

# PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE:

### GATHER

**WORSHIP** is on Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 AM. (9:30 AM in the summer, Memorial Day weekend thru Labor Day). Come as you are and experience uplifting music, an inspiring message, and the powerful sacrament of weekly communion.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** oversees the business of the church, but delegates work to committees. They meet the last Tuesday of the month Council positions are elected, but anyone interested is encouraged to attend. Contact Tarah Dickerson at [councilpresident@pilgrimchicago.org](mailto:councilpresident@pilgrimchicago.org) for information.

**COFFEE HOUR** happens after Sunday church service. It's a wonderful time to socialize with others coming to church. There are 13 teams who rotate throughout the year to host, and supply treats and juice. Contact Anne Barsano at [cbarsano@aol.com](mailto:cbarsano@aol.com) or 773-472-6037.

**MUSICIAN PARTICIPATION IN WORSHIP** invites all voices and instruments of all types. Contact Michael Knuth for Harmony Choir at 773-858-7252. Contact Pastor Kristian for the Praise Team at [pastorkristian@pilgrimchicago.org](mailto:pastorkristian@pilgrimchicago.org).

**PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE** is responsible for hospitality, spiritual and fellowship programs for congregational members (in-reach), and programs to serve our local community and to God's creation (out-reach). Contact Janine Gustafson at [janinegus@aol.com](mailto:janinegus@aol.com)

**PARTY FOR PILGRIM** is our big annual party and fundraiser. It brings the entire Pilgrim community together: school, church, and alumni, and raises much-needed funds for Pilgrim's amazing school ministry. For more information, contact party chair Tarah Dickerson at [tdickerson15@hotmail.com](mailto:tdickerson15@hotmail.com).

**QUILTERS** welcome anyone interested in fellowship and quilting (or other needlecraft). Gatherings are informal and do not adhere to a set schedule. For dates and locations of meetings, please contact Chris Wallis [cwallis1949@yahoo.com](mailto:cwallis1949@yahoo.com) or 773-561-5419.

**WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (WELCA)** mobilizes women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. Together we grow in faith

and engage in ministry and action, gaining friendships, fellowship and support. Contact [judyd6302@yahoo.com](mailto:judyd6302@yahoo.com) or 773-547-2956.

**WORSHIP PARTICIPATION** welcomes artists, actors, singers, instrumentalists, readers... we value creativity in our praise! We also welcome people interested in bread baking, communion set up, cleaning the altar, ironing linens, ushering, worship and communion assisting. Contact Renee at [reneestuedemann@gmail.com](mailto:reneestuedemann@gmail.com).

## PREPARE

**PILGRIM LUTHERAN SCHOOL** provides "Academic Excellence with a Heart" for students ages preschool through 8th grade. Seats available! Tours every Tuesday at 10:00 AM. Visit [www.pilgrimchicago.org](http://www.pilgrimchicago.org) for more info, or contact Principal Chris Comella at [ccomella@pilgrimchicago.org](mailto:ccomella@pilgrimchicago.org) or 773-477-4824.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS AND YOUTH GROUP** are programs open to all ages, but are designed for those in 7th to 12th grades to grow confident in their identity as a Christian and to prepare them for a lifetime of service to God and the world. Contact Dana Thomas at [dlthomas8@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dlthomas8@sbcglobal.net).

**EXPLORING THE BIBLE CLASS** join us Sunday mornings in Maring Hall at 9:15 AM, September through May.

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS** helps children and people of all ages learn the language of faith, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the meaning of the Sacraments, including communion. Contact the church office at [churchadmin@pilgrimchicago.org](mailto:churchadmin@pilgrimchicago.org) or 773-477-4824.

**GIRL SCOUTS** meet at Pilgrim Church, including: Cadets, Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Seniors, and Ambassadors. Contact Judy Daniel 773-547-2956.

**NURSERY** is on Sunday mornings during both services for younger children, and meets in the preschool classroom. Contact Katie Ruger at [katieruger@gmail.com](mailto:katieruger@gmail.com) or 773-656-1101.

**PRAYER TIME** is on zoom on Saturdays at 8:30 AM You can join us at **8:30 a.m.** at [Pilgrim's Zoom Room](#) Password: 1 Or by phone by calling 312-626-6799 and enter the pin 8745678472, then press the # key. To share prayer requests or update the Prayer List, contact the church office at [churchadmin@pilgrimchicago.org](mailto:churchadmin@pilgrimchicago.org) or 773-477-4824.

**SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** for children ages 4 to Grade 5. Enjoy music, art, drama, games, snacks, and bible lessons. Teens and adults are invited to serve as volunteers. Contact Dana at [dlthomas8@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dlthomas8@sbcglobal.net) if you would like information.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/CHILDRENS MINISTRY** Children age 5 - 5th grade are invited to participate in learning the weekly bible lessons through song, art, games and age-appropriate discussions. Congregation members are invited to volunteer to lead or assist either an 8 am or 10:30 AM Sunday School lesson. To learn more, contact the Children's Ministry Coordinator, Marla Everett at [mevertt@pilgrimchicago.org](mailto:mevertt@pilgrimchicago.org).

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets every other Wednesday with Bible readings and discussions to inspire Christian growth. Contact Renee Stuedemann at [reneestuedemann@gmail.com](mailto:reneestuedemann@gmail.com) or 773-655-6004.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** typically meets twice a month during the school year with fascinating discussion and great camaraderie. To participate, contact Wes McClain at [wmccclair1@gmail.com](mailto:wmccclair1@gmail.com).

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE** plans and creates meaningful worship for the needs of the congregation. They coordinate the activities of the choirs, ushers, acolytes, Altar Guild, organist, worship and communion assistants. They are also responsible for the creation, purchase and display of seasonal decorations in the church. Contact Chris Wallis at [cewallis1949@yahoo.com](mailto:cewallis1949@yahoo.com) or 773-561-5419.

## **SENT TO SERVE**

**HOT MEALS** provides Saturday noon meals for the community. Each team commits to a three-hour shift (10 AM-1 PM) about four times a year. The lunch is served from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. New volunteers always welcome! Contact Sarah Lau at [sarahlau@juno.com](mailto:sarahlau@juno.com) or Beth Biery at [bethbiery1@gmail.com](mailto:bethbiery1@gmail.com).

**BREAD BAKERS** bake communion bread for Sunday communion. If you want to be added to the rotation, contact Chris at [cewallis1949@yahoo.com](mailto:cewallis1949@yahoo.com).

**DAVE MARING SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND** is a Fund to provide Pilgrim Lutheran School with financial resources for Tuition Assistance and Scholarship Aid, Innovative programming, Professional training and staff development, and Special Educational projects. If interested, contact Bob Lau at [robertmlau469@juno.com](mailto:robertmlau469@juno.com).

**EL SALVADOR MISSION TRIP** every year July 31 through August 10. Work with children, medical ministry, solar energy project, construction projects, sponsoring children to go to school, youth ministry, homeless ministry. For more information, contact Anna-Kari Johnson at 773-990-0814 or at [Anna-Kari.Johnson@elca.org](mailto:Anna-Kari.Johnson@elca.org)

**FAITH IN PLACE GREEN TEAM** would love to gather a new team to explore how we can become a greener congregation, and move toward solar and renewable energy at Pilgrim. To continue exploring this, contact Mark Haeseler at [mhaeseler@gmail.com](mailto:mhaeseler@gmail.com).

**FARMING HOPE CHICAGO** is for those interested in hydroponics gardening and feeding hungry people. Our garden is growing right inside our church building. Contact Scott at [capt.darkmatter@gmail.com](mailto:capt.darkmatter@gmail.com) to get involved.

**GLOBAL MISSIONS TEAM** supports our active partnerships with ELCA World Hunger, the Lutheran Church of South Africa and Dr. Philip Knutson, and the Lutheran Church of El Salvador. If you are interested in supporting global ministries with more joy, education and intention, contact Stephanie Zimmermann at [stefzim@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stefzim@sbcglobal.net).

**PARENT TEACHER LEAGUE** is a very active organization that supports the staff and families of Pilgrim Lutheran School. The PTL hosts many events for the families and staff through the year. Contact Alison Hays at [alisonmhays@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmhays@gmail.com) or Sara Witt at [saraross Witt@gmail.com](mailto:saraross Witt@gmail.com).

**PARTNERSHIPS with LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES** (Lincoln Square Friendship Center and Common Pantry among them). You can always bring non-perishable food items to the food reception area at the top of the stairs as you come into church.

**PILGRIM CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND** purpose is to further the mission of The Pilgrim Lutheran Church and School through a comprehensive deferred giving program that focuses on support for church, school and community where small donations have the largest impact. If you want to participate contact Ellen Twohig at [twohigellen@gmail.com](mailto:twohigellen@gmail.com).

**PILGRIM KIDS CARE** provides children and their families with hands on service opportunities. We partner with the Night Ministry, Coat Angels, Pablo Casals Elementary, the Common Pantry, and Lincoln Square Friendship Center Food Pantry. For more info contact Principal Chris Comella at [ccomella@pilgrimchicago.org](mailto:ccomella@pilgrimchicago.org) or 773-477-4824.

**PROPERTIES COMMITTEE** oversees the property of the congregation and coordinates its repair and general upkeep, including church, school, teacherages and parsonage. For more information, contact Wes McClain at [wmccclain1@gmail.com](mailto:wmccclain1@gmail.com).

**SCHOOL BOARD** oversees our christian education programs, including Preschool, K-8, Before-School Program, After-School Program (PAS) and Sports Programs, as well as other programs helpful for youth. Board positions and committees are elected, but anyone interested is encouraged to attend meetings on the first Tuesday of the month

at 7:30 PM in the 7th/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom. Contact the Chair Greg Ekey at [schoolboard@pilgrimchicago.org](mailto:schoolboard@pilgrimchicago.org)

**STEWARDSHIP TEAM** provides ample, ongoing opportunities to use time, talent and treasure to support the Pilgrim Community and Pilgrim's Mission. Contact Laura Newbury at [laurabrix773@gmail.com](mailto:laurabrix773@gmail.com) for more info.

**USHERS** greet people at the beginning of church services, and help with offering and communion. It's a great way to meet people. Contact Renee at [reneestuedemann@gmail.com](mailto:reneestuedemann@gmail.com) for more info.

**VISITING MINISTRY TEAM** reaches out to Pilgrim members and friends with ongoing concerns and needs with phone calls and home visitations, as well as offering communion for those unable to attend church services. Contact Judy Daniel at [judyd6302@yahoo.com](mailto:judyd6302@yahoo.com) or 773-547-2956.