

# Pilgrim Lutheran

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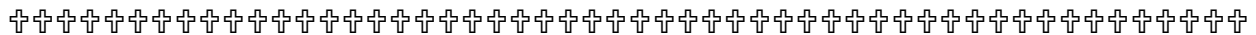
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## The Monthly Newsletter of Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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### **A Two-Faced month**

Maybe it doesn't sound like a compliment, but this is the time of year to be a little "two faced." The name January, you see, comes from Janus, an ancient god of beginnings, of entrances into new ventures or stages of life. The Romans depicted him as a man with two faces, one facing forward and one backward so that he could see the future as well as the past. Beginnings are a time to be a little "two faced", to look back as well as forward. I'm not advocating that we worship Janus or any god but the Father, Son and Spirit, but let's look back and forward a bit:

- This past year we continued to gather as God's people and He continued to bless us through his word and sacraments. This has been an unbroken tradition at Pilgrim since 1923. Praise God for his goodness to us!
- While we made a shift in service format and schedule during 2007—"traditional" worship at 8:30 each Sunday and "contemporary" at 10:30 God's word and sacrament continue to be the center of our worship services.
- During 2007 we mourned the loss of some good people whom the Lord called home. While we grieve the loss, we also know that they now rest from their labors and that we will be reunited with them. More reasons to thank and praise God!
- This past year saw growth in school enrollment, as well as slight increases in church attendance and giving. More reasons to thank and praise God!

In this new year we hope, under God's blessings, to glorify his name with:

- Worship services that continue to focus our attention on God's word and sacrament.
- A new Sunday School program (set to launch March 9, 2008) that will involve parents as well as children.

- Continued growth in school enrollment, church attendance and giving.
- Stephen's Ministry, a training course and visitation ministry that will equip and empower our membership for ministry (see the November 2007 newsletter)
- A variety of course offerings in our Wednesday evening Bible studies, and increased attendance.

May God be with us as thank him for the blessings of the past and hope for the future!

"Lord you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations."  
 - Psalm 90:1

*Pastor Pete Leyrer*

## Treasurer's Report

*Treasurer – Michael Anderson*

|                      | <b>October 07</b> | <b>Year-to-Date</b> |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Income               | \$ 38,400.45      | \$ 191,266.46       |
| Expenses             | \$ 58,832.06      | \$ 236,952.36       |
| -----                | -----             | -----               |
| Income less Expenses | \$ -19,431.61     | \$ -45,685.90       |

|                      | <b>November 07</b> | <b>Year-to-Date</b> |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Income               | \$ 65,149.43       | \$ 256,415.89       |
| Expenses             | \$ 75,256.75       | \$ 312,209.11       |
| -----                | -----              | -----               |
| Income less Expenses | \$ -10,107.32      | \$ -55,793.22       |



### An Extra Gift

The Ladies Guild sponsored the delivery of 11 special Christmas gift bags for some Pilgrim family members.

Thanks to Scott Gostchock for distributing these bags.



## Celebrations & Congratulations

### January Birthdays

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Kula Roberts      | 1  |
| Mark Odegard      | 2  |
| Catherine Eichers | 8  |
| Sarah Manthe      | 9  |
| Norma Kettner     | 10 |
| Phyllis Martin    | 10 |
| Thomas Kurth      | 12 |
| Katherine Wasley  | 13 |
| Geri Geiselhart   | 14 |
| Zoe Herzig        | 15 |
| Travis Moy        | 15 |
| Nicole Minea      | 17 |
| Barb Schuler      | 17 |
| Hannah Bandelin   | 18 |
| Arthur Wessels    | 22 |
| Elmer Melin       | 23 |
| Nolan Dittrich    | 23 |
| Brita Mickevicius | 27 |

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| Amanda Wasley | 27 |
| Sarah Wasley  | 27 |
| Mary Lindgren | 30 |

*In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation. Psalm 5:3*

### Wedding Anniversaries

Duane & Karen Sonnenburg  
♥ January 7 ♥

*If we missed **your** birthday or anniversary, it may be because the office doesn't have it on file. Please call Tam at 612-825-5375 with the information.*

## A Heartfelt Thanks

Those little red pocket calendars that have been available at Pilgrim for many years were also distributed with the *Pilgrim Proclaimer* in December. What a blessing to know that many people will read a new Bible verse each month as they carry this calendar in their pocket or purse. And, information about Pilgrim Church and School is all there too.

Thank you, **Lorraine Schanzenbach** for letting your heart for Evangelism reach out with this generous gift!



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## Alter Flowers – 2008

Anyone wishing to reserve your special Sunday to beautify our alter, and to honor a loved one or a special occasion may do so now. Certain dates have already been requested.  
Here are the available dates:

|          |                                 |           |  |
|----------|---------------------------------|-----------|--|
| January  | 13 - 20 - 27                    | July      | 6(1) – 13 – 20 - 27                        |
| February | 3 – 10 - 24                     | August    | 3 – 10 – 17 – 24 - 31                      |
| March    | 2 – 9(1) – 16 – 23(Easter) - 30 | September | 7 – 14 – 21 - 28                           |
| April    | 6 – 13 – 20(1) – 27(1)          | October   | 5 – 12 – 19 - 26                           |
| May      | 4 – 11(1) – 16 - 26             | November  | 2 – 9 – 16(1) – 23 – 27(Thanksgiving) – 30 |
| June     | 1 – 8 – 15 – 22 - 29            | December  | 7 – 14- 21 – 24/25 - 28                    |

Please Circle the date you would like to reserve as well as a second choice – and fill in the information below.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

2 Arrangements...\$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_ One Arrangement ...\$17.50 \_\_\_\_\_

Put this form in my mailbox outside the church office and mark with “Alter Flowers: Lila Aske”  
I will contact you a month before your date to determine the wording you would like in the bulletin the day your flowers will be on the alter.

Thanks so much for your continued support in adding colorful beauty to our Alter.

For questions, contact Lila Aske 952-544-1072  
1640 Kilmer Ave  
St Louis Park, MN 55426

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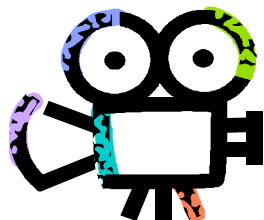
## Upcoming Events

### MOVIE NIGHT

**January 27**  
**Wednesday 6:30 p.m.**

Bring a friend, acquaintance, relative, family member to watch the movie **Facing the Giants**.

A discussion of the movie will follow. We extend a warm welcome to our Pilgrim neighbors and friends to join us.



### Congregational Meeting

**January 20<sup>th</sup>**

Services time changes

**Special Service at 9:30**

Meeting will begin at 11am

A Potluck Lunch to follow the meeting



## Women's Bible Study

### Women and Diversity = Dynamic Bible Study

The Pilgrim Women's Bible Study met only once in December. But come January we will be back to the usual schedule: the second and fourth Saturday of each month starting at 9:00 a.m. in the fireside room.

Our December meeting was awesome as we talked about women of the Bible who impressed us in some way. The group kept coming back to Mary, the mother of Jesus, but many other women that we had studied through our sessions were discussed at length.

We are a diverse gathering of women (we've held two baby showers since our inception and some of us sport silver hair.) Soon we will be starting a new study book and this would be a perfect time for additional women to join our group – maybe you?



All women of Pilgrim are welcome as well as any guest you want to bring that would like to get to know Jesus Christ as their Savior. Please consider this an invitation to you and friends you bring.

If you have questions, please call Doris, 612-922-5058 or Betty, 612-823-4885.

Women's Bible Study  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Morning  
Fireside room at Pilgrim  
See you!

## Wednesday's at Pilgrim

*We're taking a Winter break from our usual Wednesday evening schedule on December 26 and January 2. And then . . . we'll be back at it with some new material and formats.*

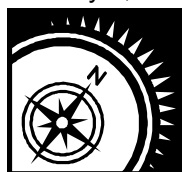
*Looking for a New Year's resolution? How about resolving to spend an hour in prayer and study on Wednesday's with your brothers and sisters in faith? Invite a friend!*

### Schedule

December 26, 2007 and January 2, 2008: Winter break

January 9, 2008

6:30 PM



*Which Way Does the Compass Point?* A brief introduction to Chinese culture.  
Presented by Pastor Peter Leyrer

Starting January 16, 2008

6:30 PM Two choices

### Family Education Hour

Christian education and discipline, Christ centered . . . more. Call Scott if you need babysitting: 612  
Presented by Dr. Scott Gostchock

OR



family leadership, family Bible studies  
825 5375 x 106

### The Book of Revelation



Confusing . . . fascinating . . . frightening? The last book of the Bible raises lots of questions, but when we look at it in the light of Scripture, we find a real message of hope. Presented by Pastor Peter Leyrer

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## Who am I?

Do you ever feel so pulled apart by all that goes on in your life and in the world? It's easy to lose who you really are.

But scripture tells us that in Christ, I Am....

|   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| God's beloved child   | John 1:12 / Ephesians 1:5           |
| Christ's dear friend  | John 15:5                           |
| Declared perfectly righteous [Justified]                      | Romans 5:1                          |
| Free from condemnation  | Romans 8:1                          |
| United with Christ, 'one spirit' with Christ                  | I Corinthians 6:17 / Ephesians 5:31 |
| A member of Christ's body                                     | I Corinthians 6:15 / 12:27          |
| The Temple of God   | I Corinthians 6:19                  |
| Filled with the "fullness of God"                             | Ephesians 3:19                      |
| A 'holy one [saint]   | Ephesians 1:1                       |
| Blessed with every spiritual blessing                         | Ephesians 1:3                       |
| Holy and Blameless  | Ephesians 1:4                       |
| Bought with an infinite price and forgiven                    | I Corinthians 6:20 / Ephesians 1:7  |
| Bathed with wisdom and understanding                          | Ephesians 1:8                       |
| Possessed with the Mind of Christ                             | I Corinthians 2:16                  |
| Inseparable from God's love                                   | Romans 8:35-39                      |
| One who will NEVER be abandoned                               | Matthew 28:20                       |
| The beautiful bride of Christ who 'ravishes' the heart of God | Song of Solomon 4:1 / 6:4           |
| One over whom the Lord rejoices, sings and claps              | Zephaniah 3:17 / Luke 15:7-10       |
| A recipient of God's own peace                                | John 14:27                          |
| Filled with the peace of and joy of God                       | Romans 14:17                        |
| One in whom Christ's joy is fulfilled                         | John 15:11                          |
| Given direct access to the Father by the Holy Spirit          | Ephesians 2:18                      |
| Seated with Christ in heavenly realms                         | Ephesians 2:6                       |
| Hid in Christ in heavenly realms                              | Colossians 3:1-5                    |
| Crucified, Buried, and Raised in Christ                       | Romans 6:1-11                       |
| Made perfect forever  | Hebrews 10:14                       |
| Made complete in Christ                                       | Colossians 2:10                     |
| Indwelt by a fearless Spirit                                  | 2 Timothy 1:7                       |
| One of God's precious works of art                            | Ephesians 2:10                      |
| Indwelt by a spirit of power, love, and stability             | 2 Timothy 1:7                       |
| A citizen of heaven   | Philippians 3:20                    |
| Predestined to look like Jesus and see Him in His glory       | Romans 8:29 / I John 3:1-5          |
| One God is working to bring good out of evil                  | Romans 8:28                         |
| Sale of the earth   | Matthew 5:13                        |
| A branch chosen to bear fruit                                 | John 15:16                          |
| A co-worker with God  | I Corinthians 3:9                   |
| An ambassador of Christ and minister of reconciliation        | 2 Corinthians 5:17-20               |
| A priest of the most high God                                 | I Peter 2:5-9                       |
| More than a conqueror in all things                           | Romans 8:37                         |
| One who can do all things in Christ                           | Philippians 4:13                    |

### **Got News??**

I am always looking for contents for this newsletter. Pilgrim has such an amazing website thanks to Joe Sorensen that it is easy to forget how nice it is to sit down and read a newsletter. Plus many of us are limited or have no access to the internet. (If you haven't visited this site, there is beautiful music playing while you navigate around. )

Just write up, hand in, or E-mail an items. [Christine.Bedor@mckesson.com](mailto:Christine.Bedor@mckesson.com)

And thanks for your patience and support of my efforts to bring this to you each month.

**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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