



# Pilgrim Lutheran Church



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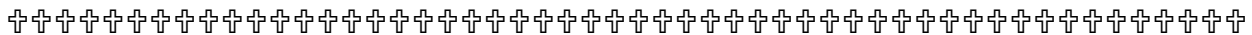
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## The Monthly Newsletter of Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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# *Redeemed*

The law said that a lamb had to be given as a burnt offering for each new born child. If the family couldn't afford a lamb, they were permitted to bring a pair of doves to the temple. And so Joseph and Mary came to the temple with a pair of doves.

Jesus grew up as the son of poor people. He came to live among people so that he could relate to the struggles and strains that we face in this life. We may think it amazing that Jesus was born into poverty, but there's another important truth hidden in the Christmas story. Mary and Joseph offered their sacrifice to fulfill the requirements of God's law. Throughout his life Jesus obeyed God's law. This was God's son—the eternal word of the Father. Shouldn't he have been above the law?

Jesus placed himself under the law for our sake. As created beings we owe obedience to God—that's the message of the law. And along with that message comes the terrifying news that imperfect people like us can't obey his law.

Jesus came to this earth and placed himself under that law of God. He obeyed—perfectly, right down to the last feather on that pair of doves, when we could not. And he came to earth with a mission to lay down that life as the perfect sacrifice for us. The doves and the lambs of the Old Testament were just a shadow of the reality that is Christ.



The Christmas story, then, is a powerful one. It's a story of love and sacrifice. It's a story of redemption. It's a story that still redeems, that still changes lives. Where we had lived only for ourselves we are now heirs of eternal life and God's ambassadors on this planet. What can you do this year at Christmas time to bless others as Christ has blessed you? Can you ease somebody's suffering? Can you make peace to settle an old argument? Can you share the meaning of the season?

*When the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are son, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God made you also an heir.*

- Galatians 4:4-7

*Pastor Pete Leyrer*

*Treasurer's Report – see January*



## *Celebrations & Congratulations*

Elsie Kurth	5
Liana Leyrer	5
Christine Campeau-Satriano	8
Dan Ribolzi	8
Tam Bandelin	12
Lucille Flavin	12
Dorothy DeYoung	13
Eric Johnson	13
Sondra Brust	15
Scott Gostchock	16
Laurie Sorensen	16
Laura Buck	17
Helen Lutz	18
Steve Munson	18
Mildred Suess	18
Jim Johnson	21
Wesley Tucker	22
Rebecca Herzig	23
Olivia Leyrer	23
Ila Janisch	26
Charlette Benson	27

Chad Ellsworth	28
Luella Engelke	28
Tammy Leyrer	31

*He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever. 2 Corinthians 9:9*

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

Erwin & Marion Paulson	December 5
John & Phyllis Martin	December 9
Ray & Gerry Belanger	December 11
Brent & Lori Ryan	December 18
Stan & Katherine Wasley	December 19
Doug & Carol Johnson	December 28

*A Heartfelt Thanks to all for your thoughts, prayers and the cards I received after the loss of my husband, Jim. In times of sorrow and loss the Lord always shows His love and support through my Pilgrim family.*



*Thelma Friton*

## **Time of Grace at a Glance**

Time of Grace is a worldwide media ministry founded in 2001. The mission of this non-profit organization is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with as many people as possible.

Pastor Mark Jeske, of St. Marcus Church in Milwaukee, Wis., delivers the weekly message for Time of Grace which is broadcast on television and radio in more than 18 markets throughout the country including Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Chicago, St. Louis, Orlando, and Washington, DC. It is being aired in Grenada, Romania, on the American Forces Network, and at 5 p.m. CT on Daystar Television Network, an international satellite/cable network.

Pastor Jeske's messages may be ordered in DVD, VHS, CD, or Audio Cassette format by calling or emailing the Time of Grace office or at [timeofgrace.org](http://timeofgrace.org). Recent weekly messages also are provided on the website in streaming video.

A variety of printed materials, from a daily devotion (Grace Moments) to copies of messages, also are available, and requests for information and prayers are regularly received from around the country and world.

In Minneapolis Time of Grace airs on Fox 9 television at 6:30 AM Sundays.

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## A Christmas Gift that keeps on Giving

### Pilgrim Student Sponsorship

Pilgrim Church and School needs your support. Our mission is centered upon "The Great Commission," *Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)* <sup>18</sup>*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

We have students in our school or looking to come to our school for the first time and need financial assistance in order to be able to attend. They need your help. Without tuition assistance and your help in sponsoring them, they will not be able to receive a Christian education at Pilgrim.

Pilgrim is a remarkable institution of quality. Over 95% of our students have gone on and graduated high school. Many have gone into and graduated college and graduate level work. Our school has been blessed and is a blessing. Through your commitment to sponsor a student, you will be helping to ensure a bright educational future and an eternal future of heaven through Christ.

The following amounts are listed as the full charges per student. Please feel free to sponsor full amounts or portions of those amounts. No sponsorship is too small or too large. ☺

I \_\_\_\_\_  
(name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (contact number) am willing to sponsor the following amounts for a student or multiple students:

non-member child (K-8)	\$2,750.00	_____
member child (K-8)	\$995.00	_____
preschool child (2 days)	\$657.00	_____
preschool child (3 days)	\$972.00	_____
school lunch for a year	\$360.00	_____
Pilgrim bus for a year	\$540.00	_____

Total commitment: \_\_\_\_\_

### Christmas Baking

Our Lord's Scripture Cake

4 ½ cups Flour	<i>(2 Samuel 13:8)</i>	1 Pinch Salt	<i>(James 3:12)</i>
1 cup Butter	<i>(Psalm 55:21)</i>	6 Whole Eggs	<i>(Isaiah 10:14)</i>
2 cups Sugar	<i>(Jeremiah 6:20)</i>	½ Cup Milk	<i>(Exodus 3:8)</i>
2 Cups Raisins	<i>(Samuel 30:12)</i>	2 Tablsp Baking Powder	
2 Cups Figs	<i>(Judges 9:11)</i>	as the Leaven	<i>(Leviticus 6:17)</i>
2 Cups Almonds	<i>(Numbers 17:8)</i>	Season to Taste with Spices	
2 Tablsp Honey	<i>(Isaiah 7:15)</i>	<i>(2 Chronicles 9:1)</i>	

Mix all ingredients together to create this divine fruitcake.  
Bake in 325-degree oven for approximately 1hour and 15 minutes



# Planning Ahead



## Women's Bible Study Schedule

**We will only be meeting once in December**  
Please join us in the Fireside room. 9:00 – 10:30 am  
We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday  
December 8  
January 12 & 26

### “Christmas on Broadway”

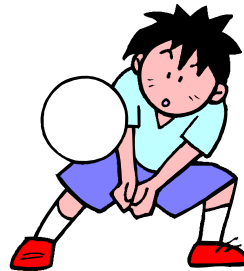
All children, ages 3-10 years, are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun, crafts, songs, and food. December 8 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. (Registration begins at 12:30pm)  
At 4:00, parents, friends, and relatives are invited back to enjoy a show presented by the children.  
After the show, everyone is invited for a spaghetti dinner/

Call 612-379-4296 for more information or to register early

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### VOLLEYBALL

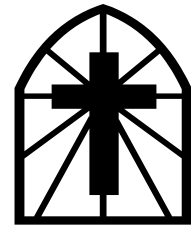
Sign up for the 2008 WELS Adult Volleyball League  
Anyone interested in leading or being a member of the team for Pilgrim, please contact Scott Gostchock at 612-825-5375, ext 106.



### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help out the students and teachers in our school. It may be only once a week or as often as you have time to give. Please contact the church office at 612-825-5375

“ A Few Good Men and Women Needed to Serve “



## School of Outreach

We are looking for 5-12 men and women who are interested in developing an evangelism outreach program at Pilgrim.

Here is how it works: Experienced pastors work with congregational leaders during a weekend to help laypeople to develop a strategic plan for out reach in their area. Consultation is provided for organizing and strengthening one's entire evangelism program. Practical presentations focus on specific components of a congregational evangelism program. Breakout sessions help apply the information and direct the formulation of long-range and short-range goals.

**When & Where** – The School of Outreach begins **Friday** evening at 6:00pm on **April 4, 2008** at St Peter Lutheran Church in Monticello, MN. It ends at 5:00pm on **Sunday April 6.**

**Who to Contact:** Please contact **Galen Sommer** at **612-872-8265** or e-mail him at [galensommer@aol.com](mailto:galensommer@aol.com)

## Wanted Newsletter Items

The Bulletin and the Web Page provide excellent up-to-date event information. If you access either, you are probably well aware of coming events and notices.

The newsletter should offer a more personal look into the Pilgrim Family.

Please help by providing content to this publication. Here are some ideas:

1. A special dedication to family, friend, or areas that affect your Christian Life
2. As always, a thank-you anyone or all who has provided you with some needed reassurance
3. Celebrations that you want to share as a way of expressing joy and appreciation.
4. Some life problem that needs all our prayers
5. A favorite prayer, poem, or daily phrases that helps keep you in touch with what is really important.
6. Something funny or touching that happened to you – Just how did you survive the Holidays?
7. Do You Have Any Additional Ideas???? Send them my way.

I am here to put this all together.

Leave me a note in the Newsletter box, e-mail me, or give me a call. (612-823-1277)

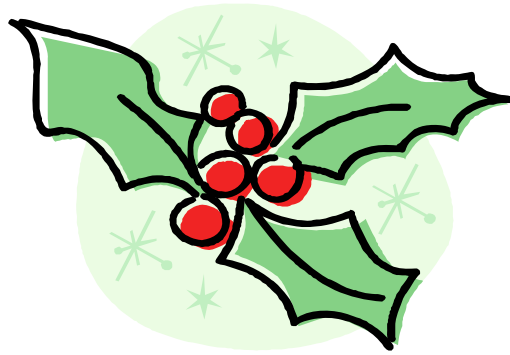
May the Lord be with you for a wonderful Christmas and blessed New Year.

Christine Bedor  
newsletter@pilgrimonline.net



Happy 2008

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**Merry Christmas**

Our Mission Statement

*In Christian Love we reach out to those who do not know  
Jesus Christ and nurture believers through God's Word.*

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