

Pilgrim Lutheran Church



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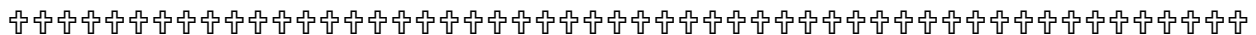
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The Monthly Newsletter of Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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"I know that my Redeemer lives" are the words of a favorite Easter hymn. Recently, a popular song on Christian radio uses the same title. We love the words, and we love to sing them with confidence. But did you ever stop to think about where those words were first spoken?

The sentence comes from the Old Testament book of Job—chapter 19, verse 25 to be exact. In the first two chapters of the book, Job loses his family, wealth and health. He still has life and a wife, and she tells him to "curse God and die." Then his friends appear. One by one they tell him that he is suffering because he has sinned against God.

So there's Job: struck down for reasons he doesn't understand, surrounded by people who won't support him. And in all that, we hear this wonderful confession of Easter faith: "I know that my Redeemer lives." Job knew that the hardships he faced were only temporary, but that his Redeemer is forever.

Friends, our Redeemer lives! Health and wealth can come and go. Trials and temptations will always trouble us as long as we live. Even friends can let us down. But each day we can take comfort in a Savior who does not change. The sins that weigh us down have been forgiven. Our Savior paid for them with his own life, but even death itself could not keep our Redeemer down.

When hard times come our way, people may say, "Don't let it get you down." Often these are empty words with no power to comfort. The power of Easter isn't in nice sounding words. The power is in the person and

victorious resurrection of Jesus Christ. He lives! He has conquered death and hell, and we know that his victory is ours.

I know that my Redeemer lives,
 And that in the end he will stand upon the earth.
 And after my skin has been destroyed,
 yet in my flesh I will see God;
 I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another.
 How my heart yearns within me!

Job 19:25-27

Pastor Pete Leyrer

Treasurer's Report

	January	Year to Date
Income	47,836.69	361,701.60
Expenses	<u>63,521.97</u>	<u>427,892.07</u>
Income less Expenses	-15,414.28	-66,190.47

Treasurer - Michael Anderson



Celebrations & Congratulations

March Birthdays 2008

Barbara Laux	1	Malinda Seibert	26
Erwin Paulson	1	Roland Warnke	27
Thomas Nordby	3	Gertrude Zuhlsdorf	27
Richard Alhberg	5	Jacob Knutson	28
Jimmiee Gaulden	5	Arthur "Mac" Robinson	29
Verne Voss	7	Joseph Sorensen	29
Olivia Robinson	8	Lila Aske	30
Andrienne Bruess	12	Dene Zimmermann	30
Nathan Gerdes	12	Richard Kjornes	31
Rozetta Norman	15		
Calvin Huggar, Jr.	16		
Robert Nordby	16		
Andrew Bandelin	18		
Thomas Bonde	20		
Quincy Ndekwe	20		
Michael DeYoung	22		
Jonathan Honerbrink	22		
Debra Ndekwe	22		
Emily Leyrer	23		
Austin Fischer	25		
Burnadean Johnson	25		

*Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
 whose hope is in the Lord his God....Psalm 146:5*

March Wedding Anniversaries

Robert & Betty Helmen	March 5
Michael & Carol Anderson	March 20

My sincere apologies for sending the 2007 birthday list to be published in the February newsletter. This is known as U.E. – User Error. Below are printed the updated 2008 February statistics.

{ **Blushing Betty Helmen** }

**Corrected 2008
February Birthdays**

Evelyn Cochran	4	Donna Ditzel	17
Carrie Gerdes	6	Koleen Piske	17
Joseph Kjornes	6	Karla Sampson	17
William Olsen	6	Jeffrey Ditzel	18
Kormasa Jallah	8	Rachel Homan	18
Steve Owens	12	Violet Lowry	19
Brian Hanson	14	Nettie Fellows	20
Isaac Monson	14	Sarah Homan	22
Mary Elwood	15	Norma Seebach	23
Carolyn Lyons	16		



March, 2008. The following is a list of Pilgrim members who are unable or challenged to get out of their residence. Remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

Think about a friendly visit

Mrs. Lorraine Lawrence

Osseo Gardens
525 Second Street Southeast
Osseo, MN 55369
763-425-9931

Mrs. Betty Weist

6288 Louisiana Court North, #215
Minneapolis, MN 55428
763-536-0178

Mrs. Helen Bronson

5318 Maryland Avenue North
Crystal, MN 55428
763-533-7494

Virgil and Luella Engelke

2788 Utica Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55416-1813
952-929-6671

Virgil Engelke

Jones Harrison Nursing Home
3700 Cedar Lake Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55416

Mr. Randy Danner

1215 9th Street South
Minneapolis, MN 55404-1710
612-333-0111

Mrs. Ruby Weaver

6130 Lyndale Avenue, #103
Richfield, MN 55419
612-825-9488

Mr. George Scott

8310 University Northeast, #213
Fridley, MN 55432
763-780-1953

Mrs. LuVerne Jacobsen

3220 Lake Johanna Boulevard,
#239
Lake View Unit S
Arden Hills, MN 55112
651-697-2668

Mrs. Leila Penke

970 43½ Avenue Northeast, #11
Minneapolis, MN 55421
763-781-0078

Mrs. Ethlyn Ufkin

5015 35th Avenue, #419
Minneapolis, MN 55417
612-724-2059

Mr. Paul Weist

Vets Hospital, Building 6
5101 Minnehaha
Minneapolis, MN 55417
612-721-0600

Erwin and Marian Paulson

5939 Chicago Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55417
612-861-3015

Mr. Patrick Neeley

4236 Oakland Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55407
612-822-1261

Kile, Marjorie

Redeemer Health and Rehab
Center
625 West 31st Street
Minneapolis, MN 55408
612-827-2555

Mrs. Irene Bittner
Friendship Manor
1340 West 3rd Avenue
Shakopee, MN 55379
952-402-9509

Mrs. Ande Bruess
Sunrise Senior Assisted Living
18605 Old Excelsior Boulevard
Minnetonka, MN 55345
952-474-5047

Mrs. Helen Lutz
3535 Bryant Avenue South,
#707
Minneapolis, MN 55408
612-824-0452

Mrs. Lorraine Schanzenbach
6445 Washburn Avenue South
Richfield, MN 55423-1032
612-869-0003

Mrs. Evelyn Cochran
Alterra
315 East Thompson
West 999 St. Paul, MN 55118
651-453-1805

Pastor Pete in China

I'll be traveling to China again this month. I'll be away from Pilgrim for three Sunday's: March 30, April 6 and 13.

For the past couple of years I've worked with Friends of China. This group sends English teachers to China, and it's been my privilege to help with some of the training and support of these teachers. I'll be traveling this year with one other pastor, and together we'll get to the five Chinese cities that our teachers call home.



One of those teachers, Destin Waese-Casci, comes from Pilgrim. This is her second year as a teacher in the city of Yinchuan, capital of Ningxia province.

I look forward to sharing news of Destin and her co-workers adventures when I return!

Peace,
Pastor Pete

Synod News

Dear faithful supporter of WELS,

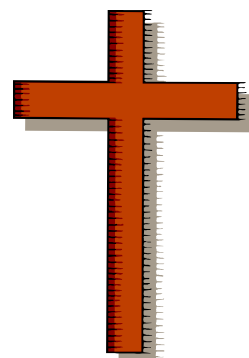
WELS Ministry of Christian Giving wants to make you aware of two resources-one to help in your daily walk of faith, the other to help you stay better informed of the work taking place in God's name through the worldwide ministry of our synod. Both are free and can be delivered directly to your computer.

"Daily Devotions" are delivered Monday through Friday and offer a Scripture reading followed by a brief life application and short prayer. Receive [Daily Devotions](#) either by e-mail or RSS feed to provide you with a daily dose of spiritual encouragement.

WELS' [Together](#) e-newsletter will keep you up-to-date on the most essential developments across the synod. Available by e-mail subscription, it is sent out each month on the first and third Mondays. Be sure to read the latest edition and subscribe (if you haven't already) to get all future editions. Just follow the simple instructions.

Finally, please forward this message on so that these valuable resources will be available to as many WELS members (and others who might be interested) as possible!

In Our Savior's Service,
Pastor Dave Liggett
WELS Director of Christian Giving



Matching Funds from Thrivent

Pilgrim Lutheran Church has received matching funds in the amount of \$1,600 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for distribution in 2008. These funds will be divided between any Pilgrim group which holds a fund raising event in 2008. To qualify for matching funds, a request must be pre-approved by Thrivent. If your group will be holding such an event, please contact one of the following congregational coordinators before April 15:

Congregational Coordinators:

Betty Helmen 612-823-4885

Amy Denn 612-827-1732

Mark Heilman 763-593-2910

Thrivent Matching Funds distributed in 2007 to six fund raising events were as follows:

Lenten Soup Suppers

Youth Group 200

Circle of Christian Friends 200

Rummage Sale

Sunday School Trip 200

Non-Public School Marathon

Tuition Assist/School Equip. 300

Ladies Guild Make & Bake Sale

World & Home Missions 400

Girl Pioneer Make & Bake 100

Girl Pioneer Wreath Sale 200

Pilgrim Ladies Guild Minutes

February 6, 2008

The February meeting began at 11:00 a.m. to allow enough time for the ladies to attend the Ash Wednesday service at 1:00 p.m. Twenty-two members and two visitors were in attendance. Thank you to the serving committee, Phyllis Martin and LaVonne Vrchota for the cheery valentine theme.

Pastor Leyrer introduced the three girls from Pilgrim who will be going on a mission trip to China in June, Hannah Bandelin, Olivia and Liana Leyrer. A total of nine students from St. Croix will visit high schools in China. We watched a DVD presentation that the mission team put together in their Broadcast/Journalism class at St. Croix. It will be used for fund raising appeals at various churches. The theme of the DVD was "Why Do You Want to Go To China?" The answer came back over and over – "to spread God's Word." There was discussion about a gift from Ladies Guild to support the mission trip. A motion was made, seconded and passed to give each girl \$100.

Margaret Johnson opened the meeting in President Doris Belsaas' absence. We sang "Happy Birthday" to Evelyn Cochran, Violet Lowry, Sarah and Rachel Homan. The Secretary's Minutes and Treasurer's Reports were approved as read. Many thank you notes for the Christmas gifts from the staff and various missions were passed around. One thank you note included an invitation from our organist, Arthur Wessels for Ladies Guild members (and congregation members) to sit in the balcony during the service to observe and enjoy the beautiful instrument as it is being played.

Committee reports followed. *The Catering Committee* would appreciate donations of bars for funeral luncheons from people other than Guild members. *Food Shelf* items will be needed in early March for stocking the Martin Luther College married students food shelf. *Altar flowers* will be placed on the altar on March 16 in honor of the Guild anniversary.

The meeting was adjourned in time for the ladies to attend the Ash Wednesday service.

85th Ladies Guild Anniversary in March

Reflections – from March 1991, Pauline Jorgenson

On March 23, 1923, a group of five ladies met a Pastor Bast's pardonage at 4350 Harriet Avenue for the purpose of orgainzing a Guild. A constitution was adopted in April. The Guild firs met in homes until the group becae larger, Then they met at the church at 39th and Grand

The 20's and 30's were hard years. It was difficult to meet church expenses and pay the Pastor's salary. The women helped by having many bake sales, rummage sales, bazaars and dinners. The women did take time for socializing. In 1933 a celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Guild was held at Mrs. Bjork's Trio Eat Shop. The cost of the luncheon was 35 cents.

Guild Reflections con't:

Plans were started for a new church at 39th and First Avenue. The women contributed over \$2000 toward the purchase of lots. The Guild bought seven dozen dinner plates, salad plates, cups and seven dozen sets of silverware for their future kitchen. In March of 1940, prior to the completion of the new church plans the congregation suffered the loss of Pastor Paul Bast. (Another blow was endured in March 1945, when his son Paul was killed in Service.)

Under the guidance of Pastor Roman Palmer, the New Pilgrim was built and dedicated in February 1942. During the following years, whenever the Guild had a limited amount in the treasury, it would vote to make a unit payment of the church debt in the amount of \$443.10. The total extra mortgage payments made by the Guild was in the amount of \$11,691.30. They also paid \$1000 toward the gallery window (Incidentally, the beautiful memorial windows and name plates cost only \$61.25).

Church dinners became an annual event. In 1942, the Guild served a chicken dinner charging 60 cents for adults and 35 cents for children. By the mid-50's bountiful smorgasbords were the rage and a suggested free will offering of \$1.00 for adult and 50 cents for children.

Catering for weddings has been a featured service of the Guild. (In 1969 thirteen weddings were served, two in one day.) Among the purchases for the church were kitchen equipment, dining room tables, and folding chairs. Monies from the Make & Bake Sales have been designated for Home and Foreign Missions.

For these 67 years, the object of this Society continued to be "to further Christian fellowship among the women of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, to assist in the work of our church and other worthy causes".

BIG NEWS - March will begin a new bible study series. We spent time looking at different formats and authors. We have decided on one of the Women of Faith series from Nelson Publishing.

Adventurous Prayer by Patsy Clairmont

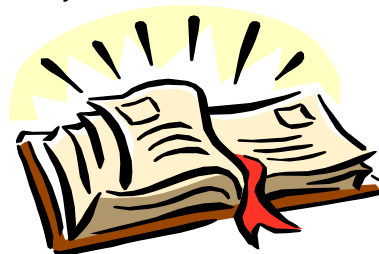
We are very excited about this new bible study. PLEASE join us.

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

Women's Bible Study
2nd and 4th Saturday Morning
Fireside room at Pilgrim
See you there!



Easter Flowers to glorify God's house

There is still time to place your order for Easter flowers. Orders will be taken until Sunday, March 9. Complete the order form found in the Sunday Bulletin



Watch for information on the upcoming Touche' Flemming Tuition Fund banquet. Mark your calendars for May 3.

Pilgrim statistics for the past 26 years

As we prepare to develop an outreach strategy for Pilgrim we'll take a look at helpful statistics. First we'll look at ministration, education, and contribution statistics.

In the April and May Newsletter we'll look at the dynamics of the 55409 area code in which Pilgrim sits. These statistics will include household characteristics, families' characteristics, population total by age and sex, and executive summary.

Galen W. Sommer, Evangelism Chairman

CONTRIBUTIONS

Yr	Per Cong		Per Comm		Per Synod		Per Add'l		Per Total		
	Mnstrys	Home	CMO	CMO	Other	Othr	Indiv	Mnstrys	Addl	Contrib	Total
06	351,876	954	3,104	8	2,044	6	6,142	2,450	7	359,474	974
05	353,000	944	1,662	4	1,538	4	5,820	3,000	8	359,200	960
04	352,530	933	1,864	5	881	2	3,370	3,486	9	358,761	949
03	347,830	933	5,593	15	252	1	3,635	16,942	45	370,617	994
02	343,669	849	9,682	24	662	2	2,730	15,249	38	369,262	912
01	175,788	426	11,995	29	7,218	17	31,714	7,588	18	202,589	491
00	312,285	752	11,861	29	975	2	??????	18,500	45	343,621	828
99	307,800	714	13,102	30	2,534	6	2,175	21,200	49	344,636	800
98	319,100	715	10,760	24	2,058	5	1,685	18,615	42	350,533	786
97	325,735	740	13,930	32	188	0	7,145	18,620	42	358,473	815
96	305,521	671	15,120	33	207	0	1,100	18,180	40	339,028	745
95	310,007	677	12,318	27	605	1	4,199	16,250	35	339,180	741
94	324,616	686	10,800	23	2,177	5	0	16,450	35	354,043	749
93	300,048	610	11,406	23	20,971	43	0	17,323	35	349,748	711
92	274,004	471	17,478	30	14,800	25	0	14,494	25	320,776	551
91	255,790	417	21,165	35	27,171	44	0	11,750	19	315,876	515
90	296,029	463	21,101	33	2,645	4	0	10,250	16	330,025	516
89	350,000	453	24,834	32	8,630	11	0	14,167	18	397,631	514
88	267,448	325	34,228	42	0	0	0	18,000	22	319,676	388
87	269,597	310	32,000	37	0	0	0	17,700	20	319,297	367
86	251,386	296	32,000	38	20,025	24	0	17,750	21	321,161	378
85	220,317	270	32,000	39	6,633	8	0	18,077	22	277,027	340
84	225,691	271	32,000	38	17,880	21	0	18,776	23	294,347	354
83	195,465	234	30,500	37	53,000	63	0	23,507	28	302,472	362
82	212,159	253	30,500	36	13,048	16	0	18,307	22	274,014	327
81	231,767	277	31,675	38	4,656	6	0	18,937	23	287,035	343
80	192,063	255	36,500	48	5,776	8	0	15,500	21	249,839	331

EDUCATION

Yr	All		Other		Pre-		Sun		Sun		Teen		Att	
	5-13	Enrol	Elem	Male	Fem	schl	Schl	Schl	VBS	VBS	Bibl	Adlt	Syn	Area
06	30	20	0	3	2	2	9	2	41	6	12	30	0	6
05	41	22	0	3	2	3	6	1	35	5	12	25	2	6
04	32	19	0	2	5	1	13	4	45	8	16	55	2	4
03	38	26	0	2	5	2	14	2	0	0	32	58	2	3
02	38	29	0	2	4	0	35	8	45	12	25	55	2	6

Yr	All 5-13	Elem Enrol	Other		Fem Tch	Pre- schl Enrol	Sun Schl Enrol	Sun Schl Tch	VBS Enrol	VBS Tch	Teen Bibl	Adlt Bibl	Att	
			Elem Enrol	Male Tch									Syn Schl	Area HS
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00	0	87	0	2	4	30	35	7	0	0	5	45	0	11
99	0	88	0	2	3	29	30	6	0	0	6	38	0	10
98	0	99	0	2	5	30	36	6	0	0	15	40	0	12
97	0	104	0	2	5	28	35	6	0	0	15	40	0	12
96	0	94	0	2	5	18	38	6	48	9	10	40	0	8
95	0	114	0	2	5	25	45	10	75	12	25	45	0	8
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91	0	127	0	3	3	15	53	10	76	15	10	60	0	8
90	0	117	0	3	3	0	50	13	88	17	15	75	0	13
89	0	110	0	3	3	0	62	12	89	7	10	45	0	22
88	0	130	0	3	3	0	56	12	94	7	12	110	1	26
87	0	122	0	3	4	0	73	13	98	6	13	120	1	24
86	0	137	0	3	4	0	78	15	103	6	13	120	0	18
85	0	140	0	3	4	0	75	15	90	20	0	85	1	9
84	0	140	0	3	4	0	60	13	75	15	0	120	2	12
83	0	139	0	3	4	0	60	12	70	18	0	90	2	16
82	0	150	0	3	4	0	50	11	96	14	0	63	2	13
81	0	154	0	3	4	0	50	12	87	15	0	58	2	22
80	0	147	0	3	5	0	60	12	90	15	0	15	2	25

MINISTRATIONS

Yr	Bapt Mbshp	Com Mbshp	Baptism		Confirm		Prof Faith	Tran In	Com Death	Tran Out	Join Othr	Rem ove	Avg		
			Ch	Adlt	Ch	Adlt							Sun Att	Marr iage	Bur ial
06	434	369	7	0	6	0	6	5	6	10	6	0	184	4	8
05	434	374	4	1	4	0	4	13	8	8	6	0	203	2	9
04	470	378	5	0	11	1	1	12	7	2	6	5	221	3	8
03	418	373	11	0	5	0	7	15	7	4	34	0	229	3	7
02	491	405	6	0	4	0	1	6	7	2	5	5	306	2	5
01	497	413	2	2	7	0	4	5	6	11	1	1	311	4	6
00	507	415	3	2	8	0	3	0	4	1	0	22	329	5	4
99	537	431	5	0	9	0	4	5	8	6	6	12	242	4	8
98	557	446	9	3	10	0	5	3	2	8	2	0	257	2	2
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96	560	455	8	0	6	0	11	13	7	14	8	4	295	4	6
95	564	458	2	0	4	0	4	2	5	6	4	17	268	3	5
94	577	473	16	0	6	0	3	7	7	2	6	20	252	6	4
93	583	492	11	0	2	0	15	14	5	37	18	61	244	5	6
92	663	582	5	0	7	1	10	8	4	16	16	21	290	4	3
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85	993	815	22	0	8	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	375	9	7
84	1,010	832	18	2	11	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	395	4	11
83	1,013	835	19	1	15	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	391	9	5
82	1,008	837	15	1	11	11	4	0	0	0	0	0	375	4	6
81	1,011	836	11	0	7	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	400	4	12
80	1,005	754	9	0	17	11	5	0	0	0	0	0	377	6	10

In a time when our communications with each other are getting shorter and shorter, this poem might be a useful tool.

The Bible in 50 Words

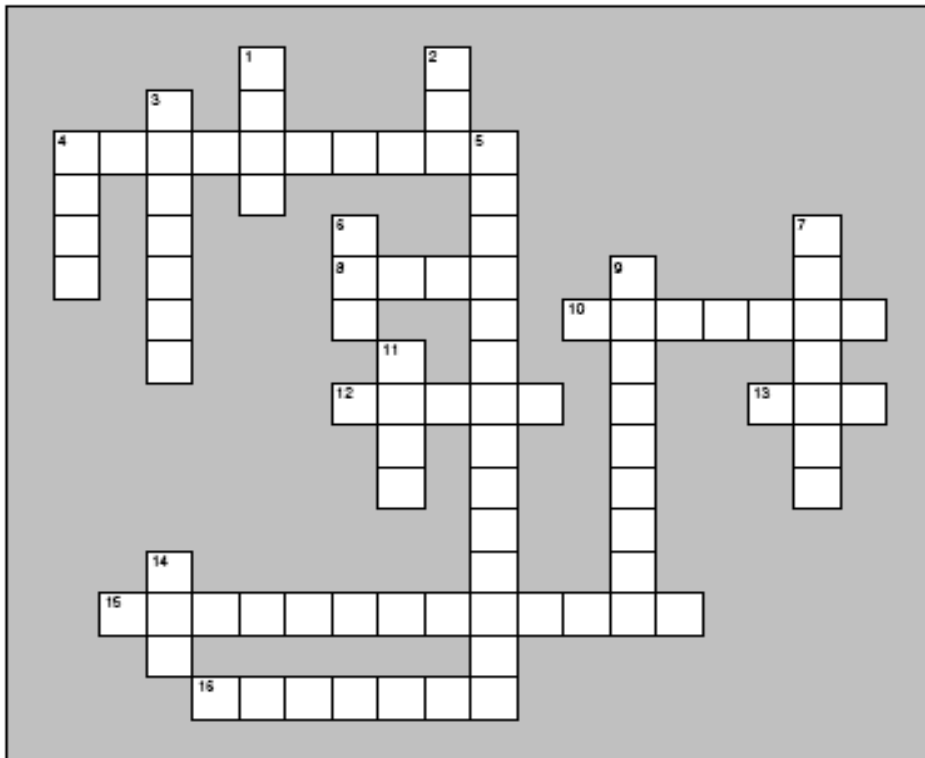
God Made
Adam bit
Noah arked
Abraham split
Joseph Ruled
Jacob fooled
Bush talked
Moses Balked
Pharaoh Plagued
People walked
Sea divided
Tables guided
Promise landed
Saul freaked
David peeked
Prophets warned
Jesus born
Gold walked
Love talked
Anger crucified
Hope died
Love rose
Spirit flamed
Word spread
God remained

[HELP – I was given a recipe to put in the newsletter and I lost it plus I don't recall who gave it to me. Please let me know who you are and I will be sure to do better next month...]

Something new

This is my first try at pulling this together. Thanks very much to Elaina Helmen for helping out.

Crossword



Across

4. They often provide the music for the second service
8. Let all God's People Say
10. After the congregational quarterly meeting we have a _____
12. Pilgrim church faces _____ Ave South
13. What people sit on in church
15. The church's web page contains www._____.net
16. Pilgrim school faces _____ Ave

Down

1. A former Pilgrim pastor who played the guitar and banjo
2. When Jesus was arrested, His disciples _____ away
3. Pilgrim's organ in the _____
4. Our Pastor's nickname
5. Mrs. Cambrice's title
6. Our talented violinist
7. Where the pastor reads the scripture
9. The second and fourth Sunday of the month, we celebrate _____
11. Jesus was our prophet, priest, and _____
14. A favorite dessert at potlucks

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Answers in April Newsletter

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 any items to Christine Bedor – newsletter@pilgrimonline.net

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

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