



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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It's Time to – Give God What is God's.

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” We know that keeping little children occupied for an entire church service can be a challenge. Don't worry; most of those worshipping around you have been in your shoes at one time. If you feel that you need to take your child out of church at any time, we have a Children's Room to the right as you exit the worship area. The first parking space in front of church is designated for **expectant mothers and families with small children**.

Restrooms are located to your left as you exit the worship area. There are **changing tables in both restrooms**.

LARGE PRINT copies of worship materials are available from the ushers. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to ask an usher.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister
Preacher
Organist

Pastor Aaron Winkelman
Seminarian Nate Wendland
Amy Balza

Service of the Word

Before You, Lord, We Bow

CW 775



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and
2 The na - tion you have blessed may well your love de - clare, from
3 May ev - 'ry moun-tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine
4 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice, your great Re - deem - er own; be -
5 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may our na - tive land from



rules the world be - low in bound-less pow'r and love. Our thanks we
foes and fears at rest, pro - tect - ed by your care. For this bright
in your Word's pure light and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry
lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship him a - lone. Cast down your
all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise to you, our King!
day, for this fair land—gifts of your hand—our thanks we pay.
tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.
pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.
throng, with joy to sing to heav'ns high King, sal - va - tion's song!

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Stand

Invocation

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Confession of Sins

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen.

Prayer and Praise

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray

O Lord our God, so govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world that your church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

Be seated

First Reading

Daniel 1:3-21

³Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility— ⁴young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. ⁵The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service.

⁶Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. ⁷The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.

⁸But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. ⁹Now God had caused the official to show favor and compassion to Daniel, ¹⁰but the official told Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and drink. Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men your age? The king would then have my head because of you."

¹¹Daniel then said to the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, ¹²"Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. ¹³Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see." ¹⁴So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days.

¹⁵At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. ¹⁶So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead.

¹⁷To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.

¹⁸At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. ²⁰In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.

²¹And Daniel remained there until the first year of King Cyrus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sing to the LORD, Ye Distant Lands

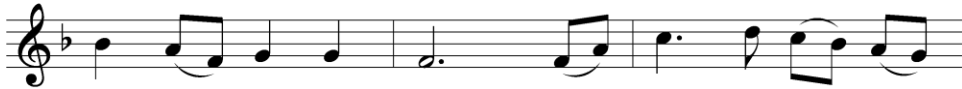
Psalm 96D



1 Sing to the LORD, ye dis - tant lands, ye tribes of ev - 'ry
2 Let heav'n pro-claim the joy - ful day; let joy on earth be
3 Be - hold, he comes, he comes to bless the na - tions as their



tongue; his new - dis - cov - ered grace de - mands a
seen; let cit - ies shine in bright ar - ray, and
God, to show the world his right - eous - ness, and



new and no - bler song. Tell all the na - tions,
fields in cheer - ful green. Let joy a - bove all
send his truth a - broad. But when his voice shall



"Je - sus reigns, God's own al - might - y Son; his pow'r the
joys sur - prise the is - lands of the sea; ye moun-tains
raise the dead, and bid the world draw near, how will the



sink - ing world sus - tains, and grace sur - rounds his throne."
sink; ye val - leys rise; pre - pare the LORD his way.
guilt - y na - tions dread to see their judge ap - pear.

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Second Reading

Romans 13:1-7

¹Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ²Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. ⁴For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

⁶This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

The Word of the Lord.

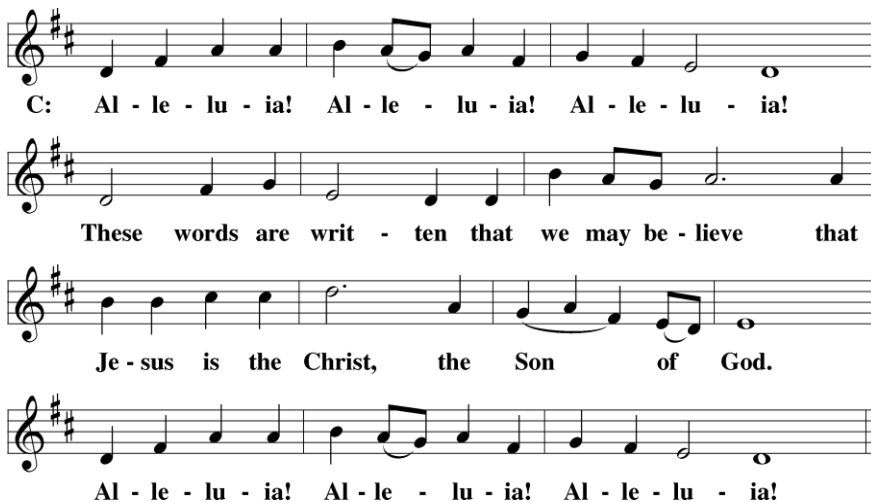
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse of the Day

Colossians 2:10

Alleluia. In Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are.

¹⁷Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?”

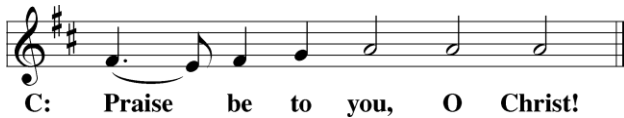
¹⁸But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, ²⁰and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?”

²¹“Caesar’s,” they replied.

Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

²²When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Be seated

Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him

CW 619



1 Praise the Al - might - y; my soul, a - dore him!
 2 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,
 3 Trust not in princ - es, they are but mor - tal;
 4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud him un - til death. With songs and
 par - don and peace from him ob - tain; ev - er the
 earth-born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
 of him who does such won-drous things! All that has



an - thems I'll come be - fore him as long as
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, their faith - ful
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal when the dark
 be - ing, to praise him sole - ly, with hap - py



he al - lows me breath. From him my life and
 God he will re - main. He helps his chil - dren
 grave will claim its prey. Since, then, no one can
 heart its a - men sings! Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; bless, O my soul, his ho - ly
 in dis - tress, the wid-ows and the fa - ther -
 help af - ford, trust on - ly Christ, our God and
 an - gel host praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 less. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Sermon

Stand

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

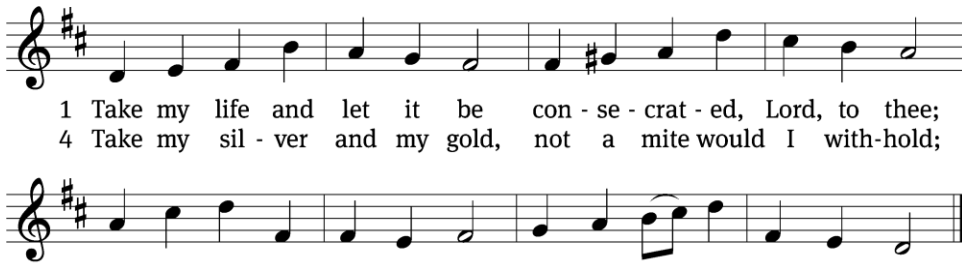
Be seated

Offering

Offering boxes are available in the back of church. If you wish to give an electronic offering, you may use the QR code located at the end of the bulletin or you may go to pilgrimcares.org/giving. We present the offerings before the altar as a reminder that our giving overflows out of the Gospel and is itself an act of worship.

Offering Hymn

CW 695 sts. 1, 4



1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with-hold;
take my mo-ments and my days, let them flow in cease-less praise.
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

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Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and forever. Amen.

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

CW 705



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot - steps by your Word, and make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep,
- 4 Make me to walk in your com-mands—'tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

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Stand

Closing Prayer

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people.
Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and
bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

The Benediction

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

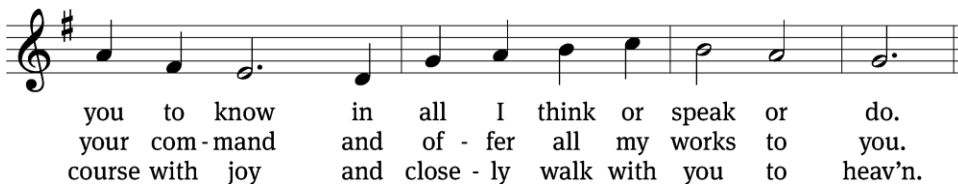
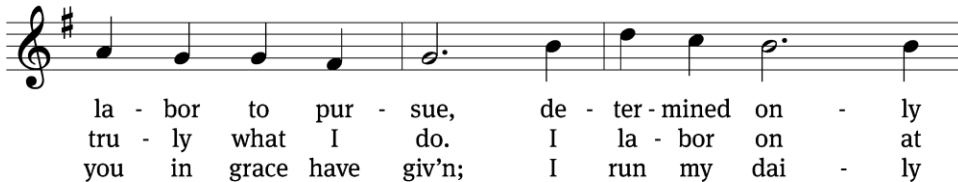
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go

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Weekly Parish Calendar

October 11 - October 18

TODAY (11)	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Divine Services
	9:15 AM	Bible Class & Sunday School
MONDAY (12)	6:00 PM	Building Committee Meeting
TUESDAY (13)	6:00 PM	Pickleball
WEDNESDAY (14)	8:15 AM	School Chapel Service
	6:30 PM	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY (15)	12:00 PM	Senior Bible Class (Gathering Space)
SATURDAY (17)	2:00-4:00 PM	Trunk or Treat
SUNDAY (18)	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Divine Services w/ Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	1st Quarter Open Forum & Voters' Meeting, Sunday School

Readings for Next Sunday, October 18

First Reading: **Acts 1:1-3**
 Second Reading: **2 Timothy 4: 5-11**
 Gospel: **Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53**

News & Notes

Evensong: A Discipleship Event Join us on the Third Thursday of October, October 15, in the church for a night of study and fellowship. Our evening will begin with a look at the rich theology and history of a few hymns. We will look at each appointed hymn, their origins, and their messages. Following our study we will break for fellowship and conversation – refreshments will be served. We will end the evening with an evening prayer service in which those same hymns will be featured. Evensong begins at 6pm and wraps up around 8pm. We hope to see you there!

Senior Bible Study - Our next senior bible study opportunity will be on Thursday, October 15th at 12:00pm in the Gathering Space. Bring a lunch (if you like) and come for a study of God's Word. Following our study, stick around for some fellowship or your favorite game of cards (or both)! Questions? Contact Staff Minister Porth or Pastor Winkelman.



Guten Tag! Our Oktoberfest Sunday is just a few weeks away— Sunday, October 25! To plan the potluck effectively, we ask everyone to RSVP and indicate which dish they plan to bring. **Please RSVP by Thursday, October 22.** You'll also find several volunteer opportunities at the link below. **NEW THIS YEAR:** A sheepshead tournament! [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP and/or sign up to volunteer. A

reminder that the entire Pilgrim student body will sing in the 9:30 a.m. Reformation worship service. More details will follow soon. Please contact David or Liz Porth with any questions. Prost!

Welcome, Pilgrim moms! Let's meet for Bible study on Wednesdays at 9:30am this year. Little ones are welcome to join as we gather to study God's Word and leave feeling built up by a group of sisters in Jesus. Please see the qr code for information about where the group will meet throughout the month of October.



Pilgrim's next Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20th at Smart Cow Yogurt Bar located at N91W17271 Appleton Avenue #3 in Menomonee Falls. A percentage of the entire day's sales is donated directly back to our school. Smart Cow is open from 12pm to 9pm Tuesday through Sunday.



We need more Trunks and Treat Donations!! Please sign up today!

Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 17 | 2:00–4:00pm in the north parking lot at Pilgrim Lutheran School. Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of safe trick-or-treating, fun costumes, and festive trunks! Kids can collect candy, play games, and enjoy the fall fun. **Host a trunk!** Decorate your car and hand out treats. **Donate candy:** Extra

candy helps keep the fun going for all the kids. If you'd like to volunteer or donate, please fill out the Sign-Up Genius. Come join us for a fun and festive community event!

WLHS Christmas Market Vendors - The WLHS Art Department is looking for vendors for its 3rd Annual Christmas Market on Saturday, November 21, from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Artists, crafters, makers, and small businesses are invited to participate. Last year's market featured more than 20 vendors, and this year we hope to welcome even more! Interested in being a vendor—or know someone who might be? Scan the QR code or contact meg.schuessler@wlhs.org for more information.



KML Open House Come experience the KML culture at our open house at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School on Sunday, October 18, 2026, from 1:00-3:00 PM. All are welcome and will have the opportunity to tour our beautiful facility, meet the teachers, and learn about the many different facets of our Christian educational program. Please enter via the Fieldhouse Entrance. Guided tours available. Not able to join us for the open house? Schedule a private tour with our Director of Admissions, Jerry Zeamer ([262.677.4051](tel:262.677.4051) x4009; jerry.zeamer@kmlhs.org).

DON'T MISS THIS YEAR'S BOOK GIVEAWAY! Saturday, November 14 10:00 AM–Noon at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. Join us for a fun morning celebrating the joy of reading! Kids from Pre-K through 8th grade can: Pick out a brand-new book (or 2 or 3) to take home, decorate their very own book bag and do some fun art, listen to story-time by KML students, and enter a free drawing for a LEGO set or JellyCat prizes. A huge thank-you to Foresters Financial for a very generous grant that made this event possible. Thank you also to West Bend Noon Rotary, Kruepke Printing, WAPI Bricks, Loft & Cottage at Lynndale Farm, and Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School for their support on this event! Bring the kids and let them discover a new favorite book!



Pilgrim Lutheran Church can receive offerings electronically through a secure website. Scan the QR code with your smart phone (you might need to download a free QR scanning app) to be directed to Pilgrim's giving page or visit pilgrimcares.org/giving. Save the check – give online!

8:00am

10:30am

Ushers

10-11

Josh Weber

Tim Pankow

10-18

Matt Lawonn

Tony Jackson

Jim Prekop

Dan Vaghar

Bryan Giesenschlag

Mark Murphy

Wednesday Ushers are Pat Renner and Jason Marten

Worship Hosts

10-11

Irene Lape & Pat Knack

Delores Tessmer & June Bitney

10-18

Bryan & Samantha O'Connell

Melissa & Allen Brander

Attendance

9-30 22

10-4 148 + 119 = 267

Hi Pilgrim family,

Today I'd like to introduce you to someone working on another very important part of the project.

Meet John Klika, Pilgrim's Capital Campaign Chair.



John and his wife Valerie have been members of Pilgrim for approximately 30 years, and both of their children attended Pilgrim Lutheran School. Although they live in Mequon, they continue making the drive to Pilgrim because this remains their church home. John recently told the Building Steering Committee that Pilgrim has been a blessing to his family and that he considers it an honor to help with this next chapter.

John also brings considerable professional experience to the role.

Before retiring about a year and a half ago, John spent approximately 10–11 years at Marquette University, working in corporate relations and managing major institutional partnerships. Before Marquette, he spent approximately 24 years with the American Cancer Society, where his work included corporate relations, marketing, fundraising and major donor relationships.

Here's one example: John helped originate a fundraising partnership with Walgreens that ultimately generated more than \$35 million for the American Cancer Society.

But John isn't doing this alone.

He is working closely with Pastor Aaron Winkelman and Staff Minister David Porth as Pilgrim develops its campaign direction. He's also coordinating with the Building Steering Committee, helping ensure that campaign planning stays connected to the developing design, project costs and schedule.

And you've already met another part of the team! Angela's Angle itself grew out of our project communications work. John is coordinating with Angela, Liz and the Campaign Communications Team as they begin developing the messaging and materials that will eventually support the campaign.

Pilgrim is also drawing on outside experience. Pastor Mark Jeske, who has considerable experience with church capital campaigns and fundraising, is serving as a consultant and advisor to the campaign team. John, Pastor Winkelman and members of Pilgrim's project leadership have already spent time with Pastor Jeske learning from that experience and applying those lessons to Pilgrim's situation.

There are still plenty of questions to answer. Design, cost, fundraising, ministry and communication all need to come together. And we're fortunate at Pilgrim to have people with relevant experience working together on each piece.

You'll hear more about the campaign in the months ahead. For now, when you hear the name John Klika, you'll know a little more about the longtime Pilgrim member helping lead that effort.

Anyone interested in discussing a transformational gift should reach out to John Klika, David Porth or Pastor Winkelman.

Until next time, let's take joy in the journey!
Angela

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