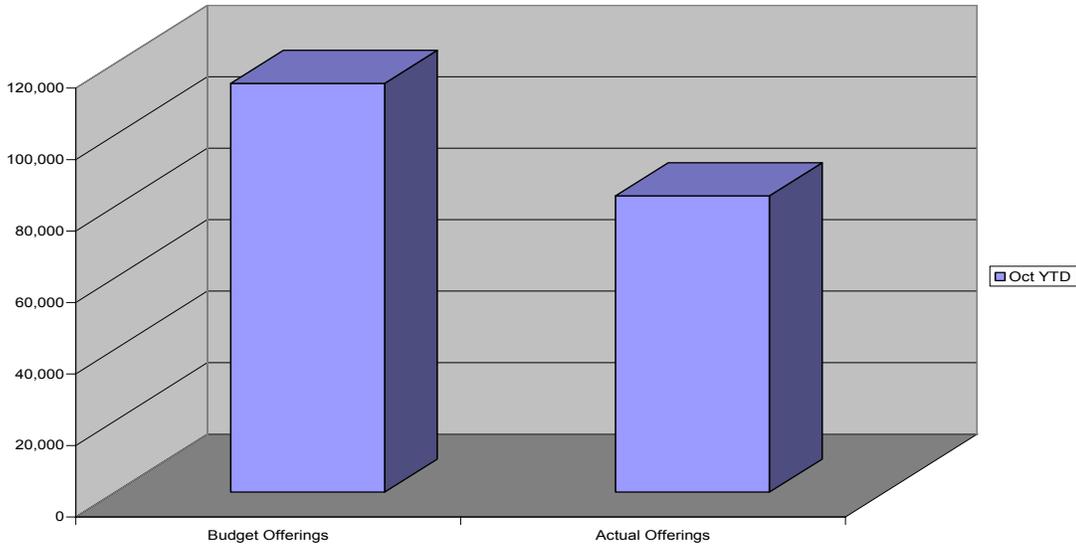




# Treasurer's Report

Church Offerings - Oct YTD



Fiscal Year 2007	Oct 2006	Year to Date Actual
Income	\$ 43,508.09	\$ 158,865.63
Expenses	\$ 54,817.00	\$ 208,066.11
Income less Expenses	\$ (11,308.91)	\$ (49,200.48)

## Messages of Thanks

Words cannot express our appreciation and thankfulness for all the prayers, cards and well wishes from you, our fellow Pilgrimites, after our recent falls. A special thank-you to Pastor Leyrer for his devotion, prayers and communion service.

May the Lord bless you as you continue in His service.

*Herb & Eunice Johnson*

Thank-you for your prayers, cards & concerns during my recent surgery.

A special thanks to Pastor for his visits and messages of God.

*Mike Heilman*

Caroline and I want to give thanks to everyone who helped support the Circle of Christian Friends aftercare program through the recent pancake breakfast. Through your generosity we raised \$350.00 after expenses. It was a great turnout. It made my heart glad to see everyone there.

Especially to honor 2 of our veteran pancake flippers, **Duane Sonnenberg** and **Red Herzig**. They have worked at every pancake breakfast that I can remember going back to the days of the Pilgrim Boy Pioneers. We wanted them to have a chance to experience what it was like to **be served** for a change.

Thanks again and God bless,

Joe Sorensen, CCF Administrator

# Celebrations & Congratulations



## December Birthdays

How special to share the birthday month with Jesus!

Elsie Kurth	5
Liana Leyrer	5
Christine Campeau	8
Dan Ribolzi	8
Tam Bandelin	12
Lucille Flavin	12
Dorothy DeYoung	13
Eric Johnson	13
Sondra Brust	15
Scott Gostchock	16
Laurie Sorensen	16
Laura Buck	17
Helen Lutz	18
Steve Munson	18
Mildred Suess	18
Jim Johnson	21
Wesley Tucker	22
Rebecca Herzig	23
Olivia Leyrer	23
Ila Janisch	26
Charlette Benson	27
Chad Ellsworth	28
Luella Engelke	28
Tammy Leyrer	31

*Be still and know that I am God  
Psalm 46:10*

## Wedding Anniversaries

Erwin & Marion Paulson	December 5
John & Phyllis Martin	December 9
Ray & Gerry Belanger	December 11
Brent & Lori Ryan	December 18
Stan & Katherine Wasley	December 19
Doug & Carol Johnson	December 28

## Do you have a Special Person to Celebrate?



## Or a Special Event or Adventure??



**Share it with your church family by adding it to the Celebrations & Congratulations**  
Just let the Newsletter box know

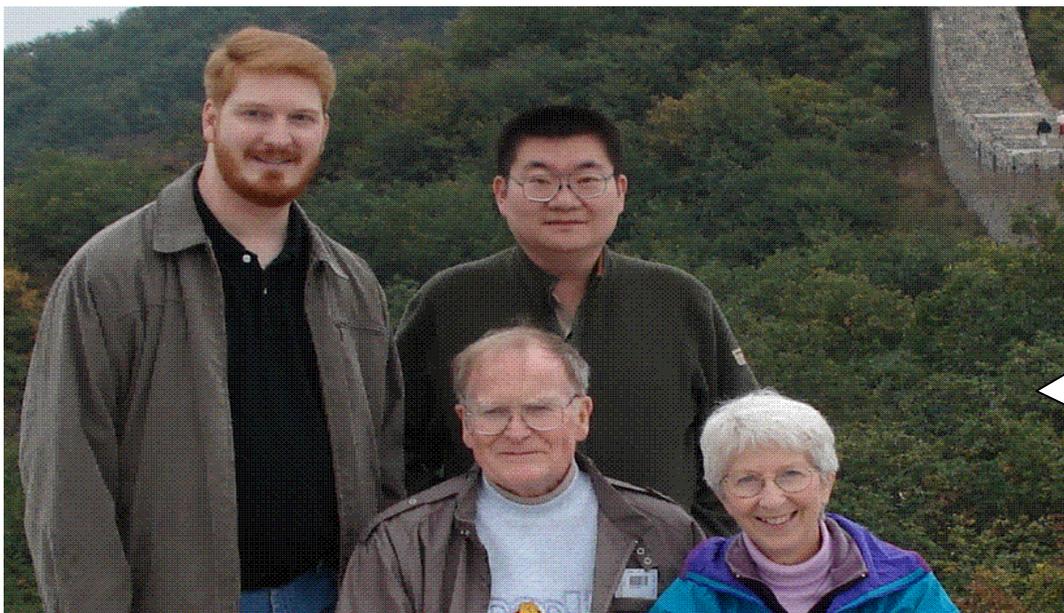
## *Not Your Usual Travelogue*



In October we made a trip to Beijing, China to see our friends, Zhengyu Li and Zhang Kun. We met Kun through Pastor Steele's *Asian Call* program in 1999 and provided housing for him briefly until he secured an apartment at the University of Minnesota. His roommate was Li, who also became associated with Pastor Steele. We gladly "adopted" these men into our family and eventually Li became a devoted Christian. He was baptized at Pilgrim by Pastor Voss during a Lenten Service on April 12, 2000 with Pastor Norb Meier and other mentors present. Li lived with us for almost two years while attending St. Paul Technical Institute before returning to China. Our reason to travel to China was to see Li and Kun and also to meet their families. Matt, our son, traveled with us to keep us in line and make sure we didn't injure ourselves on the precarious walkways in China. Li's wife, Rae Ming, is a beautiful, caring woman who invited us to visit their apartment. She is kind and loving to her mother, who accompanied us on our trip to Xion. We have communicated with Li's parents via email for years and sharing time with them was truly like a family reunion. Tian, Li's mother, enjoyed watching Matt and Li interact and echoed my thoughts that they were like brothers. Li is employed at a Spanish technical company as their head IT specialist. For our visit he took two weeks vacation, rented a car and arranged our itinerary. Kun teaches English at BLCU and also helped plan our time in China. He and his wife, Helen, were married in July so we were thrilled to meet her, hear about their plans for the future and spend time with them.

We saw the usual sights in Beijing – all wonderful: Forbidden City, Summer Palace, Tiananmen Square, Temple of Heaven Park, the Great Wall and in Xion, the Terracotta Warriors. The traffic and hoards of people constantly amazed us as we became one with them--bikes and buses, pedestrians and cars, motor bikes and taxis all weaving in and out of haphazard lanes of traffic. The rule for us as pedestrians was to find a crowd and become part of it to cross the street. The average passing space between all of the above vehicles and other traffic was six inches. My Minnesota scare alert color was Red every time we traveled by taxi. The Great Wall was one of the most memorable places we visited. Li chose the Simatai section, one of the less restored sections the public is allowed to visit. A cable car travels far up the mountain and then you are on your own! The steepness of the steps/walks "keeps out the riff raff" as the tour book says and it takes courage to travel the rugged paths between the towers. Several strong, local women were always there to "help" weak Americans. Ask Bob how he liked "his ladies." (They wouldn't accept a tip but strongly urged us to buy their souvenirs.)

We loved the food--every bit of it. However, we sampled hamburgers and French fries at McDonalds just to compare (same), a seafood pizza at Pizza Hut (good), and got ice cream sundaes at KFC. Chinese people really love their meals in restaurants because it is a social time lasting for hours. We learned not to eat our fill from the first few dishes that were placed on a large Lazy Susan in the middle of the table because there would always be more coming. A delicious tray of fruit signaled the end of the procession of plates of food.



Matt, Li,  
Bob, Betty  
And the  
Great Wall of  
China

(Travelogue con't)

Here are the wonderful spiritual memories of our trip. We asked to visit Li's weekly Bible study group which is under the auspices of Friends of China. This is the Christian Chinese outreach organization started by Pastor Steele. The presence of the Holy Spirit was apparent as Josh and Mike, the teachers, led the study of the Scriptures. One young lady, invited by a friend, asked if she could take the Bible home to read it more and was brought to tears when Josh told her she could keep it. These nine new Christians are just one of many groups that meet at homes to study God's Word in China. Pray for them all!

The other deeply moving spiritual experience we had was attending a worship service the last Sunday we were there. We had walked to the church in the late afternoon to take pictures – it was across from our hotel. We entered to the strains of music by guitar and discovered a worship service in progress – in English! Words to the contemporary hymns were projected on several screens positioned in the aisles of the long sanctuary and more amazing, the liturgy and responses were familiar. *The Church was packed!* Our hearts were bursting and tears were flowing as we held hands with our Chinese sisters and brothers and prayed the Lord's Prayer together.

Li's mission is his family and he tells us there is progress. We want to see his family in Heaven. Kun and Helen told us they have been discussing Christianity. Kun was a regular attendee at Pastor Steele's Chinese Church services.

Li wants us to greet all those he knows at Pilgrim. He is a fine Christian husband, son and friend and, I must admit, an awesome driver!

Thanks for reading..... Bob, Betty & Matt Helmen

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## You're invited!!!

You are cordially invited to a celebration.



**Guest of Honor:** Jesus Christ

**Date:** Everyday. Traditionally, December 25, but He is always around, so the dates is flexible.

**Time:** Whenever you are ready. Please don't be too late though or you miss out on all the fun.

**Place:** In your heart. He will meet you there. You will hear Him knock.

**Attire:** Come as you are. Grubbies are okay as He will be washing our clothes anyway. He said something about new white robes and crowns for everyone who stays till the last.

**Tickets:** Admission is Free. He already paid everyone's way. He says you would not have been able to afford it. It cost Him everything He had.

**Refreshments:** New wine, bread, and an exciting new drink He calls, "Living Water." The will be followed by a supper that promises to be out of this world!!

**Gift suggestions:** Your heart. He is one of those people who already have everything else. (He is very generous in return. Just wait until you see what He has for you.)

**Entertainment:** Joy, Peace, Truth, Light, Eternal Life, Endless Love, True Happiness, Communion with God, Forgiveness, Healing, Power, Eternity in Paradise, and much more! (All rated 'G', so bring your family and friends.)

**RSVP:** Very important! He must know ahead so He can reserve a place for you at the table. Also, He's keeping a list of His friends for future reference. He calls it the "Lamb's Book of Life."

**Party Given By:** His Children. That's us. Hope to see you there!

Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His Bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright & clean, was given her to wear. (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)

Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb! – Revelation 19:7-9

**ALL OF YOU WHO WILL BE THERE – PLEASE SHARE THIS INVITATION WITH SOMEONE ELSE.**

## >> Girl Pioneers <<

### Don't Forget to Pick up your Cookbook!

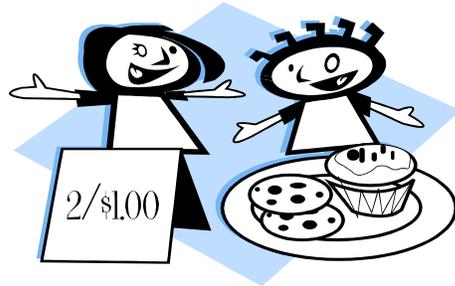
Only \$8.00 and packed full of good recipes and cooking tips.



### Make N Bake Sale

Sunday December 3  
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 3.



## Planning Ahead

### Upcoming Pilgrim Mixers

**NOT TO LATE to JOIN  
the FUN  
Just give Mike or Carol  
Anderson a call  
612-722-4809**

### Progressive Dinner Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

**Pilgrim Mixers** proudly announces the much anticipated  
**PROGRESSIVE DINNER**

**Appetizers – 5:30 PM  
Main Course – 7:00 PM  
Dessert – 9:00 PM**

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

### Signup in the Fellowship Hall

This has been a very popular event; we hope you will be able to attend.

**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**

**SHINE** *Shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life.*      Philippians 2:15b-16a

**A WELS Singles Ministry of the Twin Cities**

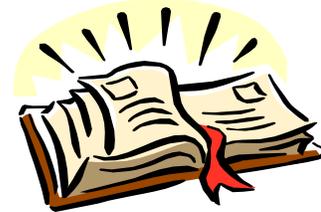
Meets – The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room

Bloomington Lutheran Church  
9350 Portland Ave South, Bloomington, MN 55420  
(612)888-2475

**Women’s Bible Study Schedule**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday**  
Morning – 9am – 10:30  
Fireside Room

December 9  
January 13 & 27  
February 10 & 24



**Give a Gift that will last a LifeTime Pilgrim Student Sponsorship**

Pilgrim Church and School needs your support. Our mission is centered upon *“The Great Commission,” Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)* <sup>18</sup>*Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

We have students in our school or looking to come to our school for the first time and need financial assistance in order to be able to attend. They need your help. Without tuition assistance and your help in sponsoring them, they will not be able to receive a Christian education at Pilgrim.

Pilgrim is a remarkable institution of quality. Over 95% of our students have gone on and graduated high school. Many have gone into and graduated college and graduate level work. Our school has been blessed and is a blessing. Through your commitment to sponsor a student, you will be helping to ensure a bright educational future and an eternal future of heaven through Christ.

The following amounts are listed as the full charges per student. Please feel free to sponsor full amounts or portions of those amounts. No sponsorship is too small or too large. ☺

I \_\_\_\_\_ (name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (contact number) am willing to sponsor the following amounts for a student or multiple students:

non-member child (K-8)	\$2,750.00	_____
member child (K-8)	\$995.00	_____
preschool child (2 days)	\$657.00	_____
preschool child (3 days)	\$972.00	_____
school lunch for a year	\$360.00	_____
Pilgrim bus for a year	\$540.00	_____

Total commitment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Committee Coffee Hour Schedule**

<b>Sundays</b>	<b>Odd Month</b>	<b>Even Month</b>
First	Worship	Evangelism
Second	Youth Group	School Board
Third	Ladies Guild	Ladies Guild
Fourth	Stewardship	Finance
Fifth	Circle of Christian Friends	CCF



**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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