

The Pilgrim

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Joan Haan and Pastor Chris Smith at the
Ash Wednesday drive-up imposition of ashes.*

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*A Home for Hungry Minds and Souls
A Caring for Creation Congregation*

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March Worship Overview

The Pilgrim COVID-19 Preparedness Plan has been posted on the Pilgrim website. The Pilgrim building is currently closed, except for small groups that have applied for use of the building, following safety guidelines. Please contact the church if you have questions. Meanwhile, our ministries continue!

Sunday Worship in March

About Virtual Gatherings via Zoom

We look forward to continuing to gather together, at the same time, for worship via Zoom, which will enable us to see each other on the screen, share joys and concerns by typing in the chat section (in morning worship), and stay for “coffee” time following worship. For those unable to attend at 9:30 am, a worship recording will be available later.

Morning Worship/Forum Overview for March

9:00-9:20 am — PreK & Kindergarten-2nd grade

9:20 am — Zoom gathering opens, for arriving and pre-worship conversation; Prelude begins around 9:27 am

9:30 am — Worship via Zoom

10:20 am — Coffee Conversation via Zoom, following worship

10:30 am — High School Pathways

10:40 am — Forum via Zoom, on some Sundays

(Grade 3-5 & Middle School Pathways will meet at 6:15 pm on Wednesday evenings)

Wednesday Evening Lent Worship Overview for March

During the month of March, we also continue with the season of Lent, which includes worship each Wednesday evening

6:58 pm — Prepare for Worship – [FB LIVE Link]

7:00 pm — Worship via Facebook

Worship & Forum Details During March

Point for Pilgrims — Included in worship each Sunday morning is “Point for Pilgrims,” an opportunity for children and their families to experience the Bible story in an engaging way.

Sunday Morning Forums — Forums follow worship each Sunday morning at 10:40 on Zoom. You can use the same link that is used for Sunday morning worship to access the forums.

Wednesday, March 3 — Second Wednesday in Lent — Katia McDonough: Story of Healing, Mark 14:3-9

Sunday, March 7 – Second Sunday in Lent – Pastor Jen Rome preaching, John 2:13-22

Forum: Welcoming the Dear Neighbor. The Advocates for Racial Equity (ARE) at Pilgrim are studying the terrorism perpetrated on Nellie and William Francis one hundred years ago in their home just blocks from Pilgrim. By confronting the reality of what happened in our backyard one hundred years ago, we hope to break through the denial that still today keeps us from owning our individual and local community accountability for the destruction that comes from racism. Many groups are engaging in this same work. This forum will help us learn about two of them.

The Mapping Prejudice project at the University of MN has created a huge data set on racial covenants and redlining practices in Hennepin County real estate. Data analysis demonstrates the ways in which these practices segregated communities and created corridors of de-valued housing and economic struggle. Some of those corridors were then destroyed to make way for parts of highways 94 and 35W. St. Catherine University, in a project called **Welcoming the Dear Neighbor**, is working toward completing the Ramsey County part of the racial covenant and redlining data collection as well as adding new approaches to understanding historic racist real estate practices in Ramsey County. The Forum will be presented by members of the project team at SCU.

Come to this Forum to join ARE in learning more about racism in real estate patterns and practices and to consider participating as a “citizen scientist” by reading warranty deeds and entering information (both online) to help expand the data set.

Wednesday, March 10 – Third Wednesday in Lent – Pastor Chris Smith preaching, Luke 8:42a-48

Sunday, March 14 – Third Sunday in Lent – Pastor Chris preaching, John 3:14-21

Forum: Public Art and Public Theology. This forum will be led by Pilgrim’s Public Art Team and Kristina Fruge of the Riverside Innovation Hub at Augsburg University. Hear about the plans for public art on Pilgrim’s west lawn and wonder: As we step outside the building in this new way, how we might meet God in our neighbors?

Wednesday, March 17 – Fourth Wednesday in Lent – Elizabeth Ankeny: Story of Healing, Psalm 23

Sunday March 21 – Fourth Sunday of Lent – Pastor Jen Rome preaching, John 12:20-33

Forum: Coffee, Tea, and Stories of Spring, facilitated by Pastor Jen. After months of isolation, we need times to intentionally connect with others. Join this time to share stories and memories of spring and new growth in our lives in small groups on Zoom.

Wednesday, March 24, Fifth Wednesday in Lent – Pastor Chris Smith, preaching, Luke 13:10-17

*Note: There is no worship service on **Wednesday, March 31.***

The Pilgrim, March 2021

Holy Week Worship

Sunday, March 28, Palm Sunday – Point for Pilgrims, Pastor Jen Rome preaching, Mark 11:1-11. Pick up your Holy Week Care Package! You can pick up your Holy Week Care Package at church on

Saturday, March 27, between 10 am-12 noon on the lawn on the west side of the church building. Please approach the church on Prior Ave. from the south so you can pull over to the side to receive your care package. Holy Week Care Packages will include palms, communion kits, and home devotions for the week.

Forum: The CAT Survey: What Does a Survey Report Look Like? Interim Lead Pastor Chris Smith will lead this forum. As part of being a congregation in intentional transition, every person affiliated with Pilgrim Lutheran Church will be invited to complete the Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT) survey. The goal is to provide a survey process that includes as many community members as possible so that the resulting data provide a comprehensive picture of the congregation. Our time during this forum will look at a sample survey report, providing participant with an understanding of what they can expect from the survey process. We'll also be seeking ideas from participants about what we can do to follow up once the survey for Pilgrim has been received.

Thursday, April 1, Maundy Thursday – Pastor Jen Rome, preaching, Mark 14:12-25. Resume the celebration of Holy Communion. It's been so long since we have been able to share in Holy Communion together! With Zoom whole group conversations and breakout rooms, we will have dinner with each other (just eat dinner while on Zoom), share memories of Holy Communion, explore the bible story of Jesus celebrating the Passover meal with the disciples, and create a home table-altar to use to celebrate Holy Communion during Maundy Thursday zoom worship.

This is for all Pilgrims, including those who would like to begin receiving communion as well as those already communing. For children and others receiving communion for the first time or who would like to mark this time of learning about communion, we will have a special moment during worship to mark this milestone moment.

Friday, April 2, Good Friday – Pastor Chris Smith preaching, Mark 14:26-15:47

Sunday, April 4, Easter Sunday – Pastor Chris Smith preaching, Mark 16:1-8

Pilgrim Virtual Worship Is Available to Those Without Computers!

You can attend Pilgrim virtual morning worship by telephone. Those wishing to attend these worship gatherings in this way will need the following three pieces of information:

- ❖ Telephone number: 312-626-6799
- ❖ Meeting ID: 916 7782 1243
- ❖ Passcode: 994874

Once you have dialed the telephone number, you will be asked to enter the **Meeting ID** followed by the # (**pound sign**), and then the **Passcode** and **pound sign**. If the gathering has not yet been started by the host, you will be asked to try again later, so please don't call in much before **9:20 am** begins.

The Meeting ID and Passcode will be available in the Saturday congregational emails, for morning worship, and will also be a part of the Pilgrim general voicemail message, available on Thursdays.

March Contemplative Evening Worship

Contemplative Evening Worship

Sunday Night Contemplative Worship Services offer you an opportunity to keep your spirits warm and nourished during the long winter months. You are invited to attend these services from the comfort of your home via Zoom. These services will include the well-loved Word Weavings that we have used since 2002, along with contemplative liturgy and music of Taizé, France. The schedule for March will be:

March 14 and 28 at 6:51 pm:

Taizé Contemplative Evening Worship with Word Weavings
followed by reflection and conversation.

We hope you will consider being woven together with us in Spirit through these contemplative worship services. Information regarding connection will be available as the dates draw near.

Transition to a New Season of Mission

To Go Well, Transitions Need Participation

By Interim Pastor Chris Smith

Transitions are times in between. They happen in the space between what has been and what is going to be. Transitions are times ripe with possibility. If the time is leveraged well, good things, even great things, come from transitions.

Many times of transition are recorded in the Bible. Between slavery under Pharaoh and freedom in the Promised Land, there was a 40-year transition as the people of God learned to think, worship, pray and serve in new ways. Much later, Gabriel told Mary that in nine months she was going to give birth to the Savior of the world. Mary retreated to the house of her cousin Elizabeth for much of that nine-month transition period to prepare herself for her new mission – raising the child Jesus to adulthood.

The most important transition in history took place between Good Friday and Easter Sunday – what the church calls “The Three Days”. God did God’s most important work in that time of transition. And, the most awesome, most blessed thing happened when it was done – Jesus rose and nothing could take away life from us ever again.

Like the disciples after Good Friday, the Israelites wandering in the wilderness, and the pregnant Mary, people in a time of transition often ask the same question: What’s next?

Pilgrim Lutheran Church is at the beginning of a time of transition. The church is in this transition because of something unexpected: A long-serving lead pastor has moved on to serve a new church. For many at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, this time naturally feels ambiguous. It will take time to look back and give thanks for all that has been and then to turn toward the future and begin to imagine what is next.

God has a good record when it comes to times of transition. In fact, when you look at the biblical record, you must conclude that often God does God’s best work during times of transition. Because we are the people of God, forgiven and given new life through Jesus, God’s promise for us is that something really good is next. You can count on that. My time as an intentional interim pastor at Pilgrim will be focused on helping you partner with God in bringing about that next good and blessed season of mission.

To journey well through this time of transition, your church leaders and I will need your help. We need your prayers and your encouragement for important projects and decisions that will be part of the transition process. And we will need your input and ideas as the Vestry, and groups

to whom the Vestry delegates tasks, seek information and ask for your opinions and comments. You may be asked to complete surveys, to participate in small group discussions, or to join a committee or task force to complete projects and tasks. If you are asked to participate, please prayerfully consider saying “Yes.” By nature, the tasks of transition are not long-term, they are for a season, but they will have longer-term impacts. Your participation will be important, because every voice matters, and thoughtful insights and good ideas are never out of season.

I’m excited about joining the people of Pilgrim Lutheran Church and I look forward to the support of the whole congregation as we walk together in this time of transition. God has good things in store.

Alex’s Children, Youth, and Family Updates!

*By Alex Theship-Rosales,
Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries*

ELCA’s Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Extravaganza!

On February 5 and 6, Pastor Jen and I participated in the ELCA’s national Extravaganza gathering (on Zoom)! The conference brings Children, Youth, and Family ministry leaders together from across the country to lead workshops that invigorate and inspire impactful CYF ministry. I left feeling filled to the brim. It was so inspiring - not only to collectively grieve the Covid-ey-loss of connection and face-to-face interaction so essential in relational ministry, but to join together and focus on how the Kindom still breaks through, even online. I thought my fingers were going to fall off typing at times as I wrote down helpful idea after helpful idea – listening, absorbing, and appreciating. I will be taking the insights I heard heart and hope to use many of them at Pilgrim looking forward! I have been at Pilgrim eight months now. Thank you for having me here!

LIGHT Time & Taking Faith Home

LIGHT Time — Zoom gathering times on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings for Pilgrim’s children, youth, and families — has been focusing on Lectionary stories of Jesus’ life, including Jesus’ baptism and his healing of Simon’s Mother-in law, as well as a new focus on strengthening ties between our CYF and children and youth at Luganga Lutheran in Tanzania! Pastor Bimbiga of Luganga has sent two videos from their worship services, including a Sunday School choir song, and is awaiting a video from us in exchange which we will record with Children’s Choir Director Maggie Priola during Flashlight’s (ages PreK-2nd grade) LIGHT Time on **Sunday, March 7**.

Upcoming Confirmation Events

Faith Conversation Bonfire – Friday, March 12, 7:30pm

If you will be Confirmed this spring, join your peers, Pastor Jen, and Alex for a physically distanced theological chat! We'll gather around a bonfire in Pastor Jen's yard, have snacks, hot cider, and exchange insights from our Confirmation Faith Conversations. 2021 Confirmands should receive an email from Alex with details, but let him know if you did not receive it or would like it resent.

Ask ALL the Questions Walk – Friday, March 26, 2pm

Walk & talk about God, Jesus, the Bible, and be super honest about your questions and current place on the journey of faith. Please bring your completed Confirmation Information Form.

SAME DAY: Attend Worship with Mount Zion – Friday March 26 6pm

Experience and learn from another worship experience through a virtual service at Mount Zion – a reformed congregation in Saint Paul. We'll Zoom together afterwards and talk about the experience over dessert!

Non-Confirmation Event – Minnehaha Hike!

Who: Middle & High School Pathways

When: Friday, March 5, 4:30pm

What: A re-scheduled hike at Minnehaha! Meet at Minnehaha Creek Park to get outside, see friends, and check out the amazing waterfall! Meet by the Sea Salt restaurant for a chilly stroll. After strollin,' we'll end the time together with a prayer.

Looking Towards Summer

Priority registration for Camp Wapo closed at the end of February. If you are still interested in attending please use this link to access general registration: <https://tinyurl.com/oi3hmvaz>!

Pilgrim will attend the following three camps:

- ❖ Seeds Camp (Grades 1-3): **July 21-23 2021**
- ❖ Youth Camp (Grades 4-8): **July 25-30 2021**
- ❖ Sr. High Camp (Grades 9-12): **July 25-30 2021**

Other summer event dates have changed – these are updated and current:

- ❖ Pilgrim Camping Trip: **June 25-27**
- ❖ Vacation Bible School: **July 12-15**
- ❖ High School Pathways Retreat: **August 4-5**
- ❖ Middle School Pathways Retreat: **August 11-12**

Music Notes — March 2021

By Paul Stever, Music Director

Lenten Contemplative Music and Prayer, March 7 at 6:51 pm

On **Sunday, March 7 at 6:51 pm**, Pilgrim will host our first event in the sanctuary with a live congregation since March 2020. I will play music by Howells (Psalm Prelude inspired by Psalm 23:4, on organ), Beethoven (sonata excerpts on piano), and Barber (Adagio for strings, on organ), with total duration of about 30 minutes. In order to minimize risks of gathering together, there will be no speaking, singing, or vocalization of any kind at this event, except a few brief welcoming words from Paul. The singing bowl will be rung at several points and those in attendance are encouraged to observe a time of contemplative prayer throughout, although applause may be received after the final selection. Families and individuals will be seated at least 6 feet apart from those outside your household and masks are, of course, required for the duration (Paul will not remove his mask at any point either). Please enter by the main sanctuary door, off St. Clair (this will likely be the only door unlocked when you arrive) and ushers will direct you to leave via one of the Prior Ave doors. Everyone who wishes to come in person must sign up ahead of time (no walk-ins allowed), through a link on the Pilgrim website. You may also listen on Facebook live at

<https://www.facebook.com/PilgrimStPaul>

Paul Stever Sings and Plays (Now on Mondays at Noon on Facebook Live)

Every Monday at noon during Lent, I will be premiering a short, approximately 5 minute live-stream of me singing and/or playing sacred music, a “Monday Musical Moment.” Join me at

<https://www.facebook.com/PilgrimStPaul> or view them afterwards at your convenience.

Compline on March 21 at 8 pm

Pilgrim tenors and basses are again working to prepare a short contemplative service based on the liturgy for bedtime called “compline.” We will sing the service on Facebook Live on Sunday, March 21 at 8pm and the recording will be available for listening any time after the service. A Facebook account is not required, you can either click the link on the Pilgrim website that leads to the Facebook live events or go directly to the Pilgrim Facebook page. A good link is

www.facebook.com/pg/PilgrimStPaul/events/. If you missed the November 1, December 13 or February 21 compline services, you can still listen at **<https://www.facebook.com/PilgrimStPaul/live/>**

Education, Service & Fellowship

Book Club News

Date: **Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 7 pm**

Book: *The Yellow House* by Sarah M. Broom

This will be a Zoom meeting. The link will be sent out shortly before the meeting, so if you'd like to be added to the group list please contact Lynda Hirschboeck at **hirschbo@gmail.com**.

Classics for Pilgrim

The Classics for Pilgrim book discussion will take place virtually on Zoom on **Thursday, March 24, 7-8:30 pm**. Expect a lively discussion of *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller. Contact Barbara Taylor (**651-699-1095; bstaylor50@gmail.com**) for the zoom link. This is an open discussion for those who enjoy reading classics as well as an opportunity to get to know Pilgrim friends.

Virtual More Than Happy Hour

Thursday, March 25, 6:30-7:30 pm

More Than Happy Hour is a once-a-month space for young adults to gather and talk about life, church, and the world. We focus on a discussion theme. Anyone and everyone is welcome to join, or bring a conversation topic. Pilgrim buys us dinner!

In COVID-19 life, we're living up to our name — and this gathering will certainly MORE than happy hour. Pilgrim's Young Adult Innovation grant will pay for your dinner via Door Dash, and then from home, we can enjoy our dinner and talk in Zoom-land. Reach out to Hannah Olson at **hannahdelaine@gmail.com** by **March 22** so we can coordinate for payment for your dinner and make sure you get the Zoom link.

Pilgrim Mamas Gathering Virtually

All those who identify themselves as mamas from Pilgrim are invited a Pilgrim Mama's get together approximately once a month in the later evening. Please contact **Kirsten Anderson** at **kirsten.m.anderson@me.com** for information.

How To Be a Helper or Be Helped During This Time

In these challenging times, we are equipping Pilgrims in shared ministry and caring for one another. As a part of this commitment, we have a process whereby you can let us know of a need you have, and let us know how you can help to meet a stated need. You can read about it; there's a summary on the Pilgrim website home page, in the quick links section. It's titled, "**Being a Helper — Our New System.**"

Here's a direct link to the document: <http://tiny.cc/pao3qz>.

Children, Youth, & Families

Families in Faith Classes

Families in Faith Classes are shared experiences for children and their parents/caregivers to learn faith practices together. There is one class for each year of a child's life from Birth-6th graders led by Pastor Jen. Virtual classes will take place **Wednesday Evenings from 6:15-7:00 pm** for PreK-6th grade and on **Sunday mornings at 8:30 am** for babies and toddlers. There will then be a blessing shared during 9:30 am virtual worship the following Sunday. Children and families will receive a gift and materials at home in advance of Families in Faith classes. Siblings, grandparents, godparents, etc. are welcome to join in!

Sunday, March 7, 8:30 am — Toddler's Playing Church:

Parents/caregivers and children will explore playing church at home and play with the worship playset delivered in care package. Blessing during 9:30 am worship that morning.

Confirmation with Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Deep Dive Confirmation for 7th-9th Graders

Middle School Pilgrim youth are invited to participate in Deep Dive Confirmation, a collaborative effort of progressive St. Paul ELCA Congregations, which during COVID will invite participants to watch a movie in advance that highlights the connection of faith and activism.

We'll have a watch party the movie *Harriet* during our regular Pathways middle school time on **Wednesday, March 17, 6:15 pm**. We'll create some questions to share with the other churches.

Then we'll lead a Zoom Deep Dive gathering dedicated to a small group conversation just for Pilgrims on **Sunday, March 21, 7:00-8:00 pm**.



Prayer Corner

We pray for God's loving presence for these Pilgrims who need healing, hope, comfort, and care:

Concerns: For our governor and all Minnesota public servants, as they lead and serve our whole state; for our national and international leaders, for wisdom during this pandemic; for the vulnerable in our society, including those suffering with COVID-19, those who are unemployed, those struggling with depression and other mental health issues.

Ongoing Health Concerns: Prayers for Leslie Tunstall, whose Stage IV lung cancer has recently become more aggressive and is no longer responding well to the chemotherapy intervention — prayers for her to fully experience the joy of the world each day as she discontinues chemotherapy and embarks on this new phase of life; Eleanor Boyer, mother of Elaine Boyer-Haymond, in hospice care; for Josh Moss' mother, Darlene Moss, and their loved ones, in hospice care for brain cancer; Serena Asta, chronic neurological Lyme disease; Lisa Berg; Lillian Knutson; Mike Regal, Chuck's son, ongoing care following a serious motorcycle accident; Cathy Comeford, sister of Jeanne Comeford, undergoing treatment for cancer; Daniel Leshner, for physical, emotional, and spiritual health.

Births: Rory Anderson, born April 22; Inho Robert McAdory-Kim, born January 31; Hanna Ruby Heggeseth born to Brianna and Paul Heggeseth on January 1, 2020; Maeve McElrath, born to Eileen and Matt McElrath on Sunday, March 24; Margaret (Maggie) Linnea Moore, born to Britt and Tim Moore on March 22.

Christian Sympathy: Kurt Schultz, on the death of his stepfather, Joe McAuliffe; Leslie Brandt and family, on the death of her grandfather, Robert Brandt; Brett Kahnert and family, on the death of his aunt, Vicki Gunness; Jenn Radke, on the death of her paternal grandmother Barb on January 10 and her maternal grandmother Myra on January 11; Carolyn Olsen, on the death of her mother Shirley Hayde on January 2; the Oakman and Deer families, on the death of Jay's paternal grandmother, Dorothy, on December 23; family and friends of Katherine Jacobson, wife of former Pilgrim Pastor Del Jacobson, who died on December 16; family and friends of Mardell Johnson, who died on November 9; family and friends of Dick Johnson, who died on October 2; Sara McAdory-Kim and family, on the death of her aunt Marcia McAdory Rachel on September 26; Hannah Schendel, on the death of her great-uncle, Edwin Monroe Cronk; family and friends of Jan Harper, former Pilgrim member and spouse of Jean Hay, who died on August 31; family and friends of former Pilgrim member Wilbur Decker, who died on August 11; Jason Hendrikson, on the death of his father, John, on August 3; Karie Johnson, on the death of her uncle, Donald Ostergaard, on July 25; Drew Johnson, on the death of his grandfather, Ted Anderson, on July 17; Lois and Richard Wintersteen, at the death of their granddaughter, Bethany Kennedy, from pancreatic cancer, on July 15; Peter Spuit and family, on the death of Peter's uncle, Mark, who died by suicide the week of May 17; the Heggeseth family, on the death of Paul's uncle and Brianna's great-aunt; family and friends of Jean Hay, former member of Pilgrim, who died on April 21; Caleb Drexler Booth and family, on the death of his uncle, Craig Breimhorst, on April 16, from COVID-19; Craig Goldman, on the death of his sister Carol; Lois and Richard Wintersteen, on the death of Lois' sister Norma on March 31; family and friends of Mary Lou Jacobson, a former member, who died on March 22;

Ministry Partnership: The ministry and people of our sister congregation, Luganga Lutheran Church in Tanzania and Pastor Bimbiga; Pilgrim staff members and Pilgrim lay leaders

In and beyond the congregation: For peace in our world, for healing in our country, for the invisibly ill, for the mentally ill

You are encouraged to send greetings to those you are moved to communicate with. Let us know if you are expecting or adopting a child. If you wish to add or remove a prayer request, please call the church office regarding the Prayer Corner. For prayers during worship, please contact a pastor.

Parochial Report

March Birthdays

Week 1

Nolan McCullough
Laura Nelson
Brodan Behling
Miriam Shuros
Joanne Sorenson
Henry Reiley
Kate Wilmot
Michele Whetstone
Derek Boylan
Merle Strom

Week 2

Finley Andrist
Elin Pederson
Aidan Klepp
Catherine Koukol
Lori Otto
Aaron Bowser
Diane Doty Stalka

Week 3

Franklin Batalden
Hans Barry
Emma Conklin
Solveig Johnson
Murray Johnson

Ann Machmeier
Vivian Henrikson
Leah Henrikson
Gary Horejsi
Meg Milligan-Wells
Benjamin Drexler Booth

Week 4

Dan Prather
Margaret Moore
Matthew Christenson
Marcia Peterson
Maeve McElrath
Melanie Ruda
Mason Lewis
Vivian Reiley
Karl Batalden
Lois Bartz
Kelly Robertson
Don Holst

Week 5

Hana Ninow
Matthias Baese
Michelle Christenson
Mary Lundberg
Lillian Knutson
Reed Radtke

March Anniversaries

- 21 Mary Gute and Tom Johnson
26 Bruce Benson and Patricia Schulz

Have You “Liked” Pilgrim Yet?

Be sure to visit the Facebook page and Pilgrim website to keep up with Pilgrim news, events, announcements.

<https://www.facebook.com/PilgrimStPaul>
<http://www.pilgrimstpaul.org>

Deadline for the April Pilgrim Newsletter

The deadline for sending in materials for the April Pilgrim newsletter is **March 15**. As usual, please send things to **serenapilgrim@gmail.com**.

Shared Ministry Statement

Pilgrim practices “shared ministry,” affirming that each member of this community is a minister both within and beyond the walls of the church, which we affirm in baptism. We partner with one another and with the wider ELCA to walk together in this journey of faith. We agree to share the decision-making responsibilities of being a church, as well as the joy of serving in mission, side-by-side. We welcome all to become involved through the use of their abilities, time, and resources. Every program, group, or emphasis within our congregation is sustained by the involvement of the ministers of the Pilgrim community.

Have You Remembered Pilgrim in Your Will?

Some people are able to continue to give to Pilgrim in death, as well as in life. Giving through your will helps to continue the 90-year tradition of ministry and mission at Pilgrim, continuing the legacy of your witness. With the advice of your attorney or tax adviser, the following language may be added to your will, trust, or codicil:

“I bequeath X% of my estate to Pilgrim Lutheran Church,
1935 St. Clair Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55105. “

How You Can Support Pilgrim Very Easily!

Thrivent Financial — 2020 Choice Dollars expire on

March 31, 2021 — If you have insurance or investments through Thrivent Financial, you may have Choice Dollars that you can direct to Pilgrim Lutheran Church. This provides important support for our ministry (and costs you nothing!) If you designated these funds in the past, please know that you must do it every year.

There are two easy options for directing Choice Dollars, either online at **<https://tinyurl.com/2xtda84b>** or by phone at **800-847-4836** and say “Thrivent Choice” at the prompt. Questions? Please contact a representative from the Member Connection Center. For faster service, have your member ID or contract number available.