



FAITH IN ACTION: TRACING A LEGACY OF LOVE

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Psalms 25:4, 5

THE PASTOR'S PEN

March 23, 2025

HIGHLIGHTING THOSE WE HELP SOJOURNER

One of the community organization that Pilgrim Rest supports yearly is Sojourner.

Sojourner Family Peace Center is the largest nonprofit provider of domestic violence prevention and intervention services in Wisconsin, serving nearly 10,000 clients each year. Established in 1975, Sojourner provides an array of support aimed at helping families affected by domestic violence achieve safety, justice and well-being.

Sojourner's mission is to transform lives impacted by family violence. Sojourner provides crisis housing, system advocacy and support to people who are impacted by family violence.

Sojourner's primary goals are to ensure the safety of victims of family violence and to provide a pathway out of violence for victims and abusers through opportunities to make positive and lasting changes for themselves and their children.

Sojourner programs and services include:

- **FPC Advocacy** - provides advocacy, crisis intervention, in-depth case management services and empowerment support groups to adult victims of domestic violence. All support groups are held in confidential locations and are co-taught by two facilitators.
- **Hope & Healing Program** - supports adult survivors with pursuing their passions and goals, reclaiming their voice, building community with fellow survivors, and engaging in a variety of wellness opportunities.
- **Russian-Speaking Family Strengthening Program** - Provides advocacy and in-depth case management services to Russian-speaking adult victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking throughout the state of Wisconsin. All services are strictly confidential, free and survivor-focused.
- **Children's Program** - Drop-in services to accommodate children coming into the Family Peace Center with a parent for appointments and/or seeking services with any partners on site.
- **Sojourner Truth House** - 24-hour crisis shelter provides support and assistance to adults and children who are fleeing domestic/sexual violence and/or human trafficking.

We recently received a note from Sojourner thanking us for our support"

"We are humbled by the church's many years of support for the domestic abuse survivors we serve at Sojourner. Thank you for your most recent gift, helping thousands of survivors find safety and reclaim independence."

PASTORAL TRANSITION

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PASTORAL TRANSITION PRAYER:

Dear God, In my mind, I make my plans, But I desire You, Lord, to direct my steps.

So, show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You, I wait all day long.

As you show me, teach me and lead me, I will seek your will, I will trust your leading and I will follow your directing as I pray regarding our next pastor. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, Amen

PASTORAL TRANSITION TIMELINE



BIBLICAL SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

DEUTERONOMY 34:7-9 ⁷MOSES WAS ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY YEARS OLD WHEN HE DIED. HIS EYES WERE NOT DIM NOR HIS NATURAL VIGOR DIMINISHED. ⁸AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL WEPT FOR MOSES IN THE PLAINS OF MOAB THIRTY DAYS. SO THE DAYS OF WEeping AND MOURNING FOR MOSES ENDED. ⁹NOW JOSHUA THE SON OF NUN WAS FULL OF THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM, FOR MOSES HAD LAID HIS HANDS ON HIM; SO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL HEDED HIM, AND DID AS THE LORD HAD COMMANDED MOSES (NKJV)

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The Pilgrim Rest Oasis

Sharing the Faith · Securing the Future

Through faith God has given us the space to be an **oasis** in the middle of the city.

An **oasis** is a fertile spot in the desert where refuge, relief, and refreshment is found.

Be part of God's plan for Pilgrim Rest and this community.

Start contributing to the **Oasis** today!
Let's continue to make progress!



Thank you for your continued support of God's plan for us.

Beginning



Current

Your contribution can be dedicated to a specific activity or the Oasis, in general.

	Educational Enrichment	Technology Literacy	Athletics & Recreation	Performing Arts	Facility Innovation
\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 Subject books for elementary (math, literature, history, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 iPad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 basketballs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 art sets for aspiring artists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External security lighting to keep the street well-lit and safe
\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 Summer Bridge books to help students retain learning during breaks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 "learn how to code" kits for elementary students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 tennis rackets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 beginner saxophones or 8 beginner violins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camera security system to keep everyone safe
\$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 students can be challenged to excel using interactive problem-solving programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 computer for graphic design and website creation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 sets of golf clubs for children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 Play Scripts with performance/licensing fee and cast instructions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wireless PA system to easily communicate at the school
\$5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 smartboard to help teachers engage students in learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 STEM lab cart of materials for a classroom with multiple activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-day Speed and Agility workshop for 15 young aspiring track stars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 pairs of tap shoes for aspiring dancers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Battery operated floor scrubber to keep the building looking its best
\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 trip for 15 students to visit 1 HBCU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 Robotic kits to reinforce studies in STEAM subjects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open gym for 20 young people 1 X a week throughout the winter in a safe place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 200 tickets to see Alvin Ailey Dance Company 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LED light fixtures throughout the school to promote learning and natural light

