

PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE

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Below is a very brief description of various ministries at Pilgrim. We would love to have more participation in each ministry! For more information, please contact the Church Office at 773-477-4824 or churchadmin@pilgrimchicago.org and see how you can get involved.

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.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS groups meet at Pilgrim Church on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM and Saturdays at 8:00 PM.

CHURCH COUNCIL oversees the business of the church, but delegates work to committees. They meet the last Tuesday of the month in the 7th/8th Grade Classroom at 7:00 PM. Council positions are elected, but anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

COFFEE HOUR happens after every 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.

DINING GROUP is a group for all ages which dines out once a month, usually on the 3rd Sunday, and patronizes restaurants with varied ethnic cuisines. We would love to have you join us.

MUSICIAN PARTICIPATION IN WORSHIP invites all voices and instruments of all types. We have a Harmony Choir and an upbeat Praise Team.

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).

PARTY FOR PILGRIM is our big annual party and fundraiser. This year it is taking place on Saturday, April 25, 2020. It brings the entire Pilgrim community together: school, church, and alumni, and raises much-needed funds for Pilgrim's amazing school ministry.

QUILTERS welcome anyone interested in fellowship and quilting (or other needlecraft). Gatherings are informal and do not adhere to a set schedule.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Thursday from 6:30-8:00 PM in the church annex. Please join us for a friendly support program with helpful hints and discussions of current health information.

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.

WOMENS SOCIETY is an organization of women that meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12:30 PM. All women are invited to join this group for fellowship and fund raising activities.

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.

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 for more info, or contact Principal Chris Comella at 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.

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.

GIRL SCOUTS meet at Pilgrim Church, including: Cadets, Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Seniors, and Ambassadors.

NEW MEMBER EXPLORATION CLASSES are for those curious about what does ‘Lutheran’ mean? How can Pilgrim help me and my family grow in faith? What does it mean to become a member of Pilgrim? If you’re at all curious, please consider attending an exploration class.

NURSERY is on Sunday mornings during both services for younger children, and meets in the preschool classroom.

MOMS IN PRAYER is an international organization. Moms in Prayer is a group of Pilgrim moms that prays every Wednesday 8:30-9:30 AM for the students, teachers, staff, parents and the community of Pilgrim Lutheran School as well as other schools and the city of Chicago.

PRAYER TIME on Saturdays at 8:30 AM in the parsonage, 4332 N. Winchester Ave. You are welcome to share prayer requests and update our prayer list.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is on Sundays after Children's Time during each service. 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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets every other Wednesday with Bible readings and discussions to inspire Christian growth.

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.

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!

BETHANY-PILGRIM REFUGEE PROJECT co-sponsors a refugee family with RefugeeOne. We visit the family, help them understand immigration and medical paperwork, help them learn English and help with whatever we can.

BREAD BAKERS bake communion bread for Sunday communion

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.

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.

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.

FARMING HOPE CHICAGO is for those interested in hydroponics gardening and feeding hungry people. Our garden is growing right inside our church building.

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.

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 Shellie Riedle at shellieriedle@yahoo.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.

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.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE oversees the property of the congregation and coordinates its repair and general upkeep, including church, school, teacherages and parsonage.

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/8th Grade Classroom.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM provides ample, ongoing opportunities to use time, talent and treasure to support the Pilgrim Community and Pilgrim's Mission.

USHERS greet people at the beginning of church services, and help with offering and communion. It's a great way to meet people.

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.