



PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A Congregation in Mission, Community and Service

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

JUNE 2023

PASTOR: Rev. Ben Eder

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM

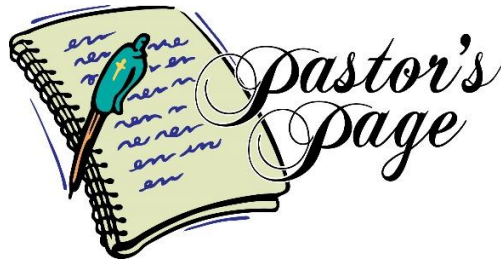
EDITOR: Mary Werth

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: 9:30 AM

ASSOC. EDITOR:

WORSHIP: 10:00 AM





What is the value of a Synod or a District?

Pilgrim Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). The English District, of which we are part, is one of the 35 Districts of the LCMS. The District represents the Synod “in that place” (as does the congregation).

What eventually became the LCMS in 1847 was to organize the work of the Church: it was reasoned that if more churches could get together, they could be more effective than doing the work separately. In general, it was this principle that gave birth to denominations in the 19th Century.

In short, the Synod (the word “Synod” means “walking together”) is responsible for training and placing pastors, supervising the doctrine of pastors and congregations, and provides services that congregations would be hard-pressed in accomplishing on their own.

Most of the time, the work of the District may seem invisible to the congregation. Generally, it's “we don't see them unless we need them.”

The most common experience congregations have with their District is when there is a pastoral vacancy. When a church is seeking a pastor, the District steps in and assists in identifying and certifying candidates for ministry in that place.

I recently had a conversation with my ophthalmologist. He is around my age and is preparing to retire. His son is also an ophthalmologist and is joining the practice, the expectation being he will eventually take over.

Sometimes you hear of congregations which have this arrangement, where a pastor's son also becomes a pastor and follows his father into the ministry of the same congregation, but it is rare. Usually, a congregation “starts fresh” when a pastor retires or leaves that church for another call or for other reasons.

Most family-owned businesses do not last beyond the second generation. Can you imagine if the Church operated that way?

Thankfully, this is where districts and Synod step in and provide pastors for congregations.

Keep in mind that there is a pastor shortage right now, so let us pray to the Lord of the harvest that he will provide workers for the harvest field.



Happy Birthday

Rod Mohr	Jun. 3
Mike Wuerch	Jun. 9
Marie Curcie	Jun. 10
Robert Schober	Jun. 10
Jim Rodgers Sr.	Jun. 18
Madelyn Alessi	Jun. 26
Diane Jakubowski	Jun. 27
Mary Werth	Jun. 28

Anniversaries *to* Celebrate



Jun. 17	Gary & Karen Smith
Jun. 22	Paul & Sue Holway

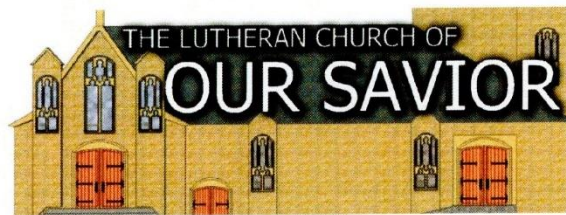


**2023 SUNDAY COUNTERS SCHEDULE
Monthly Rotation**

	JUNE
LEAD COUNTER	Mike Wuerch
COUNTER	Jim Hartz
COUNTER	

We still need a few more congregational members to help count offerings after Sunday Service, on a Monthly rotating schedule.

If you feel the calling to do so, please contact Carolyn Alessi, Dianne or Mike Wuerch.



Our Savior Lutheran | 26 Brunswick Blvd Buffalo 14208

We are collecting donations to send monthly. The offering plate is on the bulletin table behind the back pew. All donation amounts are welcome.

Saturday & Sunday Services or Online

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ESTHER CIRCLE

Our next meeting is on Monday, June 19th, 12:30 pm AT CHURCH. All women of Pilgrim are welcome to attend.

On Saturday, May 20th, we had a WONDERFUL women's luncheon at church celebrating Linda Eder's support and love for Pilgrim these past 30 years. Thank you to all who attended and to those who assisted in the planning, setup and clean up.

We collected 145 food items which were donated to The Ken-Ton Community Food Pantry at the Kenmore Methodist Church.

Start gathering your old books! The Esther Circle plans to have a Bake Goods & Book Sale in July. The date will be determined. Please NO encyclopedias, dictionaries, textbooks, Readers Digests or National Geographic's.

REMINDER: Dash's receipts go to Sue Holway, mites (loose change) to Karen Smith, old printer ink cartridges to Pat Watkins and cancelled stamps with at least half inch border to Sharon Mc Guan. All these collections help support various mission projects. Thank you!

Father's Day is in June along with the first day of Summer. Let's celebrate the fathers and thank them for their love and guidance along with praising our Heavenly Father for his unconditional love and sacrifice for us. Have a blessed start into the Summer!

Carol Obot & Sue Holway



Seasonal humor

For summer weddings:

- The wedding was so beautiful, even the cake was in tiers.
- Did you hear about the two spiders who got engaged? They met on the web.

And for Father's Day, some dad jokes:

- My dream job is to clean mirrors because I can really see myself doing that.
- We're renovating the house. The first floor is going great, but the second floor is another story.

Esther Circle Outreach - Camp JOY 2023

The Lutheran Church of Our Savior

26 Brunswick Blvd, Buffalo, New York 14208



ALL FELLOWSHIP AND POT FAITH DONATIONS WILL GO TO CAMP J.O.Y.

Monday-August 14 - Friday-August 18, 2023 - 8:30am-4:30pm

The Camp J.O.Y, summer program encompasses a variety of structured activities that address the spiritual, educational, artistic, and physical aspects that reach and teach children and brings them JOY.

Camp J.O.Y, connects children with a faith community to build meaningful relationships, to know of Jesus and be gathered into His church as we plant seeds and nourish them along the way. The Camp J.O.Y, environment is the village away from home that is safe, enriching, and loving. Camp J.O.Y. activities are designed to give children a chance to unplug from technology to discover their creative powers and enhance their skills and abilities. Children ages 5 to 12 are engaged in a daily schedule of activities which includes nutritious breakfast and lunch Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm for six weeks: July 10-August 18.

Camp J.O.Y. experiences - big, small, amazing, and ordinary add up to six weeks of growth, learning, love, JOY, and a huge amount of "Fun in the Son".

It is held at Our Savior Lutheran Church located at **26 Brunswick Blvd Buffalo, NY.**

Camp J.O.Y. Weekly Sessions 2023

Monday-July 10 - Friday-July 14, 2023 - 8:30am-4:30pm

Monday-July 17 - Friday-July 21, 2023 - 8:30am-4:30pm

Monday-July 24 - Friday-July 28, 2023 - 8:30am-4:30pm

Monday-July 31 - Friday-August 4, 2023 - 8:30am-4:30pm

Monday-August 7 - Friday-August 11, 2023 - 8:30am-4:30pm

Monday-August 14 - Friday-August 18, 2023 - 8:30am-4:30pm

A message from the Call Committee

Greetings Pilgrims,

The congregational surveys along with the checklists and four nominations for pastor, were sent to Bishop Hardy of the English District on Monday, May 15th. I'm sure we will be hearing back from him in short order. We will keep you informed.

We would like to thank everyone who turned in their surveys and checklists. We had over twenty responses, and that was wonderful to see!

If you have any comments or questions do not hesitate to ask any of the call committee, who are Tyrone Bryant, Carolyn Alessi, George Alessi, Rhonda Mohr, Sharon & Tim McGuan and Mike Wuerch.

Your servant in Christ,

Mike Wuerch

Call Committee Chair



Just like Dad

At the beginning of his ministry career, Jerry Steen supplemented his income by mixing animal feed. When his two young boys greeted him at home, they laughed at his dusty appearance before he headed to the shower.

“I didn’t think too much of this until I was washing my car and saw my older son doing something very strange,” Steen recalls. “He was picking up the gravel and stones in our drive and rubbing them into his pants.” Curious, the father asked what the boy was doing. “I want to be dusty like you, Dad!” his son replied.

For Steen, that was an eye-opener. “I realized that if a child would look up to his father for being dusty and want to copy his father,” he says, “a child could look up to his father and follow him for anything.” What traits and qualities are you modeling and passing on — to your own kids and to anyone else who looks up to you?

MAY 20, 2023 – LUNCHEON FOR LINDA EDER









Your Weekly/ Monthly Gifts/Offerings are very personal. There is no minimum (or maximum) gift and Pilgrim Lutheran Church does not place requirements or expectations on any of our members' giving.



GO ONLINE

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<https://www.lcms.org/search?q=tithing#gsc.tab=0&gsc.q=tithing&gsc.sort=&gsc.page=1>

Upcoming Events for 2023

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday June 11th

Pastor Ben Eder's 30th Anniversary at Pilgrim Lutheran Church. We will have a Cake during Fellowship. All are welcome to attend the Service and Fellowship.

Sunday, June 25th

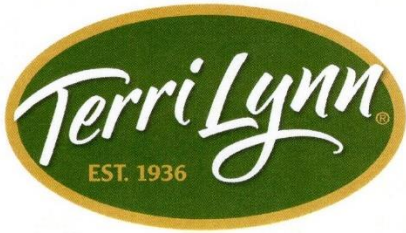
Organ Dedication to Joan Wier will be held Sunday, June 25th during the Service. All are welcome to attend the Service and Fellowship.

Sunday August 27th

Pastor Ben Eder's last Sermon

A special Service will be held with a Brunch immediately following in the Fellowship Hall. A sign up for those who plan to attend both the Service and Brunch will be posted soon.





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Missionaries to America Project

Mission Nation Publishing

About This Mission Grant

The United States is populated by people from all corners of the world. The purpose of Mission Nation’s “Missionaries to America” project is to help the LCMS strengthen its capacity to share Jesus with people with whom we may be unable to relate because of cultural and language barriers. With this grant, Mission Nation Publishing will be able to provide opportunity and resources for each of us to be better witnesses for Jesus to ethnic groups other than our own, through the publication of the stories of missionaries, who now reside in the United States, and their respective journeys to faith.



Missionary to America Gagan Gurung spent 22 years in a refugee camp in Nepal. Because of ethnic prejudice his family was forced to leave Bhutan. While there a former Hindu priest turned Christian evangelist tried to bring Gagan to Christ, but he ran away, hiding in a Hindu temple in the mountains. He came to Christ after a miracle in his life. Today he is a missionary in St. Louis, where he has brought more than fifty Nepalese refugees to baptism at Timothy and Ascension Lutheran Churches.



Missionary Julie Aftab knows what the cost is for being a Christian. Julie grew up as a Christian in Pakistan. While standing up for her faith hostile Muslim men held her down and poured acid on her face and down her throat. It was a miracle she survived. But God healed her soul and today she is able to proclaim forgiveness to immigrants in Texas. Her social work in Houston has turned the hearts of women trying to find their way in a new land. Her Savior has turned the women to faith in God's love and guidance.



Prof Moon was a child in North Korea during WW II. He lived with his grandmother in the North but the rest of his family was in South Korea. When WW II ended his family had to pay to have him go with a guide and other Koreans fleeing Communist oppression. During the late night crossing of the Yalu River the ten year old almost died. Not too long after arriving in South Korea the Korean War began. During a bombing run his whole family except for his toddler nephew and infant niece were killed. Crossing the mountains of Central Korea, in the middle of a snow storm, caught between Chinese soldiers coming from the north and South Korean and American soldiers coming from the south, hiding under a rock, cradling the infant niece to keep her warm, the Lord came to him and brought him on the road to becoming a Christian.



ENGAGING INDIVIDUALS THROUGH RELATABLE TOPICS AT CONFERENCES NATIONWIDE

Best Practices in Ministry Conference February 16-18 - Phoenix, Arizona LHM staff joined more than 1,500 ministry workers from around the country for a free, three-day conference full of fellowship, worship, teaching, learning, and exhibits. This year, LHM hosted a booth and presented at three breakout sessions. Through **The Hopeful Neighborhood Project**, LHM has developed tools to equip everyday neighbors to pursue the common good in their neighborhood and love where they live. Jennifer Prophete, director of community programming for LHM, led a session titled, "Leading Your Church to Love Where They Live." This practical session inspired Christians to live out their faith by connecting with their neighbors. Engaging winsomely with Spanish-speakers is often somewhat uncomfortable because of language and cultural differences. But it can be as simple as "loving your neighbor as yourself." Beatriz Hoppe, Hispanic coordinator for LHM's North America region, presented a session titled, "No Comprendo! You Can Reach Your Hispanic Neighbors!" During this session, Hoppe shared that reaching Hispanics can be as easy as being a friend, and with Jesus as our model, He has already shown us the way. The digital world is impacting us all. Rachel Tichich, digital development manager for LHM, presented a session titled, "Your Church and the Digital World-Equipping People to Live Out Their Faith Online."

Minnesota South District Early Childhood Conference March 4 - St. Paul, Minnesota Kevin Bonine represented LHM at the Minnesota South District Early Childhood Conference as a member of the Minnesota South LLL District Board and former LLL District president. At this booth, Bonine shared LHM materials and resources to very grateful Christian educators. Attendees enjoyed learning about **Gospel Adventures** and appreciated being able to access our Gospel-centered resources.

Missouri District Early Childhood Conference March 4 - Wentzville, Missouri LHM staff hosted a booth to share resources like **Project Connect** booklets for children and Gospel Adventures, which was a highlight for the teachers and administrators in attendance. Teachers were encouraged to incorporate Gospel Adventures into their curriculum at any time throughout the year.

ECO National Gathering January 31-February 1 - Newport Beach, California Have you noticed the households in your community changing? Are you curious about the makings of a spiritually vibrant home amidst the shifts in size, shape, and complexity of American households? Rev. Dr. Jason Broge, senior director of design and development at LHM, and Don Everts, senior pastor of First & Calvary Presbyterian Church (an ECO church in Springfield, MO) & author, led a session titled, "The Spiritually Vibrant Home: Three Characteristics for Nurturing Faith" during the ECO National Gathering. LHM staff also hosted a booth at this gathering with Households of Faith resources and materials. The Project Connect booklets for children were well-received as were the Spiritual Conversation decks of cards.

"Tell the Next Generation" Conference: The Christ-Centered Home March 11 - St. Charles, Missouri Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies, LHM's regional director for North America, presented at this Missouri LCMS District conference about building a spiritually vibrant home based on research done in partnership with Barna Group. His session, "The Spiritually Vibrant Home: Three Characteristics for Nurturing Faith," helped attendees center their household as a primary location for God's work of forming faith in ways that are sticky and last for one's whole life.

The LWML Convention and LCMS National Convention are coming soon. Be sure to connect with LHM staff at these events this summer!

A timeless timeline

Explore your history while compiling this family timeline.



What you need:

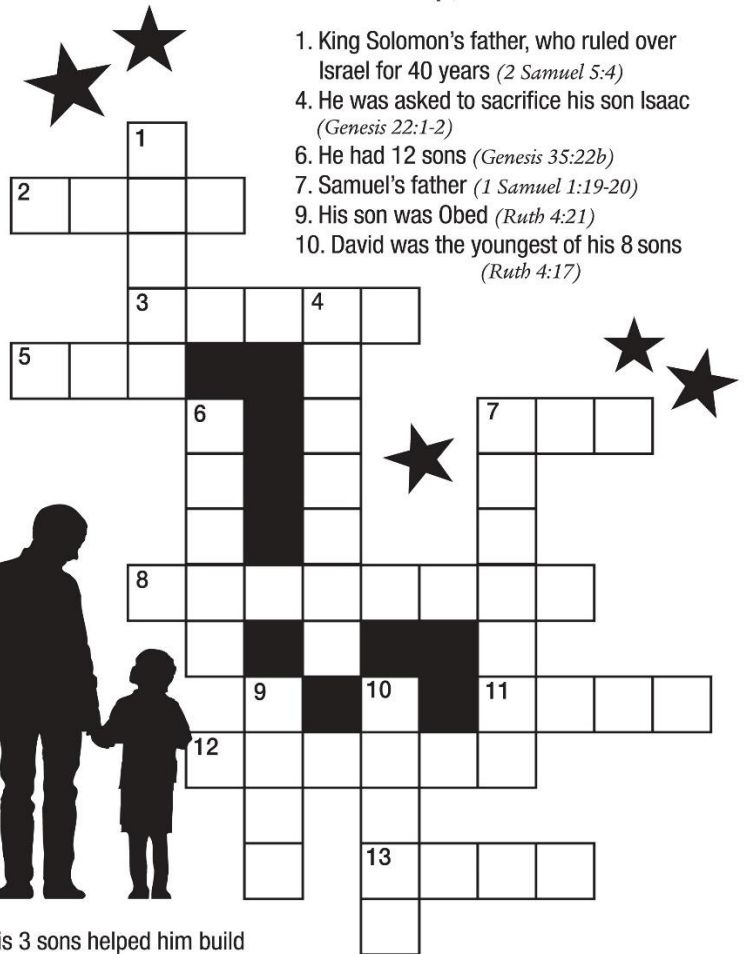
- Paper
- Clear tape
- Ruler
- Pencil

What you do:

1. Tape together at least 3 sheets of paper horizontally.
2. Draw a straight line across the center of the long paper. Label dates at regular intervals to keep the information organized. For example, each page you add could represent 10 years.
3. Gather information for the timeline. Start with your birth year and memorable events in your life. Interview family members to learn what year they were born and when key things in their life happened. Include notes and photos.
4. Add pages as needed. Carefully roll up the timeline to keep for generations to come.

Puzzle!

Complete this crossword with names of biblical fathers. Use the references for help, if needed.



1. King Solomon's father, who ruled over Israel for 40 years (*2 Samuel 5:4*)
4. He was asked to sacrifice his son Isaac (*Genesis 22:1-2*)
6. He had 12 sons (*Genesis 35:22b*)
7. Samuel's father (*1 Samuel 1:19-20*)
9. His son was Obed (*Ruth 4:21*)
10. David was the youngest of his 8 sons (*Ruth 4:17*)

2. His 3 sons helped him build an ark (*Genesis 6:10*)
3. His youngest son, Jacob, tricked him into giving away a birthright (*Genesis 27:30*)
5. The Father of our Lord (*Ephesians 1:3*)
7. His sons were not like Samuel; they were wicked (*1 Samuel 2:12*)
8. David's best friend and the father of Mephibosheth (*2 Samuel 9:6*)
11. Father of Cain, Abel and Seth (*Genesis 4:25*)
12. He was married to Mary, mother of Jesus (*Matthew 1:20-21*)
13. Father of Jonathan; Israel chose him as their first king (*2 Samuel 9:6*)

Answer: DOWN 1. David, 4. Abraham, 6. Jacob, 7. Elkanah, 8. Jonathan, 11. Adam, 12. Joseph, 13. Saul, 9. Boaz, 10. Jesse; ACROSS 2. Noah, 3. Isaac, 5. God, 7. Eli,

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE JULY NEWSLETTER IS JUNE 24TH.