

Pilgrim Lutheran Church



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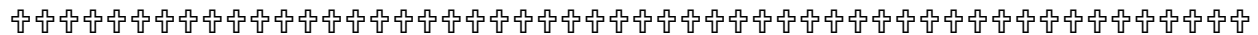
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The Monthly Newsletter of Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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We are stewards of God's blessings

For more than fifty years, late August or early September has been a very special time for Pilgrim. The new school year begins! This year's opening service will be Monday, August 25 8:30 AM, Everybody's welcome, of course.

Pilgrim Lutheran School has seen her ups and downs over the years to be sure, but she has continued to be a great blessing to the congregation, to families and students. Once again, we're grateful to a gracious God for allowing us this privilege and trusting us with this responsibility.

Once in a while we'll hear comments like, "The school is a drain on the budget." There's no question but that school operation is costly. But saying that it's a drain on the budget is a bit like saying that groceries are a drain on the family budget. Sure, we want to handle money responsibly and always shop for value. But we wouldn't say that groceries are a luxury that we could simply cut out of the budget to save some money. In the same way, our beloved school is very much a part of who we are and what we do at Pilgrim. Through the school we assist parents with the God-given task of training and nurturing their children in the Lord. We also provide an excellent education that has consistently served our graduates well in high school, college and beyond.

God has called us to be stewards—caretakers—of his blessings. Probably the most precious blessing he's given us is our children.

Psalm 78

1 O my people, hear my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in parables,
I will utter hidden things, things from of old-

3 what we have heard and known,
what our fathers have told us.

4 We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders he has done.

5 He decreed statutes for Jacob
and established the law in Israel,
which he commanded our forefathers
to teach their children,

6 so the next generation would know them,
even the children yet to be born,
and they in turn would tell their children.

Pastor Pete Leyrer

Treasurer's Report year to date as of JUNE 2008

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Income	720,125	542,877	540,595	560,012	609,899
Expenses	761,167	640,338	608,180	582,843	609,910
Income less	-41,042	-97,460	-67,584	-22,831	-10

Treasurer - Michael Anderson

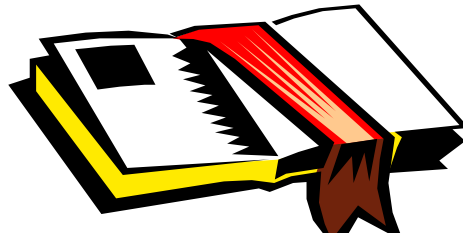
A few more notes from Pastor:

Pastor's vacation

I'll be on vacation at the end of July and the beginning of August. On August 3, Dr. Gostchock has graciously agreed to fill the pulpit for me. That will be "ask the pastor" Sunday, so we'll take on a couple of difficult questions:

1. As members of the WELS we believe in sola scriptura (that we should let scripture interpret scripture) but why do we believe in the Bible. It is circular reasoning to say we believe the Bible to be true because it says it is true. Don't we need some other authority to determine the veracity of Scripture? What external proofs are there to support the Bible and its claims? How is it different from any other religious book such as the Book of Mormon, or the Hindu Veda or the Koran which also purport to be the inspired, inerrant word of God?

2. I recently saw a TV show where a man was able to command other people to do what he wanted them to do by just thinking them to do it. For instance he commanded a woman on the street to do a whole host of body movements while all the time being in a building 3 stories above her and speaking into the camera. He also performed other seemingly incredible examples of mind control. Is this an example of genuine mind control that certain people have or is it something that all people have only don't use it. Or is it a bunch of bunk? What are we to think of these and other examples of the paranormal such as ghostbusters, mediums that speak to the dead, fortune tellers, telekinetics and the like and how do we distinguish them from genuine miracles? Was Jesus just a clever magician?



Special Wednesday evening presentation

On **Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 6:30** I'll give a special presentation on my last trip to China. As many of you know, I help out with Friends of China, an organization that sends English teachers to several different cities in China. I visited the teachers just after Easter this year.

The Olympics start on Aug. 8, and images of China will be in everybody's homes. Mostly you'll see images of the capital city of Beijing. Those pictures will be fascinating, I'm sure, but my presentation will show you a side of China that not many cameras get to see. Hope to see you there!

THANK YOU PILGRIM

Pastor Aaron and Elizabeth Robinson thank you for providing a bed and dresser for the international student they will be housing this coming school year.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!



Celebrations & Congratulations

*For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consist in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord.
Ephesians 5:8-10*

August Birthdays

Kirsi Fischer	1
Bryan Puterbaugh	1
Brian Eichers	6
Joy Kilber	6
Levi Fischer	6
Lincoln Fischer	6
Jeff Bauman	8
Carol Anderson	9
Grace Katan	9
Laurie Gunderson	12
Kyle Huggar	12
Cari Fladager	13
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
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

Committee Coffee Hour Schedule

As you may already know, September is the start of another year of coffee hours that are normally sponsored by committees and causes of the people of Pilgrim. We have a couple of vacant spots in the schedule; the 2nd and 4th week of the odd months. If you or your committee is interested in taking over one or both of these Sundays let me or Tam Bandelin, our Church secretary know. Also if you are a group that no longer wishes to take part in this important ministry or want to add more Sundays let us know. In addition, you can always consult the website for the coffee hour schedule.

Thank you for reading this,

Joe Sorensen, webmaster

Sunday	Odd Month	Even Month
First	St. Croix High School	Evangelism
Second	<i>Open</i>	School Board
Third	Camp Croix	Ladies Guild
Fourth	<i>Open</i>	Finance
Fifth	Worship	Worship

August Service Music Schedule

8/3/2008	Dawn Johnson Family
8/10/2008	Dawn Johnson family
8/17/2008	Kramers
8/24/2008	Tam and Verne
8/31/2008	Mike Heilman

PACE

What do Chinese, critical thinking, creative writing, art, physical education, language arts, math, cooking, juggling, Spanish, Bible theater and computer adventures all have in common? These are all classes taught in the PACE (Pilgrim Assisting Children's Education) summer school program. This program was, is, and will continue to be an incredible and blessed success. Thanks to Kingdom Workers and a generous \$20,000.00 grant from them this program went from a dream to reality. Praise be to God!

What is PACE? PACE is a learning opportunity for children who have completed 4 year-old preschool through the completion of fifth. Learning experiences take place both in and outside of the classroom. Fridays, all day, are scheduled for experiential learning adventures. Wednesday nights have been our family nights. We have served dinner and had wonderful presentations by the students for all to see. Breakfast and lunch are served each day. Childcare is also available for the afternoons through the Circle of Christian Friends program. Wow!

PACE reached out into the community and around the surrounding Twin Cities area drawing students of all ages and walks of life. The teachers in this program also came from all over the greater Twin Cities area. The program hosted professional teachers from Ascension in Plymouth, St. Croix Lutheran High School, Milwaukee Voucher Schools, Timothy Lutheran in St. Louis Park, public school backgrounds from local congregations, Bloomington Lutheran, Living Hope, Pilgrim, and even more. The teachers were amazing. The collaboration and excitement that exuded from each of them was second to none. The program also included volunteers from Martin Luther College, St. Croix Lutheran High School, and West Lutheran High School. This program truly crossed all borders in reaching and teaching across all nations (Matthew 28:18-20).

The students walked away from the three week PACE program praising God as they grew academically and spiritually in all that they did. PACE served over 40 students this summer and looks to grow enrollment for next summer. Come and check us out. Come and join us at Pilgrim (3901 First Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55409) for all we have happening in the Lord during summer of 2008 and always! Praise be to God!

Quarterly School Report

from the Dean of Students
July 20, 2008

School Enrollment =90

Around the School

- Recruiting and enrolling for the upcoming school year
- Teachers are preparing their lessons and classrooms for the upcoming school year

Upcoming Events

- Staff Seminar at St. Croix LHS on Tuesday, August 5
- Orientation Night on Wednesday, August 13 & Thursday, August 14 from 6-8PM
- School Picnic and Mural Unveiling on Tuesday, August 19 at 6:00PM
- School Begins on Monday, August 25 at 8:00AM
- Opening Service on Monday, August 25 at 8:30AM
- Pilgrim at the State Fair on Friday, August 29 from 8:00AM – 9:00PM

Respectfully Submitted in Christ,

Michelle Cambrice

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper

How About a Square for Education?

We are very excited about the mural that will soon be ready to mount on the outside of the school wall facing Stevens Avenue. Have you heard about it? The artist, Susan Martinsen, who has grandchildren attending Pilgrim, is doing the mural at no charge. Photos of the painting-in-progress show Pilgrim students in action – and you will recognize them! The painting depicts the rich mix of cultures in our school and will be a wonderful Christian outreach tool for those driving by on Stevens Avenue.

The purpose of the mural is to raise funds to implement a foreign language program at Pilgrim. *How can you get involved?* By purchasing a 6 inch square with a message of your choice that will be incorporated around the edge of the mural. Our family has purchased two squares. One will honor our four children who attended Pilgrim School. Christian values learned at home and reinforced in every classroom will serve them well for the rest of their lives here on earth and for eternity. The second square will honor our son Tim who is now enjoying the fruits of his faith in heaven.

Being a partner for “educating the nations for eternity”* is a privilege. We encourage you to be part of this partnership. Look for the table with photos of the mural thus far. Forms to fill out to purchase a square are available at the display table or from the church office. Don’t delay. The deadline to submit a square has been extended. If you have questions, please call Scott Gostchock.

Bob & Betty Helmen

*S.G

Upcoming Opportunities

DON'T MISS OUT!!

Swimming, Bonfires, S'mores, Games = Camp Croix Family Weekend

Are you all set for that end of summer treat: the Camp Croix Family Weekend? This year it's on August 22-24. The lodge has a new exterior, new windows and new beds. The beach is beautiful and the water is just fine.

Space is still available but don't hesitate...the registration deadline is August 13. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$20 for students; preK are free (this includes lodging and your meals.) What a deal! For complete information, call Darrell Sampson at 612-724-7551.

Biking on the Midtown Greenway – Saturday August 16 at 10am – Meet by the FlyWheel Bike shop located on the greenway at the Global Market.

Entrance to the Greenway is off of 10th Ave South and 29th Street East



Check with Galen Sommer for questions. 612-872-8275

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS TUESDAY AUGUST 5, 2008.

Pilgrim Lutheran Church at 3901 1st Avenue South invites our neighbors to join us beginning at 6:00 p.m. Hot dogs, chips, beverages, cookies and bars will be furnished. Peter Bloedel will perform his Perpetual Vaudeville Act and we'll have a bouncy house for the children. Come and meet your neighbors as together we fight crime and drugs in our neighborhoods.

ST. CROIX LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL GOLF CLASSIC

The St. Croix Lutheran High School Golf Classic will take place Monday, August 11, at Oak Glen Golf Course in Stillwater, MN. The cost is \$125 per golfer, which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, range balls, a St. Croix Lutheran High School golf shirt, four hole-in-one events, a roast beef and chicken breast buffet dinner, and much much more. Put together a foursome and join us. For more information, log on to SCLHS.org or call the high school at 651-455-1521. **If you would like to play with Pilgrim golfers, please contact Barry Gostchock at 651-207-8387 (home) or 612-825-5375 ext.**



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: Aug 9 & 23
Sept 13 & 27



Remember the delicious salad dressing at the Lenten Suppers this year? Well, we twisted Mike Homan's arm and got the recipe from him! Enjoy.

French Dressing

1 can tomato soup\
1 cup vegetable oil
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup cider vinegar
1 cup sugar
1 Tab Worcestershire sauce
1 medium onion, chopped

Put it all in a blender and blend until smooth.
Mmmmm, good

**BEDS FRAMES WITH MATTRESSES NEEDED
FOR INTERCONNECT HOUSING**

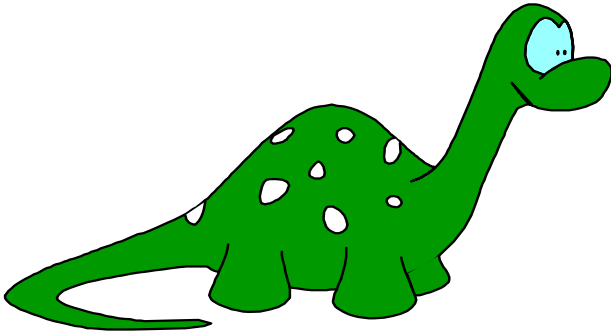
Thank you for the bed frames that have been donated! Now we need mattresses! If you can help, please contact Tam or Scott in the church office at 612-825-5375. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Looking for summer fun?



You are invited to the
Pilgrim Lutheran's Annual
Beginning
of the
School Year Picnic.

Come to have good food,
see old friends
and
meet new friends.
We will also have great
entertainment!



Tuesday, August 19th
Barbecue starts at 6 p.m

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Anyone interested in helping out with the
mailing process for the Newsletter,
please contact
Christine Bedor 612-823-1277 or the
Church Office

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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