

# The Pilgrim

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH



*A memorial site near the place where Daunte Wright was shot was killed on April 14, 2021 in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota.*

# Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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A Caring for Creation Congregation*

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# May Worship Overview

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Following the Pilgrim COVID-19 Preparedness Plan (posted on the Pilgrim website), we are now in Phase 3 of the re-opening process. That means that the Pilgrim building will occasionally be opened for gatherings in a way that allows us to be together in limited numbers while also observing practices for health and safety. In May, Pilgrim will offer Sunday morning worship on the Zoom platform, with the exception of May 2, an outdoor worship service of confirmation.

## Sunday Worship in May Virtual Gatherings via Zoom

Using the Zoom platform enables us to see each other on screen, share joys and concerns by typing in the chat section, and stay for coffee time and forum following worship. For those unable to attend at 9:30 am, a worship recording will be available later.

### Sunday Morning Worship & Education Schedule

**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  
(Not on May 2)

**10:20 am** — PreK to Grade 2 (May 2 Only IN-PERSON OUTSIDE)

**10:30 am** — High School Pathways (May 9 Only IN-PERSON  
OUTSIDE)

**10:40 am** — Forum via Zoom (May 9, 16, and 23 ONLY)

Worship each Sunday morning includes “**Point for Pilgrims**” — an opportunity for children and their families to experience the Bible story in an engaging way.

**Sunday Morning 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.

### LIGHT Time Schedule

**6:15 pm** — Grades 3 to 5 (**May 5 ONLY**)

**6:15 pm** — Middle School Pathways (**May 5 ONLY**)

### Resuming Holy Communion

When we celebrate Holy Communion during in-person worship, please bring your own bread/crackers and wine/juice. When we celebrate during virtual worship, please have these items ready at home. If you prefer, pre-packaged communion cups with wafers will also be available from Pilgrim by request.

# May Worship and Forum Schedule

**Sunday Morning, May 2, 9:30 am** — Fifth Sunday of Easter — Pastor Jen Rome preaching. In-Person **Outdoor** Worship Service of Confirmation with Holy Communion. **There is no Coffee Time or Forum via Zoom on May 2** due to Confirmation celebration. Please bring your own masks and lawn chairs.

**Sunday Morning, May 9, 9:30 am** — Sixth Sunday of Easter — Pastor Chris Smith preaching. Online Worship by Zoom Only. Reading: Mark 2:23-3:6.

**Forum (via Zoom), 10:40 am:** *Pilgrim Public Art Project: Engaging in Art Together.*

**Sunday Evening, May 9, 6:51 pm** — Music & Contemplation — Rachel Jensen on Hardanger Fiddle; In-Person Worship Indoors. See detailed information on Sunday evening worship in Paul Stever's Music Notes section. Broadcast on Facebook Live.

**Sunday Morning, May 16, 9:30 am** — Seventh Sunday of Easter — Pastor Chris Smith preaching. Online Worship by Zoom Only with Holy Communion. Reading: Mark 5:1-20.

**Forum (via Zoom), 10:40:** *Who is My Neighbor: Redlining, Real Estate Covenants, and Reparations.*

**Sunday Evening, May 16, 6:51 pm** — Music and Contemplation — Dick Hensold, pipes and recorder; Paul Stever, keyboard; Peggy Larson, Nordic shepherd calls and vocals. In-Person Worship **Outdoors**. See detailed information on Sunday evening worship in Paul Stever's Music Notes section. *Holy Communion will be celebrated. Please bring your own masks and lawn chairs.*

**Sunday Morning, May 23, 9:30 am** — Day of Pentecost — Pastor Jen Rome preaching; Online Worship by Zoom Only; Reading: Acts 2:1-21

**Forum (via Zoom), 10:40 am:** Annual Congregational Program Meeting. We meet twice a year to formally, as a congregation, affirm the work of Pilgrim's ministry and mission. In February, we meet to discuss our finances. In the spring, we meet to talk about our shared ministry. We will give thanks for leaders who are completing their terms of service and elect new Vestry members for the coming year. We hope you will join in this virtual gathering, as we give thanks for leadership, vision, and all the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation!

**Sunday Evening, May 23, 8:00 pm** — Giving Thanks for the Day: Compline at Pilgrim. Broadcast on Facebook Live.

**Sunday Morning, May 30, 9:30 am** — Trinity Sunday — Pastor Chris Smith preaching. Final Sunday morning Zoom only worship. Reading: Acts 9:1-20.

**Coffee time (by Zoom)** follows worship but **NO forum** (Memorial Day Weekend).

## Summer 2021 — Returning to In-Person Worship

Beginning **June 6**, Pilgrim will begin to offer in-person indoor worship. Returning to in-person indoor worship means the following:

1. In-person worshippers will need to register in advance for worship, observe social distancing in the sanctuary, and wear a mask.
2. In-person worship will not include singing.
3. Staff and Lay Leaders will pay careful attention to concerns and needs of participants.
4. In-person worship will be broadcast for online worshippers on Facebook Live.
5. Coffee Time on the Zoom platform will begin at the close of worship.
6. If there are other events following Sunday morning worship, they, too, will be accessible on the Zoom platform, unless otherwise communicated.

### Use of Facebook Live

Pilgrim will broadcast indoor worship services on Facebook Live. Using Facebook Live for broadcasting is convenient, inexpensive, and reliable. Note that you do not have to join Facebook to access Pilgrim worship services. Pilgrim's Facebook page can be reached at **facebook.com/PilgrimStPaul**. Navigate to the church's Facebook page at the time of the worship service and click on the video link.

Along with in-person worship indoors, there will be periodic opportunities for Pilgrims to worship outdoors this summer.

The schedule for June is below.

### June Worship Schedule

**Sunday Morning, June 6, 9:30 am** — Second Sunday after Pentecost — Pastor Jen Rome preaching. In-Person Outdoor Worship Celebrating Graduates on Prior Ave, with Holy Communion. Reading: Psalm 8. *Please bring your own masks and lawn chairs.*

Coffee time by Zoom follows worship **at 11 am.**

**Sunday Morning, June 13, 9:30 am** — Third Sunday after Pentecost — Pastor Chris Smith preaching. In-Person Indoor Worship. Reading: I Samuel 15:34-15:16. Broadcast on Facebook Live

Coffee time by Zoom follows worship **at 11 am.**

**Sunday Evening, June 13, 8:00 pm** — Giving Thanks for the Day: Compline at Pilgrim. Broadcast on Facebook Live.

**Sunday Morning, June 20, 9:30 am** — Fourth Sunday after Pentecost — Pastor Chris Smith preaching. In-Person Indoor Worship with Holy Communion. Reading: Mark 4:35-41. Broadcast on Facebook Live.

Coffee time by Zoom follows worship **at 11 am.**

**Forum (via Zoom), 11:15 am:** *Highlights of Pilgrim's Vital Signs Report*

**Sunday Morning, June 27, 9:30 am** — Fifth Sunday after Pentecost — Pastor Jen Rome preaching. In-Person Outdoor Worship on Prior Ave. Reading: Mark 5:21-43.

Coffee time by Zoom follows worship **at 11 am.**

## Pilgrim Virtual Worship Is Available to Those Without Computers!

**For the month of May**, you can attend Pilgrim virtual morning worship by telephone. When we switch to using Facebook Live in June, the telephone option will not be available.

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.

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## A Plan for Re-opening

### Re-opening Faithfully

Earlier this year, Pilgrim's SMART Team concluded that up to 54 people or up to 35 households could gather safely in Pilgrim's sanctuary if they observed proper protocols for health and safety. In March, we held our first event in the sanctuary, a time of music and prayer, with pre-registration, masking, and social distancing, without singing. As we look to re-opening for in-person worship on Sunday mornings, it raises a question: How do we re-open faithfully?

As followers of Jesus, we are called to look after the whole Body of Christ. As the Apostle Paul says in I Corinthians 12, “If one member suffers, all suffer together.” These words characterize the church as a place where equity and concern for the most vulnerable are important values. Paul’s wise words in I Corinthians make it clear that no Christian community can afford to operate in a way that enables participation for some at the expense of others. We are called to be inclusive, respecting the needs of all as they return to gatherings in their own time and in their own way.

## Three Considerations for Health and Wellbeing

With faithfulness in mind, the process of re-opening well requires us to take at least three considerations into account:

1. **Physical health and wellbeing.** Can we return to in-person gatherings confident that we are providing a safe and healthy environment for all participants and those connected to them? It is important for us to create a stepped process that works for the Pilgrim community of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, moving forward at a pace that is adaptable.
2. **Emotional health and wellbeing.** How can we provide a framework for re-opening and engage in in-person gatherings while respecting the emotional needs of participants? The pandemic has left many feeling vulnerable and fearful. We are called to respect these feelings and provide pathways to participation that reduce fear and increase confidence.
3. **Social health and wellbeing.** It has been a long time since we have gathered together, and it will take time for us to re-learn how to interact well with others. We are called to imagine new practices that will be warm and welcoming without making others feel nervous or uncomfortable.

## Improving Pilgrim’s Outreach Through Technology

Imagine going through the past year without the benefit of modern technology. Pilgrims would have had no way to access worship and learning experiences online. Because of good technical solutions, Pilgrims could participate, even those who were located far from church. As we continue on the path of re-opening, it is time to consider how Pilgrim might continue to adopt technology that helps the church reach out even more effectively. Churches like Pilgrim in the Mac-Groveland neighborhood are all considering, or have already made investments in, technology to improve their online outreach and connections. At Pilgrim, a group of staff and lay leaders have begun to explore and discuss options and ideas; you will hear more this summer as we reach out to ask for your comments.



## Re-opening Practically

Any plan for re-opening under current circumstances is subject to revision as conditions change. As our journey through the pandemic continues, case numbers of COVID-19 continue to fluctuate even as the number of vaccines administered continues to grow. Implementing plans to re-open for in-person worship and other activities at Pilgrim is a balancing act, focused both on welcoming people back appropriately while also observing proper safety protocols for the safety and providing for the wellbeing of all. To review the calendar for re-opening from May through June, see the worship and forum schedule in this newsletter.

With Gratitude for Your Partnership and Faithfulness,

*Pastor Chris*

## A Message from the ISAIAH Core Team at Pilgrim

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As we grieve and struggle following the senseless killing of Daunte Wright in the midst of the trial of officer Derek Chauvin, many of us are wrestling with ways we can engage in the current movements for community-first public safety and police reform. We know that white supremacy and racial injustice are collective problems, and they will require collective solutions. We know that collective solutions are only possible with a robust, multi-racial democracy. And so, the Pilgrim ISAIAH core team invites you to take the next step to create the community we deserve, no matter what we look like or where we come from: a community free from fear of police violence, rooted in love and dignity for all of God's children:

The MN House of Representatives just passed HF1078, the omnibus public safety and criminal justice reform finance bill. Contact your state senator and urge them to support police accountability reforms.

Look up your state legislators here:

**[tinyurl.com/jvtfs8j7](https://tinyurl.com/jvtfs8j7)**

Read more about these legislative actions here:

**[tinyurl.com/7rfxra7m](https://tinyurl.com/7rfxra7m)**

For more action:

Sign up for Isaiah's email alert system, The Show Up, for updates as events change at **<https://tinyurl.com/jch4psb6>**.

Contact Pilgrim Isaiah core team leads Drew Johnson

**[drew.johnson10@gmail.com](mailto:drew.johnson10@gmail.com)**) or Joan Haan

**[jmbhaan@outlook.com](mailto:jmbhaan@outlook.com)**) with the message "Let's Talk" to plot the next step on your public leadership path.

# Alex's Children, Youth, and Family Updates!

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

## Faith Formation & Looking Towards Summer!

As LIGHT Time concludes this month, I want to express my gratitude for each and every member of Pilgrim's Children, Youth, and Family ministry. I want to express gratitude for every person who couldn't make it to LIGHT Time this year because of other commitments, Zoom burnout, and uncertainty about it. You are all always still a part of this community and we'll always be here. I want to express gratitude for Pastor Jen who has talked with me every week since I began working at Pilgrim — she has continually offered kindness, instructive guidance and wisdom, and just — friendliness that has been a catalyzing force for good throughout this pandemic! I want to express gratitude to the teachers; you have shown up out of love for these incredible children and youth, supported one another alongside parents, dealt with Zoom oddness, and held out a physically-distanced-virtual-sanitized hand to the dorky new guy (me). Finally, I want to express gratitude to all the participants — you are not the church of the future, you are the church *now* and your insights and joy have inspired and affirmed more than I can put to words. Thank you all!

Beginning this summer, I will be taking a class for seminary called “clinical pastoral education” and working full time at a few different residential treatment centers for children and youth. As such, I'll be around Pilgrim a bit less but am working hard to plan out a sweet summer, and will still see you for several events! Let's check out what's coming up.

## May & June Confirmation Sunday

I am excited to celebrate Confirmation Sunday on **May 2** with our six superb confirmands: Isabel, Elsie, Hadley, Aster, Maya and Will! Pastor Jen and have met with them several times, and will rehearse on the first of the month to pull together their hearts, questions, and curiosity for a special worship service and celebration. Also on Confirmation Sunday, the Flashlights group will meet before church to check-in and after church all the elementary schoolers will have some time to play at Groveland Park. We'll be setting up leadership for playtime after each outdoor worship service this summer.

## CAT Survey

If you're 14 or older, join us on **Sunday, May 16 at 10:30** to fill out the CAT survey together! This survey is going out to everyone and will benefit and inform Pilgrim's future, and your voice is really important!

## Danger Boat: Improv to *Improve* Water Quality!

Middle & High School Pathways — Join us Sunday, **May 23 at 1:00 pm** on the Pilgrim lawn for an improv show! Local churches with Danger Boat (**[dangerboat.net/about](http://dangerboat.net/about)**) actors will be laughing, acting, leading their congregation in understanding water quality actions with this fun improv comedy performance.

Please reserve your seat today by emailing Heidi! For Covid safety we have an audience limit of 25 people including folx from other churches. Reservations/tickets via email to:  
**[heidi@growinggreenhearts.com](mailto:heidi@growinggreenhearts.com)**.

## Baccalaureate Sunday

Join us for outdoor Baccalaureate Sunday on **June 6!**

## Pilgrim Camping Trip! June 25-26

Let's camp! You're invited to an overnight or daytime camping retreat as a family. We'll have different activities and free time to explore the trails of Lake Elmo, swim, and enjoy a campfire together on Friday night! We have a group site reserved at no cost to you, so if you have a tent go ahead and register and pitch it alongside other Pilgrim pals. Alternatively, there is a modern campground adjacent to our base you can pay to reserve and still join us for all activities.

RSVP here: **[forms.gle/UWziCNRZmFMtB3EM7](https://forms.gle/UWziCNRZmFMtB3EM7)**

An itinerary will be sent to you as June approaches. Hope to see you there!

## July & August

- ❖ Vacation Bible School: **July 12-15** with Immanuel Lutheran @ Immanuel Lutheran for K-5th grade. Register now! **[immanuel-lutheran-church.jumbula.com/SUMMER2021/VBSSUMMERDAYCAMP](http://immanuel-lutheran-church.jumbula.com/SUMMER2021/VBSSUMMERDAYCAMP)**
- ❖ Camp Wapo: Seeds: **July 21-23**, Youth Camp: **July 25-30**, Sr. High Camp: **July 25-30**,
- ❖ High School Pathways Retreat: **August 4-5**
- ❖ Middle School Pathways Retreat: **August 10-11**
- ❖ ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting: **Wednesday, August 18**

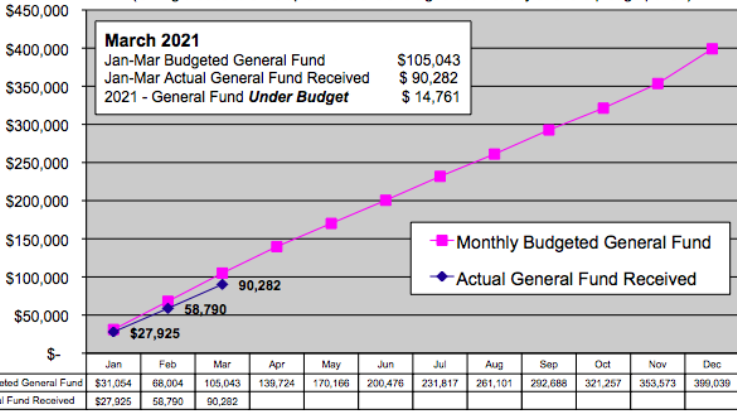
## Sign Up For Music and Arts Camp

Registration is open for this summer's Music and Arts Camp, **August 9-13**, open to children who have completed K-8. Our theme is "Love Is ..." — how will you end that phrase? Registration is risk-free; we will refund deposits if we are unable to hold camp. Go to **<http://ilcsp.org/day-camps/imac/>** for details and signup.

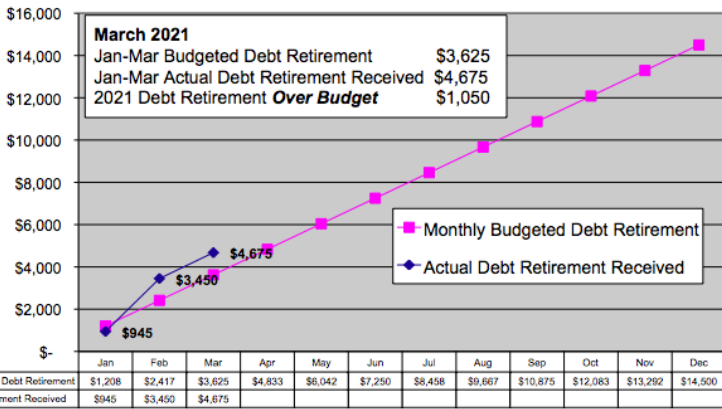
# Giving Graphs

## 2021 General Fund Received Compared to Budget

(Giving that covers multiple months is averaged out monthly over the pledge period)



## 2021 Debt Retirement Compared to Budget



## Financial Update Through March of 2021

*By Jason Hendrikson, Treasurer*

As the first quarter of 2021 is behind us, we thought it would be a good time for a quick update on Pilgrim's finances. Through March, Pilgrim's giving has fallen behind budget by \$14,761. Although this is something we want to keep a close eye on, we believe a portion of the shortfall should be made up throughout the year. We will continue to keep everyone updated accordingly. Pilgrim received good news from our bank and the SBA. Our SBA PPP loan has been fully forgiven and thus turned into a grant. We are thankful for this!

Pilgrim's expenses through March have been underspent by \$24,909 when compared to our budgeted expenses for the same period. This does not happen without a lot of hard work and careful management from Pilgrim Staff, Ministry Teams and Members — Thank you! When looking at Pilgrim's revenues and expense through March, Pilgrim is \$9,602 ahead of budget. This is good news especially as we have started the year behind in revenues. Look for another update this summer and reach out if you have any questions.



## Music Notes — May 2021



*By Paul Stever, Music Director*

### Contemplative Music and Prayer on May 9 at 6:51 pm

On **Sunday, May 9 at 6:51 pm**, Pilgrim will host our second event in the sanctuary with a live congregation since March 2020. Rachel Jensen, hardanger fiddle and Paul Stever, piano will play a variety of Scandinavian music with total duration of about 30 minutes. In order to minimize risks of gathering indoors to as low a level as possible for these initial gatherings, there will again 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 required for the duration. 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 by noon on May 9** (no walk-ins), through the following link: [tinyurl.com/PilgrimEvening0509](https://tinyurl.com/PilgrimEvening0509). You may also listen on Facebook live at [facebook.com/PilgrimStPaul](https://facebook.com/PilgrimStPaul).

### Outdoor Contemplative Communion on May 16 at 6:51 pm

This will be our second-ever outdoor evening contemplative worship service. The service will be led by some of Pilgrim's evening worship musicians: Dick Hensold on pipes and recorder, Paul Stever on keyboard, and Peggy Larson performing Nordic shepherd calls and other vocals. This service will include BYO Communion. Please bring your own bread/crackers and grape juice, as well as your own masks and lawn chairs (pre-packaged communion cups with wafer will also be available from an usher when you arrive, if you prefer). As of this writing, we do not yet know if there will be any portion of this service recorded or broadcast.

## Compline on May 23 at 8 pm

Pilgrim tenors and basses will be preparing a short contemplative service based on the liturgy for bedtime called “compline.” We will sing the service on Facebook Live on **Sunday, May 23 at 8 pm** 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 **[facebook.com/PilgrimStPaul/events](https://www.facebook.com/PilgrimStPaul/events)**. If you missed the November 1, December 13, February 21, or March 21 compline services from this past season, you can still listen at **[facebook.com/PilgrimStPaul/live](https://www.facebook.com/PilgrimStPaul/live)**.

## Monday Musical Moment

Monday Musical Moments, approximately 5 minute live-stream videos of Paul singing and/or playing sacred music will return at some point later this spring or summer. If you would be interested in providing a musical moment or hearing more information about one of your favorites, please contact Paul at **[StevePaul55@aol.com](mailto:StevePaul55@aol.com)**. Keep an eye out for the return of these segments at **[facebook.com/PilgrimStPaul](https://www.facebook.com/PilgrimStPaul)** or view any of our previous Facebook live videos at any time afterwards at **[facebook.com/PilgrimStPaul/live](https://www.facebook.com/PilgrimStPaul/live)**.

## Education, Service & Fellowship

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### Pilgrims ARE, Advocates for Racial Equity, in Action!

The ARE/“In My Neighborhood” subgroup continues to meet and we extend a wide welcome to any who are interested in participating! We meet via Zoom on the **second Monday of each month** from **7:30-8:30 pm**. Contact Katia McDonough (**[katiamed@icloud.com](mailto:katiamed@icloud.com)**) for the Zoom link to the meeting.

We began our April 12 time in prayer for Daunte Wright and his family, George Floyd and his family, and the witnesses, jurors and others involved in the trial of Derek Chauvin. The immensity of institutional racism is manifest in systemic and personal ways. May we continue to pray for the grace to change our own hearts and to let God’s grace flow out from us into the world.

On **May 16** we hope to welcome someone from Minnesota Council of Churches to the Pilgrim online Forum to talk about their proposed work on reparations. Please see more on this topic here:

**<http://www.mnchurches.org/what-we-do/truth-and-reparations>** and join us on **May 16 at 10:40 am** for the Forum!

# Book Club News

Date: **Thursday, May 20, 2021, 7 pm**

Book: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*

by Kim Michele Richardson

This will be a Zoom meeting, and the link will be sent out shortly before the meeting. If you would like to be added to the group list please contact Lynda Hirschboeck at **hirschbo@gmail.com**.

## Pilgrim Classics Book Discussion

Join in a discussion of *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* on Thursday **May 27** from **7-8:30 pm** via Zoom.

Contact Barbara Taylor to receive the Zoom invitation. Come once or whenever you would like to interact with other Pilgrims at **Bstaylor50@gmail.com**.

## Public Art on Pilgrim's West Lawn

The young adults at Pilgrim have been participating in a discernment process through the Riverside Innovation Hub since June 2018. The goal of this project is to help congregations innovate new connections with young adults at the intersections of their faith and their public lives.

### Public Art Vision

After a lengthy discernment process, Pilgrim's young adults have chosen to use a portion of the RIH-sponsored grant funds to commission a public art piece. We have hired experienced local artists Sandy Spieler and Luisa Cabello Hansel. Sandy and Luisa have proposed an inspiring vision for transforming the west lawn of the Church into an interactive space for contemplative, creative worship and multi-generational engagement. This proposal stood out to our team because this art installation does not center around one object, but instead makes use of the whole space available to create an immersive experience.

The installation will animate the space by offering a variety of interactive features. Firstly, a spiral path incorporated into the lawn will entice worshipers or passers-by to "journey in and journey out," inviting meditative contemplation or play. The beginning of the spiral will be blessed with a land acknowledgement to honor the Dakota and Ojibwe grounding of this place. On the church walls surrounding the lawn, a path of mosaic illuminations will be mounted, each mosaic representing an aspect of our congregation's identity or celebrating a partnership, with the intention to foster gratitude for our shared world. Finally, rows of silk-screened flags will be draped around and above the space. These will be emblematic of prayer flags and can be exchanged for different seasons or celebrations.

Community engagement in the artistic creation process will be integral. Public art mosaics are Luisa's specialty. Her sentiment is that anything

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and everything can be mosaic, and that we too are broken pieces and by coming together in community we make a beautiful tapestry. In the coming months, the Public Art team will invite the community into making these mosaics, as well as designing and creating the prayer flags.

## The Pilgrimage to Public Art

The Riverside Innovation Hub (RIH) project is rooted in the theology of the Public Church Framework which invites faith communities to move into “their neighborhood’s story, into God’s story, into their own story, and into a time of discerning how God might be calling them to be proclaimers of good news into their neighborhood and with their neighbor.” This process includes four stages: accompaniment, interpretation, discernment, and proclamation. The four stages were often cyclical and invited us to reflect on the learnings of previous stages. The young adults distilled our findings into two main themes: a need for a stronger and more deliberate young adult community, and a need to be more visible and inviting in our neighborhood to spark spiritual conversations. These themes grew into two projects: the young adult monthly meeting, More Than Happy Hour, and a Public Art installment.

We were drawn to the public art concept because of the abundance of artistic expression woven into Pilgrim’s identity. Our conversations revealed that Pilgrim’s celebration of art attracts many of our new members, whether in the form of visual art, music, poetry, or children’s play. We simultaneously experiment with new ways to worship and preserve traditions. Our innovative services are intergenerational and interactive. But the young adults felt some anxiety that our congregation’s values are not always visible outside the walls of our traditionally styled, somewhat imposing church in an affluent pocket of Saint Paul. We asked: How can we better engage in conversations with those who do not feel comfortable setting foot in a sanctuary? Public art is our answer.

## Engagement with Pilgrim Congregation

Now it’s your turn Pilgrims! We are looking for feedback about these public art concepts. We invite you to answer the question: What would be important for you to incorporate in this art? We are specifically hoping to crowdsource ideas for the mosaic illuminations, which will be mounted on the brick walls of the church surrounding the west lawn.

We are arranging three opportunities for congregation members to share their ideas and input: **May 2** following the outdoor service, **May 12** via a Zoom meeting, and **May 16** prior to the evening outdoor service. If you would like to join the Zoom meeting on May 12, please email Kent and he will send you the link. You are also welcome to email Kent ([kentrmiller@gmail.com](mailto:kentrmiller@gmail.com)) or Claire ([kaise364@umn.edu](mailto:kaise364@umn.edu)) to share your ideas.

*More details about this project are available on the Pilgrim blog at [pilgrimstpaul.org/post/public-art-on-pilgrim-s-west-lawn](http://pilgrimstpaul.org/post/public-art-on-pilgrim-s-west-lawn).*



# Virtual More Than Happy Hour

*Thursday, May 27, 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 Pastor Jen at **[pastorjenrome@pilgrimstpaul.org](mailto:pastorjenrome@pilgrimstpaul.org)** by **Monday, May 24** 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 to a Pilgrim Mamas get together approximately once a month in the later evening. Please contact **Kirsten Anderson** at **[kirsten.m.anderson@me.com](mailto:kirsten.m.anderson@me.com)** for information.

## Children, Youth, & Families

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### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

We are excited to celebrate the confirmation of Pilgrim 10<sup>th</sup> graders on **Sunday May 2:** Maya Adelman, Isabel Drexler Booth, Will Johnson, Elsie Newburg, Hadley Ninow, and Aster Wilson.

**Saturday, May 1, 5:00 pm**

Confirmation Rehearsal (outside by church)

**Sunday, May 2, 9:30 am**

Confirmation Sunday Worship Outside



# Prayer Corner

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**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, and the homeless; Ama Ninow, upcoming surgery; Tim Moore's father, Rick Moore, recovering from heart surgery; Devlin (friend of Paul Stever), struggling with father's recent cancer diagnosis; Karen Ekdahl, health concerns; Linda Hahn, health concerns; Maggie Leshner, recovering from knee surgery; Jan Jacoby, recovering from a stroke; Kate Raleigh, friend of Kate and Matt Spindler, recovering from surgery; Jill Schendel, Hannah Schendel's mother, recovering from heart surgery.

**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; 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.

**Christian Sympathy:** Erik Johnson and family, on the death of his mother, Jean Johnson, on April 6; Diane Holland, on the unexpected death of her adult daughter; Josh Moss and family, on the death of his mother, Peggy Darlene Moss, on February 22; Carl Hokanson, on the death of his grandmother; 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 Henrikson, 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.

**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

*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

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## May Birthdays

### Week 1

Virgil Tastad  
Roger Sween  
William Johnson  
Nicholas Greseth  
Mary Ellen Erlandson  
Mark Gunsten  
Joanna Deer  
Franklin Miller  
Lydian Adelmann

### Week 2

Tilda Rose Johnson  
Marianne Milligan  
Hadley Ninow  
Samuel Jameson  
Caeli Casey  
Anna Stalka  
Leslie Tunstall  
Asher Samuel Tosteson

### Week 3

Charles Ninow  
Pria Stauning  
Shirley Fasching  
Stephanie Hammerly  
Ginger Menting  
William Mitchell  
Kaydee Kirk  
Carl Samuelson

### Week 4

Brianna Heggeseth  
Aidan Boylan  
Soren George Peterson  
Paul Spuit

### Week 5

Andrea Sullivan

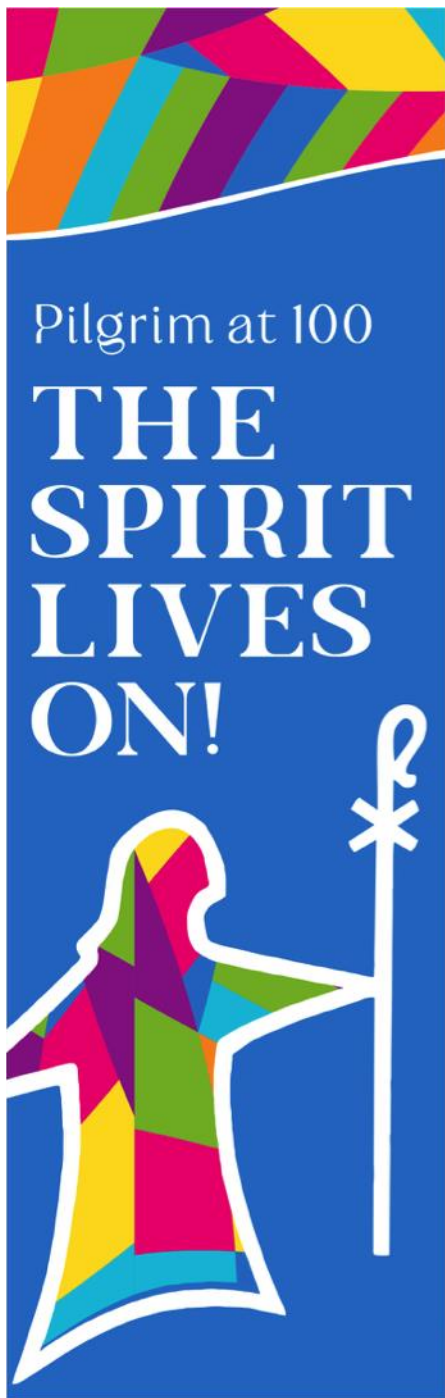
## May Anniversaries

Brett and Emily Kahnert  
Lee and Mark Gunsten  
Bev and Virgil Amsden  
Barbara and David Taylor  
Kristine and Scott Swenson  
Kathryn and William Reiley III



## 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.



## Pilgrim at 100 — Save the Dates!

As we commemorate the past 100 years of Pilgrim Lutheran Church and look forward to the work we continue to do, we are hosting a variety of events to bring Pilgrims and our neighbors together to reflect and celebrate.

Because of the uncertainty of what the future holds regarding the pandemic, some of these events and dates are fluid and more information will be coming.

### **September 12, 3-5 pm**

Community Ice  
Cream Social

### **October 10**

Celebration  
Worship Service  
*with Guest Preacher,  
Bonnie Nash*

### **November 21**

Celebration  
Worship & Lunch  
*with Guest Preacher,  
The Rev. Patricia Lull  
ELCA Bishop*

More information about other events will be coming.

Details at  
[pilgrimstpaul.org](http://pilgrimstpaul.org)

