

Pilgrim's Progress

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June and July 2018

The Helper

Jesus said, "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever" (John 14.16). *Helper* is one way to translate *Paraclete*, which has also been translated *Counselor* and *Comforter*. This is the promised Holy Spirit.

In his book *Deep Impact*, Ian Coffe tells the story of missionaries who worked to translate the Bible into the Karre language of equatorial Africa. They found it difficult to translate *paraclete*. How could they accurately describe the Holy Spirit? As these translators spent time with the Karre people, they noticed that groups of workers would carry loads on their heads. They also noticed that there was always someone in these groups who didn't carry anything. As citizens of the United Kingdom, these missionaries assumed that this person was the boss who was supervising. Instead, it turned out, he was there in case someone was unable to carry their load. If a worker needed help, this man would come and pick up the worker's load and carry it for him. This worker was known in the Karre language as "the one who falls down beside us." The translators had their word for *paraclete*.

Last month, we celebrated Pentecost, the coming of the promised *Paraclete* fifty days after Jesus' resurrection. This month begins the long season of Pentecost, the non-festival half of the Church Year, in which we continue to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit comes in the Word of Absolution, forgiving our sin. He comes in Baptism, clothing us with Christ. He comes in the Lord's Supper, joining us to Christ and to one another. In our daily lives, through Holy Scripture, He comes to be our Helper, our Counselor, our Comforter, and the One who falls down right beside us when our loads are too heavy for us to carry. He helps us by picking us up and carrying us to Jesus. St. Paul says, "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words" (Romans 8.26).

So, the church sings:

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And make our hearts Your place of rest;
Come with Your grace and heavenly aid,
And fill the hearts which You have made.

Amen.

In the name of Jesus, who gives us His Spirit,

Pastor Rusnak



<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Brenda Sweeney	06/02
Norman Jensen	06/03
Joan Phillips	06/04
Jim Frank	06/10
John Cieslinski	06/12
Frank Orlich	06/15
Russell Jensen	06/29
Marion Legge	07/05
Marilyn Jenny	07/08
Tim Olp	07/09
Marianne Koehler	07/11
Matthew Radzius	07/13
Alexander Boerger	07/16
Lily Rusnak	07/18
Jeffrey Schmidt	07/18
Marillyn Evaska	07/26
Ruth Mueller	07/28
Cindee Cieslinski	07/29
Ruth Schmidt	07/29



ANNIVERSARIES

Pastor and Julie Rusnak	06/09
Dave and Rose Luther	06/14
Norb and Karen Bremer	06/18
Bob and Joyce Kickbusch	06/24

Pastor Rusnak will be on vacation July 23 – August 5th. Please call the office if you need assistance and arrangements will be made.



FAMILY VBS

Sunday, July 1st

10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Join us for worship at 9:00 AM
and stay for the fun.



Bible Story and Puppets



Songs



Center Activities and Crafts



Free Hot Dog Lunch



Please bring a towel,
extra clothes, and a lawn chair.



Family VBS is an inter-generational event
for Pilgrim Congregation, PCDC,
and the Pilgrim Campus of Lumin School,
as well as friends and guests.



Pilgrim Voters Meeting



Mark your calendar for June 10th at 10:15a.m.

Pilgrim LWML News for June and July

During our May meeting twelve women from Pilgrim enjoyed a luncheon. Our program talked about the unfortunate need for food pantries around our country. A slide presentation of Hope Food Pantry was shared.

June will be the month for the district convention in Waukesha. Pilgrim will have two delegates and two Young Women representatives attending.

At the April Pilgrim LWML it was decided that all members would brainstorm to put together next year's plans. We will begin this process on Thursday July 12th at 11a.m. Bring a bag lunch so we can make headway.

On August 3rd the Naumann family will be here for a potluck dinner and presentation from Rev. Dr. Edward Naumann. Dinner will be 5:30-6:30p.m. It will be great to have a volunteer to head this event. Let Diane know.

Don't forget that you can always **turn in your mites** during the summer in the Mite box in the narthex.

Mark the Date



Sunday, September 9th

Sunday School resumes for
children ages 3 years old and up.

Building Faith and Family



52 children and adults spent Friday evening, April 27th, enjoying a Spaghetti Dinner followed by a presentation by Stephenie Hovland. She spoke to the topic, "Family Devotions that Work". The families represented PCDC, as well as our congregation.

The Christian Book Fair featured titles that aid families in their faith life in the home.



Families had the opportunity to assemble May Baskets, which were distributed to the Home-bound.



The children enjoyed the Construction themed activities.



The Board of Evangelism helped to prepare the Spaghetti Dinner which was enjoyed by all.

The Board of Education wishes to thank all those who helped to make the evening an enjoyable one. The generous outpouring of food donations made it more convenient for families to attend. It was greatly appreciated that so many helped the Board members with the clean-up. It is our hope that the information provided will be used by families to enhance their spiritual life in the home.





Mark Your calendar for the many activities that are available this summer. **The items in bold are held here at Pilgrim.**

June 2 – A Place of Refuge LifeWalk 2018 at Our Redeemer beginning at 10:30a.m.

June 2 – Rock of Ages Classic Car Show at Blessed Savior LCMS New Berlin 9-3pm. bring item for New Berlin food pantry.

June 6 – LUMIN graduation 6pm. in Church. At 6p.m. **Wednesday church at 7:30p.m.**

June 7 – 6:30p.m. PCDC Closing Service at Church.

June 9 – Pilgrim workday 9a.m.

June 10 – Ordination of Casey T. Kegley and Noah Kegley 2pm at St. Paul Grafton
Noah is the seminary student we helped support with money from Doehler fund.
Noah will be Associate Pastor at St. Paul West Allis.

June 15 – SWD day at Noah's Ark register by June 6 at SWD website.

June 22-23
SWD LWM Convention Waukesha

June 24 Mt. Olive installation of their new Administrative Pastor, Rev. Kent Schaaf 4p.m.

June 24 Installation of Rev. Noah Kegley at St Paul West Allis

July 1st. Pilgrim VBS after service

Aug 3 – Presentation from missionary Rev. Dr. Edward Naumann and family. Potluck 5:30-6:30p.m. followed by their talk.

Aug. 5 – Visit with Monica Naumann and children during coffee hour no Bible Study.

Aug 26 – Outdoor church service followed by a picnic.

September 9 – Rally Day (Sunday school begins)

Samuel Handschke, (wife Cathy, children Anna and Paul), received is first Call as Associate Pastor at Faith Lutheran Church, Pierre, SD. He was another seminarian recipient of monies from the Doehler fund.

PCDC Director Update

At our congregational meeting of May 6, we elected to offer a contract of employment to Ms Angela (Nikki) Strege. I am pleased to announce that she has accepted this contract and will begin her work as Director of the PCDC effective July 30. Ms. Strege is a member of Brookfield Lutheran Church and has eight years of experience in a child care setting. Most recently, for the past two years, she has been team teaching 1st/2nd grade at our Pilgrim Lutheran School. The PCDC Board will now begin transition planning with Nikki and Joan Phillips. There will also be an opportunity in the future to recognize Joan for her years of service at the PCDC. We thank God for the leadership which has brought us this far, especially given the fact that one year ago at this time we did not think we could continue operating the Day Care. We now look forward to the leadership which will take us into the future. Praise be to God for His faithfulness in providing for our needs.

Gary Mueller
President

The Church Office will observe "summer hours" from Memorial Day to Labor Day, **Monday – Thursday 9a.m.–1p.m** and **Friday 8a.m. – noon**. Please try to make your contacts within that time frame. Messages can be left on the answering machine or the church's E-mail address:

info @pilgrimtosa.org.