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PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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The Holy Spirit Descends on Pentecost



The Ascension challenge

Ever wonder what it might have been like to be a disciple when Jesus ascended into heaven? He gave them the monumental task of making disciples of all the world. Plus, they'd have to do it without relying on Jesus' physical presence, as they had until then. Were the disciples overwhelmed, uncertain, afraid?

Maybe, yet they went on to spread the gospel throughout the world nonetheless. They rose to the challenge because they fixed their gaze above as they watched Jesus disappear into the clouds.

When we follow that example, offering ourselves as willing servants and keeping our eyes trained on Jesus instead of our circumstances, there's no limit to what God can accomplish through us.

Ascension Day

Forty days after each Easter, many Christians around the world celebrate the Ascension. It's the day when the resurrected Jesus was raised up from the earth into heaven. The Ascension is the prelude to Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon a gathering of people, including the apostles, in Jerusalem.

The Ascension is more important than many Christians realize. In his human body, Christ could be in only one place at a time. The risen Christ, however, can be spiritually present in any place at any time.

Ruth — a Pentecost story?

The disciples were celebrating Pentecost, originally a Jewish festival, when the Holy Spirit descended on them and birthed the church. Pentecost, which began as a harvest festival, had come to commemorate the giving of the law. The book of Ruth became integral to festival worship.

Why Ruth? This short story doesn't mention the law, let alone God giving it to Moses. Yet in Ruth's devotion to her mother-in-law ("Where you go I will go Your people will be my people ..." [Ruth 1:16, NIV]), she fulfills not just the letter but the spirit of the law: loving kindness — all the more remarkable because she's a foreigner. Boaz, too, demonstrates exorbitant kindness to Ruth.

As Christians celebrate the Spirit bridging differences in Jerusalem, uniting all nationalities by making the gospel message intelligible to all people, we too can remember Ruth's story. For in it, God unites two enemy peoples for his grand purpose: Boaz and Ruth's marriage leads to King David and, ultimately, to King Jesus. Today, the Holy Spirit continues to unite all categories of people under Christ's reign for the good of the world.

Always with us

Forty days after Easter, we celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven. This occurred 10 days before Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' followers, as he had promised.

Jesus' ascension reminds Christians that although his body couldn't remain present everywhere, we can universally experience his spiritual presence. In fact, Jesus' final words to his disciples — and to us — contain this key promise: "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20, ESV).



SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

MAY 2024

WEEKEND OF	May 4-5	May 11-12	May 18-19	May 25-26	
READER	Ruth Whitmer/Mary Werth	Rhonda Mohr/Sue Holway	Doreen Griebel/Tegwanda Alford	Rhonda Mohr/Dianne Wuerch	
USHER	Eric Fellner/Melody Keef	Mike Wuerch/Dianne Wuerch	Jim Hartz/Dooley O'Rourke	Tegwanda Alford/Tyrone Bryant	
COMMUNION ASSISTANT (Sun)	George Alessi	Eric Fellner	Mike Wuerch	Dan Griebel	



Expanded lives

In a fascinating, kid-friendly science experiment, a bar of Ivory soap heated in a microwave writhes and expands into a unique, billowy shape. The change is due to Charles' Law, which describes how a gas, such as that contained in pockets inside a bar of Ivory, expands as its temperature increases. The soap can still be used as normal, though it's now fragile and flaky.

When the Holy Spirit enters us, we expand as well. Our Spirit-enlarged lives may seem misshapen to some, no longer conforming to the world's expectations. But our uniqueness reflects the creativity of our Triune God, who reveals himself to people in many different ways.

Our hearts expand and soften too, opening to other people's needs and concerns, while our God-created purpose remains: to be a force of love and care — of cleansing and renewal — in the world.



2024 SUNDAY COUNTERS SCHEDULE
Weekly Rotation

Date	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Lead Counter	Mike Wuerch	Jim Hartz	Dianne Wuerch	Carolyn Alessi
Counter	Dolores Zeeb	Sue Holway Dianne Wuerch	Kathy Kornacki	Janice Vogel

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



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Carolyn Alessi

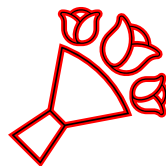
May 8

Tyrone Bryant

May 9

Jim Miller

May 16



May 2

John & Donna Vogel



A man's dog is missing, and he is frantic. His wife says, "Why don't you put an ad in the paper?" He does, but two weeks later the dog is still missing. "What did you put in the paper?" his wife asks. "Here boy!" he replies.

A man went to the vet with his goldfish. "I think it's got epilepsy," he told the vet. The vet took a look and said, "It seems calm enough to me." The man said, "Wait, I haven't taken him out of the bowl yet."

I went to the bank and said to the teller that I'd like to check my balance. So, she pushed me.

Patrol Cop: Have you seen the state of your rear lights?

Driver: Never mind my rear lights, where is my camper???



ESTHER CIRCLE

Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 13th, at 12:30 p.m. at church. All women of Pilgrim are welcome to attend. After a business meeting, we will continue with our book study.

REMINDER! Dash's receipts go to Sue Holway; cancelled stamps to Sharon McGuan and mites (loose change) to Karen Smith. Thank you for your continued support for this mission outreach.

The Esther Circle will be hosting a catered "Ladies Brunch" on Saturday, June 1st. Time 10 a.m. We will be having the Sweet Adeline Barbershop Quartet, "LADIES FIRST" perform. ALL ladies from Pilgrim Church are welcome to attend! A flyer and sign-up sheet will be posted on the board. Please RSVP by Sunday, May 19th. (See flyer in this issue.)

As we admire the beauty of Spring, the colorful flowers, the trees full of leaves and the warmer weather, let us give thanks to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen!

Carol Obot



The LWML Eastern District will be celebrating their 40th Biennial Convention on June 14 - 16, in Mars, PA. "Rooted In Christ", based on Colossians 2:6-7, will be the theme of our convention worship, Bible study and deliberations. The important business of this convention is to select District officers and Mission Grants for the next biennium. We pray all will be done to God's glory. Pilgrim members planning to attend are Carol Obot, Sharon McGuan, Tim McGuan, Pastor Walsh and Buffalo Zone's Young Woman Representative to the convention, Margaret Walsh. We pray all attending will be blessed.

Thank you to everyone at Pilgrim who supports the Esther Circle and LWML through your prayers and Mites!

Esther Circle is Hosting
**Ladies of Pilgrim Brunch with
Entertainment**

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED!

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PLEASE SIGN-UP/RSVP BY MAY 19TH
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Saturday, June 1st

44 Chapel Road, Kenmore, NY - Fellowship Hall

Arrive at 10:00 am

Brunch Served at 10:30 am

Entertainment By:

Ladies First Quartet

Sweet Adeline's Barbershop Quartet



Like our Facebook page at "Ladies First Quartet"

Join us for fun, interactive singing entertainment where you can learn about barbershop, sing along, and enjoy listening to songs you know and love in 4-part harmony. Bonnie is a member of First Trinity and Sharon is from St Paul Batavia.

**Attendees are asked to bring Monetary Donations or
articles requested by Concordia Ministries to assist
their nursing home residents.**

**Kleenex, ChapSticks, Word Search Puzzles &
100-Piece Puzzles.**



On Sunday, May 12th Pilgrim will celebrate the final lesson in the God's Living Water series. Thank you to all the children and adults who participated in the lessons, attended the worship services and read the devotional books. We pray you have been strengthened in God's Word and gained new insights into God's use of water as an instrument of His grace.

Our final lesson, "Thousands Believe In Jesus" will show us the connection between the events that took place on Pentecost and water, Spirit and God's Word. We hope you will attend either the adult Bible class, or Children's Sunday school at 9:00 am. Worship with VBS video will follow at 10:00. Pastor Walsh will lead the adult class in the Fellowship Hall and Margaret Walsh will teach the children's lesson in the Sunday school room. We welcome Margaret as a Sunday school teacher! Fellowship will follow the worship service.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR SOUTH SUDAN

Pilgrim is collecting Tee Shirts to send to war torn South Sudan. Thank you for the shirts that have already been collected. We will be collecting shirts through the month of May. Tee shirts may be new, or gently used, in children's or adult sizes. Please **do not** donate light weight, white tees, or tees with flags, political or religious symbols. Thank you for sharing with those in need in South Sudan.

"Truly, I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for Me." Matthew 25:40

**PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRESENTS:**



May 17th 6pm-8pm

**Please feel free to bring a game and/or
a snack to share.**



SAVE THE DATE - IT'S PICNIC TIME!

The newly created Activity Committee is planning a Congregational Picnic on Sunday, July 14th, at Pioneer on the Lake in Angola, NY. We welcome everyone to attend. The event will begin with worship at 11:00 am in the Chapel In the Woods overlooking beautiful Lake Erie. A picnic will follow at Veterans' Pavilion. The pavilion overlooks the lake and is near Hickman Hall facilities. The congregation will have the use of camp facilities for the afternoon. We will be asking for help with worship, food prep and some games. More details to follow in the June newsletter and church bulletin.

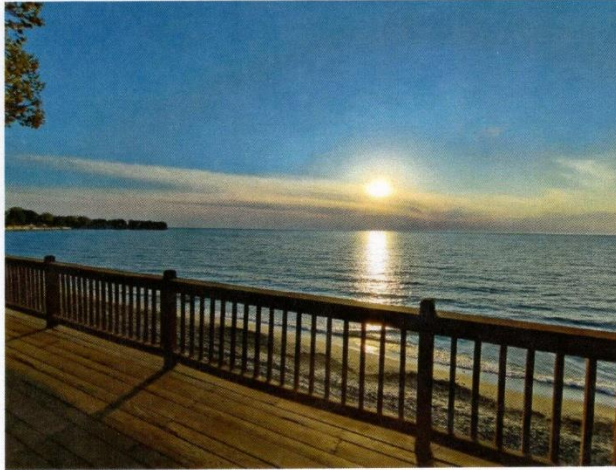


CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

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 beginning May 21st from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring your gloves and small gardening tools. Pioneer has a shed of larger tools. When you arrive at camp, go to the registration house. Tom a staff member at Pioneer will greet you and help you get started. Bring your bag lunch to eat on chairs overlooking the lake. Contact Sharon McGuan if you are interested. salmcg23@gmail.com.

Esther Circle Outreach 2024 – Friends of Pioneer

PIONEER ON THE LAKE CHRISTAIN CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

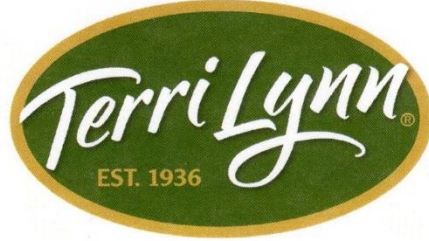


Pioneer on the lake is a premier Christian camp and retreat center on the beautiful shores of Lake Erie in Angola, NY. We are dedicated to offering you a unique experience in the beauty of God's creation where you can meet with God, grow in your relationship to others and leave refreshed and prepared to serve.

"Fixing our eyes on Jesus the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith ..."

Hebrews 12:2

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Upheld by God's Hand, Mental Health Outreach

LCMS Life Ministry

About This Mission Grant

Millions of people in the United States are suffering with mental illness and disorders. There is a tremendous need and opportunity for Lutheran outreach to help these people and their family members cope with mental illnesses.

Research validates that people seeking help for mental disorders might be more likely to consult a pastor than a clinical therapist or psychologist. Pastors, church workers, and lay leaders must be prepared to address the mental health and illness issues that members of the congregation and those outside the church may bring to them.

The LCMS Task Force for Mental Illness, Health, and Wellness is coordinating with LCMS Life Ministry to develop and publish materials and resources to provide training for church workers and lay leaders related to mental health outreach and spiritual care. This grant will support the development of these materials.



The body of Christ cares for all people, supporting mental wellbeing.



Commissioned church workers point people experiencing anxiety and depression to Christ as the source of hope.



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THRED is a ministry of LHM empowering Christians like you to integrate your faith into digital spaces.

a fun Flower Frog

A flower frog sits atop a vase to help arrange flowers and hold stems in place. This personalized frog will become a favorite!

What you need:

- Air-dry clay
- Roller
- Vase (or jar)
- Plastic knife
- Straw
- Acrylic paint and brushes



What you do:

1. Roll out a portion of clay to about ½-inch thickness.
2. Cut out a circle that's slightly larger than the vase opening. (This will allow the finished frog to sit securely on top.)
3. To make holes for stems, use a straw to punch out circle shapes. If you make more than one frog, try arranging the holes in different patterns.
4. Let dry completely. Then personalize your work with acrylic paint.
5. When dry, place the frog atop the vase. Arrange flowers and greenery to make a Mother's Day bouquet.



PUZZLE

UNFADING BEAUTY

Peter says beauty shouldn't come from outward adornment.
How does a godly woman adorn herself on the inside?

*Directions: From each list, write the word that doesn't belong.
Then insert the circled letters in order below to complete 1 Peter 3:4, NIV.*

flower, stem, bee, leaf

— ○ —

pink, red, yellow, blue

— — ○ —

mother, sister, brother, aunt

— — — — ○ — — — —

purple, dress, skirt, blouse

— — — — ○ ○ — —

necklace, ring, bracelet, braid

— — — — ○ — — —

diamond, emerald, heart, ruby

— — — — ○ — — —

orange, cherry, potato, kiwi

— — — — ○ — — —

my, our, she, your

○ — — — —

faith, family, love, hope

— — — — ○ — — —

sunny, rainy, snowy, temperature

— — — — — — — — ○ — — — —

cookie, cake, pie, sandwich

— — — — — — — — ○ — — — —

silver, white, gold, bronze

— — — — — — — — ○ — — — —

"Rather, it should be that of your inner self,
the unfading beauty of a g _____
and qu _____ p _____, which is
of great worth in God's sight." 1 Peter 3:4, NIV

Answers: bee, pink, brother, purple, bracelet, heart, braid, necklace, she, family, potato, kiwi, hope, temperature, sandwich, quiet, spirit

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE
JUNE NEWSLETTER IS MAY 24TH.**