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# PILGRIM NEWS

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In the past few weeks at Pilgrim I have had the joy of visiting with individuals from Nigeria, China, Kenya, El Salvador, and Honduras. I also heard stories from one individual who was a part of Pilgrim's youth group in 1927, another person who worked on a nuclear submarine during the cold war and others who are working at a national level to bring about social or environmental change. All of these individuals were either members or visitors at Pilgrim Congregational Church (UCC). What a wonderful array of life perspective and experience!

Are you taking the time to greet visitors and show interest in the lives of people you do not already know? I hope so. I know it is easier to leave that task to the few more outgoing individuals or the Membership and Growth Committee, but we really lose out when we think this way. The church loses because people, including visitors, are not experiencing the welcome and affirmation Jesus modeled. Individuals lose because they are not getting the opportunity to learn about the stories and gifts of others.

During Lent we are reminded to rejoice in the gift of God's love and share that gift with others. As we renew our New Beginnings efforts to redefine our mission, we are challenged to make this calling more of a reality in our congregation, community and world. A simple way to start doing this is by greeting, listening, and being kind to people you do not know well at Pilgrim and beyond. Remember to be the hands, feet, and smile of Christ even when the world does not seem to be smiling back. We are, after all, called to rise above the norm and we can do so with faith in our God who works well beyond earthly limitations.

## **SHARE THE POWER OF THE SEASON**

Help bring the wonderful meaning and power of this important Christian season leading up to Holy Week and Easter into other people's lives simply by inviting them to worship with us. There are brochures about our church and invitations in the narthex. Take a bunch and hand them out to people you know who don't have a church family to worship with. When we take the time to show people we care enough about them to speak our faith and invite them to worship, we often make more of a difference than we know.

## **LENT BEGINS!**

The time between Christmas and Lent always seems to go by so fast! Whether we are ready or not, another holy season is upon us. Lent begins this year at the beginnings of March. Some important dates to note on your calendar include:

- 3/1 – 6:00pm Soup Supper
- 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Observance
- 4/9 – 10:00am Palm Sunday Worship Service
- 4/14 – 7:00pm Good Friday Worship Service at Peace UCC
- 4/16 – 10:00am Easter Celebration Service
- Easter egg hunt after worship.

**PEER MINISTRY LEADERSHIP (PML) SESSIONS**

Open to 5<sup>th</sup> graders and up. Adults are welcome! 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour, 11:15 – 12:30, (snacks will be provided) 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, and 3/26. Facilitators: Pastor Karen, Jackie Falk, Cindy Grindy, and Youth

We continue to see the commitment of our youth to serve and to grow. They have set a new goal of a summer mission trip. We want them to be prepared and confident in their caring, welcoming and affirming skills as they go out to serve. Some of our youth, Oskar Lindaman, Christopher Kirby, Grace Beaster, Siri Truckey, and Brooke Hanlon participated in the day-long training workshop last November in the Peer Ministry Leadership workshop supported for us by a grant from the Ashley Fund of the MN Conference of the UCC. Now we would like to offer what they learned to all of our youth, 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up, especially those planning going on the mission trip. These are the session topics:

- 2/26 Session 1: **Hello** - Making a Friend
- 3/5 Session 2: **Human** - Welcoming a Friend
- 3/12 Session 3: **Hurt** - Understanding a Friend
- 3/19 Session 4: **Help** - Helping a Friend
- 3/26 Session 5: **Hands** - Walking Beside A Friend

PML developer, Lyle Griner, makes a distinction between youth group and youth ministry. "Youth group faces inward. It is about forming a club, which is often about itself. Youth ministry faces outward. Youth gather to support each other, while being equipped with ministry skills and an attitude of care for friends, families, and the world. Youth ministry is not exclusively about planning and putting on events, although it will. Ministry is when youth are making a difference, caring, welcoming and affirming, making life better for others in any setting." Using the story of The Good Samaritan as its foundation, PML invites adult mentors and youth to come and to learn together. For questions, contact Jackie Falk, ([jackief@pilgrimduluth.org](mailto:jackief@pilgrimduluth.org)), Pastor Karen, or Cindy Grindy.

**HONORING THE ROLE OF WOMEN AT PILGRIM**

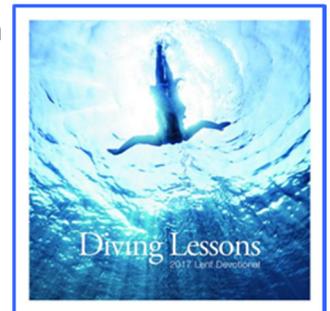
As we celebrate 100 years of ministry in our current building it seems fitting to also celebrate the changing role of women in the church. Since International Women's Day is on March 8, we are going to look at and honor the role of women in the church on Sunday March 12. It will be a worship filled with gratitude and prayer for the valuing of all people's gifts in the church and in society.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS**

"He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you, But to do justly, to love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?"

(Micah 6:8 NKJV)

None of us rides the earth around the sun another year without having contributed something regrettable of our own making to the great abyss of suffering, nor having been wounded by the sin of another. Sobered by these things, we will enter the season of Lent and continue not alone, but together with Jesus, with one another and with the whole church everywhere, in truth and gratitude until the light of resurrection breaks. For companionship on the way, pick up a copy *Diving Lessons*, a fresh collection of unique Lenten devotions that includes an insightful scripture verse and prayer for each day of Lent by the writers of the popular online Daily Devotional. It begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1, and continues through Easter Sunday, April 16. Copies will be available in Psalter Hall and to defray expense, a \$5 free will donation basket will be available.



**SPECIAL OFFERING ON MARCH 26: WHAT'S UNDER YOUR SOFA CUSHION?**

I'm throwing down the gauntlet and challenging you to dig around for loose change. Once again, we are doing our annual collection for "One Great Hour of Sharing." This offering supports partners in countries that fund many efforts including health, education, agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and domestic and international disaster response.

Last year, it was challenging to lift all the change that was brought in. This year, I want it to be even **more** difficult to carry. Please look around in your old spring jackets, jeans, & cup holders and under your sofa cushions. Please bring your change for the March 26 special offering.

If you have any questions, please ask me ([KramerKarma2@gmail.com](mailto:KramerKarma2@gmail.com)).

Melanie Grune  
Social Justice Ministry

P.S. Folding money will be accepted as well!

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

February 26

10:00 am Worship and Sunday School  
2nd Hour-Bible 101  
Peer Ministry Leadership

2:00 pm Installation of Rev. Dr. Karen Schuder

March 1

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship

March 5

10:00 am Worship  
2nd Hour Peer Ministry Leadership

March 12

10:00 am Worship and Sunday School  
2nd Hour Peer Ministry Leadership  
Honoring the role of women in the church

March 19

10:00 am Worship and Sunday School  
2nd Hour Peer Ministry Leadership

March 26

10:00 am Worship and Sunday School  
One Great Hour of Sharing  
2nd Hour Peer Ministry Leadership

**MAKING ROOM AT THE TABLE  
LENTEN SERMON SERIES**

This sermon series looks at the stories and lessons of Jesus that give new perspective on who belongs to God. Core to this understanding is the concept of grace versus meritocracy. Grace gives us new perspective on how to see the world and other people that challenges the belief that we earn our way and only certain people are welcome at God’s table. Knowing Jesus and God’s grace helps us to know we belong and gives us the vision to help others know they belong as well.

Scripture Readings:

March 5 – Matthew 8:5-13

Story: Jesus healed the centurion’s servant.

March 12 – John 2:1-11

Story: Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding in Cana. At this worship service, we will also be honoring the role of women in the church over the past 100 years.

March 19 – John 4:5-42

Story: Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman at the well.

March 26 – John 9:1-41

Story: Jesus gave sight to a blind man.

**INSTALLATION OF  
REV. DR. KAREN SCHUDER**

At 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 26, 2017, at Pilgrim, the Rev. Dr. Karen Schuder will be officially installed as the Pastor of Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ with a reception to follow! Pastors from other churches of the UCC and the Duluth community have been invited. Please join us!

Our secular ears might be misled by the word *installation*, as if we were plugging in a new appliance or downloading new software. But in the United Church of Christ, *installation* really means entering into a **covenant**. Because Christ is the only head of the church and all believers are equal in relationship to Christ, the organization and governance of the UCC acknowledges no subsequent hierarchy of authority. Instead we rely on our **covenants**, promises, to live in shared faithfulness and mutual accountability that guide us and unite us to the God we know in Jesus Christ.

In the UCC, **covenant** both shapes and centers all relationships within and throughout the wider circles of our denomination. Our coming Service of Installation of Pastor Karen will acknowledge these interlocking relationships. We, as Pilgrim Church, Pastor Karen, our denomination and the wider community will together make a **covenant**, a vow, to become yet more faithful “servants of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God” as we go forward together.

**PILGRIM BROADCAST ON PACT TV**

Cablecast dates:

Service:

3/1, 2 17:

1/29/17 (“Salted to be different” by Rev. Dr. K. Schuder

3/8, 9 17

2/5/17 “Power for Praise” by Rev. Dr. K. Schuder

3/15, 16 17

2/12/17 “Clothed with Joy” by Rev. Dr. K. Schuder

3/22, 23 17

2/19/17 “Fully Known and Never Alone” by Rev. Dr. K. Schuder

Pilgrim’s regular broadcasts on Channel 180 are Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm and Thursdays, 7:00 to 8:00 am and 8:30-9:30 pm.

Do you want to view a past worship from Pilgrim? Please email the office, [office@pilgrimduluth.org](mailto:office@pilgrimduluth.org) and we will send you a link on YouTube to view on your computer.

**GROWING FAITH PAGE**

Lent, which begins this month, is the forty day period of repentance and renewal before Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday (3/1), and ends with Easter Sunday. During this time we are supposed to look honestly at our lives, focus on our relationship with God, repent of our sins, and renew our commitment to living out our faith in Christ. There are many spiritual disciplines we can do each day that can help us observe Lent and prepare for Easter, including: regularly attending worship, fasting, reading and studying the Bible, praying, and giving generously.

**Lenten Challenge:** Make a determined effort to spend at least 15 minutes with God each day. Pick one or two spiritual disciplines to focus on each day and experience spiritual growth that will bring great meaning to your life. Be creative and try something new, such as write a prayer you can say throughout Lent, work on a painting that has spiritual significance to you, incorporate prayer with a form of exercise... Being spiritual doesn't mean having to follow a traditional or prescribed regimen, but should allow new possibilities for God's Holy Spirit to work in our lives. The heart of spiritual activities needs to be spending time with God, and there are countless ways of doing that.

**Scripture Reading:** Read at least two of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John). Look at Jesus' journey, how people responded to him, and the work of God's Spirit through Jesus. Also look at what Jesus taught about God's kingdom and how we are to live out our faith. And small enough to be at one with you.

**NEW BEGINNINGS SPRING 2017**

The New Beginnings process of redefining our mission is starting up again. We also anticipate developing a vision, values, and goals as part of this process. The strategy team has been working hard and we are excited to begin this wonderful work that will shape our congregation's future. We encourage everyone who is interested in Pilgrim's future to be a part of the process. Throughout March and April there will be a variety of opportunities to contribute including small group sessions and all congregation work day. We hope everyone will contribute and pray for Pilgrim during this time.

**Facilitators Orientation,** March 8, 6:30-8:00 pm

**2 Small Group Sessions: Weeks of March 12 & March 19** (1 session each week)

You can sign up for a day and time that works for you. If you were a part of a small group last spring, you can be in the same group or sign up for a different group. We hope to see even more people participate in the groups this spring. There will be sign-up sheets in the office, and on the table in Salter Hall, and online. Small group days and times include: Sunday after worship, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, or Thursday afternoon at 2:30 pm.

**All congregation half-day work session on Saturday, March 25 9:00am – 1:00pm** (lunch & child care included)

**Prayer Team:** If you are willing to pray for Pilgrim with Pastor Karen on Thursdays from 10:00-10:30 and on your own throughout the week, please let Pastor Karen know.

If you have any questions you can call the office (724-8503), email the office, or ask Pastor Karen and strategy team members (Denny Falk, Matt Hansen, Nan Hillmeyer, Josie Olson, and Lin Xiu)

**BAKE SALE: SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN SALTER HALL**



Following worship on Sunday, March 5th, there will be a bake sale to help raise additional funds for the musical, Once Upon a Parable the Sunday school youth will be presenting in worship on Sunday, June 11th. If you would like to contribute baked goods, please sign up in Salter Hall. Baked goods should be dropped off in the small kitchen just off Salter Hall and labeled, "Musical Bake Sale." Please drop off goods before worship on Sunday, March 5th.



## PRAYER ~ PICNIC ~ PARABLE ~ PROMISE

*People were bringing little children to Jesus in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. – Mark 10:13-16*

As a faith community we are moving towards including our children in worship more often, more fully, and more meaningfully to them. Children will be included, (no Sunday School) March 5 for Communion, April 9 and April 16 for Palm Sunday and Easter, April 23 for Earth Day, May 4, Mother's Day and June 4, Pentecost. We take our lead about children in worship from Jesus, who said "let the children come." Jesus' invitation was a powerful rebuttal to the norm in Ancient Rome, the world of our gospels, in which "Children are marginal beings who are seen as posing a threat to the civic order."

Our kids need to be in worship in order to know they too are part of this beloved community. Praising God, praying, singing, reading, and listening are not something just grownups do. We all share in this together, and we are enriched by the diversity of people sharing in the sacred time.

We learn by doing, and it is the same with worship. Kids who grow up going to worship are much more likely to worship as adults. It is something they know, and it can bring comfort and joy as they move out into the world. I love looking around in Pilgrim, young and old, in worship together. I love hearing all the voices mixed together singing songs of joy and peace, justice and hope. I believe this is what it means to be one in the Spirit, the Body of Christ, the Realm of God here and now.

We are a faith community cherishing one another; it can take patience, consideration, and practice. Thoughts that may be helpful on the way:

Thoughts for Children: Pick up an activity bag right outside the door. Make a nametag to wear. We want to know who you are! Come on down for Children's Time. If you want, bring a big person along. Ask to sit in a place where you can see. Say good morning and shake hands during the passing of the peace. Can you find the songs and Bible verses we are going to use in the service? Tell you parent or guardian that you would like to help usher or read scripture in the service.

For Parents and Guardians: Sitting next to the aisle or in a front pew will give children a better view and may help them feel part of the service. Ask an usher or pick up a children's activity bag. Children may look as if they are merely coloring a picture or reading a book, but they are very aware of what is going on around them. Snacks are welcome. If young children become disruptive, feel free to take them out of the service. Try again next week. They'll grow into it. If it works best for your family, a staffed nursery is available for children under 5. Help your child to participate in the passing of the Peace. Children can assist in worship. Usher, greet, or be a lay reader with your child. All ages are welcome to take communion. We use grape juice and gluten-free bread. And you are always welcome to join your child for Children's Time.

Thoughts for the Congregation: At a child's baptism we, as a congregation, make a promise to help nurture the faith of the child. By giving children their rightful place in worship we are living that vow. During passing of the peace, reach out to children near you. Learn their names. If you are a greeter at the door, make sure to welcome children as well as adults. Smile at children. Pray for the children, whether you know their names or not. In the past it has been said, children are the church of the future, but Jesus invites us to know our children are the church of today.

- Jackie Falk, Coordinator for Faith Formation, Children, Youth, & Families.

SAVE THE DATE: The 2018 Pilgrim/Peace Winter Camp at Wolfridge Environmental Learning Center dates are set: February 9 - 11, 2018. Mark your calendar now for a great fun, family, and faith time together!



**MUSIC REHEARSALS**

**Sunday, March 12th:**

9:30-9:55: Practicing "Homecoming" with Pilgrim Choir and singing in Church during worship.

11:00-11:45 am: All Sunday School Youth

Begin Choreography Session: "Samaritan Song"

Emelyn and Ellie, choreographers

Review: "Build on the Rock"

Practicing Singing, "Grow in Me"

**Adults Leading: Rachael Kresha, Meaghan Huot**

**Thursday, March 16th:**

6:00-7:15 pm: Speaking Roles Only

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**Adults Leading: Nate Stumme, Rachael Kresha**

**Sunday, March 19th:**

11:00-11:45 am: All Sunday School Youth

Begin Choreography Session: "Grow in Me" Choreographers: Camilla and Taitum

Review: Samaritan Song, and Build on the Rock

**Adult Leading: Rachael Kresha**

**Thursday, March 23rd:**

6:00-7:15 pm: Speaking Roles Only

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**Adult Leading: Nate Stumme, Rachael Kresha**

**Sunday, March 26th:**

11:00-11:45 am: All Sunday School Youth

Begin Choreography Session: Get What You Deserve:

Choreographer: Grace

Review: Grow in Me, Samaritan Song

**Adult Leading: Rachael Kresha**

**Thursday, March 30th:**

6:00-7:15 pm: Speaking Roles Only

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Congratulations to the Pilgrim Youth who auditioned for speaking roles for the Spring Musical, Malice in the Palace! A rehearsal schedule will be sent out via email and snail mail to the cast! For children and youth who did not audition for a speaking role, but would still like to be part of the musical they will be in the chorus. The chorus sings, dances, and plays the role of the crowd. We will be rehearsing every Sunday morning after church from 11:00-11:45 am in the chapel. If you have any questions, feel free to contact [rachaelkresha@gmail.com](mailto:rachaelkresha@gmail.com)

**Sunday, February 26th:**

11:00-11:45 am: All Sunday School Youth Choreography session for "We Gotta Lotta Stories"

Practice Singing, "Homecoming and Grow in Me"

**Adult Leading: Rachael Kresha**

**Sunday, March 5th:**

Bake Sale After Church: Parent volunteers while kids are rehearsing!

11:00-11:45 am: All Sunday School Youth

Begin Choreography Session: "Build on the Rock" Meaghan Huot, choreographer

Review Choreography for "We Gotta Lotta Stories," Rachael Kresha, choreographer

Practice Singing, "Homecoming and Grow in Me"

**Adults Leading: Meaghan Huot, Rachael Kresha**

**Thursday, March 9th:**

6:00-7:15 pm: Speaking Roles Only

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All Cast

**Adults Leading: Nate Stumme, Rachael Kresha**

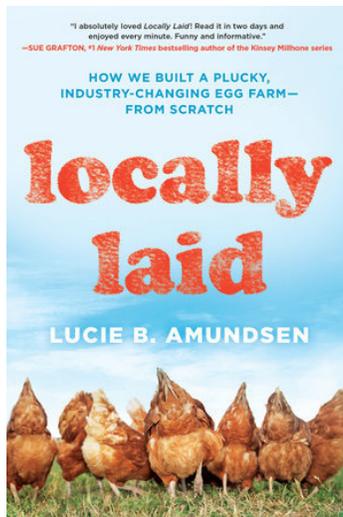
**MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE**

The 2017 **Minnesota Food Share March** Campaign is right around the corner. On **Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>** the Social Justice Ministry will be "Packing the Pews" by collecting food and monetary donations for the CHUM food shelf. There will be re-useable grocery sacks at the end of the pews ready to be packed with non-perishable food items. Remember, the food shelf can stretch cash further than donations of food because of their access to discount products and programs so monetary donations can also be dropped in the sacks. More information to follow.



**WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP**

The Women's Book Group invites you to a very special event (yes, that includes anyone no matter what your gender) March 13 at 6:30. Our guest speaker is Lucie Amundsen, the author and local entrepreneur (along with her husband) of Locally Laid! Ms. Amundsen wrote the book Locally Laid whose company's mission is about getting people real food to local folks, while treating livestock and the planet well in the process. And, while sourcing and selling regionally, they are championing *Agriculture of the Middle* - which means they are building strategic alliances among farmers, processors, distributors and retailers to reach consumers who care about the impacts of their food purchase.



All are welcome to attend, even if you have not had a chance to read this interesting, funny, and adventure-some book. BUT, space is limited! So, please sign up in Salt-er Hall. We will limit the attendance to the spaces on the sign-up sheet.

**2017 CROP WALK - SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday, March 19**

**United Campus Ministry sponsors the Duluth CROP Walk, Ski, Sled and Snowshoe event!**



Registration begins at 2:00 p.m. at Bagley Nature Center on the UMD campus right off of St. Marie St. The trail is about 1 mile long and you can walk, or bring your skis or snowshoes! There is a sliding hill for kids to bring their sleds as well. We will have a few snowshoes on hand for people try out. There will also be an indoor option through the campus for those who would like to walk inside. We will have an outdoor fire to warm up and roast marshmallows. Cookies & hot chocolate for everyone.

With the event we will raise money and awareness for those who do not have enough to eat around the world and right here in Duluth. If you can't give any money we still want you to come and just be part of this fun community event! It is a rare time when all faiths, churches, congregations, and campus can join together and be united! It is an event for every age, and pledge forms will be available in your church of- fice. You can also give a donation to the cause the day of the event. Hope to see you all at the 2017 CROP WALK!

**URBAN IMMERSION YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP  
JUNE 25 - JULY 1**

During this great week of fellowship and service we will be participating in meaningful service projects at or- ganizations around the Twin Cities area with youth from a variety of churches. We have 5 youth signed up and are excited to be a part of this experience provided by the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. Costs include \$280 retreat fees/person and transportation. Through March and April there will be fundraisers for the trip, including opportunities to be a sponsor and get updates from the youth while on the retreat. If your son or daughter is interested in the trip and has not yet signed up, please talk to Cindy Grindy (218-349-9611) or Pastor Karen (218-724-8503).

**Urban Immersion Service Retreats (UISR)** is a program of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Church- es that creates and facilitates retreats focused on educating participants about the complexities of poverty through a lens of faith and service.

"We seek change: from going on mission trips to living the mission from ignoring poverty to effecting a posi- tive response. We educate and empower people of all ages to be change-makers in their community."

**AGO LENTEN ORGAN RECITAL:**

Wednesday, March 8th, 12:00-12:30

Pilgrim Congregational Church

It has been the tradition for the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists to host an Organ Recital series over the lunch hour during the season of lent. Rachael Kresha will be performing a recital on the Jaeckel Opus 11 organ at Pilgrim on Wednesday, March 8th from 12:00-12:30. Stop in to listen for a few minutes, bring your lunch, or stay for the whole thing. There will be a free-will offering collected to support the AGO Scholarship Fund to support young high school students in the northland study pipe organ, and help keep our local churches well-stocked with organists!

Tuesday, February 28

11:30 am- 12:30 pm Life Science

**Resisting and Protecting our Communities,  
Know Your Rights**

**KYR Presentation, De Leon & Nestor, LLC**

**The presenters will discuss the following topics:**

- 1) The Executive Order on immigration and what has changed for different categories of immigrants (update on ban and student visas and travel)
  - 2) what to do when ICE comes knocking on your door (emphasis on warrants and prior removals)
  - 3) The immigration court process and applications for relief from removal (backlogs in court)
  - 4) The process for applying for asylum (particularly for people who have fear and are currently under a student visa)
  - 5) Resources and organizations to contact to obtain further assistance (ILCM, Advocates, Attorney Referral Lists)
- Call to Action  
Question and answers  
FREE and OPEN to the Public

**ASL CLASSES BEING OFFERED**

American Sign Language classes will be taught by one of our new members, Joyce Atchison, starting on Saturday 25 from 10-11 am in the Library at Pilgrim. This bi-weekly class is for adults and beginners who would like to learn some basic American Sign Language (ASL). Joyce has a lifetime of personal and professional experience with hearing loss and deafness, and using/teaching American Sign Language. She is excited to offer this ASL class to interested adults. Cost is \$3.00-5.00 per session to help offset costs for using the facility and printing handouts.

Questions? Email Joyce at:

[msjoyceatchison@gmail.com](mailto:msjoyceatchison@gmail.com)

Or text at: 507-384-7575.

**WE NEED YOU!**



Do YOU like to write short stories? Do YOU like to illustrate? Do YOU like to arrange photos that tell a good story? Do YOU want to help Pilgrim Church (your church) grow? Do YOU want to help make other people's lives better? Then do I have a wonderful and fun opportunity for YOU! Your Stewardship Committee is looking for team members that would enjoy helping us create a NARRATIVE BUDGET. Our goal is to produce a three to four page document that in story and photography outlines and describes what wonderful mission work our various ministry groups are presently doing and could do more of if Pilgrim's congregation were to increase funding. We are not asking you to do any fund raising--but to simply be a part of a team effort to produce an interesting and telling story. Please email me at [jonwelles3@icloud.com](mailto:jonwelles3@icloud.com) if YOU want to be part of this team. We would love to have our NARRATIVE BUDGET ready for the Annual Meeting in May. Thank you.  
Peace be with YOU!

Jon Welles, Chair

**GUEST CHOIR**

On Sunday, March 5th, Pilgrim will be having a special guest choir, The St. John's Boys Junior Varsity Choir help lead the worship service with their music. The St John's Boys Choirs provides musical opportunities for boys ages 8-15 are from Central Minnesota and rehearse at St John's University. The boys represent home, public, and private school in 15 different communities in Central Minnesota.

**PILGRIM CHURCH STAFF**

- Rev. Dr. Karen Schuder, Pastor
- Mary Sopoci, Business Manager
- Jim Brower, Administrative Assistant
- Rachael Kresha, Director of Music
- Bret Amundson, Director of Choral Music
- Jackie Falk-Coordinator for Faith Formation, Children, Youth, & Families and Family Ministries Coordinator
- Annika Nielsen, Childcare Assistant

**FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 29**

Sunday, February 26	8:45 am	Bible Study
	9:00 am	Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday School
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:15 am	2nd Hour Bible 101
		Peer Ministry
Monday, February 27	8:30 am	Cooking at Damiano Center
Tuesday, February 28	6:00 pm	Church Council
Wed., March 1	6:00 pm	Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
Sunday, March 5	8:45 am	Bible Study
	9:00 am	Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion no Sunday School
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:15 am	2nd Hour-Peer Ministry
Tuesday, March 7	7:30 am	Men's Fellowship
	5:00 pm	Leadership Team
Wed., March 8	10:30 am	Women's Fellowship
	12:30 pm	Lenten Organ Recital
	6:00 pm	Bellissimo Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Facilitators Orientation
	7:15 am	Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, March 12	8:45 am	Bible Study
	9:00 am	Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday School
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:15 am	2nd Hour-Peer Ministry
	7:00 pm	Confirmation
Monday, March 13	6:30 pm	Women's Book Group
Tuesday, March 14		All Ministry Night
Wed., March 15	3:00 pm	Communications Ministry
	6:00 pm	Bellissimo Rehearsal
	7:15 am	Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, March 19	8:45 am	Bible Study
	9:00 am	Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday School
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:15 am	2nd Hour-Peer Ministry
Tuesday, March 21	7:00 pm	BeFriends
Wed., March 22	7:00 pm	Youth
	7:15 pm	Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal
Sat., March 25	9:00 am	New Beginnings
Sunday, March 26	8:45 am	Bible Study
	9:00 am	Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday School
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:15 am	2nd Hour-Peer Ministry
	7:00 pm	Confirmation
Monday, March 27		Newsletter Deadline
	8:30 am	Cooking at Damiano Center
Tuesday, March 28	6:00 pm	Church Council

<b>SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS</b>
<b>February 26-Ushers</b>
Tucker Hanlon and Denny Falk
<b>Greeters/Coffee</b>
Don and Paula BJORALT
<b>Reader</b>
Brooke Hanlon
<b>Counters</b>
Martin Grune and Mardi Bagley
March 5-Ushers
Greeters/Coffee
Nate and Rebekka Stumme
Reader
Counters
Mardi Bagley and George Killough
March 12-Ushers
Greeters/Coffee
Zachary and Serenity Campbell
Reader
Counters
Steve Grindy and George Killough
March 19-Ushers
Greeters/Coffee
Dana and Elise Lindaman
Reader
Counters
Denny Falk and Mardi Bagley
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- Dwight D. Eisenhower

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**Upcoming Events**

- February 26 Worship[ and Sunday School  
2nd Hour Bible 101  
Installation of Rev. Dr. Karen Schuder
- February 28 Church Council
- March 1 Ash Wednesday Worship
- March 5 Worship  
2nd Hour Peer Ministry
- March 8 Lenten Organ Recital
- March 12 Worship and Sunday School  
2nd Hour
- March 14 All Ministry Night
- March 19 Worship and Sunday School  
2nd Hour
- March 25 New Beginnings All Church Session
- March 26 Worship and Sunday School  
2nd Hour
- March 28 Church Council



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