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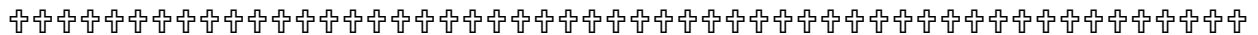
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The Monthly Newsletter of Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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Stephen Ministries is coming!

At our last quarterly meeting, the congregation approved financial support for Stephen Ministries training. After studying Stephen Ministries material and speaking with other pastors and congregations within our fellowship, I'm excited about this opportunity to expand the scope of our ministry here at Pilgrim. Rather than write about Stephen Ministries myself, I'm reprinting one of their articles. You can find much more information about the program at www.stephenministries.org.

See the Stephen Ministries Insert

Pastor Pete Leyrer

Treasurer's Report

	September 07	Year to Date
Income	\$47,125	\$149,828
Expenses	\$49,238	\$177,101
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Income less Expenses	(\$2,113)	(\$27,273)

Treasurer – Michael Anderson



Celebrations & Congratulations

November Birthdays

Bob Florin	1
Miriam Vogel (Lemke)	1
Bill Brust	3
Jody Dittrich	3
Jeremy Juern	4
Floyd Rodmyre	4
Dorothea Dorschner	5
Les Swanson	5
Andrea Neumann	6
Jean Crumlett	7
Zion Fischer	7
Heather Herzig	7
Violet Eichers	8
James Walker	9
Mary Brust	11
Jasmin Brown	12
Donovan Cambrice	14
Chaisjon Combs	14
Dennis Jensen	14
Elisa Sorensen	14
Ardelle Bloedel	15

Joshua Kramer	20
Corey Puterbaugh	22
Shirley Jensen	24
Jodi Nelson	27
Eunice Johnson	30
Caroline Odegard	30

November Wedding Anniversaries

Kenneth & Marilyn Anderson	November 5
William & Sondra Brust	November 23
Harlan & Margaret Johnson	November 23
Virgil & Luella Engelke	November 30

Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. John 12:26

The Pumpkin Parable

by Timothy Paul Bruess

The parable of the pumpkin is simple and clear,
 It's message is perfect for this time of year
 Starting one evening I began to prepare
 To carve a pumpkin, using great care.
 I first drew the eyes, it took me a while,
 Then the nose and the mouth which I drew with a smile.

When I got that part done, I cut open the top,
 I lifted the cap off, looked at the slop.
 The pumpkin needed cleaning, and so with great haste,
 I cleaned out the pumpkin, removing the waste.
 The pumpkin was leveled by cutting the base,
 Now it was time to start carving the face.

First it was one eye, and then it was two.
 A nose and a mouth, what's left to do?
 The face it was scary, I wanted to hide:
 Instead, I put a candle inside.
 Finding a lighter I gave it a click,
 And with the same lighter, I ignited the wick.

The pumpkin was finished, I turned off the light.
 The darkness to over, you see, it was night.
 Its face came to life, in the glow of the flame.
 Somehow that pumpkin didn't look quite the same.
 It now had a mission, a purpose, a goal.
 No longer a pumpkin, but a face with a glow.
 That's when God told me to think this thing through.
 "This is an example of My love for you."
 When God looked inside me, He saw all my sin.
 But through His Son Jesus, He cleansed me within.
 That being completed, He filled me with light,
 So people who see me can see such a sight!
 The face on the outside – it changes, you see;
 But the Light of my Savior is always in me!



Newsletter Note

I get this letter rather sporadically from Pastor Schmeichel, so that is why you may not see this section from time to time. It is always a blessing when it comes to me.



MINNESOTA DISTRICT
MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN GIVING

October 24, 2007

BLESSINGS FROM GOD

¹⁸Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. ²⁰I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²²If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me.
Philippians 1:18b-26

Hopefully, you have all had the opportunity to share God's stewardship encouragement – "For me, to live is Christ." As God's reflectors of love our goal is that "*Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.*" That is true in our tasks, in our relationships, and how we use our financial resources. Every aspect of our lives is stewardship. Each day is a day to repent of our selfishness, and a day to rejoice in God's forgiveness in the blood of Jesus. Our daily trip to the cross releases us to serve Jesus with joy, no matter what the circumstances of our lives or congregations may be.

As we plan our ministries of the gospel for 2008, the Lord will guide and bless us as we seek his wisdom, his words, and his plans for us. Then we can move forward as families, congregations, and a Synod with the confidence of the gospel, and focus on our privilege to share his message with the world.

Pastor Duane C Schmeichel

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Upcoming Events

>> Girl Pioneers <<

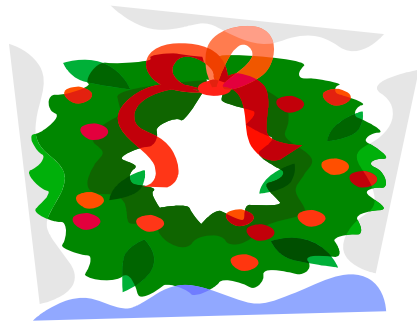
The Girl Pioneers will meet first and third wed of each month except for December

Sponsored Projects:

Girl Pioneers will be selling Wreaths again this year. Cost is **\$14.00**

We are taking orders **until November 18th** and **pickup** date is **November 25th** between services or other arrangements can be made.

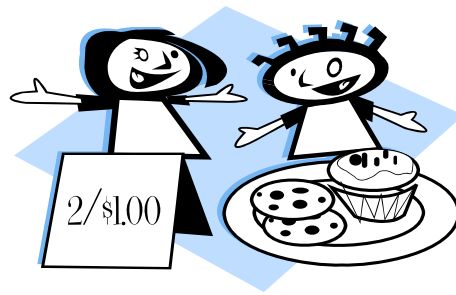
For questions call Jodi Nelson at 612-861-1260.



Make N Bake Sale

Sunday December 2
8:00 and ending at 12:30.

Please coming and support the Pioneer program. If you have items (homemade craft items or home made cookies, bread etc.) you would like to donate, please bring them Sunday Dec 2.



Blood Drive

Attention Blood Donors !!!

September 8, 2007 is the last day you can donate blood if you are planning to donate for the Pilgrim Blood Drive on November 3, 2007.

Red Cross states that donors can give blood once every 56 days up to 6 times a year.

If you have any questions or you would like to make an appointment, please call 612-861-6182.

Laurie Sorensen
Blood Drive Coordinator

November 3, 2007
9:00 am - 2:00 pm



We also accept walk-ins

Located in the Pilgrim Gymnasium at
3910 Stevens Ave South

Decorating the Church for Christmas

Saturday - December 1st this year.
We will start at 8:30 a.m.

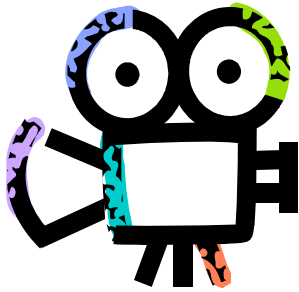
Watch the Bulletin for updates.



MOVIE NIGHT
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2007
6:30 p.m.

Bring a friend, acquaintance, relative, family member to watch the movie “**Nativity Story**” to prepare us for Christmas. The movie is a wonderful portrayal of the Christmas Story. Popcorn will be available as we watch the movie.

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



Sorry You Missed It!

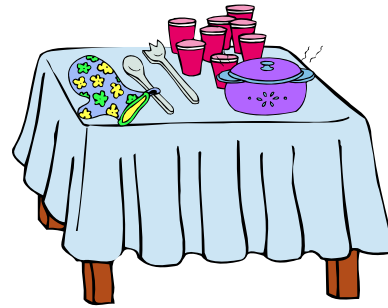
The Pot Luck was a Great Success

And by the way, so was the Congregational Quarterly Meeting

It was held on October 21, followed by a potluck lunch and fellowship.

We also celebrated the birth of Joshua Earl Homen and were able to meeting Sarah's family.

Many, many thanks to all who contributed and helped with the setup and cleanup.

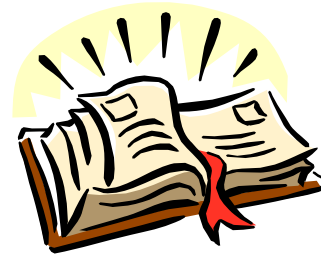


Women's Bible Study Schedule

Saturday Morning – 9am – 10:30
Fireside Room

We will be meeting only once in November and December

November 10
December 8



Upcoming Pilgrim Mixers

COURT WHIST ANYONE?

Saturday,
November 10, 2007
7:00 PM
Fireside Room



First scheduled activity for the new year will be the ever popular card game of Court Whist. An easy and fun game to learn.

Please join us for an evening of fun, fellowship and food.

Questions or sign up please call:
Mike or Carol Anderson 612-722-4809

Progressive Dinner

Saturday, December 1st
(note not the second Saturday)

The highly anticipated progressive dinner is back!

Appetizers – 5:30 PM

Main Course – 7:00

Dessert – 9:00

You may participate by either hosting or share in serving one of the courses

This is a very popular event so we hope you will be able to attend.

Signup in the Fellowship Hall or call Mike or Carol Anderson
612-722-4809

The MIXERS meet the second Saturday at 7:00 PM in the fireside room from November to March.

We ask that you bring a snack or an appetizer to share along with your beverage.

Dessert is always provided.

If you have suggestions for games or activities that are suitable for groups or would like to host one, please call:

**Mike or Carol
Anderson 612-722-4809**

A Ministry in Music

My name is Chris Driesbach. Chris will perform at Pilgrim November 24 at 7:00 PM. Invite your friends! Here is some back ground information.

I'm the musician at Crown of Life WELS in New Orleans, and during the last 15 months I've been on many "Thank You" trips, playing concerts at over 160 churches in 27 states from Seattle Washington to Tucson AZ to Eagle River WI to Atlanta GA. There is no charge for my performances and my cds are free. I gratefully accept lodging with a church member if offered. My concerts last about an hour and ten minutes and feature a Powerpoint presentation of the story of Katrina and the rebuilding of our church. My songs are all original Christian music and I tell the story of our church and my own journey to faith.

Crown of Life was almost destroyed August 29, 2005 when flooding caused by hurricane Katrina put 4.5 feet of water in our 3 church buildings. I was one of the first to get into our property after the water went down and I have to say I really thought we were finished as a congregation. I was so wrong! God's love has poured over our us through the overwhelming kindness of individuals, churches, and the synod. The Builders for Christ have restored our church, fellowship hall and parsonage. Our church was rededicated October 29, 2006. 16 of our members' homes have been rebuilt by the Kingdom Workers Faith in Action group. Many students came here to do the dirty, dangerous work of gutting flooded homes. Ample funds have been generously donated to pay for it all. I wish I could tell you what it's like for us to have been recipients of all this care and love. Completely amazing, awesome, and impossible to comprehend.

I moved to New Orleans in October of 2000, and have been a member of Crown of Life since then and the church musician for most of that time. I've been writing Christian songs for the last 3 years, including a song about my personal experience with hurricane Katrina. I have recorded 2 Christian CDs; "After the Storm" in August 2006 and "Movin' On" late June 2007.

I played music professionally for 30 years on the west coast. I was an atheist until age 33, and after that sort of a new-age spiritualist. 8 years later I became a WELS Lutheran and a Christian at the same time in 1995. Faith Lutheran Church and Pastor James Oldfield in Anchorage Alaska were my first church and pastor. I was given the gift of faith by the spirit working though God's Word. Pastor Oldfield read to me out of the bible when I asked him all the questions I could think of. We went through a 22-week bible study course together, and my life completely changed, of course!

I lost all my musical equipment in the flood following the storm, but generous WELS members have given money to replace it, and I've got some really wonderful new gear. I have a deep desire to go play for and say thanks to the nice people who've helped us so much, and have touched me so wonderfully, to meet them and worship with them. I've long dreamed of a career as a Christian songwriter and performer and my prayer is that this will be a beginning of a new job working for my God.

My contact information is: Chris Driesbach, PO Box 641605, Kenner LA 70064
504-352-2044 hichrisd@gmail.com www.lutheransonline.com/chrisdriesbach

(If anybody would like to provide lodging for Chris that evening, please contact Pastor Leyrer)

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. Caution though, I almost fell into a peaceful trance in the middle of a work day.) Just write up, hand in, or E-mail an items. 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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