



# THE PILGRIM QUILL

SEPTEMBER 2023



*"In many ways, September feels like the busiest time of the year: The kids go back to school, work piles up after the summer's dog days and Thanksgiving is suddenly upon us." — Brené Brown*

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Hello Pilgrims!

Here we go! September is here and many of us stop and think: "How did we get here?" Easy answer: One day at a time. The long answer is a little different for everyone. For me it's partly what my great-grandmother always said that confused me as a child: "The older you get the faster time goes by. You just wait and see." I never understood what she was talking about. I do now. I don't necessarily know why time moves faster, but I know it does. Doesn't it?

It's also part seasonal. In the summer things slow down at Pilgrim. Many of our programs take a break for the summer as our kids are out of school, families take vacations, and those cottages up north aren't going to take care of themselves.

There's also something I can't quite put my finger on that I believe has to do with the daylight and our biological clocks. I realize this is Wisconsin, but for me and my people we spend far more time outside in the spring, summer, and fall. In the winter we stay inside. We don't go snowmobiling, ice fishing, or skiing. *(I come from a long line of accident prone people. We stay off the ice and close, but not too close, to the fire.)* For us that means that in the summer we are on the move. We are looking outside of ourselves: going out, stepping out, and reaching out. Until the fall turns to winter and then we stop looking out and start looking within. We stop moving and start thinking, reflecting, and even remembering *(especially around the holidays)*. We stop looking out into the sunset and start looking deep into the campfire or home-fire. In both times we are drawn to the light, but the light is very different, and so are we, at different times of the year.

I find the church liturgical calendar reflects this as well. In the summer it's known as "common time" or "ordinary time." We talk about the life of Jesus. We look into the stories reported in the gospels that make up his day to day experiences with raising the dead and healing the sick, and casting out demons. He's going out to spread the gospel and there's always a miracle when you need one. We are looking at the summer of Jesus' earthly life. Perhaps we should call this "uncommon time" or "extraordinary time" instead?

Then in the fall we have Halloween, All Saint's Day, and Thanksgiving. All holidays both secular and spiritual that call us to stop and look within our hearts rather than beyond the next horizon.

We start thinking about gratitude and connections between this life and the next and everything appears to refocus inward. Long held emotions break free and rise to the surface. Long forgotten memories appear out of nowhere and suddenly we realize the older you get the faster time goes by. You just wait and see!

As we come together for another church program year, know that you are more than welcome, you are expected. We are a faith family that holds the heart of every person gathered from our lifetime members to our newest members. Know that when we come together we have a chance to stop time itself, for a moment, to honor what truly matters in this life. What we discover time and again in our faith and in community is that what truly matters is love.

I believe that love is why the older you are the faster time goes by. The more love you share and grieve and hold in your heart, the less time and energy you have to pay attention to the passing of days. We're distracted by the accumulated wealth of the love we experience that compels us to love more, which is what a church does, teaches us how to love more, as followers of the way of Jesus. Which is the way of love. Join us, won't you.

Amen and alleluia,

Pastor Rob

## Sunday Scriptures

Sunday, September 3:

Romans 12:9-21 – Love in Action

Sunday, September 10:

Exodus 12:1-14 – The Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread

Sunday, September 17:

Genesis 45:1-15; 50:15-21 – Joseph Helps His Family

Sunday, September 24:

Matthew 20:1-16 – The Vineyard Workers

## News from Council President, Patti Burns

Hope everyone is staying cool and hydrated. That is the nurse in me! I am hoping we have at least another month of nice summer weather to enjoy outside activities.

We have had a busy summer here at Pilgrim. Our Church Carnival or Summer Family Fun Night was a huge success. There were a lot of people, food and activities. Thank you to all who helped make this a huge success. The Diner's Club shared a great meal at TJs Harbor this month. Thanks to Patty Minter for always finding great places for us to try and organizing the outings.

Now with school starting, our youth are starting to gather. There was a youth bowling activity this week that was well attended. Thank you to Steven and Rachel Wicowski for volunteering to lead the youth group and to Mike Potter who is helping them. Confirmation classes and Sunday School will be starting soon with Rally Day September 10th. 89 people were served at Loaves and Fishes this week as well. Thank you to all who helped make this meal possible.

It is with sadness that we received the resignation of Rob Edmondson, our Adult Education Coordinator. We wish him well in his new adventure. God brought him to us at the right time. I believe He has great plans and will make them clear to us soon.

Fondue Fest is coming soon on September 9th. Always a great time and Pilgrim will be present at this community event. We are blessed to have a congregation that is growing and remains active in the community! What an exciting time in the life of our church.

Enjoy the rest of summer!

Patti Burns

## **Helping Our Neighbors Around the World With a KIVA Loan**

The three women we chose to receive KIVA loans this month live thousands of miles apart but their desires are similar. They want to provide better living conditions for their families. Through KIVA, Pilgrim is able to help these women accomplish that goal. KIVA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. KIVA's mission is to connect people through lending to alleviate poverty. KIVA works with micro finance institutions on five continents to provide loans to people without access to traditional banking systems. The \$345.00 loaned to Ana, Huong, and Andriana was money that had been repaid on previous loans we have given. Women have less access to lending institutions and KIVA offers them that opportunity. Women are 81% of the borrowers on KIVA. KIVA funded more than 150,000 women in 2021.

Huong lives in Vietnam where the average annual income (USD) is \$5,600. Huong is 44 years old and married. The couple have two children who are dependents. Her family is part of the Mung ethnic minority and live in Cam Thuy district which is in the mountains. Her husband raises honey bees for honey sales. She supplements the income by raising pigs and farming crops. She is a dedicated woman who works hard to provide a better life for her family, especially their children. In order to improve their living conditions, they have decided to take a loan to build a new bathroom for their home. This is an important investment for their family because proper sanitation is crucial for their health and the environment. This is her first loan and Huong is determined to repay the loan and improve their financial situation. She will manage their expenses carefully, ensuring that they allocate their limited resources wisely.

Andriana lives in Soroca, Moldova. The average annual income (USD) is \$3,800. Andriana is 41 years old and a widow. She has three children and is raising them with a lot of love. She works very hard to give the children everything they need. The main activity and source of income in Andriana's family is sheep farming. After her husband died, all the financial responsibility was left on her shoulders. In 2020, Andriana benefited from a KIVA loan for business development. Now she is enjoying the fruits of her labor and currently she has 70 sheep. Her biggest problem is that during the cold season she has nowhere to shelter the sheep. She wants to build a sheep shelter, but she has no financial resources for this work. This loan will allow Andriana to protect her sheep during the winter months.

Ana lives in El Salvador. The average annual income in El Salvador is \$7,500. Ana is 40 years old. She studied until third grade in school. Her partner works in metallurgy. She has two children who depend on her. Her mother-in-law also lives with her. Ana makes her living selling used clothing. She started this business 11 years ago. She also makes traditional food to sell. She works everyday from 7AM to 6PM. She will use the loan to purchase more used clothing to continue selling. She dreams of her business continuing to grow and her income offering a better living for her family.

As our summer activities wind down and our children go back to school, let us give thanks for the opportunity we have to help Ana, Andriana, and Huang. They live very far away from us but their hopes and dreams are much the same as ours. They are our neighbors! If you would like to learn more about KIVA, see their website [www.kiva.org](http://www.kiva.org) or talk to Peg Bradley or any member of the Outreach Ministry.



### 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.



### Diner's Club!!!

The next get-together is planned for  
**Sunday, September 17th**  
**at Red Cabin at Green Acres.**  
 The sign-up poster is in the narthex.  
**Please sign-up by September 15th.**  
 Gathering begins at 5:00PM with  
 sit down for the meal at 5:30PM.

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



Coffee Hour  
 1st Sunday of Each Month  
 (except where noted)

**Volunteers are Needed and if no one signs up for any given month, there will be NO coffee hour. We can have coffee hour for a reason or no reason!**

The sign-up poster is in the narthex with dates and instructions; **any member of the church can sign-up.**

If you notice supplies getting low or if you have questions, please let Patty Minter know at 920-251-0425 or [pattyminter@gmail.com](mailto:pattyminter@gmail.com)



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=NkICT0ZEYWtTRnlwcEtRNDBCMGRhQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87682457999?pwd=NkICT0ZEYWtTRnlwcEtRNDBCMGRhQT09)

Meeting ID: 876 8245 7999

Passcode: 769374

### September 17

#### The Supreme Court

Presenter: Dr. Paisley Harris

Dr. Harris teaches Women's History, African American history, cultural and legal history at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. She will lead a two week discussion to help us understand both the intricacies and the impact of the Supreme Court in today's political climate. What is the history of the Supreme Court? Why should we care about it today? These are some of the questions she will dive into.

### September 24

#### Rawhide

Presenter: Tara Heidl

Rawhide Youth Services helps hurting youth who feel lost or abandoned. It is their mission to help these youth discover the hope of a healthy and fulfilling life. They provide youth counseling, therapy and residential treatment for teens and young adults who question their worth and for families feeling powerless to help them.

## 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

### September 13

#### WELCOME BACK BRUNCH

### September 20

#### WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged for Mental Health)

Presenter: Sue Schmitz

We hear a lot about mental health challenges in the news. Due to stigma, many people may be reluctant to either seek help professionally or even speak to anyone about their struggles. "The objective of WISE is to encourage UCC congregations to provide a warm welcome, promote inclusion and offer support for all who live with mental health challenges and to engage in living a commitment to be WISE about mental health". We want to promote understanding and compassion and reduce stigma - for all ages - Mind, Body and Spirit. The WISE Task Force has been working through the process to become a WISE designated church. Come with your questions and learn more about this important topic.

### September 27

#### Illuminating Project

Presenter: Juliane Troicki, Ph.D

The Illuminating Project started in 2019 as a community-based initiative, Illuminating Women. The women in the project came from a range of generations and a variety of backgrounds, including

doctors, teachers, organ donors, those in recovery from substance abuse, entrepreneurs, farmer, stay-at-home mothers, religious sisters, Episcopalian pastors, librarians, daycare providers, dentists, social workers, artist and an owner of a construction company.



### Loaves and Fishes

Pilgrim Church will serve its final Loaves and Fishes meal for this year on **December 6th** at the Church of Peace.

Each time we provide a meal, several volunteers are needed to donate and prepare food, set-up, serve, clean-up and distribute leftovers. It is hoped that those that have helped in the past will volunteer again; new volunteers are always welcome!

Watch for the sign-up poster which will be in the narthex approximately two weeks before the serving date. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Bentley at 920-922-5093.

**The Adult Education Committee  
Invites You to Our**

**Annual Fall Welcome Brunch**

**Expanding Horizons  
Pilgrim Church**

**Wednesday, September 13th  
9:30AM - 11:00AM**

- \*Reunite with old friends & meet new ones
- \*Learn about Adult Forum & Expanding Horizons programs for September - December
- \*Enjoy a yummy brunch (food will be provided)
- \*Everyone is welcome...bring a friend
- \*Great way to get back into the Wednesday morning at Expanding Horizons routine

Brian Smith invites members of the congregation to join him in a ZOOM discussion of a book focusing on the biblical, theological and moral implications of migration. Brian and Rev. Karen Gygax Rodriguez, Pastor of the Federated Church in Green Lake, will moderate an online discussion for 11 Thursday evenings in the Fall (6:30PM to 7:30 PM from September 7<sup>th</sup> to November 16<sup>th</sup>) on Fr. Dan Groody's book, [A Theology of Migration: The Bodies of Refugees and the Body of Christ](#). Fr. Groody teaches at the University of Notre Dame and has done extensive pastoral work among migrants and refugees.

Anyone interested can contact Brian at [bhsmith801@gmail.com](mailto:bhsmith801@gmail.com) or at home 920-748-9229.

# Notes from Karen

(Our Sunday School Director)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

### Sunday School Classes

September has arrived and with it the return of our program year here at Pilgrim. That means that Sunday School classes will be starting officially on Sunday, **September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:15AM** in the opening worship area in our fellowship hall. Classes will end at **11:15AM** and we ask that you go to your child/children's classroom to pick them up rather than having them come to find you.

**It important that we know if your child/children will be planning to attend Sunday School classes this year. PLEASE fill out an enrollment form (there is one included in this edition of the Quill or they can be found on the table in the narthex, filled out and put on Karen's desk). This will enable the CE ministry to help in planning as we need to order materials.**

The Christian Education Ministry is still in need of a few teachers and shepherds to help lighten the load of those who have already agreed to help in this year's program. If you are willing to give of your time to help out for a few weeks, please speak to Karen for more information.

### Rally Day/Pancake Breakfast

Please plan to join us on **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** when following our worship service, we will gather between 10:00AM - 10:15AM in the opening worship area for our annual **Rally Day/Pancake Breakfast**. Yes, that's right, the CE ministry is bringing back the annual Pancake Breakfast! This will be a time to introduce and meet incoming teachers and shepherds, meet our new volunteer youth leaders, find out what's happening in our Adult Education, when our monthly family fun nights will be and other information. EVERYONE is invited to join us for this event.

### THANK YOU

The Christian Education Ministry, with the help of many volunteers, again put on a successful Community Free Family Fun Night this past August. It was so wonderful to see and hear Pilgrim's lawn alive with so many people having a wonderful time. THANK YOU to the many volunteers who helped that afternoon (to set up) and evening to run games, crafts, face painting, manage our bounce houses, call BINGO, lead music, donated food items and all the many other areas that were run by our wonderful volunteers. We could not do this wonderful event without help from all of you. We had over 100 people join us that evening (not including all our volunteers) for an evening of fun and community! THANK YOU ALL!!

### KNOCK KNOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

The **Jr. Youth, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders**, have a wonderful opportunity to attend a weekend retreat at Daycholah Center on Green Lake from **11/17/23 - 11/19/23**. This weekend retreat will allow youth to discover love and acceptance as the true experience of the church. It is also a wonderful opportunity for youth who have never been to church camp to experience what a wonderful time it can be. The cost for this event is \$240.00; BUT, as always, scholarships are available. Please consider attending this fun event.

# Sunday School

## 2023/2024 Sunday School Enrollment Form

I give my permission to have my child/children photographed; understanding that these photos may or may not be used for publicity in newspapers, our church website, other social media venues, and even on our bulletin covers.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (W): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade '23-24: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any allergies? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child take any medications? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any physical limitations or medical conditions we should be aware of?

Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Please list: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return by Sunday, August 27, 2023 to Karen**

**Additional children sign up on back**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade '23-24: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any allergies? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child take any medications? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any physical limitations or medical conditions we should be aware of?

Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade '23-24: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any allergies? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child take any medications? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any physical limitations or medical conditions we should be aware of?

Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Please list: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child take any medications? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any physical limitations or medical conditions we should be aware of?

Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Please list: \_\_\_\_\_



## Intergenerational Game Night

The CE Ministry will again be continuing with our Friday night Family Fun Nights. We will be having a game night for all ages from **6:00PM - 7:30PM on September 15<sup>th</sup>**. Come join us for card games, board games, cribbage, or any other fun games you can think of. Feel free to bring your own games or we will have some there for you to enjoy. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know your church family, young and old alike!

Blessings,  
*Karen*



Have you remembered to purchase your SCRIP cards?? Every Sunday morning there is the opportunity to help the Pilgrim budget by purchasing SCRIP cards. With the new fall schedule in place, SCRIP will be available for purchase before and after the 9:00AM service until 10:15AM. If you haven't given SCRIP a try yet, it is a very friendly user program and can meet just about all your purchasing needs.

So from food to gas, home repairs to birthday gift cards, let the SCRIP table in the narthex be one of your Sunday morning stops!!

Thanks for your support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask Karen Goodacre 920-904-5740.

## Becoming a WISE Congregation for Mental Health

*(Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged)*

### September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

From The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) – this is “a time to raise awareness of this stigmatized, and often taboo, topic. We use this month to shift public perception, spread hope and share vital information to people affected by suicide. Our goal is ensuring that individuals, friends and families have access to the resources they need to discuss suicide prevention and to seek help.” The statistics are heart-breaking:

- Annual prevalence of serious thoughts of suicide, by U.S. demographic group:
  - \* [4.9%](#) of all adults
  - \* [11.3%](#) of young adults aged 18-25
  - \* [18.8%](#) of high school students
  - \* [45%](#) of LGBTQ youth
  - \* [79%](#) of all people who die by suicide are male.
- Although [more women](#) than men attempt suicide, men are [4x](#) more likely to die by suicide.
- Suicide is the [2nd leading](#) cause of death among people aged 10–14 and the 3rd leading cause of death among people aged 15-24 in the U.S.
- Suicide is the [12th leading](#) cause of death overall in the U.S.
- [46%](#) of people who die by suicide had a diagnosed mental health condition - but research shows that [90%](#) may have experienced symptoms of a mental health condition.

988 is the new phone, email and/or messaging number that allows people to quickly connect with a trained counselor during a mental health, substance use and/or suicide crises, 24/7, no matter where they live.

“It is important to understand that suicidal thoughts are strongly associated with disturbances in the brain chemistry and that these changes can be reversed with appropriate biological and psychological treatments. The majority of all suicidal people want to live, if only they can be shown a way. Far too frequently what seemed worth dying for could have been treated, mended, or endured until time worked its own magical cure.” Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

Our role as a WISE designated church will be ready access of information about suicide and support services. If you are able, please join us for Expanding Horizons on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:00 to talk about our WISE journey.

The WISE Task Force has been meeting since January: Sue Schmitz, Patti Burns, Donna Overbo, Judy Burton, Randy Stutz, Kaitlynn Zick, Barb Geiger and Chris Frederick – with Advisors: Pastor Rob and Dr. Brian Christenson.



#### PUCC YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES (AUGUST – DECEMBER 2023)

Steven and Rachel Wichowski are coordinating our youth group events.

(Contact Rachel at [ra.burns@hotmail.com](mailto:ra.burns@hotmail.com) or 920-238-5919)

**Wednesday August 23, 2023** – Meet at 5:45 PM at church for Pizza Party/ arrive at 6:45 PM at Fondy Sports Park for putt-putt and go-karts.

**Sunday September 10, 2023** – Packers vs. Bears (Tailgate in church parking lot starting at 2 PM - Game at 3:25 PM on a big screen)

**Saturday October 28, 2023** – Burial Chamber Haunted House Complex Haunted house in Fox Crossing, Wisconsin (Time/ Date TBA) Meet at church, ride up as a group (Neenah area).

**Friday November 17 – Sunday November 19, 2023** – Knock Knock Middle School Retreat at Daycholah Center on Green Lake (for grades 6-8) Parents drop off and pick youth up from camp.

**December 2023** – Serve food at new Fondy Warming Shelter (Time/ Date TBA) Meet at warming shelter.

Jan – May 2024 Events TBA

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

### Another Transition Month:

In August we experience a slow increase in activity, and then BAM, September 5<sup>th</sup> happens – and once again summer seems over and the pace of life changes. It feels busier and more complicated. The shorter day light hours becomes more apparent, and conversation turns from the heat of summer to speculations about the upcoming winter.

Slow deep breath. If you notice feeling more stressed or even more joyful as the calendar changes and the leaves begin to turn colors, remember that mentally, physically and spiritually we are connected to the earth and seasons. Awareness is the first step in self-care.

September 23<sup>rd</sup> is officially the first day of autumn - the Autumn Equinox - when the day and night length are each 12 hours long. And on September 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a harvest moon – don't miss it!

*Autumn is a second spring, when every leaf is a flower.* Albert Camus



### September is National Yoga Month

According to the National Institutes of Health, “scientific evidence shows that yoga supports stress management, mental health, mindfulness, healthy eating, weight loss and quality sleep by incorporating breathing exercises, meditation and physical poses”. A routine yoga practice can help improve strength, balance and flexibility and can actually increase energy and mood and promote self-care.

Western medicine knows that slow movements and deep breathing increases blood flow and warms muscles, deliberately engaging muscles builds the muscle fibers, and reduced stress decreases body-wide inflammation...and that's Yoga.

Jean Wright does Yoga classes from 9:00AM - 10:00AM on Mondays (on Zoom) and Thursdays (at church). Check out Pilgrim's website for the Zoom information and if you have questions, please talk with Jean.



### September is also National Health Aging Month

As I've told many (including myself...) **age is a factor – not a reason**. There are “old” 20 year olds and “young” 100 year olds. How we care for and about ourselves will affect how old we feel.

Part of healthy aging is being active – to keep muscles strong, and working together. September is a perfect month to get into a routine of being active whether it's by walking, joining (and going to...) a fitness center, following exercise routines online, working at a standing desk, parking in the farthest parking spot when shopping, or joining Jean's yoga classes – all activity is good when done routinely. The goal is to move, feel, and believe younger!

### September is also the Beginning of “Cold and Flu Season” in Wisconsin.

Traditionally in September, the number of people with colds and flu's increases, and we've seen the number of new variant viral COVID cases increasing over the summer. (The new variant EG.5 or “ERIS” so far doesn't seem to be causing more severe disease, but it does seem able to spread more quickly and effectively – it's a virus doing its thing...one step ahead of us humans.) The same precautions that protect against one cold or virus protects against all...good/effective handwashing, covering a cough, distancing, and staying home if ill.

Vaccines for seasonal influenza this year will not contain any of the Corona viruses - there will be a new booster coming out this fall specifically against those. If you have questions, please contact your Primary Provider.

My hope is that wearing a mask and using hand sanitizer in any indoor gathering has become socially “normal”. That practice is a visible message to be respected and honored as we all care for ourselves and those we love. (Jesus asks us to identify our neighbor and then to “go and do likewise...”)

### Fond du Lac Caregiving Conference – September 21.

For anyone taking care of someone with dementia, I would like to highlight the Fond du Lac Caregiving Conference – September 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:30-3:30 at Community Church. There are brochures on the ledge under the bulletin board, or go on the ADRC website to review the break-out sessions and sign up. It's a great way to meet and network with other caregivers and services in the Fond du Lac area.

### National Food Month

National 5-a-day for Better Nutrition Month – Cholesterol Education Month – Celiac Disease Awareness Month - Whole Grains Month – Childhood Obesity Month... I think we should just group all September's Health Observances about food under one title – like "National Food Month". **Check out the bulletin board for school lunch and healthy snack ideas.**

Sue



Dear Pilgrim Church Family and Friends,

I just want to say thank you to everyone for their support through meals, rides, visits and cards over the summer as I continue to recover from my recent surgery.

I truly appreciate all of you and am blessed to belong to such a wonderful and caring church family.

With Love, Thanks and Appreciation,  
Karen Goodacre

Dear Pilgrim United Church of Christ,

Thank you so much for your generous gift to Back Bay Mission! Your gift to *Friends of the Mission*, makes it possible to meet the most urgent needs of the poor and marginalized of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Your gift is already at work strengthening neighborhoods, seeking justice and transforming lives. You're helping a homeowner stay in their home, providing homeless families with apartments, making sure people have enough food and giving people the support they need to make their lives better.

Most importantly, your gift is making sure that Back Bay Mission is here to provide a safe and welcoming place for everyone who comes through our doors. Thank you for partnering with us through your generous gift. We - and those we serve - are ever grateful.

Thank you Pilgrim Friends!

Grace and Peace,  
James Pennington  
Executive Director

Pilgrim United Church of Christ  
Trust Fund

Thank you on behalf of Back to School FDL for your gift of \$500.00 to the Back to School Program which provides school supplies for children who may not otherwise have access in the Fond du Lac area. Your support and belief in Back to School FDL is greatly appreciated.

It is because of support like this that Back to School FDL is able to serve all children in Fond du Lac County who need assistance. We continue to be true to our mission and committed to assisting area students to be ready for the upcoming school year. Your donation impacts each and every student that enters for assistance with school supplies for the upcoming school year.

On August 19th, we plan to serve over 1500 children in part due to your generosity.

Sincerely,  
Back 2 School Fond du Lac

## Christian Outreach News!



### School Supply Drive

Thank you, Pilgrim, for your donations to our School Supply Drive for the students in Fond du Lac. Many children will benefit from the donations!

We collected 43 boxes markers, 1 pack Expo markers, 121 pencils, 42 erasers, 176 pens, 20 pencil boxes and cases, 28 boxes of crayons, 1 watercolor set, 3 packs highlighters, 10 packs of Sharpies, 27 scissors, 49 pads of post-its, 152 bottles and sticks of glue, 7 pencil sharpeners, 21 boxes colored pencils, 60 notebooks, 15 backpacks, 1 calculator, 1 pack of 3x5 cards, 14 rulers, 4 binders, 10 packs of loose-leaf paper, 111 pocket folders. Your generosity will help students most in need.

Thank  
You



During the month of September, Christian Outreach will conduct the "Coats for Kids" drive. We know it's early, but it will give us more time for the collection. Remember, gently used coats and jackets are accepted along with new.

There will be a collection box in the narthex for you to drop off your donations **starting September 1st**.

All sizes are needed, including adult, since most high school kids wear adult sizes.

### Hats & Mittens



The Hats and Mittens Drive will also start on **September 1st**. Every year we get requests for hats and mittens for the kids in school. There are many kids who walk to school with no hat or mittens or gloves.

Your donations can be put on the rack between the front doors and we hope to fill it with hats, mittens and gloves through the winter months. All sizes are needed....small through adults.

Thank you fellow Pilgrims for all you do for the community.



If you love to sing, and if music and singing is one of your favorite parts of Sunday morning worship, then come and join the chorus!

The Pilgrim Choir rehearses Thursday nights from 7:00PM - 8:15PM, and sings twice per month on Sunday mornings; typically the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 7th, with a welcome back gathering on Thursday, August 31st.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Pilgrim Choir, please email Zach at [zball1895@gmail.com](mailto:zball1895@gmail.com).

**INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO PLAY MAHJONGG?**



We are reaching out to church members to find out who is interested in learning mahjongg. Connie Anderson knows how to play and is willing to teach us. The first step is to find out who is interested. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex; **deadline for signing up is September 10th.**

When we know how many people are interested, we will order some mahjongg games and cards and determine when and where to meet. Learning mahjongg is easier than learning chess, but more challenging than cribbage and euchre; once you learn the game, it is very rewarding and FUN!

Tina and Connie

**ATTENTION ALL PILGRIMS!**

The families that sent youth on our 2023 mission trip to Cleveland will be hosting a “stockholder’s dinner” on **Sunday, September 24 at 4:30 PM** at Pilgrim United Church of Christ. This is our way of saying *thank you* to everyone who generously gave us the funds to go to Cleveland.

I look forward to this dinner. Not only are we saying thank you, but it is also an opportunity to promote our 2024 mission trip. In 2024 we will either go to Knoxville, TN or Kansas City, MO. Steven and Rachel Wicichowski are the leads on this trip, and we are taking youth in the 7th grade and up. These kids will be looking at the youth who went last summer, hanging on every word, to learn what it’s going to be like for them next year. Literally one generation inspiring the next to engage in ministry for the gospel!

Our menu will be as follows: A side salad, spaghetti, bread, and dessert. *(Note a vegan option will be available.)* Join us, won’t you?

- If you purchased stock, you will receive an invitation from the youth you sponsored.
- We have also decided to invite members and friends from the church who also donated in other ways, (quilt, candy bars, soup, pies, etc.). We will have a sign-up sheet in the narthex created by the Abler girls during the pancake breakfast on Rally Day, Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> where they will announce the dinner.
- As stated above, we will also invite families who have youth interested in next year’s mission trip.

These are exciting times at Pilgrim and all of you are a part of this. Thank you for your time, your commitment, and your passion. Let me know if you have any questions. – Pastor Rob

**Caring for God’s Creation**

**Green Tips for Back to School**

- \*Take inventory of supplies at home first
- \*Reuse whatever you can
- \*Buy used or recycled supplies
- \*Pack waste free lunches - pack lunches with reusable utensils, containers and a reusable water bottle
- \*Use less paper - Kids come home with lots of papers from school. Before tossing the paper in the recycling, use both sides of the paper for scratch paper.
- \*Carpool, walk or bike

**Join us for our 2024 mission trip!  
Where will we go? Help us decide.**



Join us at the stockholder’s dinner on Sun Sept 24 at 4:30PM & learn all about last year’s trip. Then stay after for an organizational meeting where we will choose our city & sign up to go to either Kansas City, MO or Knoxville, TN!

## MEMBERSHIP

Pilgrim United Church of Christ is growing! In the past 14 months we have welcomed 21 members listed below. **Are you interested in joining Pilgrim Church?** Talk to me (*Pastor Rob*). We believe being a member means many things, indeed likely something different to every member you ask.

- Some are members because of the connection to their families. The church and their faith is a connection to their parents and grandparents and this gives them comfort and strength.
- Others may talk about faith as a journey and are drawn to our Christian Education programs (*Sunday Forum, Expanding Horizons, Sunday school, Confirmation, Youth Group, and Mission Trips*). They enjoy learning and depend on the church to teach their families how to follow the way of Jesus while embodying the values we hold most dear.
- Others are drawn to our social justice ministries for the poor and needy, children, climate change, mental health, and our open and affirming covenant that proclaims inclusion and celebration of everyone in the LGBTQIA+ community, as well as those who are differently abled or oppressed or privileged. One of the most cited reasons is because “we don’t teach our children to hate the people they love.” A sad commentary on the state of the church in our day and age but it is true and relevant.

Our faith is a way by which we live our lives striving for peace and justice in the name of love that Jesus never stopped talking about. Personally **I believe one of the best reasons to join a church is that you can get to know others who have been following the way of Jesus and you can learn from them.** There will be people who have been through what you are or will go through and you can learn from their experience. Pilgrim church is rich with a wide variety of faith experiences we share. From our lifelong member to our newest members, from our oldest to your youngest, everyone holds a perspective, a story, and an experience with God we all benefit from. I like to say Christianity is a team sport. We need each other, and together, we find the holy, we will discover Emmanuel, God, in each other and in our lives, and we will be blessed. Join us, won’t you?

Sincerely,  
Pastor Rob

## New Members

*Jimmy Chen*  
*Janice Westphal*  
*Wayne & Valerie Graczyk*  
*Steven, Rachel & Charle Wicowski*  
*Rev. Rob Van Ess & Nicky Banks*  
*Julie Schroder*  
*Jerry & Dixie Sullivan*  
*Luke, Merry & Lucia Walter*  
*Jim & Deb Wamser, Pearl and Paisley Diorio*  
*Diana Beck*  
*Donna Schellpfeffer*

Ushers for September	
Date	9:00 Service
September 3	Nicky Banks
September 10	Linda Stutz & Kaitlynn Zick
September 17	Dave & Donna Overbo
September 24	Jim & Dianne Bentley

Welcomers for September	
Date	9:00 Service
September 3	Barb Tadych
September 10	Linda Stutz
September 17	Ron McCreedy
September 24	Jim & Dianne Bentley

Worship Leaders for September	
Date	9:00 Service
September 10	Noreen Henderson
September 17	Bobbie Flaherty
September 24	Sue Schmitz



3 Thomas Cornell  
 8 Lucia Walter  
 11 Cassie Etheridge  
 12 Billy Goodacre  
 Jane Steinke  
 13 Carter Mittelstaedt  
 15 Patti Burns  
 Jim Wamser  
 20 Olivia Friedel  
 21 Andrew Curl  
 25 Sandy Baker  
 28 Kristie Luckow  
 Keegan Schmid  
 Barb Seder



September 9 Mike & Tina Potter  
 September 10 Bart & Dawn Dahlke  
 September 11 Jamie & Heather Connor  
 September 15 Mike & Beth Fedyszyn  
 September 16 Bill & Patti Burns  
 John & Laura Hawkins  
 September 25 Mark & Sharon Schmidt  
 September 26 Stuart & Noreen Henderson

**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!

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: \_\_\_\_\_



# Pilgrim UCC Fall 2023 Master Schedule

## Worship & Event Schedule

**Special Events in Orange**  
**Mission Moments in Blue**  
**Additional worship services in Red**  
**Choir in Green**  
**Themed Sun Services in Purple**

**Confirmation Classes in Light Blue**  
**Special Music Highlighted**  
*\*all services at Pilgrim UCC unless otherwise noted*

### September 2023

Sun Sept 3 – Sun Oct: **Season of Creation Sermon Series** w/ Pastor Rob & the Green Team  
**Wed Sept 6: 6-7:30 PM – 1<sup>st</sup> Confirmation Class**  
 Sat Sept 9: 9 AM – 5 PM – Pilgrim will host a booth at **Fondue Fest** promoting our Creation Justice Church Covenant  
 Sun Sept 10: 9 AM Worship – **Rally Day/ Pancake Breakfast after Worship/ Confirmation Commitment Sunday** – No Adult Ed/ Sun School – **Choir** – **Mission Moment: Gary Ring (Refuse)**  
 Fri Sept 15: 6 PM **Intergenerational Game Night**  
 Sun Sept 17: 9 AM Worship – 10:15 Adult Ed & Sun School Begins Fall 2023 – **Mission Moment: Rachel Wicowski (Reusable Bags)**  
**Wed Sept 20: 6-7:30 PM – 2<sup>nd</sup> Confirmation Class**  
 Sun Sept 24: 9 AM Worship – 10:15 Adult Ed & Sun School – Handbell Quartet – **Mission Moment: Barb Roder (Quick Clothes)**

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### October 2023

Sun Oct 1: 9 AM Worship – 10:15 Coffee Hour & Sunday school – No Adult Ed – **Choir** – **Blood Pressure Screenings Offered after Worship**  
 Sun Oct 1: 12 PM **Blessing of the Animals**  
**Wed Oct 4: 6-7:30 PM – 3<sup>rd</sup> Confirmation Class w/Mentors**  
 Sun Oct 8: 9 AM Worship – **KIVA Sun** – 10:15 Adult Ed & Sun School – Handbell Quartet – **KIVA Intro**  
 Sun Oct 15: 9 AM Worship – 10:15 Adult Ed & Sun School – **Choir** – **KIVA Highlight**  
**Wed Oct 18: 6-7:30 PM – 4<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class**  
 Fri Oct 20: 6 PM **Intergenerational Craft Night** – Blanket Making  
 Sun Oct 22: 9 AM Worship – 10:15 Adult Ed & Sun School – **KIVA Highlight**  
 Thurs Oct 26: 5:30 PM – **New Member Potluck**  
 Sun Oct 29: 9 AM Worship – 10:15 Adult Ed & Sun School – **KIVA Highlight**

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### November 2023

**Wed Nov 1: 6-7:30 PM – 5<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class**  
 Thurs Nov 2: **Annual Ham Dinner**  
 Sun Nov 5: 9 AM Worship/ **All Saints Day Celebration** – 10:15 Coffee Hour & Sun School – No Adult Ed – **Choir** – **Mission Moment: WISE Task Force**  
 Sun Nov 12: 9 AM Worship – 10:15 Adult Ed & Sun School – Handbell Quartet  
**Wed Nov 15: 6-7:30 PM – 6<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class**  
 Fri Nov 17: 6 PM **Chili Cook-Off and Game Night**

Sun Nov 19: 9 AM Worship – 10:15 Adult Ed & Sun School – **Choir**

*Thurs. Nov 23: Thanksgiving Day*

Sun Nov 26: 9 AM Worship – No Adult Ed & Sun School

**Wed Nov 29: 6-7:30 PM – 7<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class**

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### **December 2023**

Sun Dec 3: 9 AM Worship (1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent/Hope) – **Alternative Gift Fair after worship – Choir – Make N' Take Crafts for Youth**

Sun Dec 10: 9 AM Worship (2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent/Peace) – 10:15 Adult Ed & Sun School – Handbell Quartet

**Wed Dec 13: 6-7:30 PM – 8<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class**

Fri Dec 15: 6 PM **Intergenerational Christmas Caroling/Jingle Bingo/Cookies & Hot Cocoa**

Sun Dec 17: 9 AM Worship (3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent/Joy) – **Children's Christmas Program** – 10:15 Adult Ed/ No Sun School

**Wed Dec 18: 6-7:30 PM – 9<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class**

Thurs Dec 21: 7 PM Worship – **Blue Christmas Service**

Sun Dec 24: 9 AM Worship (4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent/Love) – Christmas Eve morning

Sun Dec 24: 10 PM Worship – **Christmas Eve Candle-light Service – Choir**

Sun Dec 31: 9 AM Worship – New Year's Eve morning – No Ad Ed/Sun School

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### **Special Sunday School Dates\***

\*Sunday School runs Sept 17, 2022 – May 12, 2023 after worship (10:15AM – 11:15AM)

Sept 10: Rally Day/ Pancake Breakfast – Come enjoy a pancake breakfast and meet teachers, shepherds and friends: as we talk about Christian education and our special events and ministries at Pilgrim.

Sept 17: 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Sunday School

Nov 26: No Classes – Thanksgiving Weekend

Dec 3: Make N' Take – During our normal class time, while the Alternative Gift Fair is happening, students will be able to make a variety of crafts as gifts while learning not all gifts have to be store bought.

Dec 17: Youth Christmas Program – during worship. No Sunday School Classes

Dec 24: Christmas Eve – No Classes

Dec 31: New Year's Eve – No Classes

### **Family Fun Nights**

Fri Sept 15: 6 PM Intergenerational Game Night

Fri Oct 20: 6 PM Intergenerational Craft Night – Blanket Making

Fri Nov 17: 6 PM Chili Cook-Off and Game Night

Fri Dec 15: 6 PM Intergenerational Christmas Caroling/Jingle Bingo/Cookies & Hot Cocoa

## Scripture Readings for Fall 2023\*

\*Scripture readings are used both in worship and Sunday school.

Sept 17: *Joseph Helps His Family*  
(Gen 45:1-15; 50:15-21)  
Sept 24: *The Vineyard Workers*  
(Matt 20:1-16)  
Oct 1: *The Chief Priests* (Matt 21:23-32)  
Oct 8: *Parable of the Vineyard*  
(Matt 21:33-36)  
Oct 15: *The Wedding Banquet* (Matt 22:1-14)  
Oct 22: *Paying Taxes* (Matt 22:15-22)  
Oct 29: *The Greatest Commandment*  
(Matt 22:34-46)  
Nov 5: *Be Humble* (Matt 23:1-12)

Nov 12: *Ten Bridesmaids!* (Matt 25:1-13)  
Nov 19: *Parable of the Talents* (Matt 25:14-30)  
Nov 26: *Sheep & Goats* (Matt 25:31-46)  
Dec 3: *Be Ready* (Mark 13:24-36)  
Dec 10: *John the Baptizer Prepares the Way*  
(Mark 1:1-8)  
Dec 24: *Angels Visit* (Luke 1:26-38)  
Dec 24 10 PM *Jesus is Born* (Luke 2:1-20)  
Dec 31 *Simeon & Anna* (Luke 2:22-40)

## Dates for Fall Term (Sept – Dec) 2023 Confirmation Class\*

Wed Sept 6: 1<sup>st</sup> Class  
Sun Sept 10: Commitment Sunday  
Wed Sept 20: 2<sup>nd</sup> Class  
Wed Oct 4: 3<sup>rd</sup> Class w/ Mentors  
Wed Oct 18: 4<sup>th</sup> Class  
Wed Nov 1: 5<sup>th</sup> Class  
Wed Nov 15: 6<sup>th</sup> Class

Wed Nov 29: 7<sup>th</sup> Class  
Wed Dec 13: 8<sup>th</sup> Class  
Wed Dec 20: 9<sup>th</sup> Class w/ Mentors  
\*Field Trips and retreat TBD  
Wed Evening sessions are from 6-7:30 PM  
(Spring Term Jan – May 2024)

## Christian Outreach

September: Coats for Kids, & hats, gloves/mittens, scarves for Rosenow School  
October: KIVA: Connecting people through lending to alleviate poverty.  
November: Toys for Tots and Angel Tree  
December 3: Alternative Gift Fair (After worship)

## Health Ministries Fall 2023

### September 2023

A Transition Month  
National Yoga Awareness Month  
National Suicide Prevention Day and Week  
First day of autumn – Autumn Equinox  
Autumn is a second spring, when every leaf  
is a flower. Albert Camus

WISE - Expanding Horizons on September 20th  
Bulletin Board – Lunch ideas  
Youth – Suicide prevention

October 2023

Healthy Lung Month – vaccines – deep breathing  
 Dyslexia Awareness Month  
 All Saints Sunday – Oct 29  
 WISE – What is a Covenant? (Present WISE Covenant to Council)

Bulletin Board – cold/flu/pneumonia  
 Youth – National Book Month - Importance of reading and the Little Library in front

November 2023

Shorter day light days and the holidays  
 Health Literacy Month  
 End daylight saving time – an extra hour of life (?)  
 Medicare enrollment time

Great American smoke-out – nicotine effect.  
 WISE – Covenant (Mission Moment and Coffee Time November 5<sup>th</sup>)  
 Bulletin Board - Youth - Vaping

December 2023

Advent begins Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Happy New Year!  
 National Handwashing Awareness Week  
 Winter Solstice and National Flashlight Day  
 The Longest Night

WISE – Covenant again with any changes and questions/comments  
 Bulletin Board - Handwashing  
 Youth – Sleep and blue screens

Adult Forum

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” -Nelson Mandela

**ADULT FORUM** Meets Sunday mornings from 10:15AM to 11:15AM in the lounge for those wishing to attend in person. There will be a few minutes to chat after worship before the program begins promptly at 10:15AM. Those that prefer to join from the comfort of your home, the link for the programs will be the same throughout the winter/spring semester. To join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87682457999?pwd=NklCT0ZEYWtTRnlwcEtRNDBCmGRhQT09>  
 Meeting ID: 876 8245 7999  
 Passcode: 769374

September 17: The Supreme Court – Presenter: Dr. Paisley Harris  
 Dr. Harris leads a two week discussion to help us understand both the intricacies and the impact of the Supreme Court in today’s political climate.

September 24: Rawhide – Presenter: Tara Heidl  
 Rawhide Youth Services helps hurting youth who feel lost or abandoned. It is their mission to help these youth discover the hope of a healthy and fulfilling life.

October 1: Coffee Hour – No Adult Ed

October 8: The Supreme Court – Presenter: Dr. Paisley Harris  
 Dr. Harris finishes her two week discussion on the Supreme Court.

October 15: Sabbath – Presenter: Lowell Louis

Lowell Louis, from the congregation of B’Nai Israel in Oshkosh, discusses the Sabbath and its significance from the perspective of the Hebrew Bible and his own tradition as well.

October 22: NAMI – Presenter: Brad Leonard

Fond du Lac strives to support and empower every person, young and old, touched by mental illness. They are committed to removing stigma and nurturing recovery through advocacy, education and outreach throughout Fond du Lac County.

October 29: Do Nothing Course – Presenter: Professor Connie Kassor

Learn to boost creativity, improve sleep, reduce stress, enhance productivity and improve mental and physical health.

November 5: Coffee Hour – No Adult Ed

November 12: Limitless Possibilities – Presenter: Josh Vale

Josh Vale comes with his charismatic charm and tells how he is dedicated to empowering people with disabilities to maximize their independence and to lead satisfying productive lives in the community.

November 19: A Thanksgiving Reflection: Come Before Winter – Presenter: Peg Bradley

Based on Paul’s request of Timothy to “come before winter,” we will explore what that means in our lives today.

November 26: Aging & Disability Resource Center – Presenter: Raine Bleecker

Come listen about important pre-need information including funeral planning and living wills.

December 3: Alternative Gift Fair – No Adult Ed

December 10: Forward Services – Presenter: Maurice Pentek

Come hear about a wonderful resource in Fond du Lac that provides training, education, career guidance and supportive services for anyone needing a little help.

December 17: Advent – Presenter:

A special presentation to help prepare ourselves for Christmas.

December 24 & 31: No Adult Forum due to Christmas & New Year’s Eve.

## Expanding Horizons

**EXPANDING HORIZONS** will 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>  
 Meeting ID: 889 7801 2384  
 Passcode: 762316

September 13: WELCOME BACK BRUNCH

September 20: WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged) for Mental Health –  
 Presenter: Sue Schmitz - In 2015, a process for churches to become WISE congregations was adopted at the UCC General Synod. Learn about Pilgrim's WISE Task Force and why this designation is important for PUC.

September 27: Illuminating Project – Presenter: Juliane Troicki, Ph.D.  
 The Illuminating Women exhibit showcased 30 inspiring women from the Fond du Lac community.

October 4 & 11: El Salvador – Presenter: Jill Stiemsma  
 Jill Stiemsma teaches English in El Salvador for an organization that funds housing, women's businesses, children's scholarships and much more.

October 18: One Woman Play – Presenter: Jill Stiemsma  
 Jill presents a one woman play she wrote about Oscar Romero who was murdered while celebrating Mass, including the voices of his supporters and critics.

October 25: HOPE LGBTQ+ - Presenter: President Maddie Wiles  
 HOPE serves LGBTQIA+ students in Oshkosh and provides awareness and programming around identities, acceptance and resilience.

November 1 – Dec 13: The Texts of Terror by Phyllis Trible: A Look at Feminist/ Womanist Biblical Criticism - In highlighting the silence, absence and opposition of God, as well as human cruelty, these neglected stories - interpreted in memoriam - challenge both the misogyny of Scripture and its use in church, synagogue and academy.

November 1/ Week 1 – Introduction: Faith and Feminism

November 8/ Week 2 – Hagar

November 15/ Week 3 – Tamar

November 22 / NO CLASS – DAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING

November 29/ Week 4 – An Unnamed Concubine

December 6/ Week 5 – The Daughter of Jephthah/ Conclusion

December 13 – CHRISTMAS BRUNCH – A time to review our fall schedule and talk about our spring speakers.

December 20 – No Expanding Horizons due to the holiday week.

December 27 – No Expanding Horizons due to the holiday week.



**The Little Farmer, LLC**  
**A Festive Family Farm Market**  
 N9438 Hwy 151, Malone

The Little Farmer is open for the season now through November.



See Pastor Rob, Gary Ring or Pete Vercouteren for tickets.



# Breakfast Fundraiser

MENU: LOADED SCRAMBLED EGGS, PANCAKES & ICE CREAM

FOR THE BENEFIT OF  
KURT & SARAH, RANDY & ELLEN LOEHR FAMILIES



**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 8-NOON**  
WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY | MERRILL AVE, FOND DU LAC, WI

LIVE AUCTION AT 11 AM | SILENT AUCTION 8 - 11:30  
For donations please call Rae Nell (920) 948-3173  
or Lorna (920)960-0057

## Annual Picnic

### BETHEL UCC CHURCH

N4510 County Road K, Fond du Lac

**Sunday, September 10, 2023**

**11:00AM**

(following 10:00AM Worship)

~ Featuring ~

**The ever popular AUCTION!**

MENU: Brats, Burgers, Sloppy Joes,  
German Potato Salad, Beans, Cole Slaw,  
Relishes, Beverages, Homemade Desserts

**ALL YOU CAN EAT**

**\$12 Adults, \$5 Kids (5 & Up)**

**ALL WELCOME, BRING A FRIEND**

**SCRABBLE**

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Fond du Lac  
Literacy Services

**Tuesday, October 10 2023**  
Whispering Springs Golf Club  
380 Whispering Springs Dr, FDL

Gather your family, friends or coworkers for fun & friendly competition on Tuesday, October 10. It's Scrabble with a twist!! Teams of up to four players will work together in two rounds - one 20 minute, and one 15 minute. Click here to register <https://conta.cc/3P6GKke>

2023

## FOND DU LAC COUNTY CARE GIVING CONFERENCE

*A day of education and support for those who care.*

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**  
**8:30AM - 3:30PM**

Community Church  
N6717 Streblov Dr. Fond du Lac, WI

**Keynote Presentation: Family Caregiver Burnout**  
With additional workshops & exhibitors throughout the day.

**\$5 FAMILY CAREGIVERS**  
**\$15 PROFESSIONAL CAREGIVERS**

Keynote Speaker  
JODY KRAINER

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:00 AL-ANON	2
3 9:00 Worship 10:15 Coffee Hour	4 	5 4:30 Christian Ed	6 6:00 Confirmation Class	7 9:00-10:30 Yoga w/Jean	8 FFN - Intergenerational Game Night	9 Fondue Fest Downtown FDL 9:00 - 5:00
10 9:00 Worship Rally Day/Pancake Breakfast 6:00 Youth Tailgate/Packer Game Church Parking Lot 6:00 NA Mtg	11 <b>11:00/1:30 Faith Formation</b> 11:00 Membership 5:30 WISE 6:00 Property <b>Pastor Rob Vacation Week</b>	12 4:30 - Worship 4:30 - Adult Ed	13 9:30 Expanding Horizons - <b>Welcome Back Brunch</b>	14 9:00-10:30 Yoga w/Jean	15 7:00 AL-ANON	16
17 9:00 Worship 10:15 Adult Ed 10:15 Sunday School 6:00 NA Mtg	18 6:00 Council Meeting	19 9:00 PEO 1:00/2:30 Book Club 3:00 Christian Outreach	20 9:30 Expanding Horizons 6:00 Confirmation Class	21 9:00-10:30 Yoga w/Jean <b>Kiwanis Pork Fest</b>	22 7:00 AL-ANON	23
24 9:00 Worship 10:15 Adult Ed 10:15 Sunday School 4:30 Mission Trip Siskindr Dinner 6:00 NA Mtg	25	26	27 9:30 Expanding Horizons	28 9:00-10:30 Yoga w/Jean	29 7:00 AL-ANON	30

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Pastor ..... Rev. Rob Van Ess  
Administrative Assistant ..... Cathy Drew  
Parish Nurse ..... Sue Schmitz  
Sunday School Coordinator ..... Karen Goodacre  
Youth Coordinator .....  
Interim Adult Education Coordinator ..... Peg Bradley  
Worship Musician ..... Chris Deaner-Rogers  
Choir Director ..... Zachary Ball  
Choir Accompanist .....  
Custodian ..... Floors2Clean  
Church Council President ..... Patti Burns  
Church Council Vice President ..... Jim Bentley  
Church Council Secretary ..... Wendy Ellison  
Church Treasurer ..... Donna Jost

### Those Who Serve

*Pilgrim United Church of Christ, a theologically progressive Christian church, pursues growth in faith, social justice, and respect for all voices-with Jesus as our model for how to live and love.*

## Pilgrim United Church of Christ Mission Statement