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THE PROGRESS

FALL 2022

As another Rally Day approaches, we are excited about the opportunities to deepen and nurture faith together. Our theme for this coming year is, "Here We Stand: Faith, Hope, and Love." Our special emphasis is belonging, and to be about becoming a community of belonging.

For many of us, belonging here at Pilgrim is a long-established fact. But for others that is not yet the case. We want to change that. What can we do to help people to find their place?

I invite you who already feel that belonging, to reach out to someone you notice is not quite there yet—they might be sitting by themself at fellowship, for example. And if you are someone hasn't found your place yet, I encourage you to risk a little and find the place where you fit. We promise not to bite.

Our purpose as a faith community is to nurture faith and encourage faithful living in all who are part of this community? Come be a part of a community growing and maturing in faith, as we do this good work together.

I am grateful to those of you who have stepped up to be leaders, both for Confirmation and the post confirmation young adults (we haven't thought of a catchy name for this group yet—the goal is to include high schoolers and also those who have graduated, and still need a place to belong).

God really does provide. We are rethinking the Confirmation program, wanting more intentional content both for Confirmation, and for those who have already been confirmed. We had a need for leaders, and it is heart-warming, as well as trust producing, to see God provide. Thank you again, to those who have volunteered to be leaders in these two programs.

Sandy is a great Sunday School director. Together with the other adults helping out, your kids are in good hands. I hope you agree it is important to nurture faith in our youngest members. I encourage you to get them involved in Sunday School.

As for the adults, there are several existing offerings during the week that are well attended and are continuing. Some are returning after a break, such as a women's study. Again, I encourage you to find the place where you fit.

Sunday mornings have had to compete with fellowship time following the worship service. And it seems you love your opportunities to be together. Belonging is important—being a community that knows and cares about each other. We want to honor that desire for belonging. We will continue to explore how an adult education program fits with fellowship.

In short, we take our stand on Faith, Hope, and Love, and we want to nurture these, and be a community, with these as our building blocks, and where you can belong.

Pastor Steve

Vibrant Worship

There are several things to look forward to for SUNDAY WORSHIP. So come and be a part of our worship time together.

This fall we will help to explain liturgy – what it is and why we do it. This is something Julie wanted us to do several years ago. It is a tad ironic that we are finely getting around to it.

In September we are planning a Sunday worship with the favorite hymns and songs you requested. There are enough that we might have to do another in October. Thank you for all your great suggestions.

Something else to look forward to, this fall, we will be switching the liturgy portions of the worship service to “Bread of Life.” For point of reference, it is the 2nd setting in the little blue hymnal supplement – “With One Voice,” and something that will hopefully be familiar to many of you. The music is beautiful, and I am confident you will find it uplifting and meaningful. And whoever requested it as part the favorite hymns suggestions should be pleased as well!

Looking a little further out, once we get to Advent at the end of November, we will begin the year of Matthew. This fall concludes the year of Luke, and our 3-year lectionary cycle comes around again to the beginning, as we go back to Matthew’s Gospel.

There is a lot to look forward to this fall. Come be a part of it, as we join our hearts and minds in our hearing the words of scripture, in our prayers and singing, in our coming to the table for Holy Communion.

Our prayer is always that God will be present with us in our worship, which fact God, in Jesus, has promised to do—“where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am with you also.” We know and trust that God is faithful, and keeps promises, and so we are confident that God is indeed present with us.

October

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Greg Melchert
- 4 Chris Anderson
- 5 Brenden Kennedy
- 6 Parker Diseth
Mary Schuette
- 9 Jim Halpin
Don Sticka
- 11 John Leaf
- 14 Naomi Diseth
Tara Saxe
- 17 Margie McIntyre
- 20 Grant Whitley
- 27 Alli Melchert
Nancy Scott
- 29 Ashlynn Jesse
Chris Staeck
Caitlan Whitley
- 30 Mike Appel
- 30 John Waterstraat

ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Terry & Nelda Ryan (57)
- 14 Stan & Carol Silvernail (44)
- 15 Loren & Debbie Myrvik (45)
- 16 Grant & Judy Whitley (29)



November

BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Harold Dale | 20 Tami Nelson |
| 2 Ally Lessard | 23 Loren Myrvik |
| Mira Mitchell | Stan Silvernail |
| Jennifer Pfeifer | 25 Jennifer Appel |
| 8 Barb Gohr | 26 Brandon Lieu |
| Jess Hagerman | 28 Ann Schumacher |
| Krista Jones | 30 Dave Stein |
| DuWayne Woodbury | |
| 10 Mike McIntyre | |
| 12 Laurie Lush | |
| Sarah Trivitt | |
| 14 Johnathan Jones | |
| 15 Andrea Haney | |
| Shirley Healy | |
| 17 Hannah Thompson | |
| 18 Carol Jurgensen | |
| 19 Phillip Healy | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 4 Randy & Lisa Wilson (27) |
| 9 Phillip & Shirley Healy (54) |
| 25 Phil & Linda Yates (50) |



December

BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Michael Ann Wilson | 25 Barb Bina |
| 2 Adrian Jones | 27 Beth Hack |
| 7 Susie Ashpole | 29 Marty Kogle |
| Joanne Stein | Mike Peluso |
| 8 Mike Schmidt | 30 Duane Rhodes |
| 13 Elise Schumacher | Rob Trivitt |
| Denise Woodbury | |
| 15 Bob Cudney | |
| 17 Chuck Larsen | |
| 19 Michael Whitley | |
| Stephen Whitley | |
| 22 Judy Whitley | |
| Phil Yates | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 6 Chris & Ingrid Staeck (25) |
| 20 Mark & Lori Reiman (37) |
| 28 Rick & Mary Eastman |
| 28 Paul & Sandie Endter |



Thank you to all who have contributed their prayer, time, talent, and resources to the successful transition in the Youth and Family Program.



Youth and Family

What's Happening This Fall

- **Elementary Extravaganzas:** 2nd Friday each month, 6-8pm
- **Youth Group:** Two Wednesday evenings a month starting in October. *Stay tuned for more details!*
- **Sunday Mornings @10:30am**
 - Sunday School for K-5
 - Sunday Confirmation Class for 6th grade and up
 - Sunday School for 8th grade and up



Youth + Family



Pilgrim Preschool Support

A program from Amazon Prime, named Smile, allows its users to donate a small percentage of each purchase price to a non-profit of their choice. This does not increase the price of the product to the person ordering, but it is a way Amazon uses its own money to donate to a variety of causes.

Please either click on the link below or type in "Pilgrim Lutheran Church" on smile.amazon.com if you decide this is something that you would like to do.

Weekend Food Donations, Simplified

We have an Amazon Wishlist to make it easier to support this ministry!

You can open the Wishlist by clicking this link. If you have this as a hard copy, write it down and type it into your web browser.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/I1Y7I5HGC2G9?ref=wl_share

To purchase from the list, select an item and click **Add to Cart**, then checkout as usual. The items will be delivered to a secure offsite address, so we don't need to worry about deliveries that happen outside of business hours. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Mitchell in the church office.

Thank you for supporting the children in our community through this ministry!

Outreach

Go!

Intentional Outreach

Intentional Outreach & Evangelism

Summer has been a great season for outreach! Pilgrim Lunch Club met nine times this summer and allowed us to meet several new families from our community. Big thanks to Ruth Cudney who came each week and prepared lunch for anywhere between 2 and 12 hungry kiddos! Thanks to our faithful New Hope volunteers, we have been able to continue to provide lunch to clients at New Hope Resource Center twice a month.

Looking forward, we are gearing up to start our Weekend Backpack program providing six meals each weekend to kids in need at Firgrove and Hunt Elementary schools. It is anticipated that the need for food will be great this year. We look forward to the opportunity to meet our community where they are at and love them as Jesus has loved each of us.

Blessings,
Heidi

Gather

Nurturing Congregational Care Fellowship & Encouragement

Fall is just around the corner, and new fellowship opportunities are popping up at every turn! Pilgrim Wednesdays are coming back twice a month with potluck style dinners, youth events, bible studies, and more! A congregation wide progressive dinner in October is sure to be a wonderful time for all. Be sure to stay after worship on the first Sunday of the month for a fun new twist on fellowship. Men's breakfasts and gatherings for ladies are also making a comeback this year! I hope you will join us in these many opportunities as we strive to model Christ's love and nurturing care to one another.

Blessings,
Heidi

Christian Education Update

Welcome to the 2022/23 Sunday school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I'm looking forward to another year of exploring and sharing stories from the Bible with our K-5th grade Sunday school children.



Rally Day is just around the corner on September 11, 2022 after the service. On Rally Day the children and I will get together for a few minutes to get reacquainted and afterwards, the children will be able to enjoy the food in the fellowship hall. Regular Sunday school will start the following week on September 18th from 10:30-11:30

We will continue to use Sparkhouse Digital curriculum, which follows the lectionary. Also, I thought it would be fun to spend some time once a month learning about someone connected to the church who isn't in the Bible. First on the list is **Martin Luther**.

This year we will start collecting various organizations in need for "Water for South Sudan".

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Finally, if you are interested in volunteering or participating with Sunday school, please let me know. It could be once a year or as many times as you like. As a congregation, you have a wealth of knowledge to share with our children and youth.

Any questions, concerns or suggestions please contact me.

Blessings,

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And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-12

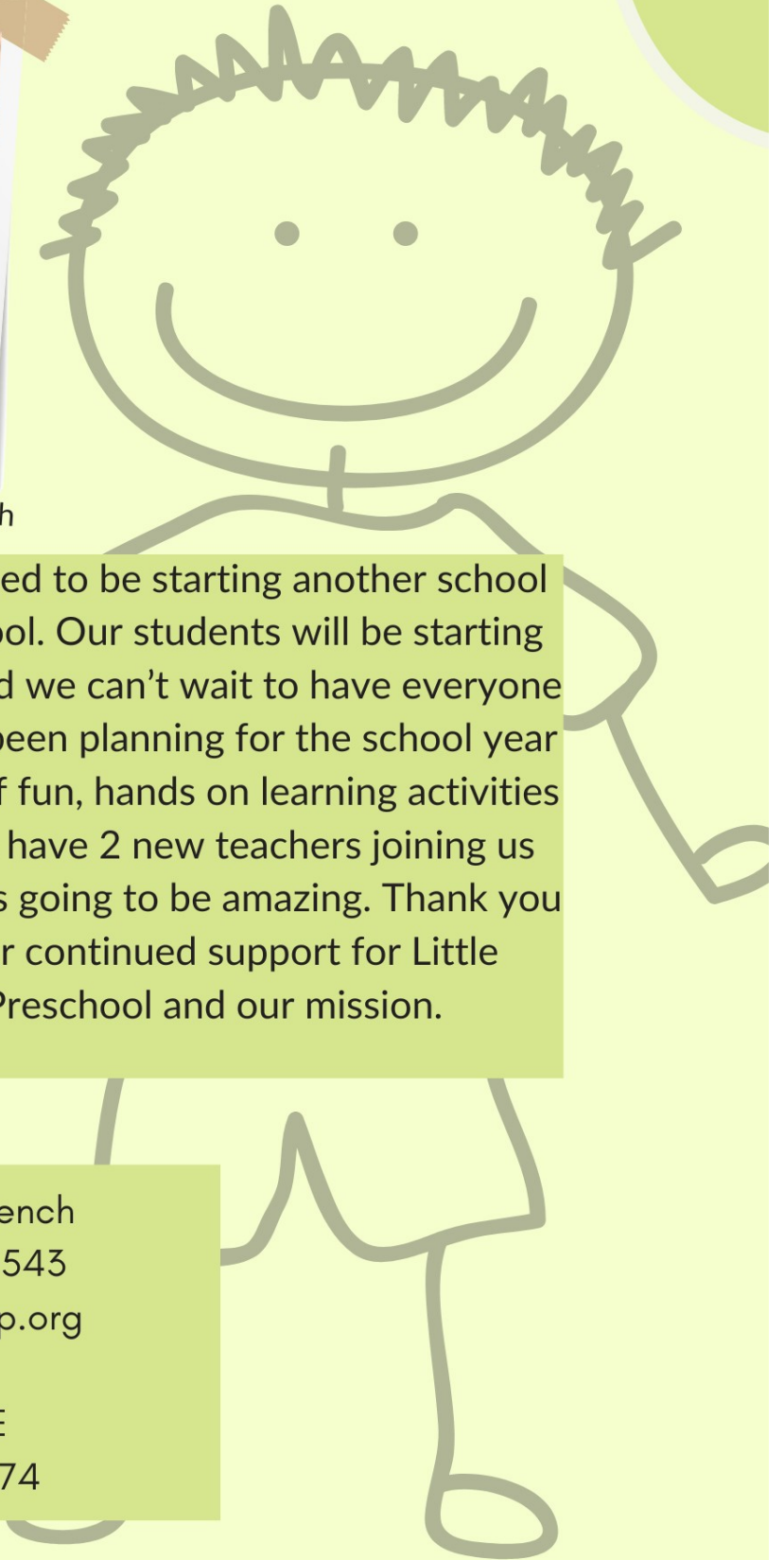


Planting Flowers in the Pilgrim Patch

We are so excited to be starting another school year of preschool. Our students will be starting on Sept 12th and we can't wait to have everyone here. We have been planning for the school year and have a lot of fun, hands on learning activities and crafts. We have 2 new teachers joining us this year and it is going to be amazing. Thank you for all of your continued support for Little Pilgrims Preschool and our mission.

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Outside Science Experiment



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