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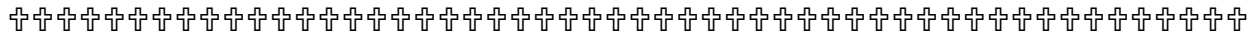
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The Monthly Newsletter of Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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Not long ago I asked to write a little something about the ministry of Pilgrim Church and School. What follows is part of that article. May God bless us as we work together for his kingdom!

Pastor Pete

Pilgrim: We want you to see Jesus!

The “Pilgrim window” in our church building depicts the story of two pilgrims on their way from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Sad and confused because Jesus had died three days earlier, they didn’t recognize him when he joined their pilgrimage. The window captures the moment when these two pilgrims saw Jesus. The Bible verse at the bottom is printed to be read from outside the building: “Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him” (Luke 22:31) The window challenges us at Pilgrim: how many people in our neighborhood, wandering in confusion and sorrow, don’t realize just how close Jesus is and what he can do for them? The window invites people in the neighborhood to see Jesus as their Lord and Savior, their constant companion on the pilgrimage that leads us home to be with him.

Pilgrim School approaches inner city education with a suburban mentality. In other words, we use the use the same education and discipline methods that might be found in more “privileged” environments. We believe that by treating people with dignity and respect the inner city cycle of poverty and dysfunction can be broken. And above all, we believe that the true source of human worth and dignity is in a relationship with Jesus Christ. His gospel gives shape and direction to everything that we teach. The results of this approach speak for themselves: Over the past 15 years, the school has a 100% high school graduation rate. When the standard for high school graduation rates in Minneapolis is 33% for minority students and only slightly better for the collective, we know that we are making a difference.

A few quick facts about Pilgrim School:

- Diversity: 60% African American, 5% Asian, 2% Latino, 2% Native American, 31% Caucasian

- About 45% of the school population is at poverty levels of income or lower.
- Pilgrim charges the lowest tuition of any private, Christian school in Minneapolis. We also give away about \$40,000 in tuition assistance every year thanks to generous donations and support.
- Pilgrim School is currently funded by Pilgrim Church (33%), tuition (30%) and third source funding (37%)

This past year Pilgrim did not turn away a single family for financial reasons. We want to keep this precedent going, but without generous support from people who believe in our mission that will become increasingly difficult.

Pilgrim Church exists to meet the spiritual needs of an ethnically diverse community. In Revelation 22, God gave St. John a vision of the heavenly Jerusalem. In the midst of that great city is the Tree of Life. “And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations” (Revelation 22:2). We exist as a church to be a tree of life in the great city of Minneapolis. We believe that in the gospel of Jesus people can find hope and healing for their spiritual, personal and cultural conflicts. Through our food shelf, English as a Second Language offerings, community Bible studies, National Night Out, movie nights in the church, evangelism training, blood drives, community computer classes, and much more, we work to reach and help people in the name of Jesus Christ. We believe that the Lord who commands his people to “make disciples of all nations” has led the nations to our doorstep. We’re grateful and excited about the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead!

Pastor Pete Leyrer

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer, Michael Anderson

Statement of Income for the last 5 years as of June 2007

	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
INCOME					
Church Income	316,667	324,210	347,025	395,911	342,877
School Income	226,036	216,385	212,987	213,989	220,866
Total Income	542,703	540,595	560,012	609,899	563,743
EXPENSE					
Evangelism	6,061	5,594	4,802	5,571	4,501
Administration	228,770	201,939	135,636	123,333	123,961
Church Educ	3,449	3,451	12,557	12,832	22,794
Worship	13,451	6,002	8,845	8,961	9,842
Maintenance	76,874	79,260	72,967	70,135	76,605
Stewardship	1,668	23,974	5,806	6,920	12,394
School	310,012	287,960	342,230	382,157	372,775
Total Expenses	640,286	608,180	582,843	609,910	622,872
INCOME less EXPENSES	-97,582	- 67,584	- 22,831	-10	- 59,128



Celebrations & Congratulations

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:19,20

August Birthdays

Kirsi Fischer	1
Bryan Puterbaugh	1
Joy Kilber	6
Fischer, Levi	6
Fischer, Lincoln	6
Carol Anderson	9
Laurie Gunderson	12
Kyle Huggar	12
Lori Heilman	13
Kathie Voss	13
Lokiani King	14
Margaret Johnson	15
Aaron Benson	16
Gerald Belsaas	17
Ethlyn Ufken	20
Ramon Belanger	22
Leonard Engstrom	22
Rena Knutson	22
Pastor Pete Leyrer	22
Patrick Neeley	22
Shirley Delano	23
Matthew Helmen	24
Calvin Huggar	25
Pauline Jorgenson	25
Jessika Knutson	27
Viola Gagnon	31
Douglas Kelm	31

Wedding Anniversaries

James & Burnadean Johnson	August 2
Carl & Ardelle Bloedel	August 5
Mark & Lori Heilman	August 7
Leslie & Betty Wied	August 7
Scott & Shannon Gostchock	August 10
Verne & Kathie Voss	August 15
Gerald & Doris Belsaas	August 24
Arnold & Judy Fick	August 27
Jackson & Williameta Jallah	August 27

Planning Ahead

LET'S GO BIKING.

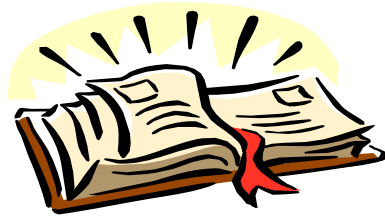
Anyone interested in joining me for once a month Saturday morning bike rides, please meet me at the Soo Line Community Garden between Harriet Avenue & Garfield Avenues South at 29th Street if there were such. The Soo Line Community Garden is along the Midtown Greenway. We'll meet at 8:00 a.m. Parking is available on both Harriet and Garfield Avenues. Keep in mind Harriet and Garfield Avenues are one way streets at this location. The bike rides will be from two to four hours. The Saturdays are 7/21/07, 8/4/07, 9/1/07, and 10/20/07. Before heading out on our first ride on 7/21/07 to the Hopkins's Depot Coffee Shop we'll take a look at both the Soo Line Community Garden as well as Vera's Garden next door. You may contact Galen Sommer at galensomme@aol.com or 612-872-8265 if interested or just show up.



Women's Bible Study Schedule The 2nd & 4th Saturday Morning – 9 am – 10:30 am Fireside Room

August – 11 & 25
September - 8 & 22

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



GET READY !!!

National Night Out is coming up in August.

Tuesday 8/7/07

Look for more info online or in the church bulletin



Ongoing Handicraft Meetings

There will be handicraft meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 1pm in the Fireside Room. . Everyone welcome.

Camp Croix Retreat 2007 August 17-19

Camp songs, Fellowship, Canoe adventures, roaming Photographer, and MORE..



Have You Made Your Vacation Plans?

If you were offered blue sky with the chance of eagles sailing between clouds, a sandy beach with clear water to wade in, a calm lake just made for a canoe ride and God's presence touching your heart—would you take it? Okay! Grab the opportunity to spend a weekend at Camp Croix, the “Camp Beneath the Cross” with the Pilgrim community. The dates are Friday, August 17 through Sunday, August 19. The food is fabulous (although you may have to help with the cooking or clean up) and the price is right.

Contact Darrell Sampson, 612-724-7551 and reserve your cabin or room in the lodge (two luxury bathrooms in the lodge.)

We have 6 bedrooms in the lodge- some have 2 double beds for families with small children. 22 cabins - sleep up to four people (2 sets of bunk beds in each cabin). Some Camper spots may also be available to us.

Fees for the Weekend:

The total fees for both lodging/use of camp (\$7.00 per night per camper goes to Camp Croix) and food (three meals Saturday and one meal on Sunday) is projected to be a very reasonable

- \$25 per person (high school and up)
- \$18 for grade school age kids
- Preschoolers are free.

What do you need to bring:

- your own personal items and bedding/sleeping bags.
- your own snacks and beverages for in between meals, if desired.
- Please bring some baked goods, such as: cookies, bars, etc. to share

Activities at Camp Croix:

- Swimming – wonderful sand beach and swimming area/boats/canoes
- Sand volleyball/softball
- Just relax in the sun or shade/read/enjoy the outdoors
- Nightly board games in the lodge/campfires outdoors

Please send/turn in registration by August 7th to Darrell Sampson. 4504 Minnehaha Ave S, Mpls. MN.55406 (612) 724-7551 or to the church office

Camp Croix Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Number of adults _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____

Number of students _____ x \$18.00 = \$ _____

Number of Pre-K _____

Totals _____ \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS TO: PILGRIM CHURCH

From WELS

SYNOD MISSION OFFERINGS JAN-JUNE

TOTAL COMMITTED: \$8,961,447

ACTUAL RECEIVED: \$8,880,447

MINNESOTA DISTRICT THROUGH JUNE

TOTAL COMMITTED: \$1,115,366

ACTUAL RECEIVED: \$1,161,844



WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS!

North American Outreach Emphasis Draws to a Close

UNDER THE BANNER "PROCLAIM PEACE THROUGH JESUS," WELS HAS BEEN EMPHASIZING NORTH AMERICAN OUTREACH FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS. IN EACH OF THE THEMES—EVERY CHURCH A MISSION, EVERY SOUL A TREASURE, EVERY MEMBER A MISSIONARY, AND EVERY LIFE FOR CHRIST—"THE WORD EVERY IS REALLY IMPORTANT," SAYS FORMER WELS PRESIDENT KARL GURGEL. "IT REMINDS US OF THE INDIVIDUAL OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE ALL HAVE TO BE A WITNESS FOR CHRIST."

THE GOAL OF NORTH AMERICAN OUTREACH WAS TO EQUIP AND INVOLVE EVERY WELS CHURCH—AND EVERY MEMBER—IN OUTREACH. "MISSION WORK IS DONE NOT JUST BY HOME MISSIONS OR WORLD MISSIONS OR THE SYNOD. IT'S DONE BY EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US INDIVIDUALLY AND IN OUR CONGREGATIONS," SAYS BRUCE BECKER, ADMINISTRATOR OF WELS PARISH SERVICES AND NORTH AMERICAN OUTREACH COORDINATOR. "NORTH AMERICA IS A GROWING MISSION FIELD BECAUSE THE WORLD IS COMING TO US. AND THAT MISSION FIELD BEGINS RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO WHERE WE LIVE."

TO EQUIP AND PREPARE CONGREGATIONS FOR OUTREACH IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES, WORSHIP AND OUTREACH RESOURCES WERE PROVIDED FOR EACH PHASE. MATERIALS INCLUDED BIBLE STUDIES, VIDEOS, DEVOTIONS, AND WITNESSING TOOLS. "THE RESOURCES AND MATERIALS FROM EACH OF THE

FOUR YEARS WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE FOR ANY CONGREGATION THAT WANTS TO UTILIZE THEM IN THE FUTURE,” SAYS BECKER.

ALTHOUGH CONGREGATIONAL PARTICIPATION IN THIS INITIATIVE SEEMED TO WANE IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, BECKER ENCOURAGES CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS TO CONTINUE REACHING OUT. “EVEN THOUGH THE FOUR-YEAR EMPHASIS OF NORTH AMERICAN OUTREACH IS OVER, IT STILL REMAINS A TOP PRIORITY IN OUR SYNOD TO PROCLAIM THE LIVING JESUS TO A DYING WORLD.”

PASTORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO UTILIZE RESOURCES AND INCORPORATE MATERIALS FROM ALL FOUR PHASES INTO THEIR WORSHIP PLANS. TO ACCESS THESE RESOURCES ONLINE, VISIT WWW.WELS.NET/JUMP/NAO.

WELS’ International Youth Rally a Success

More than 1,500 teens and 500 leaders attended the WELS International Youth Rally, held July 4-7 in Dallas, Texas, under the theme “Laugh out loud.” During the course of the rally, teens were given opportunities for large-scale worship, education, fellowship, and recreation. Approximately 200 teens also participated in service projects.

“This rally witnessed hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of teens and leaders having fun, learning, speaking their minds, singing, worshiping, serving others, and growing in their faith,” says Dr. Joel Nelson, administrator for the Commission on Youth Discipleship. “I and many others inside and outside of our rally population have been truly amazed, impressed, and humbled by the spirit, attitude, and faith shown.”

For more rally highlights, visit www.welsyouthrally.net.

WELS Connection Featuring New Leadership Resources

WELS Connection, the monthly video of news and stories in WELS, now features a new section aimed at congregational leaders. Congregational Leadership Resources includes short informational segments appropriate for a council or board meeting—or any gathering of leaders. This tool was designed to help decision-makers learn more about the resources WELS provides to individual congregations. The first segment highlights WELS Investment Funds, Inc. To subscribe to *WELS Connection* contact Joyce Tucek at 800-827-2237 or joyce.tucek@sab.wels.net.

Upcoming School of Outreach Seminars

SCHOOL OF OUTREACH SEMINARS WILL BE HELD IN VARIOUS WELS DISTRICTS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER. AT THESE WEEKEND SEMINARS, EXPERIENCED PASTORS WORK WITH CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS TO HELP THEM STRATEGICALLY PLAN FOR OUTREACH IN THEIR AREA. THIS IS DONE BY FORMULATING LONG-RANGE AND SHORT-RANGE GOALS FOR EVANGELISM AND STRENGTHENING EVANGELISM PROGRAMS AS A WHOLE.

PASTORS AND OTHER CONGREGATION LEADERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. TO REGISTER FOR A SEMINAR, VISIT WWW.WELS.NET/JUMP/EVANGELISM AND CLICK ON REGISTER ONLINE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT WELS’ EVANGELISM OFFICE AT 414-256-3287.

Women Gather in the Word at WELS Leadership Conference

THE FIRST WELS WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY IN MEQUON, WIS. THE CONFERENCE, TITLED “A LEADER . . . WHO? ME?” INTRODUCED A NEW BIBLE STUDY DEVELOPED BY WELS WOMEN’S MINISTRY COMMITTEE, “HEIRS TOGETHER OF GOD’S GRACIOUS GIFT OF LIFE.”

ALTHOUGH DISCUSSIONS TOUCHED ON UNIQUE CALLINGS, IRREPLACEABLE GIFTS, LEADERSHIP, AND OUR LIVES AS GOD’S AGENTS, “ALL OF THESE WOMEN CAME FOR THE SAKE OF STUDYING GOD’S ROLE FOR WOMEN,” SAYS SARAH OWENS, CONVENTION PRESENTER AND DEACONESS FOR WISCONSIN LUTHERAN INSTITUTIONAL MINISTRIES IN MILWAUKEE. “THEY GOT TOGETHER WITH THE WORD AND SAID,

'GOD SHOW US HOW YOU WANT US TO SERVE YOU IN THIS CHURCH BODY. SHOW US HOW WE CAN BE YOUR SERVANTS.'

"THIS CONFERENCE WAS JUST ONE OF THE WAYS WELS WOMEN'S MINISTRY COMMITTEE (PART OF WELS ADULT DISCIPLESHIP) IS ENCOURAGING MEN AND WOMEN TO WORK TOGETHER BY USING THEIR GOD-GIVEN GIFTS TO GLORIFY THE LORD JESUS AND BUILD HIS KINGDOM. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.WELS.NET/JUMP/WOMEN.

Correspondence Program Includes Worship, Online Bible Study

From Colombia and Venezuela to Spain and France, families from all over the world can now participate in weekly online Bible studies with a WELS pastor in the United States. These studies are part of the Bible correspondence programs under WELS Multi-Language Publications.

Online Bible studies began when people in other parts of the world wanted more than just printed Bible study materials. Now, with the help of WELS' technology department, these families can have face-to-face Bible studies over the Internet.

It was soon discovered there was an interest in online worship as well. On Easter Sunday 2007, a WELS pastor conducted an online service in Spanish. Since then, sixteen Spanish-speaking pastors have volunteered their time to preach for regular online services with families in several countries.

To view Spanish worship services online, visit www.iglesiavirtual.wels.net. For more information on resources available through Multi-Language Publications, contact Pastor Paul Hartman at paulhartman@mlpwels.com; 915-857-5852

****** Have a Great August ******

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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