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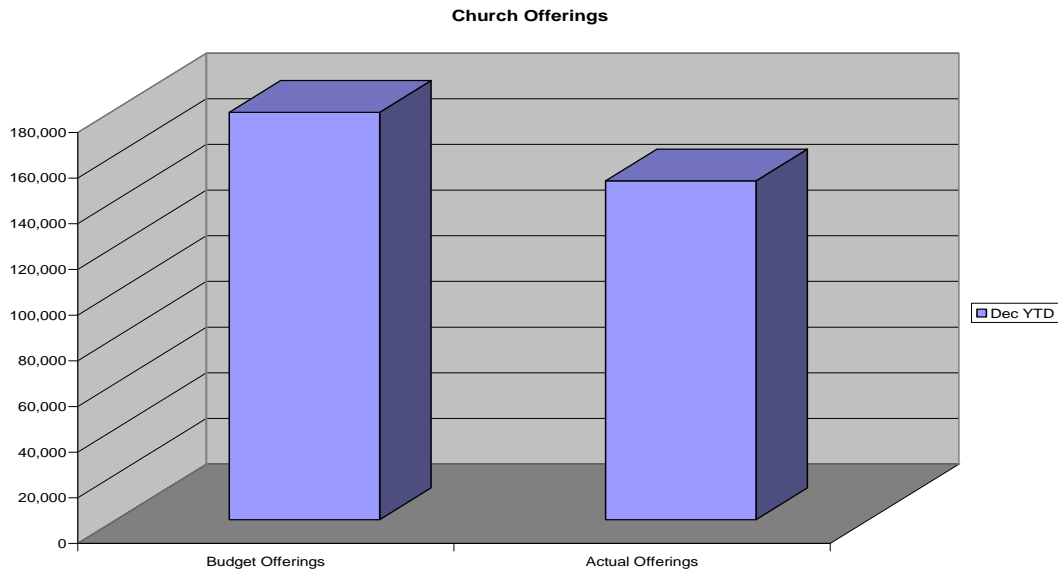
Pastor Leyrer will return next month with an inspirational message. In the meantime; this is the Statement of Faith from our Pilgrim web site. Since not everyone has access to the internet, I felt it was an appropriate substitute.

Faith Statement

We Believe:

1. It is the will of God that the church reach out with the Gospel.
2. The result of proclaiming the Gospel is to make disciples.
3. All other tasks and efforts of the church must support and assist in carrying out this purpose.
4. The Holy Spirit accomplishes work both inside and outside this congregation through the Gospel in God's Word and Sacraments.
5. The ministry of caring for people's needs and sharing God's love is the privilege and responsibility of every Christian and therefore, every member of Pilgrim.
6. The Bible is the Word of God and the only infallible authority in matters of Christian faith and Christian living.

Offering Chart



Treasurer's Report

	December Actual	Year to Date Actual
Income	73,526.94	287,423.63
Expenses	55,401.46	310,416.80
Income less Expenses	18,125.48	(22,993.17)
Reported last month	8,082	(41,209)

Treasurer - Michael S. Anderson

The Real Christmas

A time for togetherness, among all the human race
 Not just for giving as a custom, sending presents from
 place to place
 Do we forget the blessings that we receive day to day?
 Have we forgotten the great gift from God?
 The sacrifice of love, with his son Jesus like to pay
 How can we believe the fairy-tales that are told and
 taught before?
 If there is such a Santa Clause, why does he use the
 chimney and not the door?
 The essence of life, that keep my heart a stroke
 The energy of life from the Father
 Why? Sometimes I ask myself, am I worth it at all?
 But I realize without the great gift of life, I can never
 stand, I'll fall
 Giving is not just something done one day out of the year
 It's the meaningful thoughts of giving everyday, maybe
 to one's life...dear



We want to than our Pilgrim family for your prayers, calls, cards and generous memorial gifts. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. We wish all of you God's richest blessings

The Flavin Family

**Pilgrim Ladies Guild
Minutes – January 2007**

The Pilgrim Ladies Guild met on January 3, 2007. There were 23 members & 1 guest present.

We opened with prayer and enjoyed our lunch and a wonderful cake.

Our serving committee today was Sondra Brust, Gerry Belanger, & Carol Christensen.

We sang happy birthday to Phyllis Martin & Evelyn Melin. We celebrated Evelyn's 90th birthday with cake. She was presented with many cards and a plant.

Scott Gostchock told us about many activities coming up in the near future at Pilgrim. He explained the 3 week course of study that he will be leading on Leadership Training to take place in January & February at Pilgrim. We had many questions for him. This will be a great program for us.

Doris opened the meeting and we sang a couple of songs. We began the business meeting with Sherry Schochenmaier's secretary's report. Then LaVonne Vrchota gave the treasurers report. It was accepted as read.

Betty reported that we will be going to Belle Plaine on March 5th for Bingo with the residents there. It is always a fun day!

We served 115 people for Jim Flavin's funeral. The Guild received a generous check from Lu Flavin for serving the lunch after the funeral."

- ▶ Flowers: We are receiving requests for altar flowers for this coming year. There are still many openings.
- ▶ *Food Shelf: The food shelf is quite adequate at this time.*

- ▶ MLC Auxiliary: The auxiliary meeting will be March 17th. However at this time the place has not been set.
- ▶ Sunshine: Several Get Well cards and a number of Birthday cards were sent. Sondra has made several phone calls to shut-ins.
- ▶ Ways & Means: There are 6 boxes of cards left.
- ▶ Thrivent: Nothing new.
- ▶ Christmas boxes: We had money for 15 boxes of groceries to be given to needy families.

We are OK with the amount of silverware. We were in need of towels so Betty Helmen went to Sam's club and purchased 12 towels.

Evelyn Cockran will be 90 years old on February 4th. She is unable to attend the meeting so we will send her a plant.

We will have 2 bouquets in church on March 18 for our Guild's Anniversary.

Our coffee hour servers for February 18th are Norm & Lu Rogers, Lorraine & Dick Ahlberg, Mary Jean & Bob Florin, & LaVonne Vrochota.

Doris closed the meeting.

Celebrations & Congratulations

February Birthdays

Evelyn Cochran	4
Debra Elmore	6
Carrie Gerdes	6
Joseph Kjornes	6
William Olsen	6
Eldora Danner	8
Kormasa Jallah	8
Steve Owens	12
Isaac Monson	14
Mary Elwood	15
Carolyn Lyons	16
Donna Ditzel	17
Koleen Piske	17
Karla Sampson	17
Amanda Anderson	18
Jeffrey Ditzel	18

Rachel Homan	18
Violet Lowry	19
Nettie Fellows	20
Norma Seebach	23

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you... Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!
Psalm 32:8,11*

February Anniversary

Chad & Kristin Ellsworth February 4

Blessings to Chad and Kristin on their first wedding anniversary!



New Telephone System

The new system was installed about a month ago and we are still learning how everything works. We apologize if anyone has had difficulty in reaching us at church or school. The voice messaging directory for teachers is in school information, the offices (Pastor Pete, Dr. Scott, Karen & Sandy) in church information. If you can't understand the messages, please just leave your message on Ext.100 (*easy to remember*) and I will relay it to the proper person. Thank you for your patience. Karen

Evangelism Committee

Pilgrim's Evangelism Committee met on Wednesday 1/31/07.

This meeting is open to anyone who would like to share ideas and meets monthly. If one isn't able to commit to a monthly meeting, maybe one might be willing to help out with an evangelism event like movie nights or National Night Out in August.

If interested call me at 612-872-8265 or email me at galensommer@aol.com or just show up Wednesday night. Galen W. Sommer, Chairman

New Bible Institute

Scott Gostchock will be teaching a variety of courses on the Pilgrim campus as Pilgrim moves forward with implementing a new 'Bible Institute'.

During the month of January, Scott got this new program underway with the "Christ-centered Team Building and Leadership" course. This is a 3 part leadership and team building class based on sound mainstream research and basic Biblical principles.

Scott serves as the Director of Christian Development at your Pilgrim Church and School. He is a former teacher, principal, and university professor, and currently as an adjunct professor he teaches a variety of graduate level classes for a number of colleges and universities in the areas of leadership, multicultural education, classroom management, and more. He has served the Lord in a variety of ministries in Atlanta and the Twin Cities. (See Planning Ahead for upcoming events)

Cartridges for Cash

Attention All Parents!

Don't throw away that empty cartridge!
Bring it to school!

Our school has launched a fundraising project with the help of Inkjet Recycling company Empties4Cash. Empty cartridges can be recycled and remanufactured. Our school will receive up to \$4.00 for each cartridges turned in. This will directly benefit our school and the students not to mention it is great for the environment.

You can help! Any inkjet cartridge with a print head can be recycled, regardless of brand or type. Do you have an HP, Lexmark, Xerox, Compaq, Brother, Dell, Canon, or Apple printer? Bring in your empty OEM inkjet cartridges (placed in the original box that you would have thrown away to keep it safe from spills and damages, or a Ziploc bag) to the school. (Note: Epson cartridges cannot be recycled – they don't have a print head)

Save up to 80% on cartridges while raising more funds for the school!

InkSmile.com allows consumers to save money on over priced cartridges and they have a 5% Rebate Program where consumers can have 5% of their purchases donated to the school. This will help us raise funds for the school and its students.

Thank you for your Support
Sandy Puterbaugh



MINNESOTA DISTRICT
MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN GIVING

January 4, 2007

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

With the beginning of another year come many “new” things. You may still be figuring out how to operate one of your Christmas presents. Perhaps you have some new things you are trying for the first time. Maybe there are new changes you are making in your life.

We resolve many new tasks, habits, and goals at the beginning of a new year – some by our own volition, others are thrust upon us. Yesterday I had a man stop at the office – he had not stepped foot inside a church in many years. However, the doctor had just given him bad news – malignant melanoma! With a wife and six year old daughter, his thoughts shifted from his day to day activities which had no thought of his Savior, to thoughts of death, eternity, and leaving his daughter if he died. In the midst of all that bad news he needed some good news. That is why we exist – as Christians, as Christian congregations, and as a Christian church body. We have the privilege of sharing the good news of Jesus with souls that are hurting, ignorant, and dying.

Our mission offerings are one of the ways the Lord gives us that privilege to share his message of salvation with the world. If your congregation has not yet submitted your CMO subscription for 2007, please do so as soon as possible. Not only does it allow our Synod to budget our ministry more accurately, it intentionalizes our action of love for the lost. Together we share in the joy of spreading the good news of our Epiphany Savior.

God bless your year with opportunities to share Jesus, and the joy to share it.

Pastor Duane C Schmeichel

MN District - Chairman Ministry of Christian Giving Chairman
Redeemer Lutheran Church, WELS
Maple Grove, MN 55369

Upcomming – Events

Where: Pilgrim Fireside Room

When: Sunday, February 4th

What: Potluck (Bring your favorite dish to share)

Why: A chance to find out about LACE and creatively help finance Pilgrim's present and future in the Lord! Wow!!!

"Come one, come all. **This Sunday, February 4th** following the second service, we are having a potluck - bring your favorite dish to share, mmmmm. Following the potluck we will have a presentation from Brian Roser from LACE - Lutheran Association for Church Extension. He is going to share with us all ways to invest monies to make interest for ourselves and how these investments will help Pilgrim to refinance our current line of credit and plan for a bigger and brighter future in the Lord. Wow! Come one come all. We will be done in plenty of time to get you all home for the Super Bowl. Come one come all this Sunday February 4th, potluck immediately following the second service and an amazing presentation from Brian Roser from LACE.

Thanks be to God. See you all Sunday! Dr. Scott Gostchock

February is Black History Month

To recognize Black History Month, the Youth Group is sponsoring an eat-in or take-out meal. The funds raised will be used for the Youth Group's activities.

The menu consists of:

- Baked Chicken
- Cornbread
- Choice of two sides items
(Choices are: Mac & Cheese. Cabbage or Green Beans)
- Homemade Sweet Potato Pie for dessert

When: **Wednesday, February 21**
Where: Pilgrim Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
Time: **3:00 pm – 6:30 pm**
Prices: Take-out meals \$ 6.50
Eat-in meals
Age 11 on up \$ 6.00
Age 10 and under \$ 3.50



MLC Choir Concert

The choir from Martin Lutheran College is planning to present a concert here at Pilgrim on Friday, February 23, 2007.

We are looking **for host homes to house the students on Friday** evening after the concert. If you could take 1 or 2 students that night, please contact the church office and let Pastor Leyrer or Karen know. We will need many volunteers. Thanking you in advance for your help.

25th Anniversary Celebration

A former Pilgrim teacher, Karen Schmidt, is celebrating 25 years in the teaching ministry.

A reception will be held at Bloomington Lutheran Church, **9350 Portland Ave S**, Bloomington, MN, **January 28, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.**

We congratulate Mrs. Schmidt for her years of service!

PILGRIM MIXERS

No Mixers in the month of February.

Coming in March

18 Holes of Miniature Golf
Saturday, March 10th

Look for details in the
March Newsletter
and
Sunday bulletins

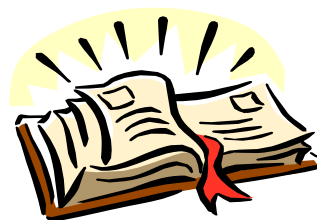
Women's Bible Study Schedule

The 2nd & 4th Saturday
Morning – 9am – 10:30
Fireside Room

February 10 & 24
March 10 & 24
(not a typo the dates are just a coincidence)

We have been a growing diverse group of women. When the group is to large we will break into smaller groups.

Babies are welcome, but be prepared to share the holding.



Planning Ahead {Notices & Opportunities}

. Touche' Banquet

Plan to join us on April 28th for the Fourth Annual Touche' Banquet. This evening is planned as a fundraiser for the Touche Fleming Tuition Assistance Fund. Our support of this fund will help bring opportunities for Christian Education to the children of our church, our school and our community.

Couples

Prepare/Enrich is an inventory for married couples or couples preparing for marriage. Its purpose is to help couples find the strengths in their relationships as well as the areas where they could grow. There are separate inventories for couples preparing for marriage, for married couples, and for married couples who are transitioning to retirement age. Pastor Pete is certified to administer Prepare/Enrich. If you'd like to take the inventory or would like more information, please contact him. You can also find more information the Prepare/Enrich website: www.prepare-enrich.com

Life Innovations, the producers of Prepare/Enrich charges \$29.95 per couple for the inventory. Pastor Pete's evaluation and follow up is a part of his ministry and there is no charge for that expertise to members.

New Bible Institute “Christ-centered Team Building and Leadership”

Dr Scott Gostchock will be teaching a variety of courses on the Pilgrim campus as Pilgrim moves forward with implementing a Bible Institute. “Mark your calendars now” - he will be teaching a 3 part leadership and team building class based on sound mainstream research and basic Biblical principles starting on January 18th at 6:30 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. (January 25th and February 1st will be the next two classes) This class is applicable for anyone in a leadership position, working with others, considering leadership, or just simply wanting to learn.

Here is a brief course description: A successful team and organization requires positive, proactive, and productive leadership and united efforts by all involved – the team. Team building and effective leadership go hand-in-hand. We cannot have one without the other. This course will provide a sound research based foundation for leadership and team building, and it will incorporate and apply Biblical principles to truly provide for successful leadership and team building.

For more information on this class or offerings yet to come, please call Scott at 612-825-5375. May the Lord bless and keep us all as we continue to help everyone see Jesus here at Pilgrim and beyond.

Vacation Bible School - 2007

- The days are **June 26-28**, Tuesday through Thursday night.
- The time will be **5:30-8:30 PM**. We will start with a meal then break off into groups.
- We will have childcare for children under the age of three.
- For children three through fourteen we will be having a puppet show, art projects, physical activity, and a lesson on God's plan for our salvation.
- The adults will be able to attend different sectionals of their choosing.



The sectionals that we have in place so far are as follows:

- + Value of Faith in the Home (Peter Leyrer)
- + Preparing Children for College (Ryan Buch, Bethany College)
- + Parent Involvement Leads to a Successful Student (Scot Goschtock, PHD)
- + Budgeting from a Christian Perspective (Barry Goschtock)
- + Setting Boundries for Your Children (Rhoda Wolle, WLCFS)
- + Marriage Enrichment (Hans Metzser -Youth & Family Minister)

I am hoping to secure more teachers for sectionals. Also, if anyone is willing to donate toward VBS expenses it would be much appreciated.

For questions contact - Mike Homan

Committee Coffee Hour Schedule

Sundays	Odd Month	Even Month
First	Worship	Evangelism
Second	Youth Group	School Board
Third	Ladies Guild	Ladies Guild
Fourth	Stewardship	Finance
Fifth	Circle of Christian Friends	CCF



From the New Letter Lady.

I am adding my e-mail address for anyone who wants to send a submission. The **cut-off date** will be the **the 21st of each month** for the following month.

Let me know a few details:

If you want this to run one time, several times or continuously with some changing dates or other information. This way I can be looking for something. A contact is appreciated but not necessary.

I assume to right to make spelling or other grammer corrections (I am not textbook at this though).

My E-mail address is – Christine.Bedor@Mckesson.com

Home phone – 612-823-1277 and leave a message.



From Pilgrim School

One of our first assignments for the 3rd and 4th grades this year was for the kids to come up with a short prayer before lunch that the whole class could join in and say Amen to. We invite you to use these prayers before your family meals as well.

This is what they came up with...

Thank you Lord for your grace in giving us food. Amen Kris

Dear Jesus, help us be more like you. I will try to be like you. Thank you for dying on the cross and taking our sins away. Ella

Thank you for helping me. Darren

Thank you for this food we are about to receive. Thank you for my new friend. Amen. Eric

Dear Jesus, I ask you to let this food to be good for us, in Jesus name. Amen Stephen

Dear God, help us to have a great meal at lunch. Help us to be thankful for the food we're getting today. Rachel

God, thank you for this food that you gave us. Seth

Dear God, please help us to enjoy the many blessings that you give us and we also ask you to be with us as we enjoy the blessing of food. Please also help us to not complain but to give thanks for this wonderful food. And thank you for letting us gather as Christians and learn about you. And finally we thank you for this school and for our parents who send us to this blessed school. In your name we pray. Amen. Katie

Dear Lord, please bless this food and make it delicious and nutritious for us. Amen Diamond

God is great, God is good, let us thank Him for our food. Bow our heads, share with us, give the Lord our daily bread. Please join us in the meal we are about to receive and we will have a good meal to eat and we will not waste food. When we are done we will be satisfied. Amen. Kiani

Dear almighty and powerful Lamb of God, thank you for all our blessings you gave us all. Today we are going to eat good food that came from you. And that is one of our blessings in your name, Amen Heather

I pray for people who are poor and have no food or water. Thank God for giving us a home and food and I thank God for giving us a good life and keeping us safe in Jesus name. Amen. Taniya

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest, let this food that we take, be in your name Amen. Come Lord Jesus, be our guest, to us be blest. O, give thanks unto the Lord for he is good. His mercy endures forever. Amen. Gunnar

Thank you God, for blessing my classmates and my teacher every day. Keeping Mom's and Dad's and Grandma's and Grandpas's safe. Thank you for keeping a roof over our heads. Amen. Marcus

Come Lord Jesus be our guest and let these gifts with love in Christ so help us be nice to others. Isaac

Thank you for the food and please bless our food that we are about to eat today and thank you for all that you gave us and thank you for sending, giving and providing food for us. Thank you God, Amen James

Dear God, thank you for everything you have given us. Your works are wonderful. Amen Love Isaac

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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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