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Healing

Have you seen the new mural? If you haven't, make sure you get over to the Stevens Ave. side of our school building and check it out. (You can also see it on our website: www.pilgrimonline.net, but that's not the same as seeing it in person.)

The huge painting features images of some of our Pilgrim students. The artist took photographs last spring and incorporated them into her work. There's also the Minneapolis skyline, and flowing out of the skyline is a river with trees planted on either side of it. Revelation 22:1-2, quoted at the bottom of the painting, explains the symbolism of the river and the trees.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

It's a beautiful picture, and I'm talking about the "word picture" in Revelation as well as the mural. In Genesis, the tree of life was in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve were banished after they sinned because God did not want them to eat from that tree and live forever with all the pain and sorrow that sin brings into our lives and world. We don't read anything else about that tree until this vision of heaven in Revelation. In the holy city the tree bears twelve crops a year so that everybody has access to it. Previous to these last chapters the book of Revelation had depicted struggle and hardship for the Christian church, but now the struggle is over.

It's a healing tree. The hatred, injustice and evil that we deal with in this life will be no more. As a church and school, we exist to bring this vision to our city. As long as we live on this side of heaven, there will be sorrow and pain and hardship. There will be sin. But in Jesus Christ there is forgiveness full and free. In his death and resurrection we find new life and a real hope for eternity. And the healing is for "the nations." At Pilgrim we exist to bring that healing to people of all cultural backgrounds. It's easy for us to focus on the differences between us and neighbors that don't think or talk like us and allow those differences to separate us. But Jesus came to bring us back into fellowship with God, and into fellowship with one another. He calls on us not to judge others by their looks, but to lay our sins at his cross and receive forgiveness. Then he calls on us to help others put their burden down as well.

'You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise.'
(Galatians 3:26-29)

Pastor Pete Leyrer

July – Treasurer's Report

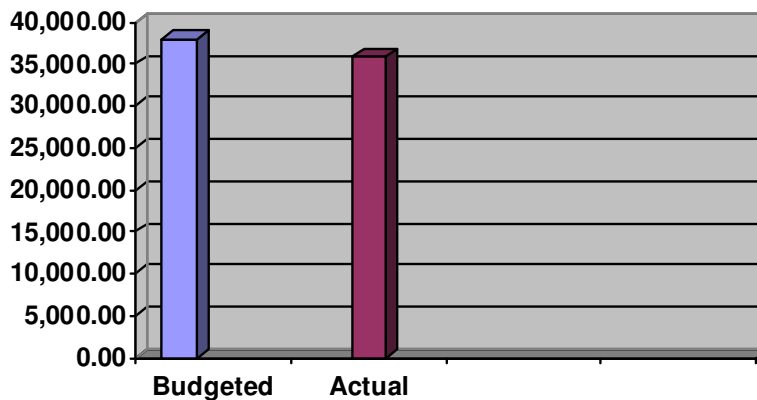
Greetings in the Lord,

Our Lord, God has blessed us at Pilgrim. I have noticed higher attendance numbers at our services. May the Lord continue blessing us with growth and encouragement to reach out to those that do not know our Savior, Jesus Christ.

A few highlights of July are as follows:

- \$7,117.83 was collected in back tuition.
- \$10,568.24 collected in registration fees for the 2008-2009 school year. This amount is more than \$2000 of what was expected.
- Offerings are down slightly from the budget. \$1,442.71 to be exact.

Below is a graph of budgets vs. actual offering of July 1, 2008 – August 10, 2008:



In Christ's Service,

Michael S. Koman



Celebrations & Congratulations

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6,7

September Birthdays

Robert Aske	1	Sharon Emde	24
Jackson Jallah	1	Paul Ledin	25
Elisabeth Robinson	1	Dorothy Pawlcyn	25
Jon Herzig	2	Betty Helmen	27
C.W. "Red" Herzig	3	Frederick Ribolzi	28
Evelyn Melin	3	Jakayla Davis	29
Dan Steffen	3	Jessica Denn	29
Seth Gostchock	5	Carol Christensen	30
William Nordby	5	Nathan Koepsell	30
Adrian Moy	7	Jean Loescher	30
Merle Knutson	11		
Betty Weist	11		
Elmer Janisch	12		
Samuel Katan	12		
Joseph Schauff	12		
Jennifer Kerber	14		
Nicholas Neumann	15		
Ruby Weaver	17		
Christiana Hinton	20		
Nancy Schauff	20		
Joshua Brown	22		
Andrew Ndekwe	22		
Caleb Sorensen	23		

Wedding Anniversaries

Daniel & Sarah Ribolzi
September 22

2008 National Night Out Update

Once again the Good Lord blessed Pilgrim's National Night Out Event on Tuesday 8/5/08. 77 people registered this year. This is up seven from last year. It's always difficult to estimate the attendance. A good estimate would be 100 +. There did seem to be more neighborhood people in attendance this year. As pastor mentioned several neighbors thanked us for hosting this event. I met neighbors that recently bought the house that I looked at back in 1992. Together Scott and Michelle gave eleven tours of the school. One student enrolled in 5th grade and another student enrolled in preschool on National Night Out. What a blessing!

Peter Bloedel did an excellent job of entertaining the crowd with his magic and juggling acts. The younger children enjoyed the bouncy house as well as the hula hoop contests. In hindsight we should have had something for the high school age students. We could have lowered the age to register for the door prizes. **Any suggestions for this age group for next year are welcome.**

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The following businesses gave us door prizes.

Curran's Family Restaurant: Lunch for two and dinner for two gift certificates

44th Street Nursery & Flower Shop: \$25.00 gift certificate

Anodyne Coffee House at 43rd: four scoops of ice cream gift card valued at \$12.00

ACE Hardware (38th & Nicollet) Slat Maple Back Rocker valued at \$128.00

National Night Out: \$10.00 Target gift card

Twins: ten cheap seat vouchers

Nickelodeon at MOA: several ride passes

Bobby & Steve's (58th & Nicollet) two \$10.00 gift cards

Dan's Car Wash: (59th & Nicollet): three "The Works Car Wash"

Simply Jane's (48th & Nicollet): \$25.00 gift certificate

Caribou Coffee (46th & Nicollet): gift bag with two one pound bags of coffee, a sample package of four flavored syrup bottles, and a picture frame.

Pilgrim member: flashlight

Ephesians 5:15 encourages us to "be very careful how you live, making the most of your time." Each and every one of us is going through tough times right now, but God is getting ready to bless you in a way that only He can. Keep the faith. This prayer is powerful, and prayer is one of the best gifts we receive. There is no cost but a lot of rewards. Let's continue to pray for one another.

The prayer:

Father, I ask You to bless my friends, relatives and those that I care deeply for, who are reading this right now. Show them a new revelation of Your love and power. Holy Spirit, I ask You to minister to their spirit at this very moment. Where there is pain, give them Your peace and mercy. Where there is self-doubt, release a renewed confidence through Your grace. Where there is need, I ask you to fulfill their needs. Bless their homes, families, finances, their goings and their comings. In Jesus' precious name Amen
God's Blessings,
Love, Shannon and Family

DON'T MISS OUT!!

Ladies Guild

September is here and the Ladies Guild is ready for its fall season.

Please join us on Wednesday, September 3rd at 11:30 AM for our first Guild meeting of the year.

We hope to see you there!

7th and 8th GRADE BOYS TACKLE FOOTBALL

All 7th and 8th grade boys interested in playing on a tackle football team at St. Croix Lutheran High School this fall should contact

Carl Lemke at 455-1521 ext. 104.

Parent helpers are also needed.

Thank you! *Carl M. Lemke*

Women's Bible Study

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.

2nd and 4th Saturday Morning
Fireside room at Pilgrim See you there
Upcoming Dates: Sept 13 & 27
Oct 11 & 27



5th ANNUAL 5K RUN AND WALK FOR THE PRIZE September 27th, 2008

Divinity Lutheran Church invites Pilgrim congregation to participate in this outreach/promotion event in our community. A fun day is planned with a 5K run and walk and a Little Tykes Dash for children ages 2-7. There will be snacks afterwards provided by Culvers, Panera Bread, Frito Lay, and Starbucks. We will give away some great prizes from our sponsors to our runners as door prizes. New in 2008 is the team competition and the pastor's challenge. The church with the biggest and fastest team will win the traveling trophy, and pastors can participate in a special competition, with a special prize going to the fastest pastor. **All proceeds will benefit St. Paul Park and Recreation Department and the WELS Central Africa Medical Mission.**

There are entry forms at the front of Pilgrim church and at the side entrances. Check with Tam in the church office if you can't find one.

WHERE: Divinity Lutheran Church
1655 East Cottage Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55106
Office: 651-776-1786
Fax: 651-776-1800
www.divinitylutheran.org
run4theprize@divinitylutheran.org

CONTACT: Laura Heiman, Race Director
Phone: 651-235-9727

PLEASE HELP RESTOCK FOOD SHELF

The food shelf is in need of canned meats such as tuna and chicken, spaghetti sauce, pasta, vegetables, cereal and fruit. Any other food items that are **useful** to families are greatly appreciated! Thank you for your kindness and generosity! **A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor. Proverbs 22:9**

One Day at a Time

**One day at a time---
this is enough**

**Do not look back
and grieve over the past,
for it is gone;**

**And do not be troubled
about the future,
for it has not yet come.**

**Live in the present,
and make it so beautiful
that it will be worth
remembering.**

--Ida Scott Taylor

They are FREE!!

I have quite a few aquarium fish I would like to give away. They are Platys – small orange fish about 1 -1.5 “ long. They are easy to care for. Mine keep having offspring. It was fun to watch the little ones at first but now it’s getting crowded.

Just let me know – Christine Bedor 612-823-1277 or cdbedor@gmail.com

Family Bible Study

**Starting Sunday September 7th in the Fireside Room
Time 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Sundays listed in the Course of Study**

Bring your Bible and be ready to mark it up! The Bible used to facilitate discussion is the *NIV Serendipity Bible* (If you would like one they will be available at a cost of \$24.00). This edition has *Margin Questions* that will help start the meeting, to read and discuss the Bible, and to close the meeting. *Guided Questionnaires* are included on many pages.

Walt & Dene Zimmermann will facilitate the study with fellow believers such as Bob and Betty Helmen, Cory & Tam Bandelin, Steve & Michelle Cambrice, Aaron & Elisabeth Robinson and others. The study is done with everyone present participating to the level with which they feel comfortable. Reading portions of the texts, sharing testimonies and insights, and, at times, facilitating discussion. We will refer unanswered questions to Pastor Pete.

During September, children who are able to read and write are welcome to sit in and listen or to play quietly at one end of the room. We will be collecting the names of persons attending Bible study who are willing to take turns watching the small active children in the Children’s room. Sunday school begins in October. Preschool and K-6 children as well as older students will be involved in the new Pilgrim Sunday School.

Course of Study
Thirteen Week Topical Study
Key Events in the Old Testament

Sunday, September 7:	<i>The Beginning</i>	Genesis 1:1 – 2:3
Sunday, September 14:	<i>The Fall</i>	Genesis 3:1 – 24
Sunday, September 21:	<i>The Flood</i>	Genesis 6:5 – 7:12
Sunday September 28:	<i>The Call of Abram</i>	Genesis 11:27 – 12:9
Sunday, October 5:	<i>Moses and the Burning Bush</i>	Exodus 3:1 – 22
Sunday, October 12	<i>The Passover</i>	Exodus 12:1 – 30
Sunday, October 19	<i>Receiving Ten Commandments</i>	Exodus 19:10 - 20:21
Sunday, October 27	<i>Crossing the Jordan</i>	Joshua 3:14 - 4:24
Sunday, November 2	<i>Joshua Renews the Covenant</i>	Joshua 24:1 – 27
Sunday, November 9	<u>NO CLASS</u>	
Sunday, November 16	<i>Gideon Defeats the Midianites</i>	Judges 7: 1 – 25
Sunday, November 23	<i>Israel Asks for a King</i>	I Samuel 8:1 - 22
Sunday, November 30	<u>NO CLASS</u>	
Sunday, December 7	<i>The Kingdom Divided</i>	1 Kings 12:1 – 24
Sunday, December 14	<i>Image of Gold and the Fiery Furnace</i>	Daniel 3:1 – 30
Sundays, December 21 & 28	<u>NO CLASS</u>	
Beginning Sunday, January 4	<u><i>Communication/Conflict</i></u>	12-week series

Anyone interested in helping out with the mailing process for the Newsletter, please contact Christine Bedor (612) 823-1277 or the Church Office at (612) 825-5375
It's only a few hours a month, usually during the day.

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.

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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