

Pilgrim's Progress

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Every One His Witness – Again! Still!

January 6 is The Epiphany of Our Lord. Epiphany is the Gentile Christmas Day. God put the miraculous star in the heavens at Jesus' birth to announce to the whole world that His Son had come to save all people (1 Timothy 2.4). God's mission to the world has reached us and God's mission to the world continues through us. He calls us to let Jesus shine for all to see so that everyone might be saved.

Beginning on January 6, our Sunday morning Bible study will feature *Everyone One His Witness*, a recently-published evangelism resource of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. This past August, Pilgrim hosted a one-day workshop for the South Wisconsin District. We are offering it to all our members yet again, this time in six sessions. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

You know that every Christian, baptized into Christ, has the ability and the responsibility to witness to Christ to the people in their lives through their various vocations, the every-day roles and relationships into which God has placed them. This study seeks to equip us as witnesses. While it is the Word of God in the hand of the Holy Spirit that is the power of God to save sinners (Romans 1.16), we can and should be intentional about witnessing. At the heart of *Everyone One His Witness*'s intentionality is the LASSIE approach: listen, ask, seek, share, invite, and encourage. There is no outline to memorize. There is simply the encouragement for all of us to be keenly aware of others and their situations in life so that we can be an instrument of the Holy Spirit to connect them to Jesus and His Good News for them. I believe we can all use the instruction and encouragement of this program.

In the August newsletter, I quoted Martin Luther with respect to evangelism. I think he deserves to be quoted again: "We live on earth only so that we

should be a help to other people. Otherwise, it would be best if God would strangle us and let us die as soon as we were baptized and had begun to believe. For this reason, however, He lets us live that we may bring other people also to faith as He has done for us . . . Everything then should be directed in such a way that you recognize what God has done for you and that you, thereafter, make it your highest priority to proclaim this publicly and call everyone to the light to which you are called" (Luther's Works, 30.11).

May the Holy Spirit work in us and through us by means of His Holy Word so that many more might come to know the Truth and believe in Jesus Christ for their forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Pastor Rusnak



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| Gloria Wamser | 01/02 |
| Nik Bognar | 01/02 |
| Aaron Sweeny | 01/04 |
| Annalie Han | 01/04 |
| Tim Boerger | 01/06 |
| Charlie Meyer | 01/08 |
| Annaliese Bergmann | 01/09 |
| Emmaline Kinsella | 01/09 |
| Marcus Chambers | 01/11 |
| Bruce Kosbab | 01/20 |
| Gordon Marquardt | 01/20 |
| Karen Ninnemann | 01/25 |
| Beth Liebert | 01/31 |
| Flynn Haen | 01/31 |

The SWD Passionate Believers Conference is January 26, 2019. More information can be found at <http://swd.lcms.org/>. Our Synod President, Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, is our Keynote Speaker. You can also check out the breakout sessions offerings. If you are interested in attending, and this is open to all members of our congregation, please inform the Church Office and we will work with you to register. Pilgrim will cover the registration fee.

Happy Anniversaries

Andy and Alexe Doebele 01/08
Karen and Robert Ninnemann 01/13

The **Pilgrim family** is invited to the **Muellers' house**, 2241 N 66th St. for an **Epiphany Open House** from 3 pm - 8pm on **January 5th**. It will be a good time for sharing snacks, games and time together. Parking may be at a premium, so it is suggested to connect with others and drive together. There will be things to do for young and older. If you have a game or treat you would like to bring and share, that is fine, too. We look forward to having time together as the New Year begins.



“How beautiful on the mountain are the feet that bring good news . . .” Isaiah 52 v.7

Hello from Pilgrim’s LWML. Thanks to all that participated in our ingathering for **Bethesda**. We were able to **assemble 20 complete birthday boxes** and a bag of miscellaneous items. **Our January in gathering will be for Bethany Church and we are collecting men’s undershirts and socks. Items will be turned in at the winter getaway.**

The **Winter Getway will be February 1 and 2** at the Wintergreen Hotel in Wisconsin Dells. Servant events include making plastic mats for the homeless, tying fleece afghans, marking Bibles, and knitting/crocheting children’s caps. There will be lessons on how to knit and crochet. This would be a great way to learn a new craft plus uplift your spirit. Please talk to Ruth Mueller or Diane Kosbab for more information.

The next LWML meeting is February 8 at 7PM. We will be working on pillowcase dresses for Orphan Grain Train which provides food, clothes and other essential items throughout the world. All Pilgrim women are welcome to attend and assist us. If you participated in the workshop last March and took home dresses, please return them to Carol Wichmann prior to the meeting. If they are not completed that is okay.

Scholarships for Low Income Campers at Camp LuWiSoMo
\$20000 Unfunded Supplement campers’ fees for families of low income children



Current SWD Mite project we are working on.

The national mite project that is being featured in January is Nursing Students Serving with Mercy Medical Team \$25,000.



Our Large Mite Box is always available for members to empty their pockets of change or paper money, all are welcome to give to help others. If you prefer to write a check, make it out to Pilgrim LWML and bring it to the office or mail to 2664 N. 68th St., Wauwatosa, WI 53213. Thank you.

All Pilgrim ladies are always welcome at LWML meetings and events. The websites are lwml.org or lwml-swd.org

Once again a big **thank you** to our very generous congregation. The teachers at Milwaukee Lutheran High School were so appreciative of our collection of tissues. Hope Lutheran has continually thanked us for the canned goods for their Food Pantry and Rueben Schmitz of Bethesda has promised to send us pictures of residents opening their gift bags.



Celebration of Christ's birth. Members enjoyed our Sunday school children's presentation, cake, fellowship, crafts and games.





December at Pilgrim.



Decorating the church.



LWML meeting....



Putting together ingathering of Birthday bags for Bethesda homes. We were able to create 20 gift bags of decorations, a card and small gift. Thank you for all your help.



**Pilgrim Lutheran – LUMIN Christmas Program
Merry Christmas from the PCDC family.**

