



Pilgrims' Progress



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November *Pilgrims' Progress* Deadline: Wednesday, October 15!

Please e-mail submissions to Elisabeth at [both parishasst@pilgrimlutheranri.org](mailto:parishasst@pilgrimlutheranri.org) and eremmingvergun@cox.net or place in her mailbox in the church office. Thanks!

From the Pastor

Dear Friends of Christ,

I was listening to WGBH as I was on the road today. If you listen to that station you probably know what they were doing. It is fundraising time for GBH. The announcer spoke about the nature of fundraising in the way they do it. As she said, "We give you the product first and only then ask you to pay for it."

Her words reminded me of how much the fund raising part of stewardship in the Christian tradition is similar to this. Think about it: God gives us all we need and asks that our lives would be grateful responses to God's gifts. It should not surprise us that in many churches over the years, the gathering of support for ministries happened at the time of year when the harvest from the field has been gathered. Our gifts are a response to God's gifts.

I know well that stewardship is about more than money. It addresses our whole life as well as other things like the environment and friends, family and work, energy we use for heat or light... this list could go on.

But at Pilgrim Church, we are facing a difficult time. We have been blessed in many ways, but without the financial support of all members of our community, we will need to reduce what we do in this community.

You need to know that the ministry of our congregation is only in small part about us as a congregation. If Pilgrim Church were not here, many people would go hungry or without some of the basics of life. This is not overstating the case. Pilgrim Church serves many people and is known in the Warwick community as a church with a warm heart for others. Sometimes agencies and other churches refer people to us for food or toiletries. This is an important part of being in the community.

*God's purpose for Pilgrim Lutheran Church is to build our
relationships with Jesus and to share our gifts with the community.
Praying always - Serving with joy - Teaching - Proclaiming the Good News - Building community*

But we are also a place where people find guidance and comfort. We are a community whose life is based on the cross and resurrection of Jesus. People within the congregation as well as outside of the congregation come for pastoral conversation. I try my best to turn no one away when they ask for some time. I think it is essential that we need to walk the talk we proclaim. I think of this as authenticity in ministry. I do that because our Lord Jesus did not turn anyone away who looked to him for help.

In November you will be asked, along with the whole community of Pilgrim Church, to share a plan for your financial support of the ministries we do here: worship, learning, service, support. I never know how much people give to the congregation's ministry, but I know that we as a family are moving toward a full tithe of our income. It's a challenge and yet it is amazing that growth in giving can happen when we make it our goal.

The announcer on WGBH also said that you never know when a story they report or even music they play from time to time will make a difference in people's lives. That is true. We grow as we listen and we are often surprised at the things that help us along.

It is no different with the church. Being in worship on any Sunday could make a difference for you. Talking with a brother or sister in the community of Pilgrim Church might help you to find the strength for the day you face. And the difference these things make might change more than just a day; they could be life-changing, as they have been for people throughout the centuries.

It is Jesus who calls us to follow him, and his call always involves sacrifice, rearranging of priorities, a new way to see ourselves and others and the world around us. I believe the Gospel holds hope for the future, but not without us seeking to be new people, praying people, generous people, forgiving people, serving people. That's our life in Christ who gave the best gift for you and me: his life-giving death. Now, by prayer, we must decide how to respond.

In hope,



Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

Camden John Woodbine



Funerals



Irene Cote
Thomas J. Johnson

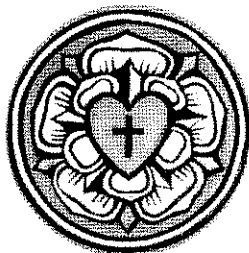
Hospitalized or Needing a Pastoral Visit?

Please have a family member call us at 401-739-2937 to speak to Pastor Kohl, or to leave information with Elisabeth or on the church's voicemail. Be sure to leave your name, the name of the person who needs a visit, which hospital and room number if possible, and a contact telephone number.

Sunday mornings are busy times here at Pilgrim, and it's possible that verbal requests may not be remembered. If you think of a need, please fill out one of the pew cards and place it in the offering plate, or leave a note for Pastor Kohl in his mailbox in the office.

Please be sure to notify the church office at 401-739-2937 or parishasst@pilgrimlutheranri.org if you have an address/telephone/e-mail change, a membership change, or a change in your family status. Many thanks!

Confirmation to be Celebrated on Reformation Sunday



The Rite of Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism will be celebrated at Pilgrim Lutheran Church on **Sunday, October 26 at the 9:30 service**. A young member of our congregation will affirm the promises of her baptism as a foundation for her life.

No one has faith alone. Faith needs a community to support it and to help it grow. Please be sure to be here as we welcome the commitments that are being made.

Your presence and your prayers will be welcomed.

PILGRIM MEMORIAL GARDEN HELP WANTED!

We'll soon be working on Pilgrim's Memorial Garden, date and time to be announced. The Memorial Garden will be located at the front of the church not far from the labyrinth.

Volunteers are needed to help create it... please be aware that there will be physical labor involved! You may sign up on the sheet posted on the office bulletin board if you'd like to help. Look for more news about the date in the Sunday bulletin, as well as Pilgrim's website and Facebook page.

Engraved bricks can be purchased for \$30 in memory of a loved one to be placed in the garden.

Please contact Valerie or Bubba Parmenter at 401-941-0997 with questions or for more information about the Memorial Garden.



First Holy Communion Classes

Pastor Kohl will meet with students and families interested in Holy Communion on **Sundays November 2, 9, 16, and 23 following the 9:30 service**. We will welcome the students to receive Holy Communion on the first day of the church's new year, the First Sunday in Advent, November 30 at the 9:30 service.

There is no set grade or age for first communion. At the time a child expresses interest in coming to receive this gift and they have a beginning understanding of forgiveness is the best time to bring your child to classes. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. It is important to let us know your child is coming to classes so that materials used will be appropriate to the ages of the student.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



On the first Sunday of November (November 2 this year), we remember the saints of the church and will list the names of members of Pilgrim Church who have joined the church triumphant in the past year.

But each of us also remembers those dear to us, and this year at the 9:30 service we are providing a way for you to remember your loved ones who have died. As we sing the hymn *For All the Saints* we will invite people to light a candle in the front of the church in memory of their loved ones.

These candles remind us of the light of Christ in which our loved ones dwell for all eternity.

HARVEST POTLUCK

Saturday evening
October 18, 2014
5:30 p.m.



Be sure to join our Pilgrim family as we gather to enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and entertainment!

Please bring a dish to share...coffee and soft drinks will be provided.

The Harvest Potluck will be a fundraising event to benefit the church's general fund.

Sunday School



Sunday, October 26
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

in the Christian Life Center
There'll be games, treats, a DJ
and lots of fun...
Invite your friends!
Everyone is welcome!

Remember...October 12 is Family Sunday!

(no Sunday School)

Please be sure and bring your children to worship...it will be awesome to see and welcome our kids in church!



Calendar for Confirmation 2014-2015

All events are on Tuesdays. Classes (with meal) begin at 6:30. Only the class events provide meals for the students.

September 23 – 7PM – orientation with family members

September 30 – *Who wrote the Bible?*

October 7 – Fellowship/Service

October 14 – *Is the Bible True?*

October 21 – Planning for Confirmation staff (no kids – take them out for ice cream)

October 28 – *New Testament overview*

November 4 - No class

November 11 - No class

November 18 - *Why are there four Gospels?*

November 25 – Fellowship/Service

December 2 – Planning for Confirmation staff (no kids – have them wash the dishes)

December 9 – *Letters & History of the Early Church*

December 16 – Fellowship/Service-Caroling at St. Paul

December 23 – No class

December 30 – No class

January 6 – *Revelation & Apocalyptic Literature*

January 13 - Planning for Confirmation staff (no kids – let them shovel snow)

January 20 – *Overview of Hebrew Scriptures*

January 27 – Fellowship/Service

February 3 – *Creation & the Fall*

February 10 - Planning for Confirmation staff (no kids – get homework done early)

February 17 – Pancake dinner at Bethany

February 24 – *The Covenant with Abraham*

March 3 – Fellowship/Service

March 10 – *The Covenant with Moses*

March 17 - Planning for Confirmation staff (no kids – give the dog a bath)

March 24 – *The Covenant with David & the Psalms*

March 31 – Fellowship/Service

April 7 – *Elijah Night*

April 14 - Planning for Confirmation staff (no kids – watch a video as a family)

April 21 – No class

April 28 – *The Prophets 101*

May 5 - Planning for Confirmation staff (no kids – have them mow the lawn)

May 12 – *The Prophets 102*

May 19 – Party!

SERVING in OCTOBER 2014

GREETERS

October 5 Pam Himebaugh
October 12 Linda and Emily Hughes
October 19 *Needed*
October 26 Karin Kohl

READERS

October 5 Lois Williams
October 12 John McElroy
October 19 Beth Fish
October 26 Pat Frazier

ALTAR GUILD

October 5 Jennifer Cardillo
Cindy Cote
October 12 Virginia Smith
Nancy Derby
October 19 Pat Frazier
Kitty Johnson
Maureen Johnson
October 26 Joanne Lozy
Susan Simundson

ACOLYTES

October 5 Matthew Sangster
October 12 Conner Safford
October 19 Samantha Almonte
October 26 Jacob Resendes

USHERS

October 5 Scott Chappelle
Bill Dugan
Rick Nelson
Allan Reed
October 12 Scott Chappelle
Kristen Resendes
Jason & Courtney Petrarca
October 19 Scott Chappelle
Susan Simundson
Betty Wagner
Roy Wagner
October 26 Scott Chappelle
Michele Tucci
Bruce & Carolyn Vittner

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

October 5 Bill Dugan
Emily Hughes
Linda Hughes
One additional Communion Assistant needed
October 12 Karin Kohl
Three additional Communion Assistants needed
October 19 Karin Kohl
Three additional Communion Assistants needed
October 26 Bill Dugan
Three additional Communion Assistants needed
Please sign up on the sheet posted on the office bulletin board if you are able to help. Many thanks!

ALTAR FLOWERS

October 5 Jim & Jo-Anne Doyle
Bill and Tom Dugan
The Krajewski Family
October 12 Dick & Joan Hamblin
October 19 Nancy & Howard Lewis
October 26 The Simundson/Cryan Family

COUNTERS

October 5 Beth Fish and Maureen Johnson
October 12 Beth Fish and Valerie Parmenter
October 19 Beth Fish and Susan Simundson
October 26 Beth Fish and Laurie Linden

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Assisting Ministers are needed for the month of October. Sign up on the sheet posted on the office bulletin board if you are able to help. Many thanks!

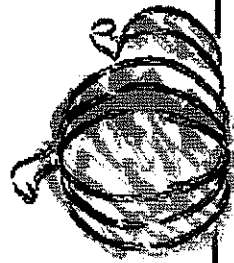
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers are needed for the month of October. Sign up on the sheet posted on the office bulletin board if you are able to help. Many thanks!

CONFIRMATION DINNERS

Tuesday Evenings

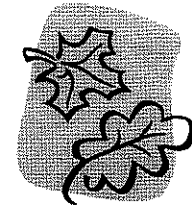
October 7 No meal Service/Fellowship
October 14 Diane White
October 21 No meal Staff Meeting - no kids
October 28 Sue Mahoney



October 2014

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Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday ~ Friday

10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

5 Pentecost 17

Coins for a Cause Sunday

8:00 Holy Communion

9:15 Sunday School

9:30 Holy Communion

12 Pentecost 18

FAMILY SUNDAY

No Sunday School

8:00 Holy Communion

9:30 Holy Communion

19 Pentecost 19

8:00 Holy Communion

9:15 Sunday School

9:30 Holy Communion

26 Reformation Sunday

8:00 Holy Communion

9:15 Sunday School

9:30 Holy Communion/

Confirmation

1:00 Halloween Party

6

7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

No Bible Study

13

COLUMBUS DAY

Church Office Closed

7:00 Bible Study

7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

20

7:00 Bible Study

7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

27

7:00 Bible Study

7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

7

10:00 Pastors' Pericope

6:30 Confirmation —

Service/Fellowship

14

10:00 Pastors' Pericope

1:00 Prayer Shawl Min.

6:30 Confirmation —

Is the Bible True?

21

10:00 Pastors' Pericope

6:30 Confirmation —

Staff Meeting/No Kids

28

10:00 Pastors' Pericope

1:00 Prayer Shawl Min.

6:30 Confirmation —

New Testament Overview

1

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

8

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

15

PROGRESS

DEADLINE

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

22

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

29

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

2

9

16

10:00 Toiletry Cupboard

10:30 Worship, Music

and Arts

7:00 Congregation

Council Meeting

23

30

3

PASTOR KOHL'S
DAY OFF

10

PASTOR KOHL'S
DAY OFF

17

PASTOR KOHL'S
DAY OFF

6:00 Wedding Rehearsal

7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

24

PASTOR KOHL'S
DAY OFF

31

Reformation Day

Halloween

7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

4

7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

11

2:00 Leanne Williams
Memorial Service

18

Luke, Evangelist

4:00 Hughes/McElroy
Wedding

5:30 Harvest Potluck
Fundraiser

25

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Dated Material

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*Faith is a living, bold trust in God's grace, so certain of
God's favor that it would risk death a thousand times trusting in it.*

Martin Luther

Congregation Council

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Susan Simundson - Vice President
Linda Hughes - Secretary

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Kathy Gremel
Tammy McLaughlin

Cindy Cote
Marie Grist
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