



# Pilgrim Lutheran Church & School

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**Wednesday, April 28, 2021**

Dear Pilgrim Lutheran Family and Friends,

**This letter provides updates for our response to the Coronavirus:** Recent Changes are in **red font**.

- 1.) **Faithful Living** – Remember the Lord’s help. “God is our refuge and strength.” (Psalm 46:1)
- 2.) **Worship** – In **May** we will offer these worship times and protocols.
  - a. **Worship in the Sanctuary on the Weekend:** Worship opportunities at Pilgrim include:
    - i. **Green Bay:** Sat. – 5:00pm; Sun. 7:45am, 9:00am (Trad.), 10:30am (Contemp.).
    - ii. **Suamico:** – 9:00am (Blended)
  - b. **Video Online Worship:** Video worship is available on line at: [www.pilgrimpluth.org](http://www.pilgrimpluth.org). We are livestreaming & recording two services every week: Sat. 5:00pm & Sun. 10:30am.
  - c. **Worship Protocols:** Sanctuary plans include: wear a mask, wash hands, practice social distancing and please remain at home if you aren’t feeling well or have symptoms. Some changes in protocols begin in May. **Two new mask “Recommended but Optional” Worship Services will begin on Wednesday, May 5. The two options for optional mask wearing in worship are Wednesday -7:00pm and Sunday (GB) - 7:45am.** For the following reasons we are offering these two new options: 1.) attendance is lower at these services so distancing is easier, 2.) they provide a contemporary and traditional format, 3.) several of our members have difficulty wearing a mask for the duration of the service and have requested a mask free worship option, 4.) people will still be asked to wear a mask as they enter and exit the building and whenever they are in close proximity with others, 5.) risk levels have reduced significantly due to many people being vaccinated and lower levels of Covid cases in Brown County. Thanks for your patience and flexibility and commitment as we continue to address new options on a monthly basis.
  - d. **Music Changes** – **Worship leaders will now have the option to lead in singing without a mask, but will need to practice social distancing. Hymnals and Bibles will return to the sanctuary as of Wed., May 5. The new research about the low possibility of Covid spread from hand contact enables this change. We will continue to sanitize the sanctuary between services as an extra safety precaution.**

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- e. **Congregational Survey** – On the weekend of May 9, Pilgrim will offer a congregational survey. This survey will allow members to share input about our present Covid response plans and our desire to offer a timely and clearly communicated multi-phase (we’re calling it a baby steps approach) response to changes in worship and other protocols at Pilgrim. Please complete your survey by Sunday, May 23 so the Elders can utilize your comment in our plans for June/July.
- 3.) **Devotions** – The *Portals of Prayer* (April-June) devotional booklet is now available.
- 4.) **Worship on Wednesday** – Worship on Wednesday gathers every week from 7:00pm – 7:45pm with an alternative worship option from the weekend. **Our new series on II Timothy will begin on Wednesday, May 19.**
- 5.) **Sunday School/Bible Study/Devotions** – Sunday School and Sunday Bible studies will hold their last class of the school year on Sunday, May 9 at both sites.
- 6.) **Communion** - Communion is available in worship according to our “normal” Communion schedule: (GB – 1st, 3rd, 5th Sun-Weekend) (Suamico – 2nd, 4th Sun. Weekend). Communion is also available on Wed. at 9:30am **through the end of May.**
- 7.) **Confirmation Events in April** – Congratulations to our 27 confirmation students this year.
- 8.) **Ministry Review for our Covid Response** – The Church Council and the board of Elders are presently in the process of developing our next phases for worship and ministry protocols. We are busy planning a variety of ways to responsibly return to life as normal at Pilgrim. **A more complete description of our most recent changes is available for you in the narthex at both sites. The document is called “Pilgrim Worship Updates – Phase 3.”** Please help yourself to a copy. You may also request the copy as an email attachment by emailing the ministry office.
- 9.) **Facility Cleaning** – We are sanitizing the facilities regularly, and we are asking all of our members *to help sanitize the sanctuary and other spaces after every worship service or event*

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attended. Supplies will be available for you so that each family member can help with chores. Due to some custodial staff injuries, we are needing additional support this month.

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