

# PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE:

“We gather, prepare and send all for God’s mission in the world!”

### GATHER

**WORSHIP** is on Sundays in-person at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM (9:30 AM in the summer, Memorial Day weekend thru Labor Day) and on [Pilgrim Chicago Facebook](#) and [Pilgrim Chicago YouTube](#). 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 and school. It works in unison with various committees to handle day-to-day activities at Pilgrim. The Church Council meets on the last Tuesday of each month. Council positions are elected to two year terms. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend Council meetings.

**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.

**MUSICIAN PARTICIPATION IN WORSHIP** invites all voices and instruments of all types. We have both a church choir and a 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).

**PILGRIM FEST** is an annual community outreach block party held in the fall. It brings together our school and church families, Pilgrim friends and alumni, and our North Center neighbors for a joyous outdoor worship service followed by an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship. Every year, money raised from ticket sales is donated to a local charitable organization.

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

## **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.

**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. Our Worship Committee chair is Chris Wallis.

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

**MARKETING COMMITTEE** helps to promote Pilgrim Church and School to the community through events, media outreach, and print and digital communications.

## **PREPARE**

**PILGRIM LUTHERAN SCHOOL** provides "Academic Excellence with a Heart" for students ages preschool through 8th grade. Seats available! Tours available on request. Visit [www.pilgrimchicago.org](http://www.pilgrimchicago.org) for more info, or contact Interim Principal John Murphy at [jmurphy@pilgrimchicago.org](mailto:jmurphy@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. We build community with peers through fun and engaging activities while growing more confident in our identity as a Christian. We provide opportunities that help prepare 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. No experience needed.

**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** are sponsored by Pilgrim Lutheran Church, including: Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadets, Seniors, and Ambassadors.

**NURSERY** is on Sunday mornings during the late service for younger children, and meets in the preschool classroom. Volunteers supervise these children that aren't old enough for Sunday school. We're always looking for more volunteers to assist with this fun and easy opportunity!

**PRAYER TIME** is on zoom on Saturdays at 8:30 AM. You can join us at [Pilgrim's Zoom Room](#) Password: 1 Or you can dial: 312 626 6799 and then enter the meeting ID: 430 019 5500 To share prayer requests or update to prayer list, contact the church office at [communications@pilgrimchicago.org](mailto:communications@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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** is every Sunday during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Following the Children's Message, we have games, snacks, and interactive Bible lessons for children ages 4-11. We are also in need of more people to help assist with teaching, read a story, or bring a snack. For more information about the program, or about volunteering, please contact our Youth and Families Coordinator Maggy Hovden at [mhovden@pilgrimchicago.org](mailto:mhovden@pilgrimchicago.org)

**GATHER US IN BIBLE STUDY** meets every other Wednesday with Bible readings and discussions to inspire Christian growth. All are invited.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets every other Wednesday throughout the year working through scripture from both the Old and New Testament. The sessions are filled with fascinating discussion and great camaraderie. To participate, contact Pastor Kristian at [pastorkristian@pilgrimchicago.org](mailto:pastorkristian@pilgrimchicago.org)

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE** meets monthly to coordinate with Pastor to determine elements of worship, such as communion protocols, decorations, service times, etc.

## **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. Lunch is served outdoors, weather permitting, from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM.. New volunteers are always welcome!

**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** You are invited to join the next adventure, August 1-7, 2023. We form a new trip every year to El Salvador, Central America. Our trip goals are: 1. Let Jesus Christ renew your faith. 2. Build World-Changing Friendships. 3. Help make a difference you can see. 4. Bring home a life-changing testimony. We partner with the Lutheran Church of El Salvador to build homes, give medical/dental care, install solar panels, sponsor children for school, youth ministry, and care for refugees. For more information, contact Pastor Kristian Johnson at [PastorKristian@PilgrimChicago.org](mailto:PastorKristian@PilgrimChicago.org)

**FAITH IN PLACE GREEN TEAM** We hope you will support Pilgrim Church & School by becoming a part of our group. No experience necessary, just a desire to help the Pilgrim community become more efficient with its resources and lead Pilgrim on a more sustainable path. We've made good progress thus far.

**PILGRIM'S HYDROPONIC GARDEN** is for those interested in hydroponics gardening and feeding hungry people. Our garden is growing right inside our church building.

**GLOBAL MISSION TEAM** supports our active partnerships with ELCA World Hunger, the Lutheran Church of Southern Africa, the Lutheran Church of El Salvador, and the Bethany-Pilgrim Refugee Project.

The Pilgrim **PARENT TEACHER LEAGUE** is committed to enriching the lives of all students, supporting teachers, administrators, and staff, connecting families to our school and church communities, building community and raising money for the greater good of the school. We meet these goals through social activities, fundraising events, and educational programs. The PTL is a volunteer run organization and relies on volunteers for all of the events and activities. All volunteer work is valuable and appreciated whether that's 2 hours a week or 2 hours a year.

**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 local, national and global causes where all donations have an important impact.

**PILGRIM KIDS CARE** provides children and their families with hands-on service opportunities. We partner with local outreach ministries and social service agencies. For more info contact Interim Principal John Murphy at [jmurphy@pilgrimchicago.org](mailto:jmurphy@pilgrimchicago.org) or 773-477-4824.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** is led by the Treasurer and seeks to maintain and strengthen Pilgrim's financial standing and practices. For more information, contact Dave Gilbert at [treasurer@pilgrimchicago.org](mailto:treasurer@pilgrimchicago.org)

**PROPERTIES COMMITTEE** oversees the property of the congregation and coordinates its repair, general upkeep, and infrastructure updates--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. Contact the Chair Casey Jones at [board.chair@pilgrimchicago.org](mailto:board.chair@pilgrimchicago.org)

**STEWARDSHIP TEAM** provides ample, ongoing opportunities to use time, talent and treasure to support Pilgrim's Mission in both the Pilgrim Church and School Community. Current efforts have been aimed at building connections between the church and school.

**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.

**REFUGEE SUPPORT TEAM** partnership with RefugeeOne alongside Bethany UCC and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church to sponsor a refugee family arriving in Chicago. We provide financial assistance, set up their apartment, and act as mentors and tutors.