

PARISH VISITOR  
August 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](http://bplutheran.com)*

**Church office Thursday & Fridays, 9am-3pm  
Pastor's Office Hours Thursday, 3-6pm**

**PILGRIM LUTHERAN VOLUNTEERS** August 2023

**USHERS** Doug Gustafson

**LECTORS**

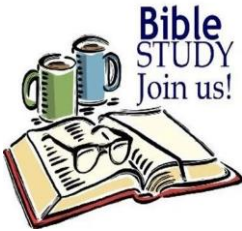
- 06 Karen Swanberg
- 13 McKenzie Dahl
- 20 Jeanne Young
- 27 Chris Byerly

**COFFEE SERVERS**

- 06 Eileen Wikstrom & Elvira Schmidt
- 13 Simon & Mary Nelson
- 20 Steve & Jeanne Young
- 27 John & Karen Persico

**ALTAR COMMITTEE**

Eileen Wikstrom  
Kathie Koball



**Tuesday Morning Adult Bible Study** meets **10am at Bethany in August**. 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](mailto:pilgrimlutheranfrederic@gmail.com)**

# Heart of the City Band



**WE SPEAK LIFE CONCERT**

# HERTEL

Casino Amphitheater

**SATURDAY AUGUST 5**  
**7:00 - 9:00 PM**

- **FOOD, CLOTHING & TOY GIVAWAY 5-6:30 P.M.!**
- **RAFFLE TICKETS UP TO \$100**
- FOR THOSE ATTENDING CONCERT!**

*For more information contact Dan Adler at 612-990-6192  
[www.heartofthecity.org](http://www.heartofthecity.org) • [www.danandsandyadler.com](http://www.danandsandyadler.com)*

# **COME JOIN US**

## **FREE SOUP**

**TUESDAY - AUGUST 1 - from 4-6**



**Frederic Community Center**  
**109 Elm Street W**

(Small yellow building behind Frederic Grocery; used to be Senior Center)

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Sponsored by Pilgrim Lutheran Church of  
Frederic**

**Carol Thompson 715-371-0580 or Karen  
Swanberg 715-491-2700**



**Three generations of the Davis family worship together on a Sunday morning.**

**We are searching for people to volunteer this summer at Luther Point Bible Camp!**

**We 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 our website! [www.LutherPoint.org](http://www.LutherPoint.org)**



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

**OPENING PRAYER** - Gracious God, you have been with us from before the dawn of time and will be in the fullness of it. Be with us now, gracing us with your presence, opening our hearts, minds, and imaginations to welcome you into the Bible Study time together. In Jesus' name. Amen (taken from the Gather Magazine)

**Quilters** have been meeting almost every Wednesday morning at 9:30 and will continue to do so throughout August. All women and women within the community are invited to come help with this special mission project and bring a friend or relative to help out or to share in the camaraderie. Call Karen Swanberg at 715-327-8150 before attending to make sure plans have not changed.

**AUGUST 1, Tues 4-6 - FREE SOUP** at Frederic Senior Center now the Community Center. This is a new "Mission Outreach Program" that PLCW is sponsoring with your help. The public is invited, and we encourage Pilgrim people to come and provide fellowship for this event. Get to know your neighbor! **Let me know if you would like to make soup (for 25), cookies or bars for this event as we will continue to do this on the first Tuesday of each month.**

**AUGUST 6, Sun - Luther Point Bible Camp (LPBC) "35th Annual Summer Celebration and Auction"** - 11:30 Worship - Noon lunch - 1 pm Live Auction (go to web site for more info).

**AUGUST 12 at 8 am - Apple River Conference Women of the ELCA gathering** at First Lutheran Church of Amery. "Change It Up" is the theme. There will be a charge which includes lunch, and we should be back home by 1 and we will meet at the church to carpool. Let me know if you are going to attend - Carol 715-371-0580.

**PLCW** received a lovely thank you card from the women of Grace at West Sweden for the lovely Brunch at The Cabin in July. The card is on the bulletin board in the library.

**THANK YOU** everyone who helped make our traditional "Picnic at Traditions" a success. The residents/staff appreciated our meal and our presence, 7-12-23.

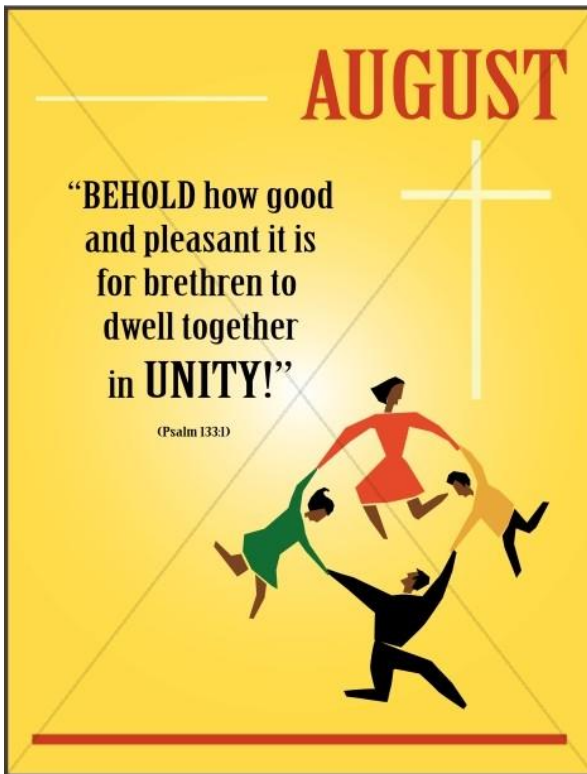
**2023 Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering Planning has**

**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." Go to their website for more information.

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/twelfth-triennial-convention>

**BLESSINGS TO ALL - Carol**

Thompson...[jcthompson1943@gmail.com](mailto:jcthompson1943@gmail.com) or 715-371-0580(cell)



# PLCW hosts annual picnic at Traditions





Hello Friends of Pilgrim- kids and adults!

We continue to look for kids to attend and people to volunteer their time to help with VBS. Areas needing help are set-up, make healthy snacks (in place of a meal), craft time, Bible stories and music. We purchased the “*STELLAR VBS- Shine Jesus’ Light*” kit which we shared with Bethany. Dates and time are: **August 14th - 17th from 5:30-7pm.**

Thanks so much for considering your time to help with exciting VBS program!

Christian Ed Committee



Amazing outdoor worship service on July 9th!



Gabby Nicole Denver was baptized at Dunham Lake on Tuesday, July 25, 2023.





## Recap of Food Distribution for July

We had a total of 610 families. Children- 455 Adults- 644

Seniors- 449

**Grand total of 1548 persons**

**25,498 Pounds**

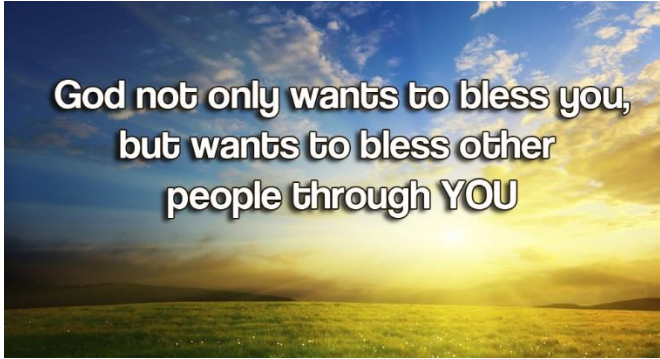
It was another busy month serving 610 families, 1548 people. They received a really great box of food, we handed out over 25,000 of food again this month. Thank you everyone that volunteers for this distribution, again we can not do it without your help, it takes many hands to feed the hungry. Next distribution is august 16 and 17th.

"... for just love to unfold in any situation, we must first weep with those who weep. We must have empathy for those who suffer from injustice."

The Rev. Dr. Christa Compton  
The Rev. Gladys Moore

[gathermagazine.org](http://gathermagazine.org)

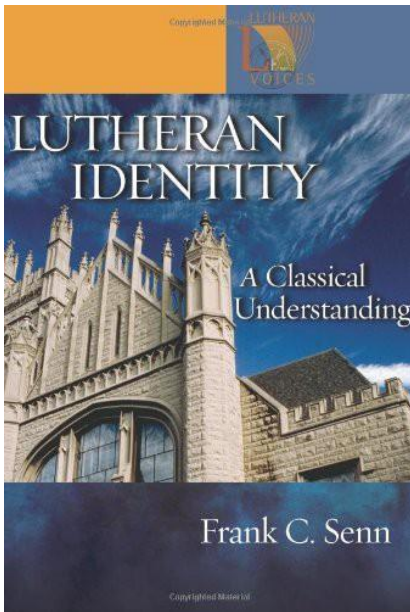
**THANK YOU to the Utleby Family for taking the food items in the shopping cart in the back of the church to Family Pathways our local Food Shelf. Keep bringing food items each week as you come to worship. We have been blessed so that we can be a blessing to others.**



**God not only wants to bless you,  
but wants to bless other  
people through YOU**

**Phil, Carol and Pastor Emily having a good time.**





## Are you a church nerd? Armchair Theologian? Join the conversation!

A Letter Pr. Emily Sent to Local Churches:

Dear Friends,

I am starting a book study on Dr. Frank Senn's "Lutheran Identity" book (from Augsburg Fortress). It gives an excellent overview of what it means to be a Lutheran in today's world. He breaks it down into these categories: history of the church, scripture, creeds, confessions, liturgy, and witness in society.

While this book study is open to all, the book and conversation is best suited for those nerdy armchair-theologians (a basic knowledge of Christian theology is recommended). I know each church has at least one! If you are not sure, come and see if you like it! No judgements or soap box preaching will be tolerated. There is no such thing as a dumb question and the group will make respect and grace a priority.

We will meet at Bethany Lutheran 6:30-8:00pm every Wednesday night starting July 19, with our final meeting on August 30. I have 5 copies ordered and on their way to the church. \$15/each. The book is also available on Kindle. If you cannot afford that, please talk to me.

Please let me know if you think this is for you! [MY CONTACT INFO]

Yours in Christ, Pastor Emily Stelling



## Pastor Message August 2023



This month's pastor message asks for responses to these questions:

**What does faith formation mean?**

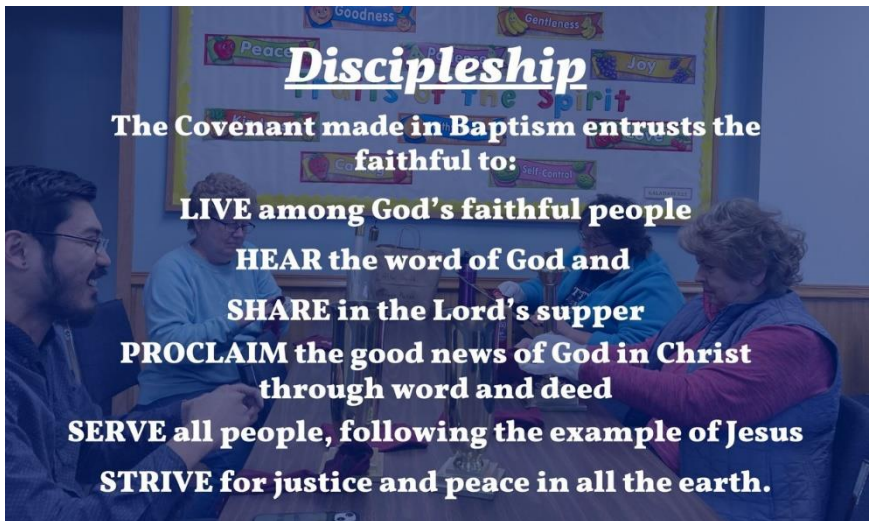
**Has faith formation been part of your life (i.e. Sunday School, Confirmation, Marriage, Adult Education)? Do you have examples of its impact in your life?**

**How does the church today fulfill its mission to form people of all ages and backgrounds their whole life long?**

**How does the church "compete" with the complex and conflicting priorities of the modern individual or family?**

Please email me your responses or leave an anonymous note in my mailbox.

Peace, Pastor Emily



**PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - July 17, 2023**

**Present:** Bryn Anderson, Bruce Bengtson, Chris Byerly, Marty Davis, Kerrie Erickson, Rhoda Jensen, Carol Thompson. **Absent:** Pastor Emily not feeling well and Brandon Dahl.

**Call Meeting to Order:** President Rhoda at 6:04 pm - a quorum was declared

**Opening Devotions:** Presented by Rhoda from "Christ In Our Home"

**Approval of Agenda:** M/C (Chris/Carol) to accept agenda as presented

**Public Comment:** None

**Secretary's Report:** M/C (Marty/Bruce) to approve June 19, 2023 minutes.

**Treasurer's Report: Checking**

General \$34,581.24

Memorial \$ 4,243.96

(CD)

Youth Gathering \$ 550.54

**TOTAL \$39,375.74**

**Savings**

Memorial \$ 3,967.42

Money Market \$10,920.91

**TOTAL \$14,888.33**

**Debit Card** - Closed, put balance back into checking account

**FUND TOTALS \$54,264.07**

**Endowment Fund Balance - \$12,064.77 (6-14-23)**

The treasurer is working on..... getting the financial information to council before the monthly meeting for their review.....working on getting Secretary Faith's check directly deposited.....

getting a new credit card through Bremer Bank. **M/C** (Chris/Bryn) to accept treasurer's report.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor will be submitting her report for June and July.

**Old Business** - Updates by Rhoda.....specific council members are still working on addressing the internet issues we have with live streaming and WIFI service.....Parish Directory is moving along and people are signing up.....Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held August 14 to 17, with some students signed up and there was discussion about this event.

**New Business** - Luther Point Bible Camp (LPBC) - Rhoda presented info. from Jackie Kurkowski that LPBC is in need of picnic tables/benches. Jackie will get estimates and more information.

Bryn presented information about a group of musically minded people from the Joint Parish that have met and are making plans for future music for both parishes.

Holy Fork in the Road, phase two: (Missional agenda) Rhoda and Marty led council in the second discussion of the "Holy Fork in the Road: from Worry to Wonder" presentation which was shown at the Spring Synod Assembly. This conversation is meant for the entire congregation as we continue throughout the year, with more information in monthly newsletters. Rhoda will check with Bethany Council to see where they are at. In August we will be looking at the next two steps.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting - Monday, August 21, at 6 pm

Respectfully submitted --- Carol Thompson



### **Visitation Ministry Discussions Begin**

On Sunday July 9, 2023 Rick K., Donna T, Frank, Wanda, and Mary R. attended the meeting led by Pr. Emily. They discussed:

-the congregational mission to be the hands and feet of God in our community – would there be interest in starting a lay visitation ministry?



-Stephen Ministry (a popular org that helps congregations with visitation ministries). Discussed wanting to start small now, but if a core group of “visitors” or “eucharist ministers” “table servers” “extending the table?” (name TBD) comes together they can look into Stephen’s Ministry. SM is a big process/commitment.

-The shelf above the sink in sacristy is where all the consecrated elements go – so the basket with the pre-filled wine/wafer OR the wafers in the ciborium are available any time for any visit. We need to discuss in the future the rite visitors would use with those they are visiting; responsibilities of the pastor vs. these ministers; overview of eucharist in general.

-If ppl seem interested, we will have a separate meeting to discuss the nuts and bolts of how a typical visit will go; how to manage visits/lists.

**Pilgrim** was scheduled to meet on July 12, 2023 but no one showed. However, vocal interest suggests that Pilgrim is interested in doing something like this. An end goal is to have the visitation ministry be parish-wide and not separated between the churches.

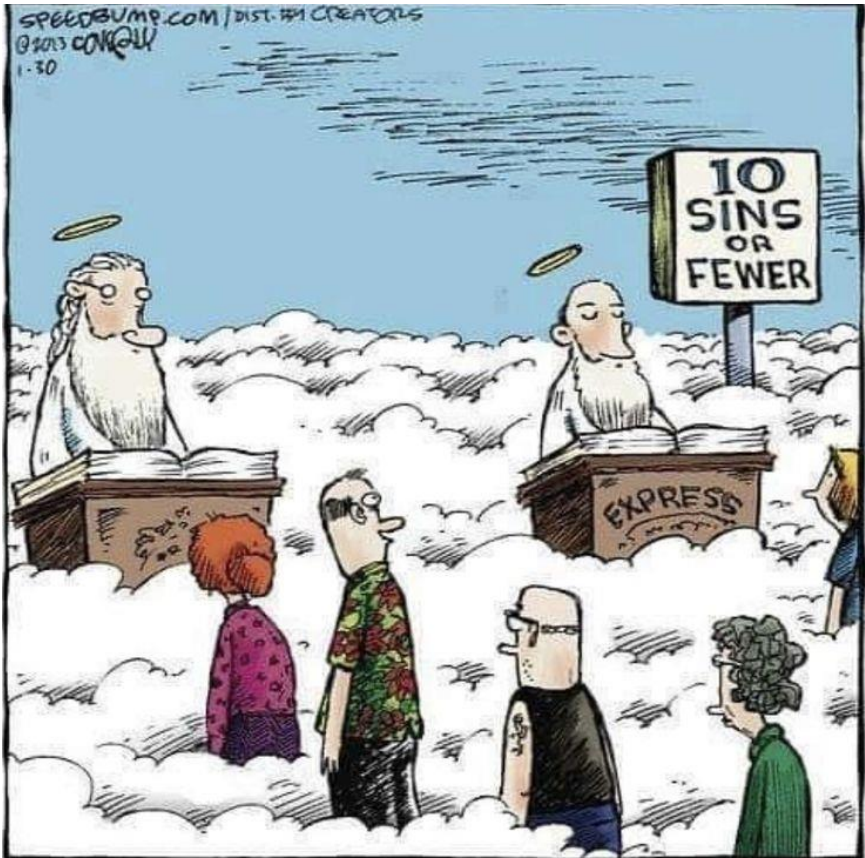
Next Steps: prepare visitation list and send them letter letting them known (after council okays the ministry). Then, we divvy up visits and have an hour meeting to go over how to do a visitation.

**If you are interested in participating in visitation ministry please talk to Pastor Emily, Donna Tjader/Pres. Rick Kosloski (Bethany) or Carol Thompson (Pilgrim).**



Bulletin, noun;

1. something to read during the sermon;
2. a fan used in churches without air conditioning;
3. your receipt for attending church.



"A joyful HEART is  
GOOD MEDICINE"

**SOME AUGUST DATES TO NOTE!**

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS!**



- 1<sup>st</sup>** Free Soup 4-6pm  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** Lutheran Identity Book Study 6:30-8pm @Bethany  
**4<sup>th</sup>** Bethany Annual Book & Pie Sale 9am-4pm  
**5<sup>th</sup>** WE SPEAK LIFE Concert 7-9pm @Hertel Casino  
Amphitheater  
**6<sup>th</sup>** Luther Point Bible Camp (LPBC) "35th Annual Summer  
Celebration and Auction" Starts at 11:30am-See website for more  
info  
Bethany Outdoor Service 10:30am  
**9<sup>th</sup>** Lutheran Identity Book Study 6:30-8pm @Bethany  
**12<sup>th</sup>** Apple River Conference Women of the ELCA gathering 8am  
**14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>** **VBS WEEK-STELLAR:SHINE JESUS' LIGHT**  
**16<sup>th</sup>** Lutheran Identity Book Study 6:30-8pm @Bethany  
**19<sup>th</sup>** Party for a Lifetime Cancer Fund Raiser 2-8pm @Sun  
Saloon  
**20<sup>th</sup>** Moose Mulligans Mini Golf Event  
**21<sup>st</sup>** Council Meets 6pm  
**22<sup>nd</sup>** Parish Board Meeting @Bethany 6pm  
**23<sup>rd</sup>** Lutheran Identity Book Study 6:30-8pm @Bethany  
**24<sup>th</sup>** ADRC 9am @Pilgrim  
**26<sup>th</sup>** Bethany Block Party  
**27<sup>th</sup>** Pastor Special Service for Traditions, Rehab & Pioneer Home  
**30<sup>th</sup>** LAST DAY of Lutheran Identity Book Study 6:30-8pm  
@Bethany

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