



PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A Congregation in Mission, Community and Service

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

SEPTEMBER 2024

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SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM

EDITOR: Mary Werth

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: 6:00 PM

ASSOC. EDITOR:

WORSHIP: 10:00 AM



The gift of work



Missionary and author Elisabeth Elliot considered work a gift and a blessing. Ponder the following quotes of hers as you celebrate Labor Day. How do they mesh with your own views of work?

“This job has been given to me to do. Therefore, it is a gift. Therefore, it is a privilege. Therefore, it is an offering I may make to God. Therefore, it is to be done gladly, if it is done for him. Here, not somewhere else, I may learn God’s way. In this job, not in some other, God looks for faithfulness.”

“Work is a blessing. God has so arranged the world that work is necessary, and he gives us hands and strength to do it. The enjoyment of leisure would be nothing if we had only leisure. It is the joy of work well done that enables us to enjoy rest, just as it is the experiences of hunger and thirst that make food and drink such pleasures.

Second fiddle

A fan once asked conductor Leonard Bernstein what instrument is hardest to play. “Second fiddle,” he quickly replied. “I can always get plenty of first violinists, but to find one who plays second violin with as much enthusiasm ... now that’s a problem. And yet if no one plays second, we have no harmony.”

The church certainly needs both leaders and followers. And everyone should be flexible and ready to pivot quickly.

It’s also important to have other arrows in our quiver — something biblical figures often demonstrated, according to Pastor Frank Ramirez. Although Amos was a high-profile prophet, he probably intended to return to being a shepherd and tending sycamore trees. Nehemiah, the emperor’s cupbearer, had a second chapter helping to restore Jerusalem’s walls and greatness. The apostles also had multiple roles, with careers in fishing and tax collecting before they left to follow Jesus.

What might your next life-chapter look like? How can you use it to bring glory to God?

The significance of Patriot Day

Three months after the 2001 terrorist attacks, Congress approved a joint resolution designating September 11 as Patriot Day. Every year, we pause to remember the lives lost and changed on that autumn morning.

The resolution requests that each year the president issue a proclamation calling on the American people and state and local governments to observe the day with appropriate activities. Those include remembrance services, candlelight vigils, moments of silence and flying the U.S. flag at half-staff.

In his 2023 proclamation President Biden said, “Together, may we continue to demonstrate that the rights and freedoms that those terrorists sought to destroy on September 11, 2001, remain unwavering — strengthened by generations of Americans who have dared all and risked all to defend, protect and preserve our democracy.”



SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2024

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

WEEKEND OF	Aug. 31/Sep 1	Sep. 7-8	Sep. 14-15	Sep. 21-22	Sep. 28-29
READER (Sat/Sun)	Ruth Whitmer/Tim McGuan	Ruth Whitmer/Carolyn Alessi	Rhonda Mohr/Donna Vogel	Ruth Whitmer/Richard Loster	Doreen Griebel/Sue Holway
USHERS	Mike and Dianne Wuerch	Dooley O'Rourke/Melody Keef	Ed Walsh/Eric Fellner	Eric Fellner/Melody Keef	Ed Walsh/Jim Hartz
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Ed Walsh	George Alessi	Jim Hartz	Mike Wuerch	Eric Fellner

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

An abundance of gifts

In 2022, people set some amazing Guinness World Records. A Nebraska man paddled more than 37 miles in a hollowed-out pumpkin boat. A Vermont teen wearing 4-inch heels walked more than 600 feet across a tightrope. And an Oregon man found and alphabetized all 26 letters in a can of alphabet soup in 2 minutes and 8.6 seconds. (The toughest part, he says, is distinguishing subtle differences between letters such as M and W.)

Your talents might not earn you any world records, but they certainly can grow faith and change lives. Whether you're good at teaching, singing, writing, cooking or accounting, the church can put those skills to productive use. Romans 12 lists many more qualities you may not realize are spiritual gifts: graciousness, serving, generosity, acts of mercy, loving and honoring others, extending hospitality, rejoicing and weeping with people, making peace.

You might not be able to outperform the alphabet soup record. But God abundantly blesses each of us to "outdo one another in showing honor" (Romans 12:10, ESV) and in sharing his love.

—Stephanie Martin



2024 SUNDAY COUNTERS SCHEDULE Weekly Rotation

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

Date	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Lead Counter	Jim Hartz	Sue Holway	Dianne Wuerch	Carolyn Alessi	Mike Wuerch
Counter	Ruth Whitmer	Janice Vogel	Kathy Kornacki	Kathy Farkas	Dolores Zeeb

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



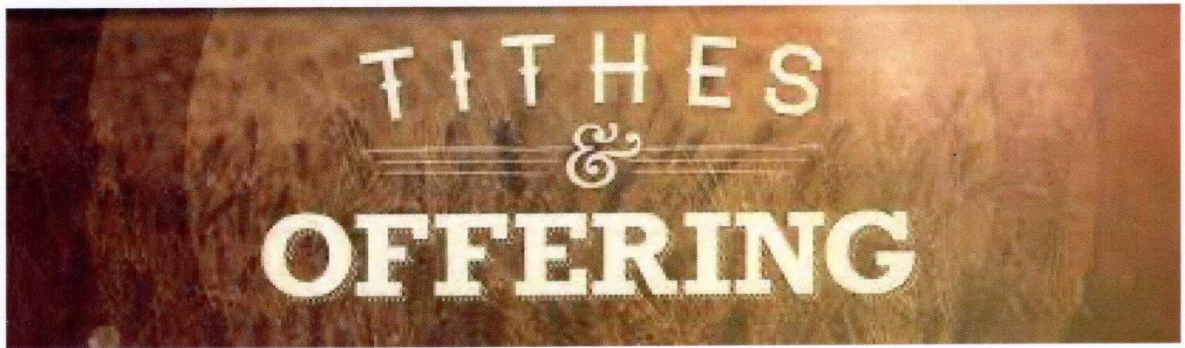
Tithe.ly

Go to Pilgrims web site -
<https://pilgrimkenmorelcms.org>

Or Download the App

Click on green GIVE button!





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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Aubrey Trimmer

Sept. 4

Nancy Loster

Sept. 7

Lee Fellner

Sept. 13

Cheryl Miller

Sept. 16

(IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR BIRTHDAY/WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN THE NEWSLETTER,
PLEASE LET MARY WERTH KNOW. PHONE - 716-534-6922 OR EMAIL
madragon99@yahoo.com. THANK YOU.)



Why was the arithmetic book so sad?

It had too many problems.

What school supply is in charge of the classroom?

The ruler

What does the English teacher make for breakfast?

Synonym rolls

Why doesn't the school library have a clock?

It tocks too much.

What is the blackboard's favorite drink?

Hot chalk-olate



ESTHER CIRCLE

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, September 9th, at 12:30 P.M. at church. All women of Pilgrim are welcome to attend. We will be discussing the Terri Lynn nut & candy sale fundraiser and a women's breakfast for the Fall. After the business meeting we will be concluding our study on the book JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION by Greg Finke. Think about what this book is saying and how the Esther Circle can apply what is stated in the book. Let's see how we can put the words into action!

Thank you to all who donated school supplies for our local Lutheran schools. These items were gathered at the Buffalo LWML Zone picnic last month and given out to the school contacts. The schools were appreciative of all your support! The Bake Sale last month was a huge success! Thanks to all who helped and donated baked goods.

We are in need of volunteers to step forward and host the fellowship after Sunday service. Please sign up on the board near the entrance of the sanctuary. This helps us know that this is covered. Thank you!

REMINDER: Dash's receipts go to Sue Holway; cancelled stamps with a 1/2" border to Sharon McGuan; and mites (loose change) to Karen Smith. There is also a drop box for mites at the back of the sanctuary. All these collections help support mission projects.

September is the beginning of Autumn – a time of God's colorful & awesome natural beauty. Take time to appreciate the breathtaking scenery of the outdoor views. God Bless!

Carol Obot



Buffalo Zone LWML sends a huge THANK YOU! to everyone who brought in school supplies for our Picnic Ingathering. Kathy Fretthold, Superintendent of Eastern District LCMS Schools, thanked everyone on behalf of the five Lutheran Schools in our area that received the supplies. All the schools expressed their gratitude and want to assure you the supplies will be put to good use. Thank you, members of Pilgrim!



We are so excited to share with you Pilgrim's monthly Sunday school program for the 2024-2025 school year. Our lessons will come from Concordia's *Enduring Faith* Curriculum, Unit 7, *Jesus Comes For Us*. Our first Sunday School Celebration will be on September 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The Lesson, *His Father's House* will be based on Luke 2 and the account of Jesus traveling to Jerusalem, going to His Father's House, where He talked with the scribes and teachers who were amazed at His understanding. We hope each of us attending will remember how blessed we are to learn and worship in our Father's House. We look forward to seeing our incredibly special children that Sunday.

Pumpkin Spice is BACK!

Our new seasonal favorite Pumpkin Spice Pecans is back for the fall fundraising season.

**We make a limited supply of this fast-selling product.
Order yours today!**



FEATURED PRODUCTS

Labor Day Snacking?

We've got you covered.



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

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Come Serve on the Church Council

NEW OFFICERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT – 2 YEAR TERM

RECORDING FINANCIAL 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

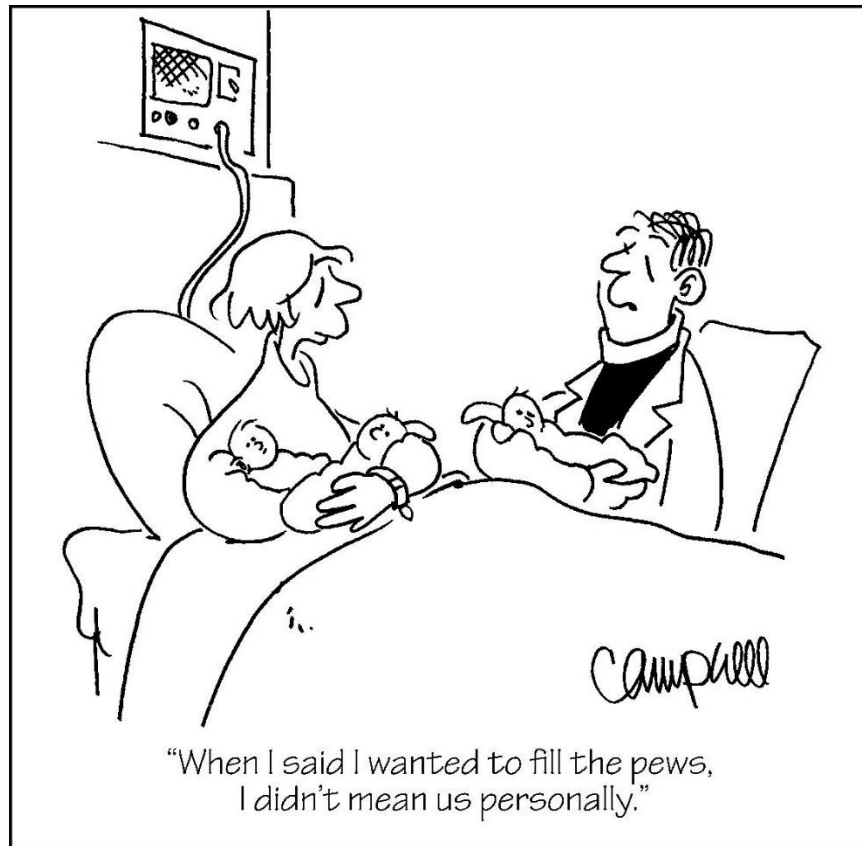
1. Record the minutes of all Voters' and Church Council meetings in a legible form, keep the attendance roster for the meetings, and keep these with the permanent records of the congregation.
2. Notify the members of the congregation of meetings
3. Prepare and issue all official correspondence from the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



2023–2025 Mission Grant #11

Lutheran Women in Mission Finish the Job

Ministry in Mission, Haiti

About This Mission Grant

Ministry in Mission has been working in Haiti for 15 years with the leadership of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti to meet the needs of people as they respond to devastating hurricanes and political unrest. An earthquake in 2021 destroyed many churches and work was begun to rebuild the churches. Currently the churches are open for worship as work continues. The necessary materials are in the country to finish floors, repair electrical work, install toilets, and complete furnishings.

This grant will help purchase other needed supplies to finish the restoration work. Ministry in Mission and the Lutheran Church of Haiti also continue to care for the spiritual and physical needs of the people at the Center of Refuge Orphanage and The Jacamel Lutheran Home for the elderly.



This church in Carrefour Declos was damaged in 2017 by Hurricane Matthew. Ministry in Motion repaired it and put on a sturdy roof. In 2021 the earthquake destroyed it again. Ministry in Motion was able to salvage the roof but the entire structure including the foundation was not viable. Ministry in Motion rebuilt the church but did not have enough money to finish the floor and bathroom.



Young children are waiting for the distribution of food. This program runs twice weekly. It is for younger children unable to attend school because the family is too poor. It is likely this is the only meal these children get for the week. They bring their own bowls and forks or spoons if they have them.



The Center of Refuge orphanage is located on the same property as the Jacmel Lutheran Home for the elderly. These are the orphans that reside there. During the pandemic volunteers from the US made masks for the children.

Sharing the Good News Across Africa and the Middle East

For decades, LHM has proclaimed the Gospel to the world through a unique ministry model that identifies and equips local laypeople to build their presence and impact using specific strategies and tactics contextual to the culture and language in which they serve. LHM staff and volunteers throughout Africa and the Middle East are offering a variety of programs to address the particular issues that people there are facing and establish ongoing personal relationships to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.



LHM—Cameroon recently celebrated the milestone of its tenth graduating class of participants from their successful Divine Sewing School. Initiated in 2013, this holistic program transforms young women's skills-and lives-by training students on proven, marketable skills. The young women learn how to dye cloth, create and cut clothing patterns, sew, and custom tailor their creations so they can financially support themselves upon graduating from the program. The Divine Sewing School attracts participants from a variety of faith backgrounds who are not only from Cameroon, but also resettled young women from Chad and the Central African Republic. The relationships established during this long-term course help LHM staff and volunteers share their faith as trusted friends to these young women.

LHM's partnership with the SAT-7 satellite network continues with the February launch of a fifth season of Arabic-language programming. The new program, titled *Catalyst*, engages young adults from more than 20 countries throughout the Middle East and North Africa by

fostering dialogue about topical issues relevant to the people living there.

"The aim of the program is to help young people change their lives for the better," says the producer for *Catalyst*. "Its fast-paced, multi-segment episodes achieve this by applying the Bible's wisdom to their everyday struggles."

Youth were consulted in identifying the program topics to ensure they are relevant for the intended audience, and the style of the content has been developed to include interesting videos and captivating graphics. The four co-hosts discuss the selected topics for each episode, and small, informal groups of young adults are then invited to participate in an active debate about the content. Largely unscripted, these discussions stimulate conversation and serve as a "catalyst" to encourage the audience to engage with trained evangelists who are staffing social media pages and response centers to answer questions and share more information about Christ's love. The program airs five times a week for 26 weeks and is already ranked among the top three most popular Arabic programs.

Millions of people in the Middle East and North Africa are also reading LHM's inspiring messages and watching our topical video content across four social media sites. Over the past several years, nearly 1.5 million people from throughout the region have responded by subscribing to these pages, where they are gently led towards spiritual conversations. LHM staff has had conversations with tens of thousands of these individuals where they shared the message of God's hope and love for their lives. One of the pages just surpassed one million unique followers.

LHM—Kenya is reaching new audiences with the Gospel message. Multiple film screenings over the past few months have attracted more than 2,000 people. At one of these events, a young man in his twenties who is an atheist admitted that he only attended the screening of the *Jesus Film* so he could engage others in debate about their beliefs. But as Charles watched the film, seeing the miracles and sacrifice of Jesus touched him profoundly. His mother had longed for him to join the Christian faith, but he had repeatedly resisted. After the film, he sought her out to reconcile, began reading the Bible, and the Holy Spirit opened his heart to faith. Today, he is active in the Christian community of his local village and is enrolled in the **Bible Correspondence Courses** offered through LHM—Kenya.

"I thank God for bringing your team here to show me how He can reach a person anytime and anywhere," says Charles. "The message shared through your film has changed my life."

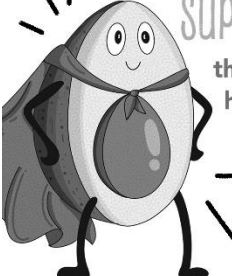
A new Kenyan radio drama series offered in two languages (Swahili and the local Sheng dialect) is now airing on two FM stations. The program reaches an estimated audience of around 700,000 in a high-density slum area of Nairobi. At the end of each broadcast, listeners are encouraged to call LHM staff and volunteers to learn more about what was shared on the program. This leads to additional opportunities to share God's Word with respondents.

a Brainy breakfast

Add a smart start to your school day with


superfoods

that promote a healthy body and mind.



What you need:

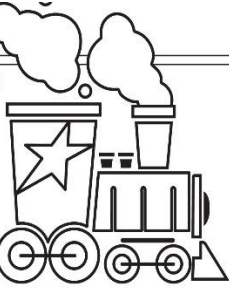
- Large bowl
- 1 medium avocado
- 3 hard-boiled eggs
- Salt
- Whole wheat toast
- Pumpkin seeds, chopped
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Mash the avocado in the bowl.
2. Chop the eggs into cubes and add to the bowl.
3. Add salt to taste. Mix well.
4. Spread over two pieces of toast. Top with chopped pumpkin seeds.
5. Adjust this recipe with your favorite flavors. Add herbs, "everything bagel" seasoning or hot sauce.
6. Refrigerate leftovers in an airtight container.

PUZZLE



AMAZING ILLUMINATION


God grants us knowledge and understanding through his holy Word, which is like a flashlight.

Directions: Arrange the words from Psalm 119:105 (NIV) in order. Then unscramble the circled letters to complete James 1:5 (NIV).

PATH IS LIGHT WORD
YOUR A FEET
MY FOR LAMP A ON MY

Psalm 119:105, NIV

If any of you lacks _____, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. James 1:5, NIV



Answer: Your word is a lamp for my feet; a light on my path; wisdom

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER IS SEPTEMBER 23RD.