



THE PILGRIM QUILL

APRIL 2023



*"And I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another advocate to help you and
be with you forever..." – John 14:16*

Hello Pilgrims.

The entire month of March fell within the season of Lent. Lent is a time of preparation and meditation on the gifts of the resurrection. The entire month of April falls within Holy Week, Resurrection Sunday, and the beginning of the liturgical season of Easter, a time of celebration and proclamation of the gifts of the resurrection.

As we move from preparation and meditation towards celebration and proclamation I want you to consider this question: **What are the gifts of the resurrection in your life?**

This is a vital question for our faith and the answers are different for everyone. One gift I proclaim is something I share almost every Sunday before we pray in worship:

"The power of God is real and the power of prayer is real; And yet, we do not pretend to control, nor certainly understand God's power; And yet, when we take the time to share with each other what God has done for us that we cannot do for ourselves, we come to the inevitable conclusion that the power of God is real and the power of prayer is real. Hallelujah." This is my experience.

Many times I have shared little pieces of my journey into sobriety. 20 years sober and much of it is still a mystery. Did God get me sober? I believe so. Why do others fail to get sober, relapse, suffer, and even die of their addictions? I do not know. I refuse to blame God or the addict as that makes no sense to me.

What I do know is that somewhere in the struggle to find myself born into a new life free of my vices I found God and people who knew God far more than I ever did. People who offered me countless

helping hands that helped to dig me out of the pit of my despair into a new life with my hope restored. A living awareness of the Great Advocate the gospel of John talks about. A connection to the Spirit of Truth that affords us the ability to see the world spiritually. A point of view that allows us to discover just how really connected us all are – the physical and the spiritual, the emotional and the logical. A view that empowers us to be the countless helping hands people need to help dig them out of the pits of their despair into a new life with their hope restored.

For me that's how it works. I believe we are all pilgrims on a journey, a pilgrimage that draws us away from our vices and closer to God. I believe we will find God in the hearts and minds of those we meet along the way. Then we are called to help others as we have been helped. Joining together with others (the church) to help the whole world and all of creation to move from the pits of our despair into a new life with hope restored.

It is in this way that we embrace one of the greatest gifts of the resurrection, the ability to help others which in turn helps ourselves. You see the power of the resurrection is not a one-way transaction, it's an endless cycle of hope being lifted up out of the depths of our despair. A gift that is free for everyone without restriction, such is the unimaginable width and breadth of God's grace.

Join us for the 7 weeks of the Easter season that begin on Resurrection Sunday (April 9) as we identify and meditate on a different gift of the resurrection each week. Ask yourself: **What are the gifts of the resurrection in my life?** Together we will discover the grace and glory of God as surely as Mary Magdalene did in the garden on that fateful day.

Amen and alleluia,

Pastor Rob

WISHING YOU
Easter Joy

Sunday

April 2: Palm Sunday – 9:00AM Worship – 10:15
Coffee Hour & Sunday School – No Adult Ed -
Choir

Thursday

April 6: Maundy Thursday – Shared Service at
Church of Peace UCC FDL at 7:00PM

Friday

April 7: Good Friday – Shared Service at Pilgrim
UCC FDL at 12:00 Noon

Sunday

April 9: Easter Sunday – 9 AM Worship – No Adult
Ed or Sunday School – **Choir** – Handbell
Quartet

Sunday

April 16: – 9:00AM Worship – 10:15 Adult Ed &
Sunday School

Sunday

April 23: – 9:00AM Worship – 10:15 Adult Ed &
Sunday School

Sunday

April 30: – 9:00AM Worship – 10:15 Adult Ed &
Sunday School

**News from Council President, Patti Burns**

Happy Spring everyone! Hard to believe it is spring as we shovel 10 plus inches of snow. However, it is Spring and we are anxiously anticipating Easter. We have enjoyed Lenten services each Wednesday in March where we shared pastors and worship space and received messages on The Lesser-Reported Followers of Jesus' Passion. Palm Sunday, April 2nd will include a visit from Bella the donkey (who has a lot to say about Jesus). Church of Peace will be hosting a shared Maundy Thursday service at 7:00PM April 6th. Pilgrim UCC will host a shared Good Friday worship service at 12:00 Noon.

Also on April 2nd, area artists will have their art on display at Pilgrim. You can enjoy the art before and after the service. Some of the art will also be for sale.

April 21st the Pilgrim Green Team will be coordinating with the Sisters of St Agnes to bring a Blanket Exercise at 6:00PM to Pilgrim. The Brothertown Indian Nation will offer a meal beginning at 5:00PM. This should be an exciting experience to take part in.

Pilgrim Diner's Club will be gathering at Red Cabin on April 23rd.

As weather continues to improve, we look forward to bike rides with our Pilgrim Holy Rollers bike group.

Our Rosenow Elementary School partners are looking for some help from our congregation. May 26th, the Rosenow 2nd and 3rd grade students will be hosting a Veteran's Day Celebration. They will invite veterans from the community to attend a We Love America breakfast program. The students will perform. They are asking for members of our congregation to help with providing baked goods for the breakfast (muffins, breads etc). More to come on this.

Patti



Diner's Club!!!

Diner's Club will meet on **Sunday, April 23rd** at **Red Cabin at Green Acres on 4th Street Road**. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. **PLEASE SIGN UP BY FRIDAY, APRIL 21ST.**

As always, if you have suggestions for other restaurant choices, let Patty Minter know.
Happy Dining!!!



Flowers for Church

Members can continue to sign-up to provide flowers in church on the Sundays of each month
**In Memory Of Someone or
In Honor Of Someone or
Special Occasion.**

The sign-up poster is hanging on the window (of Cathy's office) behind the Scrip table.



Coffee Hour

1st Sunday of Each Month
(except where noted)

Volunteers are Needed!

Check the sign-up poster in the narthex to volunteer for any date not yet filled; any member of the church can sign-up.

If you notice supplies getting low, please let Patty Minter know at 920-251-0425 or pattyminter@gmail.com.



Adult Education

Meet on Sunday Mornings from 10:15AM to 11:15AM in the lounge for those wishing to attend in person. We will have a few minutes to chat after worship before the program begins promptly at 10:15AM. Those preferring to join from the comfort of your home, the link for the programs will be the same throughout the fall semester.

To join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87682457999?pwd=NklCT0ZEYWtTRnlwcEtRNDBCmGRhQT09>

Meeting ID: 876 8245 7999

Passcode: 769374

April 2
Coffee Hour



April 9
EASTER SUNDAY

April 16
The Arc Fond du Lac

Presenter: Dawn Scannell, Executive Director

We are a human service organization that empowers adults and youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities to become independent and integrated into the community through advocacy, education, training and support.

The Arc provides services to over 800 families and individuals with disabilities living in Fond du Lac, Dodge and Winnebago Counties. We care for ages ranging from 5 years of age to 80+. All of our programs are person-centered and we find the right approach to helping our members achieve with us.

April 23

The Law of Blood: Thinking and Acting as Nazi
by Johann Chapoutot

Presenter: Ben Blanc

The scale and the depth of Nazi brutality seem to defy understanding. What could drive people to fight, kill and destroy with such ruthless ambition? Observers

and historians have offered countless explanations since the 1930s. According to Johann Chapoutot, we need to understand better how the Nazis explained it themselves. We need a clearer view, in particular, of how they were steeped in and spread the idea that history gave them no choice: it was either kill or die.

Chapoutot, one of France's leading historians, spent years immersing himself in the texts and images that reflected and shaped the mental world of Nazi ideologues and that the Nazis disseminated to the German public. The party had no official ur-test of ideology values and history. But a clear narrative emerges from the myriad works of intellectuals, apparatchiks, journalists and movie-makers that Chapoutot explores.

April 30

Building Community & A Better Police

Presenter: Aaron Goldstein, Chief of Police

The City of Fond du Lac Police Department is committed to a culture of understanding, compassion and professionalism. We place an emphasis on community and neighborhood engagement to get to know each other better and start to discover the mutual goals we have for our community. We work collectively to build trust and break down barriers between police and our community for a stronger and safe community for all people.

We believe that team problem solving, customer service and community partnerships is the foundation to be able to deliver a level of service that exceeds the community's expectations.

We also believe that every interaction matters because every interaction could be the one that makes a difference and impacts another for the rest of their life.

EXPANDING HORIZONS



Meet Wednesday Mornings
9:30AM -11:00AM in the **lounge** for in-person
learning; the link for those wishing
to view via Zoom from home is as follows:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88978012384?
pwd=cGxJa0pJbExSM0FFWEtIMmtJYzNodz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88978012384?pwd=cGxJa0pJbExSM0FFWEtIMmtJYzNodz09)
Meeting ID: 889 7801 2384 Passcode: 762316

April 5

Finish Gospel according to John

Leader: Brian Smith

John writes at the end of the first century when the educated classes in the Roman Empire are converting to Christianity and John uses Greek philosophical terms to frame Jesus' ministry. He is interested in giving a deeper spiritual meaning behind Jesus' life and ministry rather than a chronological order of events. In this study, we will note many differences between John's gospel and the other three.

April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17
Mindfulness Series

Leader: Karen Lindberg-Schuppe

*Life consists of moments, nothing more than that. So
if you make the moments matter, it all matters.*
- Ellen Langer

Session 1: Mindful Breathing and Listening
Session 2: Mindful Body
Session 3: Taking in the Good
Session 4: Self-Compassion
Session 5: Loving Kindness
Session 6: Mindful Eating

MAY 24
END OF YEAR BRUNCH

Christian Outreach News!

For the **month of April**, we will be collecting towels, new or gently used, for the St. Katharine Drexel Homeless Shelter. This includes bath towels, hand towels and washcloths.

Thank you to all the people at Pilgrim who are so generous with helping the needy.

Happy Spring!!



Loaves and Fishes

Mark your calendars for the Loaves and Fishes dates that Pilgrim Church will provide meals for in 2023. Watch for more information in upcoming Bulletins, Friday eNews and issues of the Quill; the sign-up poster will generally be in the narthex two weeks before the serving date.

Remaining 2023 dates are:

May 3rd

August 23rd

December 6th



Art Show

Pilgrim UCC will be hosting a one-day art show in the narthex on **Sunday, April 2nd**. There will be art for sale for those interested or you can just browse.

We Need A Clear Message

I believe that becoming a Creation Justice Church is vital for our continued growth and development as a faith community. It hasn't been that long since we were last shut down due to concerns over Covid (a little over one year). We are still reawakening as a church to our new normal. Churches across the country report people who broke the habit of attending church during the lockdown have not come back since. In many ways the church, like all our institutions, feels more disconnected from the community and reality than ever before. Let me take that to the next level: In many ways all of us are more disconnected from the community and reality than ever before. The shutdown may be over but the barriers of thought, both political and philosophical, are wide and vast. I don't think we've ever been more unsure and untrusting as a nation, as a state, or as a city, than we are now. There is a disconnect between our perceptions of "us" and "them" that threatens to tear our nation, our families, and yes, our churches, apart. **What we need now more than anything is to be authentic with a clear message of who we are and what we believe in.** THAT's what becoming a Creation Justice Church does for us. It provides us with an authentic and clear message.

Over the past two months we have shared Quill articles about what becoming a Creation Justice Church means. We have talked about how this is but one of the 8 Justice World Covenant programs in The United Church of Christ (UCC). Becoming a Creation Justice Church in The United Church of Christ (UCC) is like becoming an Open and Affirming (ONA) Church. Both serve as ways by which the congregation can discern who we are and what we believe in. After which a covenant is created and voted on by the congregation where everyone agrees to the shared values expressed within. Doing this helps us to align our hearts and minds on various issues of great concern. Sometimes the conversations can be controversial and political while other times everyone seems to be in general agreement. Yet, if the conversation never happens does anything really change? That is one of the reasons why the Just World Covenant Programs exist in the UCC. Because if nothing changes, nothing changes. Just World covenants are all about our commitment to change.

Our ONA process was not an easy one that had roots in a conversation that took almost 20 years to complete. As a result we now not only have an ONA covenant proclaiming God's love for all, we have an obligation to continue to address these issues in the life of the church. Educating our membership and the community at large about the Christian values we hold dear that compel us to accept all of God's children without restriction to age, sex, gender, orientation, physical or mental ability, etc.

The same applies for the less controversial vote on becoming a Creation Justice Church. I don't know of anyone who doesn't want our planet to be loved and cared for to prevent the extinction of all life on earth. But that's not enough. As followers of the way of Jesus we need to do more. As a church we need to do more. As both members of our community and our families we need to do more. That's what our vote to become a Creation Justice Church is all about. We begin with the church which we consider the body of Christ. Literally the hands and feet of Jesus in the world. What would Jesus do to protect the planet? Would Jesus recycle? Would Jesus compost? Would Jesus lead the way by example? Would Jesus stop using single use plastics and start washing the dishes when need be? Yes, I do believe Jesus would do all of the above. Love radiates from the center of Jesus' ministry and love motivates our various Just World Covenant Programs. Our ONA process challenged us to consider who God is calling us to love while looking at many historically marginalized and underrepresented groups. Our Creation Justice Church process challenges us to love the earth and each other, I dare say this covenant compels us to love the entire universe. Both programs will provide us with an authentic and clear message that reveals who we are and what we believe in. This will help us to reach others who need to hear the unique and powerful gospel of love we proclaim, and we may just play a small part in saving the planet for future generations. **Please join me in supporting our vote to become a Creation Justice Church on Sunday, April 2nd** immediately following worship.

Sincerely,



Pastor Rob

Aluminum Can Collection

When: **April 2023**

Where: **Pilgrim UCC**

Why: **To celebrate Earth Day**

How: **Bring your aluminum cans to be recycled**



The Green Team wants to remind you to always recycle because EVERY day is Earth Day. During the month of April you can help us recycle aluminum cans by bringing your cans to church on Sunday's April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Collection will take place in the church Garage.

Proceeds from the aluminum can collection will be donated to the Youth Mission Trip in June.

Sponsored by the Green Team at Pilgrim UCC.



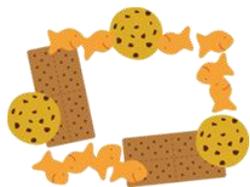
Genesis 1:26

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.'"

Notes from Karen

(Our Sunday School Director)

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



April Collection for St. Katharine Drexel Homeless Shelter

Thanks to all who donated cleaning supplies last month for our collection for the St. Katharine Drexel Homeless Shelter. As we move into April and the remainder of May for our program year, we have been asked to help replenish their need for HEALTHY snacks such as fruit cups, granola bars, applesauce, snack size crackers (like Goldfish), popcorn (prefer MICROWAVE). We will also be collecting arts and crafts supplies as they go through a lot of these items. They are also still in need of bath towels, hand towels and wash cloths. Thank you for helping the Sunday school children with their collection for this much needed cause in our community.

Intergenerational Game Night!!

The CE ministry will be hosting another **Family Fun Game Night** on **Friday, April 14th** (please note this is a change of date than the original one). We will gather at **6:00PM** and enjoy a time of fun and fellowship until around **7:30PM**. Whether you like to play cards, cribbage, board games or just learn a new game, plan to come join the fun! Please feel free to invite a friend or neighbor along as well. A light snack will be provided.



Church Camp Opportunities

If you have never had the opportunity to experience time at a summer camp, then you might want to consider attending one of the many church camp opportunities available to us right here close to home. Or maybe you have gone to camp previously and remember the amount of fun you had and friendships you made, then I encourage you to think about returning to a wonderful camp experience.

Daycholah Center at Green Lake has some wonderful camps available for all ages and different lengths of time. I highly recommend you go to our United Church Camps website www.ucci.org to check out all the possibilities.

We want everyone interested in going to have that opportunity so if finances are a concern, please speak to Karen as scholarships are available.

Heifer International

If you have loose change weighing down your pockets, the Sunday school children would be more than happy to take it off your hands. Beginning the 1st Sunday in April, you will see the children standing in the narthex collecting loose change to raise money for Heifer International.

For those of you who may not know what Heifer International is, their mission statement is below:

Heifer's Mission

We work to end hunger and poverty in partnership with the communities we serve. Our programs support entrepreneurs around the world, creating lasting change from the ground up.

It begins with a seed investment of livestock or agriculture, followed by mentorship to help project participants build a business, and ultimately to gain access to supply chains and markets.

These families are able to earn a living income and continuously lift up their communities as they train the next generation of leaders.

By supporting and training the world's farmers, ranchers, and female business owners, we're investing in a new breed of success.

In the past, Pilgrim's Sunday school has managed to donate a variety of animals from cows and pigs to bee hives and flocks of chickens and many more. This is always through the continued generosity of this wonderful church family. THANK YOU!

REMINDERS!!!

Palm Sunday is April 2nd - come join the Palm Parade and visit Bella the Donkey!

No Sunday School classes on Easter Sunday, April 9th.

Recognition Sunday will be Sunday, May 21st.

Blessings,
Karen





How many of you are finding yourselves shopping these days at Fleet Farm or Menards for items you may need for those spring projects you are working on?

How many of you are splurging at A&W or Gilles for some delicious custard or ice cream?

How many of you need to visit Kohls or Target (or one of the many other establishments on our SCRIP form) for some new summer clothes?

How many are still filling up their shelves at home with food and their cars with gas and have to go weekly or bi-weekly to the grocery store or gas station?

How many of you are remembering to stop at the SCRIP table in the narthex on Sunday morning to purchase your gift cards to do these things while at the same time helping to support the SCRIP program here at Pilgrim?????

If you aren't, would you please consider giving it a try?

This program has the potential to raise a lot of money for our church budget while not costing you any more than you are already spending out of pocket at these different businesses. If you have questions as to how this program works or how easy it is to use, please stop and talk with me on Sunday mornings at the table in the narthex! You can always give me a call too! Karen Goodacre 920-904-5740. THANKS!

Karen

Dear Pilgrim Church Family,

Last year, I attended a blanket exercise up in Appleton, led by Alliance for Justice, a Wisconsin nonprofit organization formed out of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ. Indigenous and non-Indigenous Alliance leaders conduct these exercises for faith communities throughout Wisconsin to offer historical lessons on colonialization, treaty-making, and resistance as well as educating them on the social, political, and environmental effects of the Doctrine of Discovery. It is a powerful lesson and an opportunity to engage with our indigenous brothers and sisters in relationship building and healing.

Pilgrim United Church of Christ is coordinating with the Sisters of St. Agnes to bring a blanket exercise to Fond du Lac.

DATE: Friday, April 21

LOCATION: Pilgrim UCC, 535 Stow Street, FDL

TIME: 5-8 pm

The exercise itself will begin around 6:00PM. At 5:00PM, the Brothertown Indian Nation will be offering a special meal.

Space is limited to about 60 participants, so it is very important for everyone to register as soon as possible with this link: <https://forms.gle/cY5SLjcrKAKwg4L8>. Registration is FREE, but a free will offering will be taken to cover the costs of the meal and travel expenses for Alliance leaders.

Note, while families are certainly welcomed, this experience may not be appropriate for younger children. Having said that, we are looking for one or two middle or high school youth to participate in some reading parts. Please let me know if you have a youth willing to do this or if you have questions about the exercise in general.

Feel free to share this information with others you think would be interested. Remember, space is limited. [REGISTER TODAY](#). Registration will close when the event has reached capacity.

In Christ,
Tracy Abler

Parish Nurse

**Shoulders Up – Shoulders Back – Head Up –
Phone Down!**

For the Calendar:

Blood Pressures – Sunday, April 2
Administrative Assistant's day – April 26
WISE Task Force Meeting: April 3, 5:30-6:30

Viruses - The More You Know:

Just a FYI – a combination of an influenza and COVID vaccine won't be ready this fall according to the FDA; citing "too much yet to do" before they are ready.

We are coming out of the cold and flu season and COVID pandemic, and I just want to remind you that viruses do not just go away – they are always present in us and in the environment. The "normal" we want to return to continues to include: frequent handwashing, staying home when ill/away from others who are ill, masking and/or distancing in a crowded indoor group, and supporting the immune system with a varied diet, restful sleep, managing stress and being active...because all the self-care practices are still - and always will be - important.

April is Poison Prevention Month

A reminder that 1-800-222-1222 is the Poison Control phone number, and dialing 988 or 911 will also get help quickly! There are some brochures on the table in the Narthex that contain a sheet of Mr. Yuk Stickers...and older and useful label for poisons around the home. Please take and use them!

April is also Advanced Health Care Directive Awareness Month

The 2 most common health care directives are the Living Will and the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care (POAHC). These are both legal documents (although you do not need a lawyer to write a POAHC) that address decisions about medical care if the person is unable to communicate themselves. The most important part of an Advanced Directive is communicating – talking about wishes

and not wishes – with family members. If you do not have an Advanced Directive, please talk with your Care Provider and they will help answer your questions.

Your Life. Your Terms.

Earth Week – Care for Creation: April 16-22

From a medical standpoint: Plastics break down into microscopic particles – "Micro-plastics" and "Nano-plastics" – which end up in our water, soil and food. Nano-plastics are so small that they can enter into the blood stream and into cells. I read a quote on Healthline that "people eat 5 grams of plastic every week which is roughly equivalent to a credit cards' worth of plastic." Plastic from bottled water is a main culprit, so convenience may not be the best choice for every living thing.

From a body and mind standpoint: The rhubarb is up and last years' parsnips have been dug, roasted and savored. God is good!

Check out the Bulletin Board for Green Cleaning ideas!

April is National Stress Awareness Month

(Information from the National Institute of Mental Health)

We often hear about stress and anxiety – and use these terms in describing feelings of being overwhelmed.

Stress is the physical or mental response to an external cause, such as having a lot of responsibilities or being physically ill. It generally goes away once the situation is resolved. A stressor may be a short term occurrence, or it can happen repeatedly over a period of time. Stress can be positive or negative – e.g. it may inspire a person to meet a deadline, or it may cause sleeplessness.

Anxiety is a body's reaction to stress. It is internal and usually involves a persistent/constant feeling of apprehension or dread that does not go away even if there is no current threat. Anxiety interferes with how a person lives their life.

Both stress and anxiety can affect physical and emotional responses – e.g. causing worry, uneasiness, fear, isolation, muscle tension, headaches, body aches, high blood pressure, insomnia or extreme fatigue, and gastric changes.

Learning what triggers negative stress, and what coping techniques work for an individual person (because each person is unique) can help reduce both stress and anxiety. It may take trial and error and/or a Care Provider to discover which coping techniques work best – for example: keeping a journal, deep breathing or visualization /relaxation exercises, mindfulness, physical exercise, healthy/regular meals, keeping a sleep routine, avoidance of caffeine and alcohol, or reaching out to friends and/or family who help with coping in a positive way.

If the feelings of being overwhelmed persist and cause changes in routine, please contact your Primary Provider for more help. Stress may not seem like a big deal, but it is not to be underestimated. There is help available.

The WISE Task Force has reviewed information from the UCC Mental Health Network – *“The objective is to encourage our congregations to become more welcoming of those living with mental health challenges, to be supportive of all who are affected by mental health conditions, and to engage in ways to live our commitment to be WISE about mental health.”* Pilgrim UCC will not be intervening, diagnosing, or trying to “fix” anything or anyone. If anything, we will be fixing ourselves – our misunderstandings, the way we interact, and our responses to people experiencing mental health issues.

The Task Force is meeting monthly and gathering ideas for educating on mental health issues locally, in the state and nationally. It is part of the Membership and Evangelism Ministry at this time and consists of: Brian Christenson (Advisor), Patti Burns, Chris Frederick, Judi Faubel, Judy Burton, Donna Overbo, Kaitlynn Zick, Randy Stutz and Sue Schmitz.

A Reminder to those with Environmental Allergies and/or Asthma

Pollen season is upon us! Leafing out started earlier this spring – which is resulting in the plants producing higher levels of carbon dioxide. That in turn causes plants to produce more pollen. Higher levels of pollen may correlate with worsening allergy and asthma symptoms.

When you check the weather, also check the pollen/dust/mold counts. If these are “high”, be sure to have your rescue inhaler or medications on hand, and don’t wait for your symptoms to become unbearable before using.

Stewardship & Finance Report January & February 2023

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank the Congregation Members for your response to the December Pledge Drive. Pledge/Giving is very important in preparing the annual church budget. If anyone forgot to return their Pledge Form or now wishes to make a pledge, forms can be obtained from the Church Office.

Pledge Donations in December totaled \$190,000 which represents 85% of Our Church Budget for 2023. The other 15% of Our Budget comes hopefully from our Sunday Cash Offerings, Scrip Sales, Rummage Sales and Our Fall Festival Ham Dinner in November.

Our Total Pilgrim Budget is \$221,300 for 2023. Monthly Income needed to support the Budget is \$18,441. As of February 28th – our January and February income total received was \$33,367.

Please continue to support the Budget through:

1. Your Pledges and/or Sunday offerings
2. Supporting our Scrip Program
3. Our 2nd Rummage Sale to be scheduled in

May.

Thanks again for supporting Pilgrim Church and its Programs.

Committee Members: Bayard Frederick, Tina Potter, Pete Vercouteren and Ron McCreedy, Chair

Caring for God's Creation

Save Water!

Minimize use of kitchen garbage disposal: garbage disposals use about 8 gallons of water per day. A better way to dispose of fruit and vegetable scraps is to compost them for the garden.

Recycle indoor water and use for plants: instead of pouring a cup of water you no longer need down the drain, give it to your plants. They'll thank you for it!



Ushers for April

Date	9:00 Service
April 2	Donna Jost & Bobbie Flaherty
April 7 Good Friday	Jim & Dianne Bentley
April 9	Linda Stutz & Kaitlynn Zick
April 16	Gary & Joni Greenfield
April 23	Bill & Patti Burns
April 30	Pete Vercooteren & Connie Anderson

Welcomers for April

Date	9:00 Service
April 2	Judie Behnke
April 9	Linda Stutz
April 16	Ron McCreedy
April 23	Bob & Jane Flaherty
April 30	Barb Tadych

Worship Leaders for April

Date	9:00 Service
April 2	Bobbie Flaherty
April 9	Noreen Henderson
April 16	Tony Prus
April 23	Bobbie Flaherty
April 30	Jim Thomas



- 1 Chris Steinert
- 2 Owen Olson
- 3 Cynthia Fischer
Susan Michler
- 4 Molly Abler
- 5 Sally Turk
Marilyn Hoch
- 8 Kaitlynn Zick
Skye Henderson
Arianna Steier
- 11 Dawn Dahlke
- 12 Avery Geiger
- 13 Linda Stutz
- 14 Olivia Olson
- 16 Gail Vandennack
- 17 Chris Frederick
- 19 Brian Johnson
- 20 Gregory Prus
- 22 Jim Bentley
Michael Potter
- 24 Patrick Friedel
Joni Greenfield
- 26 Gary Ring
Molly Abler

- April 4 Donald & Sue Schmitz
- April 26 Paul & Wendy Dille

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? If you have a birthday or anniversary this month and your name is not on the list, perhaps we don't have your information. Please call Cathy in the church office (921-0415) or fill out the form below so your name can be included next year! Thank you!



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If you would like your birthday and/or anniversary listed in The Quill, just fill out this form and return it to the church office.

Name: _____

Birthday: _____

Anniversary: _____

Worship Schedule

Mission Moments in Blue • Additional services in Red • Choir in Green
Themed Sun services in Purple • Special Music Highlighted

April 2023

Sun April 2: **Palm Sun** – 9 AM Worship – 10:15 Coffee Hour & Sun School – No Adult Ed - Choir
Thurs April 6: Maundy Thurs – Shared Service at Church of Peace UCC FDL – 7:00PM
Fri April 7: Good Friday – Shared Service at Pilgrim UCC FDL– 12:00 Noon
 Sun April 9: **Easter Sun** – 9 AM Worship – No Adult Ed or Sun School – **Choir** – Handbell Quartet
 Sun April 16: – 9 AM Worship – 10:15 Adult Ed & Sun School
 Sun April 23: – 9 AM Worship – 10:15 Adult Ed & Sun School
 Sun April 30: – 9 AM Worship – 10:15 Adult Ed & Sun School

May 2023

Sun. May 7: – 9 AM Worship – 10:15 Coffee Hour & Sun School – No Adult Ed – **Choir** – Rev. Jane Anderson, WCUCC
 Associate Conference Minister preaching.
 Sun May 14: – 9 AM Worship – 10:15 Adult Ed & Sun School (Mother's Day) – Handbell Quartet
 Sun May 21: – 9 AM Worship – Recognition Sunday – 10:15 Adult Ed/ No Sun School
 Sun May 28: **Pentecost** – 9 AM Worship – Summer Schedule begins (no Sun School or Ad Forum)

Family Fun Nights

Fri. Apr 21 – Intergenerational game night!
 Fri May 19 – Outdoor yard/ camp games!

Christian Outreach

April

Green Team compost education and collection in collaboration with Christian Outreach

May

Collect nonperishable food items for the Fondy Food Pantry/ Blanket Sunday

Health Ministries

April 2023

Easter – Sunday, Apr 9 – Administrative Assistant’s Day – Wed. Apr 26th – Poison Prevention Month – Advance Directives – Organ Donation Month – Earth Week – Care for Creation: April 16-22 (Plastic Bags) – Earth Day: Saturday 22 – Rhubarb and parsnips – WISE: Autism Awareness Month

May 2023

Melanoma Monday – Blood Pressure Month – Arthritis Awareness Month – Outdoor Farmers Markets start – WISE: Mental Health Awareness Month

Mission Trip Events

We will meet **Sun April 16** after worship (Meeting moved back one week due to Easter on 4/9).

We will meet **Sun May 21** after worship (Meeting moved back one week due to Mother’s Day on 5/14). Our final meeting before the trip.

Mission trip dates: **June 25th - June 30th**

Adult Forum

“Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school.”

– Albert Einstein

Apr 2 Coffee Hour – No Adult Forum - Art Show

Apr 9 Easter – No Adult Forum or Sun School

Apr 16 The Arc Fond du Lac – Presenter: Dawn Scannell - Executive Director

We are a human service organization that empowers adults and youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities to become independent and integrated into the community through advocacy, education, training and support.

The Arc provides services to over 800 families and individuals with disabilities living in Fond du Lac, Dodge, and Winnebago Counties. We care for ages ranging from 5 years of age to 80+. All of our programs are person-centered and we find the right approach to helping our members achieve with us.

Apr 23 *The Law of Blood: Thinking and acting as a Nazi* By Johann Chapoutot – Leader: Ben Blanc

The scale and the depth of Nazi brutality seem to defy understanding. What could drive people to fight, kill, and destroy with such ruthless ambition? Observers and historians have offered countless explanations since the 1930s. According to **Johann Chapoutot**, we need to understand better how the Nazis explained it themselves. We need a clearer view, in particular, of how they were steeped in and spread the idea that history gave them no choice: it was either kill or die.

Chapoutot, one of France’s leading historians, spent years immersing himself in the texts and images that reflected and shaped the mental world of Nazi ideologues, and that the Nazis disseminated to the German public. The party had no official ur-text of ideology, values, and history. But a clear narrative emerges from the myriad works of intellectuals, apparatchiks, journalists, and movie-makers that Chapoutot explores.

Apr 30 Building Community & A Better Police – Presenter: Aaron Goldstein - Chief of Police

The City of Fond du Lac Police Department is committed to a culture of understanding, compassion, and professionalism. We place an emphasis on community and neighborhood engagement to get to know each other better and start to discover the mutual goals we have for our community. We work collectively to build trust and break down barriers between police and our community for a stronger and safer community for all people.

We believe that team problem solving, customer service, and community partnerships is the foundation to be able to deliver a level of service that exceeds the community’s expectations. We also believe that every

interaction matters because every interaction could be the one that makes a difference and impacts another for the rest of their life.

May 7 Coffee Hour

May 14 Homelessness Affecting Fond du Lac School Students – Presenter: Linda Tack - Homelessness Coordinator

Homelessness can happen to anyone. Thousands of hardworking individuals and families in Fond du Lac County are one health, economic or family crisis away from losing their home.

According to the St. Katharine Drexel Shelter Website there are currently 172+ students who are currently recognized as homeless. Linda Tack will discuss the homeless situation, the resources available through the school district, as well as ways members of the community can work together to address homelessness.

May 21 Building Compassion – Documentary – Leader: Chris Frederick

Peace and Compassion are intertwined and inseparable. Yet, it can be difficult to open our hearts to others. Learn how the practice of compassion can improve your life. Find out about cutting-edge research into the neurology and cultural practices of compassion, and explore how compassion is key to creating a peaceful world.

Expanding Horizons

Apr 5 Finish Gospel according to John – Leader: Brian Smith

John writes at the end of the first century when the educated classes in the Roman Empire are converting to Christianity and John uses Greek philosophical terms to frame Jesus' ministry. He is interested in giving a deeper spiritual meaning behind Jesus' life and ministry rather than a chronological order of events. In this study we will note many differences between John's gospel and the other three.

Apr 12 -May 17 Mindfulness Series – Leader: Karen Lindberg-Schuppe

Life consists of moments, nothing more than that. So if you make the moments matter, it all matters. -Ellen Langer

Session 1 (4/12): Mindful Breathing and Listening

Session 2 (4/19): Mindful Body

Session 3 (4/26): Taking in the Good

Session 4 (5/03): Self-Compassion

Session 5 (5/10): Loving Kindness

Session 6 (5/17): Mindful Eating

May 24 End of Year Brunch



A sincere Thank you goes out to Dana Caldwell for the doll house she donated to the church for us to sell.

Dana has an interest in building and refurbishing doll houses and she generously gave Pilgrim a house to sell a short time before she moved to her new church home in Amery. I am pleased to report the doll house was sold and we want to officially thank Dana for her kind donation to the work of Pilgrim Church.

Linda Stutz



Dear Friends,

Thank you for the generous gift of \$200.00 for our fond du Lac Clinic. I know Bella and the staff and youth there sincerely appreciate it. Your donation matters in the lives of the at-risk youth that are now receiving the healing support they need and deserve.

Ethan is one of the young men positively affected by your giving. Your generosity impacts the youth we serve in a very special way. We encourage you to write him back with a few words of wisdom. I know he would benefit from hearing from you.

Thank you again for your gracious contribution. Your gift is inspiring the hope of a bright future to many of the young men and women at Rawhide.

Sincerely,
Heather J. Stern, CFRE
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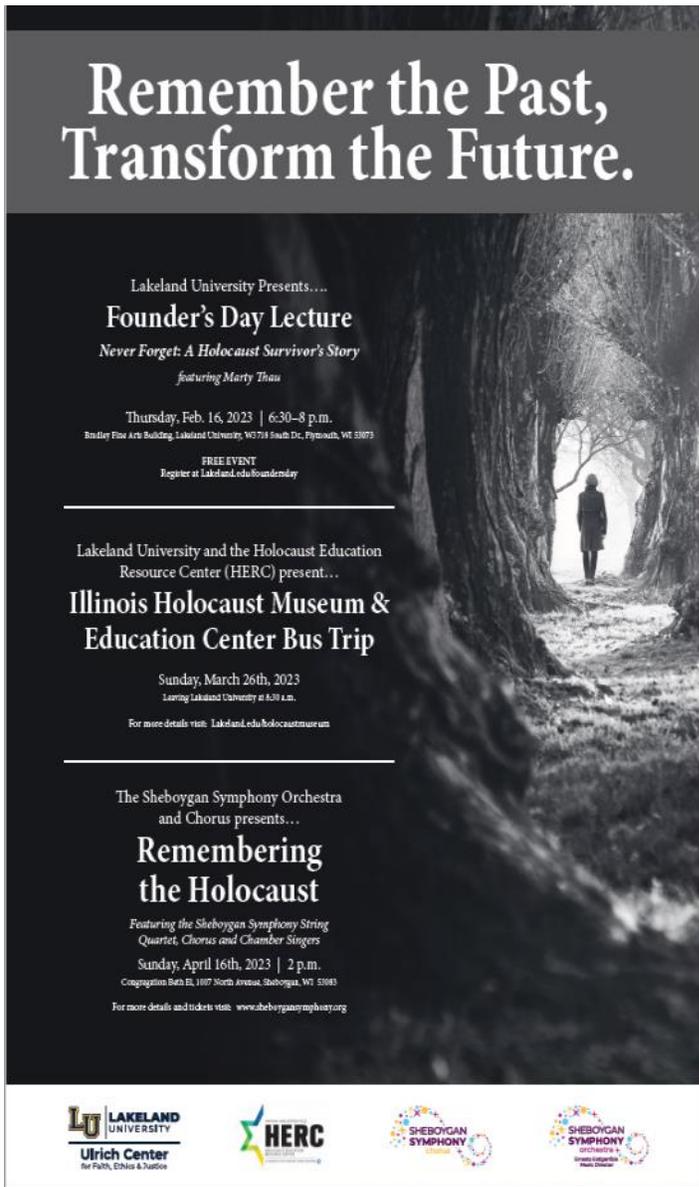
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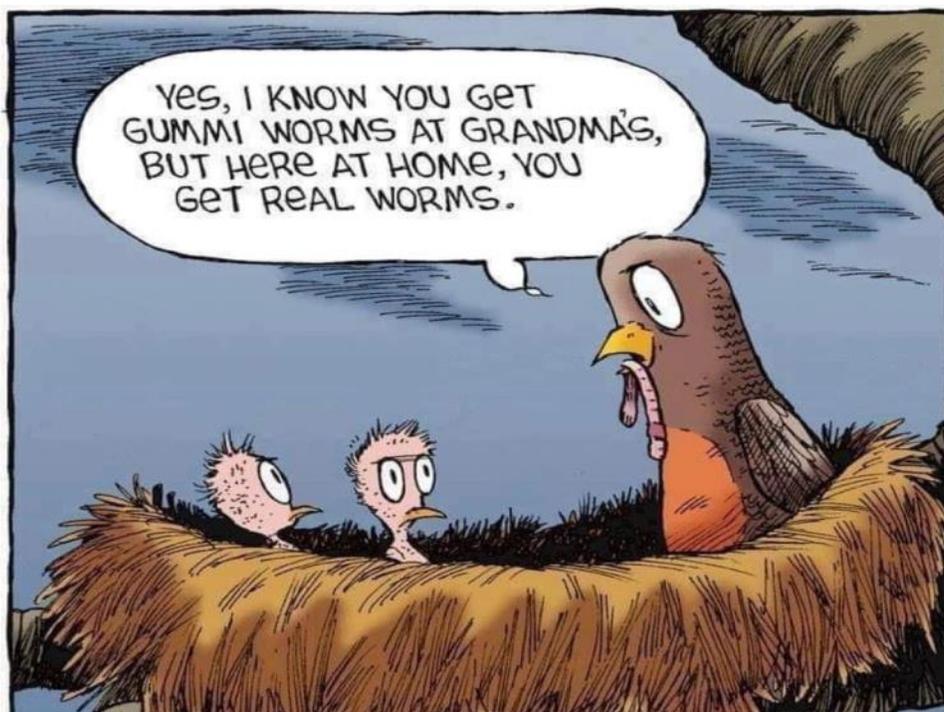


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