

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK - Second Sunday in Lent - March 8, 2020

Altar Guild: Maureen Johnson, Pat Frazier † **Assisting Minister:** Carl Lozy †
Ushers: Scott Chappelle, Joanne Gunning, *Volunteers Needed* † **Acolyte:** Emily Morales † **Reader:** Donald Williams † **Communion Assistants:** Cindy Cote, Dawn Pare, *Volunteers Needed* † **Bread Baker:** Joanne Lozy

SERVING NEXT WEEK - Third Sunday in Lent - March 15, 2020

Altar Guild: Joanne Lozy, Susan Simundson † **Assisting Minister:** *Volunteer Needed* † **Ushers:** Scott Chappelle, Joanne Gunning, *Volunteers Needed* † **Acolyte:** Sloan Hogan † **Reader:** Susan Simundson † **Communion Assistants:** Cindy Cote, *Volunteers Needed*

THIS WEEK AT PILGRIM

Today	3/8	8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
		10:30 a.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
Monday	3/9	10:00 a.m.	AA Meeting
		1:00 p.m.	Special Worship Team meeting
		2:00 p.m.	Small Group Transition Meeting
		7:00 p.m.	Small Group Transition Meeting
		7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting
Tuesday	3/10	10:00 a.m.	AA Meeting
		6:30 p.m.	Confirmation - Service
Wednesday	3/11	10:00 a.m.	AA Meeting
		10:00 a.m.	Food Pantry
		7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	3/12	10:00 a.m.	AA Meeting
		7:00 p.m.	Everyday Spirituality Study
Friday	3/13	10:00 a.m.	AA Meeting
		7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting
Saturday	3/14	9a.m.-4p.m.	Forward Leadership Team Seminar in Sturbridge, Mass.

Small Group Transition Meetings

Please join us for one of our small group transition meetings. These conversations are a key piece of our transition, a way for you to share your thoughts and concerns with your Pilgrim church family, and have a voice in the process. Folks who have attended previous meetings have found them meaningful and helpful.

There is still room available in most of the meeting dates, including two opportunities this Monday, March 9th – when we will gather at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. If you are able to join us, please email Pastor Maria at pastormhammons@gmail.com or call the office at 401-739-2937. Or just come on in if you have a last minute opening on your calendar!

Easter Memorial Garden



The Altar Guild is accepting contributions for the **Easter Memorial Garden**. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please fill out an envelope (in clear print), enclose your freewill contribution, and place it in the collection plate. You may also send your envelope to the church office to the attention of the Altar Guild. Easter Memorial Garden envelopes can be found on the table in the narthex.

The Easter Memorial Garden will decorate our main sanctuary on Easter Sunday in loving remembrance of those who share in the Easter victory. All Easter Memorial Garden envelopes **MUST** be received **no later than Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020**.

2020 Diane Fish Memorial Scholarship

Applications are available for the 2020 Diane Fish Memorial Scholarship. They are placed in the brochure case directly across from the church office as well as Pilgrim's website at: www.pilgrimlutheranri.org. The completed application must be placed in the Pilgrim Lutheran Church Altar Guild's mailbox, in the church office, by **Friday, May 1, at noon**. The scholarship of up to \$1000 will be granted for expenses related to full-time undergraduate study or for adult continuing education. Qualifications are noted in the application. Questions may be directed to Donald Williams at 401-783-2316 or email dnld2020@gmail.com.



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

Gloria Burke, Scott Chappelle, Bill Eisemann, Joan Eisemann, Dick Hamblin, Joan Hamblin, Millie Johnson, Stan Larson, Loretta, Margaret Oakes, Susan Oakes, Tony Reyes, Alice Suglia, Steve Whitney, and Dave Wilmot. Also, please keep the family of Clinton Smith in your prayers.

*Reminder: names remain on the prayer list for four (4) weeks.
If you would like a name to remain on the list long-term, or if a name
can be removed before that time, please let the Church Office know.*



This week the **Food Pantry requests peanut butter, jelly, and pasta.** Pilgrim's Food Ministry vision is that nobody go without the necessary food for themselves & their families. Please place your donations in the basket outside the sanctuary – or call the church office to make arrangements to drop off donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Mark Your Calendars! Save the Date!

**Congregational Transition Meeting
Sunday, March 22nd, immediately after Worship**

**We will be following up on our March 1st discussion with
Pastor Cliff Gerber regarding our Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Ministry
and making a proposal regarding
how we publicly identify as an RIC congregation.**

We will also be discussing the feedback from our Worship Survey.

Pastor Maria Hammons can be reached by email at
pastormhammons@gmail.com.

If you have a pastoral emergency,
please call Pastor Maria at (860) 440-7366.



Coronavirus Concerns. In response to CDC warnings and the public concern and interest in trying to do our best to prevent further spread of the coronavirus, the Worship team will meet on Monday, March 9th, to come up with ideas and guidelines for our worship service and fellowship interactions at Pilgrim. In the meantime, we thought this basic information from the CDC might be helpful to you. As you can see, the best thing we can do at this time is to be sure **to wash our hands thoroughly and frequently**, and to see a doctor and “self-quarantine” if we are sick.

What is coronavirus?

- Coronavirus is also referred to as COVID-19, novel coronavirus, and 2019- nCoV
- There are multiple strains of coronavirus, the novel or COVID-19 virus is a new strain that emerged in Wuhan, China.
- It is a respiratory virus that can cause pneumonia and severe respiratory illness.
- It will be referred to as COVID-19 in this informational pamphlet.

Who is at risk for having complications from COVID-19?

- People 70 years of age and older are most at risk for having a severe respiratory illness such as pneumonia after contracting COVID-19.
- Younger adults with chronic medical conditions such as diabetes are also at a higher risk.
- People with chronic lung conditions such as asthma, COPD, and smokers
- Immunocompromised people such as people undergoing cancer treatment, treatment for autoimmune disorders and people on long-term steroids for medical conditions.
- As of now, children are less susceptible and when infected they have a less severe infection.

How is COVID-19 spread?

- COVID-19 is spread via droplets from coughing or sneezing.
- These droplets can land on surfaces and live for several hours.
- Droplets can land on someone’s hands when coughing/sneezing and spread via handshake.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19 infection?

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

How can we reduce the transmission of COVID-19?

- WASH YOUR HANDS OR USE AN ALCOHOL BASED HAND SANITIZER
- Stay home if you are sick
- Clean surfaces with disinfecting wipes or sprays
- Cover your cough and sneezes with a tissue and wash your hands afterwards
- Avoid touching your face to scratch your nose, wipe your eyes etc. Use a tissue.