

PARISH VISITOR
April 2023



Pilgrim Lutheran Church
Frederic, Wisconsin

*Pilgrim Lutheran Church is a family of God,
centered in Christ,
inviting all people to journey with us
in faith, hope, and love.”*

*We worship Sunday mornings at 8:30
Find our services online at bplutheran.com*

Pilgrim Office Hours

Church office Tuesday & Thursday, 9am-1pm

Pastor's Office Hours Thursday, 3-6pm



JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK APRIL 2-9

Bethany Lutheran Church, Siren
Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Frederic

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 2

8:30am Pilgrim Worship Breakfast to follow

9:30am Bethany Sunday School & fellowship

10:30am Bethany Worship

Kids gather 15 min prior to both services for processional

MONDAY APRIL 3

Noon Prayer at Bethany

TUESDAY APRIL 4

Noon Prayer at Bethany

WEDNESDAY APRIL 5

Noon Prayer at Bethany

*Easter Baptism/First Communion "rehearsal" w/families,
time/place TBD*

MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 6

Noon Prayer at Bethany

7pm Pilgrim Service Holy Communion / stripping of the altar

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 7

Noon Solemn Prayer at Bethany

3pm Bethany Service Bach's St. John's Passion

7pm Bethany Service Adoration of the Cross

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 9 FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION!

8:30am Pilgrim Festival Worship

9:00am Bethany Easter Breakfast

10:30am Bethany Festival Worship

PILGRIM LUTHERAN VOLUNTEERS April 2023

USHERS Marty Davis

LECTORS

02 Chris Byerly
09 Jackie Kurkowski
16
23
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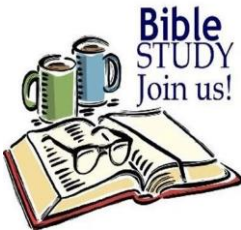
COFFEE SERVERS

02 Palm Sunday breakfast after worship
09 Easter Sunday-no coffee
16 Karen Swanberg
23 Dave & Marcy Basten
30 Steve & Rhoda Jensen

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Mary Nelson
Carol Thompson

FAITH CIRCLE Meets Wed, April 19 2pm



Tuesday Morning Adult Bible Study meets **10am at Bethany in April**. All are welcome to join us for discussion of the Scripture readings for the coming Sunday.

**We have a new email address! Please use
pilgrimlutheranfrederic@gmail.com**

**3:00-5:00pm on Good Friday
Bethany Lutheran**

Starting at the hour of Jesus' death,
all are invited to simply **BE**:

- still in God's presence w/ prayer,
- surrounded by stunning music,
- moved by Christ's Passion

...as we listen to Bach's famous re-
telling of Christ's betrayal and death.

***Come when you can, leave when you
must. The Passion is 2 hours.***

J. S. BACH

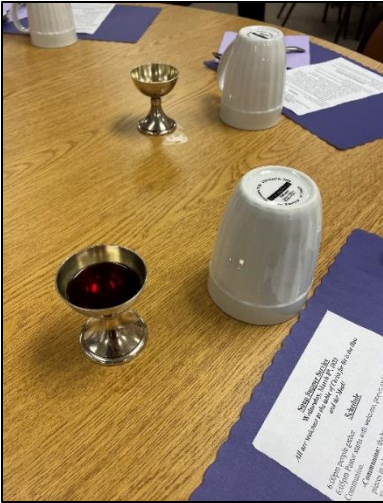
**THE PASSION
ACCORDING TO
ST. JOHN**



VOCAL SCORE EDITED AND
WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY
ARTHUR MENDEL



Waiting for Easter morning and adornment



Notice the lovely silver plated individual communion cups that were used at Pilgrim for the Lenten Soup suppers on March 8 and 22. The history of these beautiful cups is that they came from Milltown Lutheran Church. Pastor Emily said she remembers them as a child growing up in that church. Joy Lutheran Church in Centuria now has possession of them and we borrowed them from them. Thanks to Joy Church for sharing with us.

**All Ages, All People
Are Welcome**

~Baptism Preparation for Easter Sunday
~First Communion Preparation for Maundy
Thursday or Pentecost Sunday

For more information:
Contact Pastor Emily Stelling
pastorstelling@sirentel.net or
320-438-5807
bplutheran.com/baptismholyycommunion

LET THE
Word
OF
Christ
DWELL IN YOU
Richly
COURTESY OF JIM

Confirmation

during the month of April.

Confirmation resumes Wed,
April 12, and meets from
6:30-7:45pm at Bethany

Easter Message from Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson

Matthew 28 After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it... the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said... go quickly and tell his disciples."

Dear Northwest Synod of Wisconsin,

Join me and that great cloud of witnesses this Easter in the acclamation:

Christ is Risen,
He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!



The gospel reading for this Easter is from the book of Matthew. Matthew is the only gospel writer that records an **earthquake** on Easter morning. The women arrive at the tomb and are greeted by an earthquake, an angel rolling back the stone, and the news that their Lord and Savior wasn't there, **JESUS HAD BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD**. What? The women were filled with shock and fear. The aftershocks of this earthquake are still felt. The news that death doesn't win and is defeated by the power of God in Christ Jesus continues to shock and amaze us.

What if we imagined Easter not as a lovely spring ritual filled with pastel-colored eggs and candy but as the violent earthquake that it is? Few living in the Midwest have experienced an earthquake. A pastor born in California remembers her mother putting rubber bands on the kitchen cupboard handles so the china dishes wouldn't fall out when there was an earthquake. When has a death of a loved one shaken the foundation of your world? When have you realized how fragile life can be? Christ's resurrection from the dead, his victory over sin, death, and the devil shakes up everything. It is the good news that can even shake us loose from our grief.

What if we experienced Easter as a violent earthquake more like a fresh egg dropped to the floor than one hard-boiled and beautifully decorated? What if the Easter Earthquake shakes us awake, shakes everything out of

the cupboards and closets so we are forced to do spring cleaning and decide what to put back and what to throw out? What if we get rid of stuff that doesn't work and give more space to what's important? What is really important? What is God's will for you? What are our Easter priorities?

What if this year the Easter Earthquake cracks open and rolls away the stone from our hearts, shakes loose old ideas, breaks down rock-hard prejudices, and opens us up to new ways to love our neighbor and to share this amazing good news that Jesus lives? What new life might rise up from the rubble? What new relationships might develop? Like a chick struggles to break free of the egg's shell, new beginnings are rarely easy, but they are worth it.

The good news is that Christ's resurrection from the dead and his victory over death is good news even to those who have experienced a literal shifting of tectonic plates beneath the earth. On February 6, 2023, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit Turkey and Syria leaving over 50,000 people dead and hundreds of thousands more wounded, displaced, or homeless. More than 10,000 aftershocks have been felt since February 6 leading to more deaths, fear, and trauma. The aftershocks will continue for a long time.¹

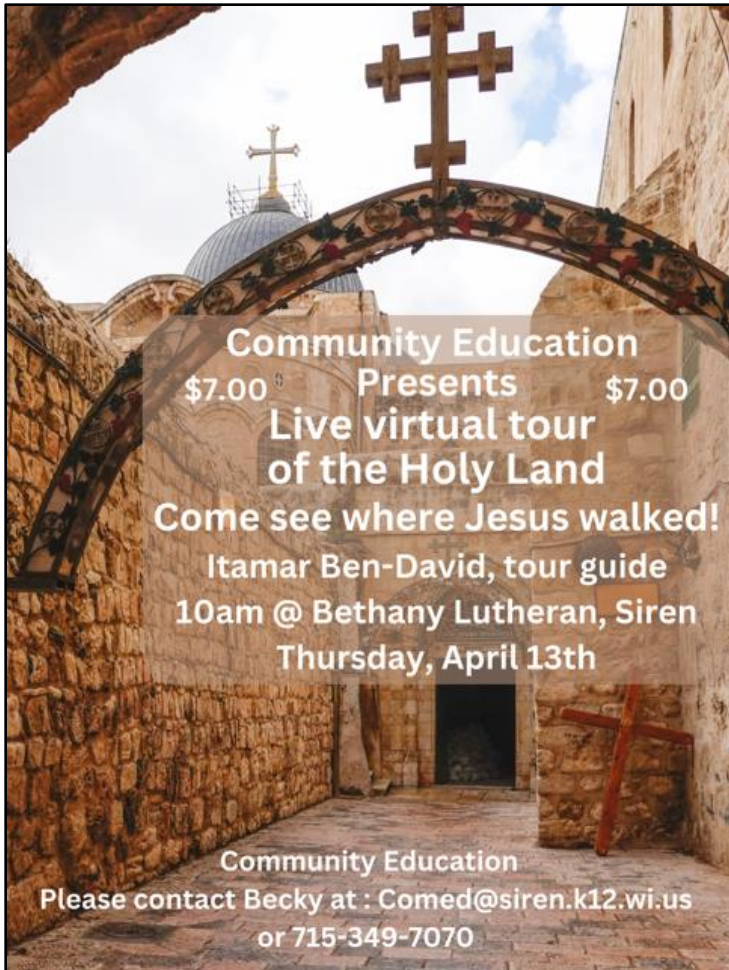
This Easter, in response to the earthquake that opened the tomb and to the good news that Jesus has been raised from the dead, I encourage you to give a gift to the Lutheran Disaster Response to help the victims of the Earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Here is a link to help you do that.
https://community.elca.org/middle-east-crisis?_ga=2.89763675.1129066314.1679579365-256581953.1608055964

Suddenly there was a great earthquake...In Christ,



Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson

¹ <https://www.reuters.com/graphics/TURKEY-QUAKE/AFTERSHOCKS/dwpkdzklvm/>



Community Education
\$7.00 **Presents** \$7.00
Live virtual tour
of the Holy Land
Come see where Jesus walked!
Itamar Ben-David, tour guide
10am @ Bethany Lutheran, Siren
Thursday, April 13th

Community Education
Please contact Becky at : Comed@siren.k12.wi.us
or 715-349-7070

Itamar Ben-David has 15 years of experience as a tour guide in Israel, especially in Jerusalem where he lives. He has deep knowledge of the three Abrahamic Faiths, History, and Archeology. Ben-David: "I will be taking you from the comfort of your home to all the places Jesus visited in Jerusalem in the Last Week of his life: The Mount of Olives, The Temple Mount, Bethany, The room of the Last Supper, Gethsemane, and ultimately the Via Dolorosa and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre – where the Calvary and the Tomb of Christ is."

APPLE RIVER CONFERENCE Women of the ELCA
presents

Spring Into Life

Saturday, April 22

Joy Lutheran Church
501 Highway 35 Centuria

8am Registration & Coffee
9am Program, Speakers & Luncheon



THEME: JOY

THEME VERSE: “He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy”

GUEST SPEAKER: Gayle Lindfors is an author and served as the Midwest Regional Director for Christian Women in Media. Gayle has stated “I’ve celebrated a whole bunch of good stuff and regained my balance when the not-so-good stuff happened. I’ve asked God to meet me in my joy and in my messiness. He’s always shown up. He will for you too.”

Music By: Pastor Lori Peper and Jim Haughdahl

Registration is \$15

Carol Thompson says: *We will meet at church at 7am and carpool to Joy Lutheran in Centuria. If you are going, let me know and pay me as I will make reservations for PLCW. 715-371-0580*

PLC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES March 20, 2023

Call to Order: President Rhoda Jensen at 6 pm, with 6 Council members and Pastor Emily in attendance.

Opening Devotions: Led by Pastor Emily

Secretary's Report: M/C to approve Feb 20 minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking

General	\$26,914.54
Memorial	\$ 4,243.96
Youth Gathering	\$ 230.26
TOTAL	\$31,388.76

Savings

Memorial	\$ 3,942.60
Money Market	\$10,896.07
TOTAL	\$14,838.67

Debit Card \$3,497.05

TOTAL \$3,497.05 FUND TOTALS \$49,724.48

Endowment Fund Balance - \$11,973.92

M/C to accept treasurer's report.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor has been invited to join the Davis family in Scotland on the marriage of their daughter on 9-30-23.
- The Lenten Soup Suppers have been well attended.
- Pastor talked about meeting with Confirmation students after Lent.
- The church Synod Reports have been sent in.
- Pastor Emily didn't attend the Synod "Walking Together" event on Mar 11 due to the weather.
- ELCA Youth Gathering July of 2024 - Pastor will be meeting pastors from 8 different Lutheran churches in the area to talk about and make plans for this event.
- The Ministerium is working on making plans for worship at Traditions of Frederic and Frederic Nursing & Rehab.
- Orianna Bowe will meet with Bethany and Pilgrim secretaries and other people interested in maintaining the revised church website on Mar 23.

M/C to accept Pastor's report.

New Business

- a) The Council officers will need to sign the church accounts cards at Bremer Bank.
- b) Holy week and Easter services are all planned and advertised.
- c) Discussion of hiring artist Paul Oman for a picture painting event. Tabled for now.
- d) Synod Assembly in Rice Lake on Apr 29 with Rhoda, Marty and Pastor attending. Secretary Faith will handle registration.
- e) Reviewed the duties of ushers and greeters. There will be a meeting of all committees on Saturday, April 15, from 9 to 11.

Old Business

- a) Discussion of unstable church internet issues; more discussion next month.
- b) Brandon and Marty have temporarily repaired outdoor church sign; more discussion.
- c) Brandon and Marty worked on leveling the dishwasher in the kitchen.

Committee Reports

Rhoda stated that Christian Ed is putting together an Easter Kit to be given out Easter Sunday 4-9-23.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting - April 17, 2023 at 6 pm

Respectfully submitted --- Carol Thompson



If you are going into the hospital or are in need of pastoral care in any way, please contact the church office 715-327-8012 or Pastor Emily directly at 320-438-5807.

If you have a Prayer Request or Update, please call the church office at 715-327-8012 or Pastor Emily directly 320-438-5807.



Pilgrim Lutheran Church works because of our faith and our dedicated volunteers. Join us!

...Are **you** interested in learning why and how we do what we do?



Alone we can
do so little;
together we can
do so much.

...Did **you** know that the Pilgrim bylaws define our 6 Standing Committees that do the behind-the-scenes work of running a church?

...Whether **you** are curious or a veteran at helping with church activities, come and join the Council on **Saturday, April 15, from 9am – 11am** to talk about how we can do more together.

...We are looking for great discussions, fresh ideas, constructive criticism, and at the end of 2 hours we want to be walking in the same direction – together.

...Please join us on April 15, 9am-11am – this is a great opportunity to talk about fulfilling the mission we have been given – and the coffee treats will be worth your time and effort!

If you would like more information, please contact a Council member or the church office.

Important program at Pilgrim April 18 – register to attend! Call 877-485-2372

Common Scams & Frauds Targeting Seniors

Scams and fraud targeting seniors are on the rise and always changing. Join the ADRC of Northwest WI and the Veteran Service Offices of both Polk and Burnett counties, along with Jeff Kersten of the Bureau of Consumer Protection in learning about how to protect yourself.

**Tuesday, April 18th 2023
Pilgrim Lutheran Church
507 Wisconsin Ave N, Frederic, WI
Beginning at 6:00 pm**

The Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection will discuss the details of common scams that target seniors, the warning signs of a scam, and what to do if you or someone you know falls victim to a scam or fraud. Helpful factsheets from The Bureau of Consumer Protection will be available. As Wisconsin's lead agency for consumer protection, the Bureau of Consumer Protection at the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection, provides information and education, mediates complaints, investigates cases, and takes enforcement actions to fight fraudulent and deceptive practices that harm consumers and honest businesses.

Speaker: Jeff Kersten

Jeff Kersten is the Agency Liaison for the Bureau of Consumer Protection within the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. As the Agency Liaison, Jeff travels around the state to educate the public, businesses and law enforcement on privacy protection, data security, identity theft, and other areas of consumer protection. Jeff has over 12 years of experience as a police officer and is a prior Consumer Protection Investigator for the Bureau of Consumer Protection.

Please Register in Advance

877-485-2372

Kayli.Williamson@polkcountywi.gov
or on our website by using the QR Code
Seating is limited.





2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

including **MYLE** **the tAble**
Young Adult Gathering

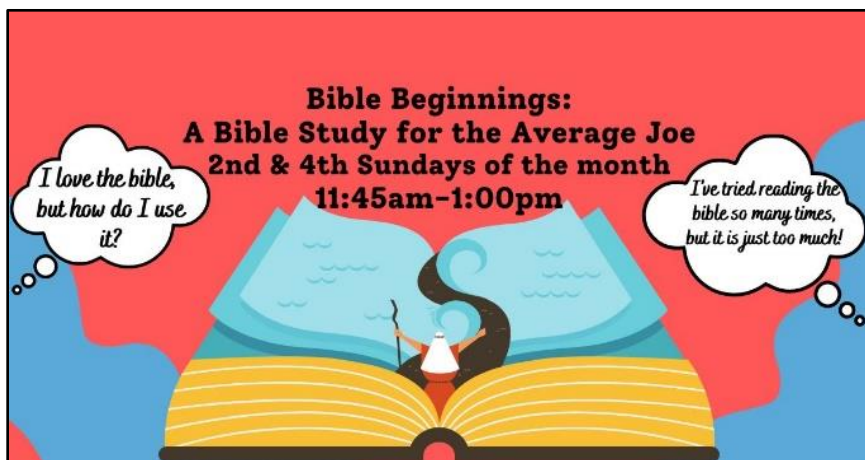
Announcing ELCA Youth Gathering July 2024 in New Orleans! The theme is based on Psalm 139 ¹⁴ *I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.*

“Our host city, New Orleans, has always been its true, authentic self. Our theme, “Created to Be,” highlights the arts, music and soul of this beautiful, vibrant and resilient city. New Orleans was built to host and be a city where all God’s children come together.

We plan to dive deeper into justice, mental health and anti-racism conversations throughout the Gathering. These are hard conversations, but our church desperately needs to have them. We also hope to foster relationships and be a sanctuary for one another. We are saint and sinner simultaneously, and we need forgiveness when we aren’t or can’t be brave, authentic, free, disruptive disciples. To incorporate our pre-events —**the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) and the tAble (those who are disabled)** - into the overall Gathering more intentionally, we are excited that both events will share the “Created to Be” theme. **A brand-new Young Adult Gathering,** to take place concurrent with the ELCA Youth Gathering, will share the theme as well.” *From the Youth Gathering website, elca.org/YouthGathering*

Keep your eyes open for an informational meeting. The rough estimate per kid (8th-12th gr.) is \$2,500. Our noisy offering has been/will continue to go to the Youth Gathering funds.

Join the Bible Beginnings study at Bethany!
We meet at Bethany the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 11:45am.



Luther Point is searching for people to volunteer this summer at Luther Point Bible Camp! They need volunteers in the Kitchen, with Camp

Connect, Volunteer Nurses, Afternoon Activities and Games, Landscaping and More!

Please help support this important summer ministry with your time and your talents. More information can be found on their website! www.LutherPoint.org

Nondenominational program offering practical information and biblical teaching for recovering from divorce or separation. Bethany, March 20-June 22

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WEEKLY DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

**Spring of 2023:
March 20 thru June 22**

No Memorial Day meeting on May 29

**Monday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m.
Bethany Lutheran Church
24096 1st Avenue, Siren WI**

Questions? Tracy (218)780-0212 or Kuku.0912@hotmail.com



The PLC Women Mission in Action needs your help to provide

items for those less fortunate than us. We are inviting you to help us collect materials to put together three types of Lutheran World Relief kits: Personal Care Kits, School Kits, and Baby Care Kits.

Beginning in April/May, we will choose the type of kit, distribute the list of needed items, and collect your donations for two months. The list of materials will be posted in the monthly newsletter and Sunday bulletins, and there will be a container at the back of the church to receive your purchases. For April/May we have chosen School Kits.

Can't you see the smiles on children's faces when they open up their bag of school supplies and now they have one like everybody else? Or can you imagine the joy for a new mom finding blankets, diapers, etc., to keep her baby warm and dry? The kits we put together go to 26 different countries. The quilts we make keep people sheltered from all kinds of weather, and when they have to move, that is how they keep their belonging together – all wrapped up in the quilt.

Let's help those who are in need by passing on what God has given us. Any questions, please call Janice at 715-327-8786. God bless you as you shop!

Did you know we offer *SPARK Family*, a quarterly magazine for kids and families from the ELCA publishing house, Augsburg Fortress? All families are encouraged to pick up a copy from church! Pastor Emily developed at-home faith formation habits that accompany the magazine.





PLCW NEWS...(Pilgrim Lutheran Church Women) I bring you greetings from the women of the church; "Ordinary Women Serving an Extraordinary God."

OPENING PRAYER - *Coaching God, you love us as we are, and still your Spirit helps us become ever more fully the people you have made and called us to be. Amen*

APRIL 2, 8:30 - Palm Sunday Worship Celebration - Brunch in Fellowship Hall afterwards

APRIL 9, 8:30 - Easter Sunday Worship Celebration

APRIL 12, Wed - 10 am - PLCW will be meeting in the Upper Fireside Room for a Business Meeting. Devotions by Karen S. and refreshments by Jan B. All women of the church are invited!

GATHER MAGAZINE UPDATE - This is the email I got - "*We apologize for the recent delays in receiving Gather magazine. We know these delays have caused you challenges, especially for scheduled Bible study sessions. Because our goal is to walk with you, we are changing what we have control over - the pre-print production of the magazine. We appreciate the support so many have given, and the grace extended to staff during these difficult times. We acknowledge the time and money spent by many of you in downloading and copying PDFs of the Bible studies and in juggling your Bible study meeting times. As an expression of appreciation for your loyalty to the magazine and Women of the ELCA and as an apology for the delays, we*

will be extending all existing subscriptions for two issues. Our circulation management company will handle the administration of this extension. We value your partnership, both with the magazine and within Women of the ELCA. Together we mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. And that changes the world. The staff at Gather and Women of the ELCA"

APRIL 19, Wed - 2 pm - Faith Circle will be meeting with Marlyce McKinney as hostess and Karen Swanberg the leader. The study will be session Four: Guardrails for love of God and neighbor (Commandments 7, 8 9 & 10) In this fourth and final session, we will consider sayings from Proverbs and other biblical wisdom related to minding our tongues, integrity in the marketplace and practical ways to serve our neighbors.

APRIL 22, Sat - 8 am - Apple River Conference Gathering at Joy Lutheran Church in Centuria, "Spring Into Life." Refer to flyer in this newsletter for more information.

2023 Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering Planning has begun! The Twelfth Triennial Convention/Gathering is scheduled for September 19-21, 2023 in Phoenix, AZ. The Convention will be held at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown. Registration to the "Just Love Gathering" is open. This special in-person gathering is an opportunity to live out the message that the Rev. Angela Khabeb left us with in Minneapolis in 2017 and virtually in 2021. "Christianity is not comfortable. If you are comfortable in Jesus, you are doing it wrong." Early bird discount through April 30, 2023. Go to their website for more information. <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/twelfth-triennial-convention>

BLESSINGS TO ALL - Carol Thompson
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