED, PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE ELDERS: TIM MCGUAN (716-418-5484), DAN GRIEBEL (716-259-9704) OR TYRONE BRYANT (716-544-8983). PLEASE ALSO NOTIFY AMBER TRIMMER OF ANY CHANGES SO THE WEEKLY BULLETIN IS ACCURATE. THANK YOU. \*\*\*



### A declaration of interdependence

"Dependence does not destroy human personality," writes Donald F. Baillie. Instead, people are "never so fully and so truly personal as when [they are] living in complete dependence upon God." Jesus modeled this type of living by depending completely on his heavenly Father.

In that light, let it be declared and hereby celebrated ...

- That all people everywhere depend on one another.
- That everyone needs everyone else for freedom, life, love and happiness.
- That all things in the natural order depend on everything else.
- That the Earth and all planets and stars are mutually dependent.
- That this universally shared dependence comes from God and is of God.
- And that each individual part of this relationship has its own role in fulfilling God's plan.



Abigail Size	Jul. 1
Stephen Gempko	Jul. 9
Violet Schober	Jul. 10
Delores Zeeb	Jul. 17
Sharon McGuan	Jul. 22



- Jul. 2 Rev. David & Margaret Walsh
- Jul. 12 Rod & Rhonda Mohr
- Jul. 18 Robert & Vi Schober
- Jul. 24 Greg & Diane Jakubowski
- Jul. 25 Jim & Kathy Rodgers

# ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Jul. 2 - Rev. David J. Walsh



### 2024 SUNDAY COUNTERS SCHEDULE Weekly Rotation

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

Date	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Lead Counter	Pastor Walsh celebration	Pioneer on the Lake Picnic	Carolyn Alessi	Jim Hartz
Counter	Counting on Monday 7/8 Dianne & Mike Wuerch	Counting on Monday 7/15 Dianne Wuerch & Sue H.	Kathy Farkas	Ruth Whitmer

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



Go to Pilgrims web site https://pilgrimkenmorelcms.org

**Click on green GIVE button!** 

# Or Download the App





Your Weekly/ Monthly Gifts/Offerings are very personal. There is no minimum (or maximum) gift and Pilgrim Lutheran Church does not place requirements or expectations on any of our members' giving.

What is taught throughout the Old and New Testaments encourages us to give a percentage of what we receive. Most frequently it is taught as a "tithe," which means 10%.

Begin by committing to regular giving, such as weekly or monthly. Both can be done at our Saturday and Sunday Services.

Then set the goal to grow in your generosity. Perhaps start with 2 or 3% for one year. Then as your faith grows, grow your giving by 1% per year.

# Offering Prayer

Father, As we lay before you our financial offering, we give you all that we are and everything that you have entrusted to us. Come bless these gifts for the sake of your Kingdom and glory. Amen.



**ESTHER CIRCLE** 

Our next meeting will be on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 p.m. at church. We will continue to discuss the book, "Joining Jesus on His Mission".

**REMINDER:** Dash's receipts go to Sue Holway; cancelled stamps with 1/2-inch border to Sharon McGuan and mites to Karen Smith. Thank you!

The Ladies Brunch on June 1<sup>st</sup> was a big success! Twenty-nine attended and enjoyed the fellowship, delicious food and the awesome, engaging entertainment from "The Ladies First Quartet". Thank you for attending and to the Esther Circle women for all their food donations and support. We collected \$60 and four bags of donations that went to the gathering for Concordia Missions in the Pittsburgh area to their outreach to nursing homes.

ANNOUNCEMENT: We are attempting to get the word out about the next movie, by Angel Studios Productions, coming to theaters July 4<sup>th</sup> – July 10th, called "Sound of Hope". It is a true story about the foster care system and how a small church in Possum Trot, Texas, made a difference! Angel Studios has produced other Christian faith-based movies such as "The Chosen", "The Shift" and "Canbrini".

Attendance at the theater viewings helps the ratings and interest level. We are looking at getting a group for Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, for the 3:20 pm show at the Elmwood Regal (women and men). If you can't make that time, I encourage you to attend another time and location that is better for you. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

In July we celebrate our nation. We thank God for this country and continue to thank Him for the freedoms we have. God Bless America!

**Carol Obot** 



Love's freedom

Love is the power to grant freedom without desiring to limit or inhibit its exercise. It is the power to give freedom without any will to take it back. And it is only omnipotence that can refrain absolutely from trespassing upon freedom. Only God can give and not take back ... [God] suffers within himself the entire consequence of allowing man absolute freedom. That is his love ....

Thus, the existence of evil and suffering in the world is a proof, not that God is either good but powerless, or all powerful but not good. On the contrary, it is a proof that God is both loving and omnipotent. Only absolute love could grant unhindered freedom, and only omnipotence can endure the operation of that freedom.

-D.R. Davies



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.terrilynn.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.terrilynn.com



A Voters Meeting was held on June 9<sup>th</sup> after the service. Bible studies are held on Sundays at 9 am and on Tuesdays at 6 pm. Everyone is encouraged to take part in these studies.

The Treasurer reported that giving is <u>below</u> budget. We need at least \$3,190 per week. Please remember to give for those weeks you didn't attend church and prayerfully consider increasing your giving. God gives us so many blessings and sees to our every need. Let us respond to His love for us by joyfully supporting His Church here on earth.

The AED and training for it (plus CPR) is currently pending. We hope to have more information soon.

Our Congregational Picnic will be held on July 14<sup>th</sup> at Camp Pioneer. Hot dogs and burgers will be provided. Sign-up sheets for bringing a side dish and carpooling are on the bulletin board at church.

Sharon McGuan and Margaret Walsh have been looking into Sunday School materials from Concordia. More information will be available soon.

We have a new company for repairing our lift. Our parking lot needs to be resealed. Our grounds are looking great thanks to Wes Wiers and Pilgrim's House & Grounds committee.

We welcomed three new members: Edward and Jeannie Walsh and Sarah Walsh, Pastor's parents and sister. Welcome to the Pilgrim family!

An updated Church Directory list for Pilgrim members is going to be compiled and made available to members. No deadline date is set for this. (Wouldn't it be nice to have an address for that birthday card you want to send?)

In January 2025, Pilgrim will need three new officers: President, Financial Secretary and Recording Secretary. All members in these positions have served two terms (4 years) and cannot serve in these positions next year, per Pilgrim's Constitution. (See flyer in this issue for more information about these positions.)

Our next meeting is set for September 15<sup>th</sup>. We adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

#### **DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS** As Written in Pilgrims Constitution

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#### 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



Come to Our Congregational Outreach Picnic, Sunday, July 14th

### Pioneer On the Lake, Angola, NY

We welcome all members and friends of Pilgrim to the Pioneer On the Lake Community Service which will begin at 11:00 a.m. and the congregational picnic which takes place immediately after the service at Pioneer/s Veterans' Pavilion. Free parking is available across the street from the camp entrance.

The service will be held at the Chapel in the Woods, weather permitting. If it is raining the service will take place indoors. There will be a greeter to direct you to the chapel.

There is a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board for bringing a potluck dish. There are also sign-up sheets if you need a ride, or can provide a ride. Directions to camp are also on the bulletin board. Please see the lists.

The church will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and buns and table service. Please bring your own beverage. Alcohol is not permitted for day events at the camp.

We hope to see everyone at the lake to worship, fellowship and have fun at Pioneer on the Lake.

Sharon McGuan

Pioneer is seeking Volunteer Gardeners Calling all Gardeners!

If you enjoy gardening and would like to do so in a beautiful setting on the lake, Pioneer on the Lake is asking for volunteers to come to camp on Tuesdays, July and August, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. You may come on your own, or as a group from church. Bring your gloves and small gardening tools. Pioneer has a shed with larger tools available for your use. When you arrive at camp, go to the registration house. Someone from Pioneer will greet you and help you get started. Bring your bag lunch to eat on chairs overlooking the lake. Pioneer provides the complimentary ice cream cone. If you are interested, please contact Sharon McGuan 716-803-3767. Sharon and Tim will be going to this event at least two Tuesdays a month. Let us know if you would like to come along! Or contact Sharon at <u>salmcg23@gmail.com</u> so she can notify camp staff to greet you.



### **Christian Education News**

**Adult Education** – Bible studies: We currently have two Bible classes at Pilgrim. Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Pastor Walsh is leading a class on the Book of Judges. We have learned much about this important time between the children of Israel's 40 years of traveling through the wilderness and the time of Israel's kings. On Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m., Pastor is leading a class on 1 Peter. We hope you can attend.

**Children's Education** – A small committee is looking into which series we will be using in the Fall. We are considering using *Enduring Faith* or *One In Christ*. Sunday school will be held one Sunday a month in the coming school year.

**Intergenerational Saturday Workshops –** The education committee is in the planning process to sponsor two Saturday Intergenerational Workshops during the coming school year. One idea is to sponsor an Advent workshop from 9:00 a.m. to noon, November 30<sup>th</sup>, the Saturday before the first Sunday in Advent. We will provide Advent devotions, a craft (either making an Advent wreath, or a Chrismon), songs and a lesson to prepare us for Advent. Perhaps the children attending might be asked to help decorate the fellowship hall for Advent. The second Intergenerational Saturday Workshop would either take place during the season of Epiphany, Lent or around the time of Ascension Day.

Sharon McGuan



of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 PETER 3:18



# RESPONDING TO A WORLD THAT NEEDS THE GOSPEL

"...so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another." - Romans 12:5 ESV

We live in a time of great opportunities:

- More than three billion people have yet to hear the saving message of Christ.
- Technology allows us to engage with each other more efficiently and effectively than at any other time in history, especially as people crave a relationship with God and each other.
- We can use our gifts to make a real difference right where we are, among real people we know and see every day. Our faith, put into action on a local level, can make an immediate and personal impact in our neighborhood and beyond.

How do we connect and share the hope of the Gospel with so many who have never heard the Name of Jesus? Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) believes we are called, equipped, and sent to CONNECT people with the Gospel yesterday, today, and into the future.

Building upon the success of the SENT Initiative that nearly tripled the number of times LHM reaches people with the Gospel each week, CONNECT is a crucial next step forward in achieving our shared mission that is fueled by the generous leadership and support of God's people like you! The urgency of the Gospel is real, and the time to act is now. CONNECT is a bold initiative to ignite a movement throughout the Christian church that empowers Christians to use their unique gifts for sharing the Gospel in word and deed.

"God has called each and every one of us to share the Gospel message in our lives, work, and families," says LHM CEO Kurt Buchholz. "What a special calling for all of us to CONNECT and welcome others into the Lord's family as we grow together as the body of Christ."

Under three key ministry priorities that connect people with the Gospel globally, through digital engagement, and right where they are, CONNECT supports LHM's vision for the future and Christ's call to reach the world with Christ's message of hope.

Learn more about how your generous gifts expand LHM's Gospel impact and how you can share this important work with members of your congregation by visiting <u>connectlhm.org</u>.

# 2023–2025 Mission Grant #9

# **Equipping Young Leaders**

# **LCMS Youth Ministry**

# **About This Mission Grant**

LCMS Youth Ministry faithfully leads, serves, provides resources, and networks with youth and adults working through LCMS districts and congregations — with Christ and His gifts at the heart and center of everything. The sponsored YouthLead program and Servant Events are designed to train young leaders and give them opportunities for service.

Offering YouthLead conferences regionally, piloting a new format of Servant Events to include leadership training, and increasing curriculums will offer service and leadership training to more teens and young adults. LCMS Youth Ministries wants to deepen their understanding of the needs of young people and the best practices for youth and young adult ministry. Survey results show the way to keep young people connected to the church is to give them chances to serve and lead. This grant will allow LCMS Youth Ministry to expand their current programs to equip young leaders.



One of the unique features of YouthLead is that the training is led by the Executive Team made up of young people elected by their peers. In this picture you see Executive Team member Ally leading her small group during training.



In October 2021 a Kansas regional YouthLead event where about 20 high school youth ministry leaders from around the state were trained. One of the many topics covered included "How to Write a Devotion". This event was a great test for future events.



Participants currently come from across the country for training. This is a great opportunity for young people to connect with other faithful teens. This grant would allow for the expansion of training to more young people by giving them additional opportunities to connect at a lower cost.





#### **† LWML Eastern District †** NEWS RELEASE June 16, 2024

On Friday, June 14, 2024, President Dee Grzyb opened the 40<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Eastern District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). One hundred twenty-four (124) delegates and guests participated in the convention June 14-16, 2024 held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Mars, Pennsylvania. The theme for this convention was "Rooted in Christ" based on the Bible verse, *Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving* (Colossians 2:6-7).

Delegates voted to approve a 2024-2026 Mission Goal of \$140,394, Mite Goal of \$65,000, and Grant Goal of \$32,500. Mission project grants for a total of \$33,989.53 (including the 2022-2024 overage of \$1,489.53) will be funded over the next two years. Projects to be funded in the following order include:

GRANT # H.	Request to construct a new well for clean water for The Olivia S. Washington Schools of Liberia. \$5,000 requested by LWML Member Beth Quinn, Philadelphia Zone.
GRANT # C.	Request to produce Braille and specialized Large Print Bibles and other Christian materials. \$5,000 requested by Shellie Knupp, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, N. Tonawanda, NY, Niagara Zone.
GRANT # A.	Funds are requested to purchase supplies for 50 Blessing Bags Ministry. \$2,000 requested by LWML Member Rebecca Bessell, St. Paul Lutheran Church & School, Hilton, NY, Genesee Zone.
GRANT # B.	Request to cover printing costs for 400 copies of "How Can I Understand?" for Southeast Asian Families (Lutheran Heritage Foundation). \$2,000 requested by Cathie Geske, Grace Lutheran Church, Hop Bottom, PA, Anthracite Zone
GRANT # E.	Request to replace the gym floor at the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Minot, ND campus. \$3,000 requested by LWML Member Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone.
GRANT # D.	Request for the repair/replacement of the air conditioner unit in the Tiemann Chapel at Pinnacle Lutheran Church, Rochester, NY. \$4,900 requested by LWML Katherine Ippolito, Genesee Zone.
GRANT # F.	Request to support monthly "Lunch and Learn" program at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Clarence, NY. \$3,550 requested by LWML Member Susan Tichy, Buffalo Zone.
GRANT # G.	Request to purchase sets, costumes and props for Glorify Performing Arts, West Chester, PA. \$2,500 requested by LWML Member Rebecca Futty, Philadelphia Zone.
	lso elected the following officers to four-year terms:

Vice President (VP) of Communication: Susan Morris, Philadelphia Zone Recording Secretary: Terry Hoffman, Niagara Zone Financial Secretary: Beth Scholl, Central NY-North Zone Pastoral Counselor: Rev. Michael Dobler, Niagara Zone

The newly elected officers will serve with previously elected officers of the Executive Committee: President Dee Grzyb, VP of Christian Life/Special Focus Linda Bahr, VP of Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources Susan Bell, Treasurer Cindy Cwynar, and Pastoral Counselor Rev. Carl Emberger.



Why do stars appear to twinkle? Try this experiment to find out!

#### What you need:

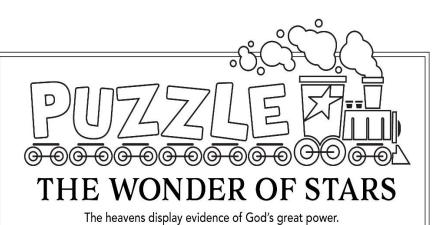
- Aluminum foil
- Large glass bowl
- Water
- Flashlight



#### What you do:

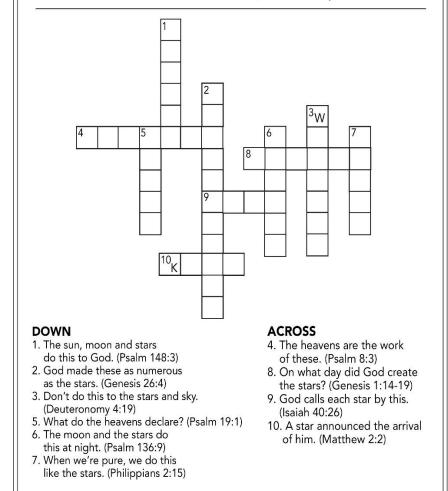
- 1. Crumple the foil into a ball. Carefully unfold it and lay it flat on the ground.
- 2. Fill the bowl with water and place it on the foil.
- 3. Turn off the lights and make the room as dark as possible. Shine the flashlight about 1 foot from the water's undisturbed surface. Light will reflect onto the foil.
- 4. Then tap your finger on the water's surface. As the water moves, what happens to the light on the foil?
- 5. This flickering simulates scintillation, which happens when starlight enters Earth's atmosphere. As light passes through layers of gas and water, it refracts and appears to twinkle.





What else does the Bible say about the sky?

Directions: Use the clues and Bible references (all NIV) to complete the crossword.



Answers: DOWN: 1. praise, 2. descendants, 3. worship, 5. glory, 6. govern, 7. shine; ACROSS: 4. fingers, 8. fourth, 9. name, 10. king

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER IS JULY 24<sup>TH</sup>.