

Our Pilgrim Stories



FILLING THE HOLE

If you ask Scott Grosse to tell you about himself, he will say, “I love people.” Engage in just a few minutes of conversation with him, and you will know that he makes an honest assessment of himself. Scott is easy to talk to and find a connection with. If you are looking to make a friend, just say hello to Scott the next time you see him at church. After a few minutes you’ll feel like the two of you have been friends for a long time. It’s no wonder he’s had a long, successful career selling packaging equipment and supplies.

When Scott joined Pilgrim 13 years ago, he returned to his Lutheran roots after trying out several other denominations. A self-professed “pew warmer” at Pilgrim for many years, Scott has gotten more involved in the life of the church in an effort to get to know his church family. This “people-loving” man ironically does not like participating in small groups, but he stepped outside his comfort zone and joined the Men’s Group when it met at the Old Mill Brew Pub. He liked the relaxed atmosphere of the Pub and enjoyed building relationships with guys in the group.

Church has always been an important part of Scott’s life. He grew up in a family that was actively involved in their congregation. He continued that commitment into his adult life and with his own children. When asked why he came back to church after the Covid shutdown, he said, “If I don’t go to church, I feel that I’m missing something. It’s like I have an empty hole that needs to be filled up each week.”

“There’s no moment in my life that I can point to that triggered my faith. It came from the tradition set by my parents when I was growing up,” Scott commented. But faith is not just for Sundays. Prayer is important to him. “I pray all the time, even during the day when I’m at work.”

What a testament to the importance of children’s and family ministry. Yes, parents, the impact you will have on your children by bringing them to church will last a lifetime! Just ask Scott Grosse.