

PARISH VISITOR
September 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 10:30
Find our services online at bplutheran.com*

Church office Thursday & Fridays, 9am-3pm

Pastor's Office Hours Thursday, 3-6pm

PILGRIM LUTHERAN VOLUNTEERS September 2023

USHERS Rhoda Jensen

LECTORS

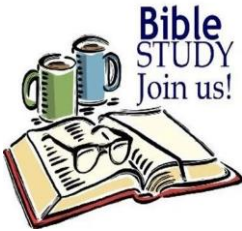
03 Chris Davis
10
17
24 Brandon Dahl

COFFEE SERVERS

03 John & Karen Persico
10 Steve & Rhoda Jensen
17 Simon & Mary Nelson
24 Eileen Wikstrom & Elvira Schmidt

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Jackie Kurkowski
Doreen Gustafson



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

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

COME JOIN US

FREE SOUP

TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 5TH - 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**

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering
CREATED
TO BE MYLE
Young Adult Gathering

2024 *New Orleans*
ELCA YOUTH GATHERING
JULY 16 - 20, 2024

Interest & Informational Meeting
7:35 pm, following Confirmation Family Meeting on September 6th @ Pilgrim

Early Bird Registration is September 15th. i.e. *The sooner you decide the cheaper it is.*

MOOSE MULLIGAN ADVENTURES



Moose Mulligan's on August 20th! New friend Ian, Olen Brewster, Gavin White, Walter Brewster





FREE SOUP event, Tuesday, August 1, from 4 to 6 at the Frederic Community Center. Rhoda and Lisa Jensen were the head cooks for the meal. Thank you everyone who helped with this community project.



Free Soup event -enjoying a delicious meal together and having fellowship.



Such a lovely picture of part of the church.



Confirmation Class Starts up this month & will be held at Pilgrim for the month of September-Hope to see you all there! 6:30-8pm

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)

QUITERS meet every Wed. morning at 9:30. 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 to confirm.

SEPT 1, Tues 4-6 - FREE SOUP at Frederic Senior Center/Community Center. This is a new "Mission Outreach Program" that PLCW and the church 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), 5 dozen cookies or bars for this event as we will continue to do this the first Tuesday of each month.**

SEPT 19, Tues - 2 pm - Our Sister Church, Grace Lutheran of West Sweden has invited us to the home of Peggy Skinner, 9207 Elbow Lake Road. The speaker will be Virginia Hennessey from Smoland Prairie Homestead near Alpha. Following the program we will sample some of her breads with various spreads along with some coffee and bars. RSVP by 9-15-23 to me, Carol T. We will meet at the church at 1:30 and carpool to Peggy's house.

SEPT 20, Wed - 2 pm - Faith Circle Bible Study meets at Marlene Dahlberg's with Jan Berg as leader. **Session 1 - Holy places Home** - Home can be the place we lay our head and the people we call family. Home can be our community or homeland. Home is also found wherever we truly and fully belong. This month, we consider the complexity and the promise of "home." - Written by Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. All are welcome!

OCT 7, Sat - The Looney Lutherans will be at Zion Lutheran Church at Trade Lake at 1 pm. The Looney Lutherans are a trio of wacky gals on tour promoting their new cookbook. Using music, comedy, and some help from the audience, these gals share some age-old wisdom for living a long and healthy life, the Lutheran way. This is a fundraiser for the steeple repair. [See you there!!](#)

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 or 715-371-0580(cell)



Recap of Food Distribution for August

We had a total of 603 families. Children- 438 Adults- 584

Seniors- 494

Grand total of 1516 persons

15,604 Pounds



**Acolyte Caiden
Johnson with
Pastor Emily
during worship on
Sunday, August 20.**



**Pastor Emily and Acolyte Lydia Ones for worship on Sunday,
August 27.**

PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - August 21, 2023

Present: Bryn Anderson, Bruce Bengtson, Chris Byerly, Brandon Dahl, Marty Davis, Kerrie Erickson, Rhoda Jensen, Carol Thompson and Pastor Emily.

Call Meeting to Order: President Rhoda at 6:01 pm - a quorum declared

Opening Devotions: Pastor Emily led us in prayer

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

Public Comment: None

Secretary's Report: M/C (Chris/Bruce) to approve July 17, 2023 minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Checking

General \$31,904.43

Memorial \$ 4,748.96

Youth Gathering \$ 621.32

TOTAL \$37,27471

Savings

Memorial \$ 3,973.74

Money Market \$10,927.24 (CD)

TOTAL \$14,900.98

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

TOTALS \$52,175.69

Endowment Fund Balance - \$13,002.69 (7-14-23)

New credit card will arrive in October. We need to present current up-to-date information to congregation where church finances stand.

Motion accepted with the request of Jackie to give us detailed report for Sept. **M/C** (Bruce/Brandon).

PASTOR'S REPORT - Pastor submitted June/July report. Discussion held on "God's Work. Our Hands" 9-10-23. Some items discussed from her report - Visitation Ministry-Churchtrac Program-Lifelong Faith Formation-Worship Leaders-Youth Conference in 2024, etc. More follow-up in Sept. Report accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS - Brandon of Lakeland Communications stated that the change over is complete. Rhoda will notify CenturyTel we have switched. We now have 5 different WiFi connections in the building. Rhoda reported Parish Directory is on target and going forward to complete the project. Rhoda talked of her findings on ordering church T-Shirts with our new logo on them; more information next month.

NEW BUSINESS - Ongoing discussion about TV in sanctuary to replace drop down screen that has problems. On Contemporary Sunday, 8-20-23 there were issues of not being able to read all the lines so Rhoda will

consult with Steve Stoner about this. Discussion about sign in front of the church. The current brick sign by the front door needs repairs.

Rhoda will report next month on her findings. Discussion of serving in house Harvest Dinner-10-14-23, 4 to 7, go forward - Jackie K., Chris B., Rhoda J. in charge. HELP FROM CONGREGATION IS NECESSARY.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CE) - Rhoda reported there were not enough students signed up to have a VBS so the curriculum (4 lessons from Stellar VBS Program) will be used for the coming year of CE beginning Sat, Sept 16. On Sun, Sept 17, the students will serve a pancake breakfast before worship at 9. During worship will be the blessing of the back packs.

Holy Fork in the Road, phase two: Discussion for next month.

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

Respectfully submitted --- Carol Thompson



Another successful Summer Celebration and Quilt Auction was celebrated at Luther Point Bible Camp (LPBC) on Sunday, August 6. The quilting women of the church donated a lovely tied quilt. Karen Persico knitted 5 very cute toddler sweaters for the silent auction. Thank you to everyone who shared their time and talents towards this worthy project.



Pastor Message September 2023

“Where Does She Retreat?” --The Society of
the Holy Trinity



I am part of an order, a more modern word may be ministerium, but it is more monastic than it is bureaucratic. I don't really proclaim it much, because there are negative attachments to it that are not entirely just. Because The Society is the most pan-Lutheran organization in the land (Europe has their own versions of these orders but with deeper roots)—LCMS, LCMC, NALC, ELCA, WELS, ELS are just a handful of the more than 10 Lutheran denominations in the country—the Society is labeled as “conservative” or “rebel-rousing”. Most of The Society is made up of pastors from the ELCA and NALC with some LCMS. The latter two church bodies lead many to those inaccurate conclusions.

In the early years of the formation of the ELCA radical changes were introduced such as changing the baptismal formula from “in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit” to “in the name of (fill your adjectives for God here—often something like “Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier”). This may seem arbitrary, but it really is a big deal. Luckily, the ELCA never officially endorsed such things though it has underscored the congregational governance over and above the episcopal (or catholic, or church-wide) meaning that churches can ultimately do what they like. As a result, The Society was created:

“Ordained to the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament in Christ's Church, called to such an office in Lutheran churches, we form together an ordered society of pastors. We commit ourselves to gather regularly for hearing the Word, celebrating the Lord's Supper, prayer, and theological reflection. We gather to help one another be faithful to the promises spoken when we were ordained.” --Official statement from The Society's *Rule* (www.societyholyltrinity.org/therule)

Each member of the society signs *The Rule*. *The Rule* are guidelines for helping members of the society be faithful to the vows they made when they were ordained to the priesthood. I encourage you to read it. Never has The Society made political stances or propose schism or animosity toward the Lutheran church bodies in America. It really is a brethrenhood or support group for Lutheran pastors as we all navigate through the storm of religious changes and challenges. Being part of the STS has been incredibly helpful and I won't deny it. Labels like "liberal" or "conservative" are helpful only to a point; eventually it tears up traditions that are more complex than that dualistic thinking.

This is where I go when I am on "retreat". The General Chapter Retreat happens every September and is typically held in Mundelein, IL— basically Chicago. I am part of the Minnesota Chapter and we aim to meet quarterly for 24 hours of prayer, fellowship, theological study, and rest.

Pastor Emily



L-R: Karen Swanberg, Eileen Wikstrom and Elvira Schmidt are happy to be at church for Sunday morning worship!!

This is an invitation to my Pilgrim church family to come join me on Sunday, September 24, as I celebrate the 80 years God has given me here on earth. After worship, from 11:30 till noon there will be special music by the Good Neighbor Ukulele Group that I am part of. Afterwards everyone is invited to join me and my family for lunch in the Fellowship Hall. No presents or cards but if you feel compelled to bring something, bring a can of SPAM for the local food shelf - it's my favorite! Ya'll come join the celebration.



Carol Thompson

We are looking for visitation volunteers to bring Sunday's Communion (and fellowship) to those who cannot come to church.

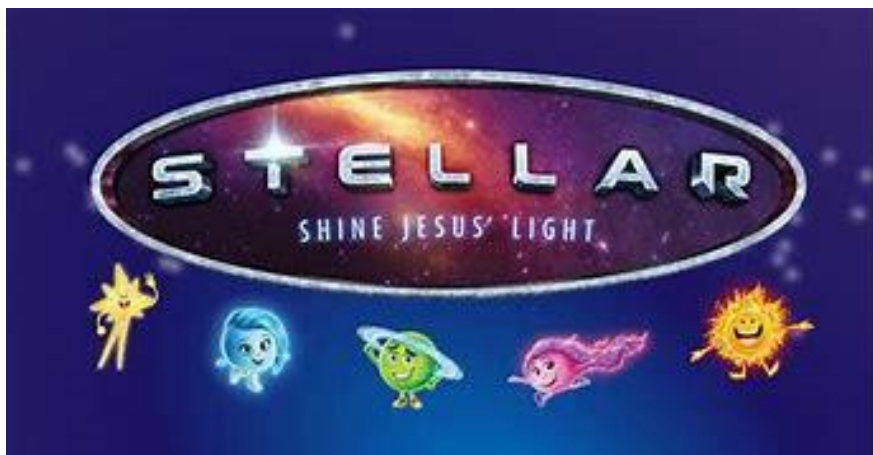
Next Steps: prepare visitation list and send them letter letting them know about the new idea. Then, we divvy up visits and have an hour meeting to go over how to do a visitation.

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



Did you know we have an interactive prayer wall on our website? Check it out! bplutheran.com

Need Prayer?



Youth Activities for September- SPARK and Confirmation Students...

Saturday, Sept 16th- 2-3 hour gathering beginning at 1pm (time could change).

...A few youth are helping at 9:30am with the decorating.

Decorate two rooms with the "STELLAR-Shine Jesus' Light" theme.

Lesson #1- discussion and learning a some new songs.
Craft and snack time.

Sunday, Sept 17th- RALLY Sunday...Blessing of the Backpacks...

Fundraiser Breakfast beginning at **9am-** pancakes, meat, fruit, etc.

Church Service at **10:30am** with youth singing a song or two or doing a skit.

...money to be used for craft items.

We have a few kids already interested in joining us but we need you to consider being a part of this fun group! We plan to meet at least 3 more times throughout the church year with the focus being on our STELLAR theme.

Wait until you see the decorations- they are out of this world! Please direct any questions or comments to Rhoda- looking forward to sharing this time with your kids!



Michelle Davis, daughter of Chris and Marty Davis, Pilgrim) and Brian Ritter

Ritter Legal Wedding (Oct. 2022)—will be married again in Scotland!)

Pastor Emily is off to Scotland to marry Brian and Michelle (Davis) Ritter (Michelle's parents are Chris and Marty Davis from Pilgrim)! She will also visit St. Andrews University, Cambridge, and Oxford and meet with the Lutheran Church of Great Britain. Her and childhood BFF, Mickey Muller, are fulfilling a 6th grade pact they made to find the Loch Ness Monster. She will be gone September 27-October 11.





SAVE THE DATE

Harvest Dinner

Saturday, October 14th- 4-7pm

Roasted Pork Loin with all the trimmings

This event will be served in the fellowship hall with take-out also available. We will need ALL of you- youth and adults- to help out in anyway you can...bringing food, serving, set-up, clean-up, etc. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex. Further details will be out in the Sunday bulletins and also in a mailed letter to you! Thanks so much...

Dinner Committee- Jackie Kurkowski, Chris Byerly, Rhoda





We have the new Acolyte Sign-ups all ready for those willing to help out Sept-Dec. Please feel free to use the sign up yourself or contact Faith in the Pilgrim office & she can add your child to the list.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A8A62DAAFD52-bethanypilgrim>

Regional Hospice Services
& Palliative Care



Grief Support

As a church, we are committed to walking together through all of life's milestones.

Our Regional Hospice Group – Spooner, will again offer a Grief Support Group at Bethany

- **Starting September 13th – October 18th
10-11:30am
Everyone is welcome to attend!**

Do you know any adults who wish to be baptized? Please reach out to

Pastor Emily



SOME SEPTEMBER DATES TO NOTE!



- 3rd Worship Time Changes: Bethany 8:30; Pilgrim 10:30**
5th Free Soup-Frederic Comm. Ctr 4-6pm
6th Parent/Student Confirmation Kickoff Meeting @Pilgrim
6:30pm
ELCA Youth Gathering Info Meeting @Pilgrim 7:30pm
8th Bethany Foot Clinic 9am-4pm
10th Youth Gathering Commitment Due-\$150 Deposit
13th Grief Support @Bethany 10-11:30am Thru Oct. 18
14th Malawi Summit 5-7pm Chippewa Falls-Central Luth
Church
15th Youth Gathering Registration Opens
16th Rhoda Decorates with Youth 1pm
17th Pancake Breakfast 9am & RALLY SUNDAY!
18th Council Meets 6pm
18th – 22nd Pastor Emily Gone-RETREAT
20th Faith Circle Meets 2pm
24th Carol Thompson 80th B-day Party
24th Pastor Special Service for Traditions, Rehab & Pioneer
Home
26th-Oct 11th Pastor Emily Gone-Scotland

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