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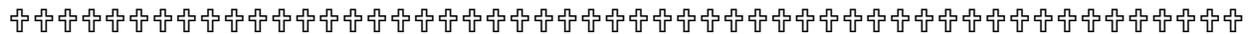
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The Monthly Newsletter of Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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What's God Like?

What's God like? We could use lots of different words to answer the question, but I'd like to focus on one of them today. Christians say that God is "triune" or that he is a "trinity." The word has Latin roots and means "three in one." Once a year our church calendar calls for a "Trinity Sunday." This year it falls on May 18.

Since many different religious groups speak against the teaching of the Trinity these days, I thought it would be worthwhile to review the Scriptures on this basic Christian doctrine.

1. Some people object to the teaching of the Trinity because, they say, it's too difficult to understand. We certainly agree that the details of the Trinity are mysterious and beyond our comprehension. But then again, our human minds are able to comprehend a union—the idea that more than one join together to make one. Examples: fifty states make up our country, the Bible calls husband and wife "one flesh," a human being is a body united to a soul, and so on. In the case of those last two examples we'd say that when one of the elements is gone, the whole thing ceases to exist—i.e. when husband or wife dies there is no marriage; when soul leaves body we no longer have a living being.

Jesus said, "I and the Father are one." (John 10:30) and "all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him." (John 5:23)

2. Some people point to Deuteronomy 6:4 as proof against the Trinity: "Hear O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one." It's worth noting that the Hebrew word for "one" in this passage is used elsewhere to describe a union. Examples: Genesis 2:24 uses the same word to describe the "one flesh" relationship of husband and wife. In Exodus 24:3 the same word is used to describe a large group of people when they speak with "one" voice.

3. From the very beginning we hear God speak of himself this way: "Let *us* make man in *our* own image . . ." (I added the italics to emphasize the plurals) (Genesis 1:26)

4. In the story of Jesus' baptism we see or hear all three persons of the Trinity: Jesus (the son) in the Jordan River, the Father speaks from heaven, and the Spirit descends in the form of a dove. (Matthew 3:16-17)

5. Jesus said, "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me." (John 15:26)

There are more Scriptures I could reference, but I think that's enough for now. If you have questions, please feel free to call or write. That's what I'm here for!

Why does this teaching matter? It's important for us to know what we believe and right now there are many groups that speak against this basic Bible teaching. For example, Islam is the fastest growing religion in our area today and they call the doctrine of the Trinity "idolatry."

It's important for us to know that our God is powerful beyond all comprehension. As Father he created us and continues to preserve us. As Son he has redeemed us. As Spirit he brings us to faith and keeps us.

May God—Father, Son and Spirit—bless and keep you this month and always!

Pastor Pete Leyrer

Treasurer's Report

	March 08	Year to Date
Income	58,861.17	525,162.86
Expenses	62,430.07	579,736.76
Income less Expenses	<u>-3,568.90</u>	<u>-54,573.90</u>

Treasurer - Michael Anderson

Thank you to **Tina Norman** and **Michelle Cambrice** for including all of the Pilgrim church family in the celebration meal of the confirmation given for **Nick Cambrice** and **Wesley Tucker**. It felt so good that the whole church family was included.

Thank you,
Geri Michael





Celebrations & Congratulations

Praise the Lord all you nations, extol him all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Psalm 117

May Birthdays

Curtis Geiselhart	1	Carl Bloedel	26
Helen Bronson	2	Diane Hartwig	26
Mary Kjornes	2	Angela Jennrich	26
Thelma Friton	6	Keenan Lewis	29
Evelyn Hudrlik	6	David Menk	29
Marion Paulson	7	Julian Loescher	29
Darrell Sampson	7	Jennifer Combs	30
Peg Heilman	8	Michael Heilman	31
Margaret Rodmyre	8	Sharon Ledin	31
Luella Rogers	9	Samuel Gostchock	31
Orville Delano	10		
George Scott	11		
Phyllis Sandell	13		
Sara Sroga	13		
John Martin	15		
Richard Bullemer	16		
Kendra Bonde/Sivanich	17		
Mark Heilman	19		
Sherman Goplen	20		
Danny Edwardson	23		
Jacqueline Pruitt-Jones	23		
Tina Norman	25		
Kenneth Anderson	26		

May Wedding Anniversaries

Rick & Sandy Puterbaugh	May 1
Eric & Nicole Minea	May 6
Cynthia & Brian Sroga	May 17
Gerald & Diane Hartwig	May 19
Christopher & Connie Wasley	May 27

Pilgrim Women Invade Stillwater for a Good Purpose

Ten women from Pilgrim attended the Women's Enrichment Weekend at Salem Lutheran Church in Stillwater on April 18-20. (This article is bait to entice more women to join us next year.)

"Walking in the Light of the Lord" was the theme for the retreat and four dynamic speakers gave inspirational messages about their walk and our walk with God. Over 100 women's voices sound awesome when joined to lift praises to the Lord during the sing-along. Throw in a small group Bible Study, absolutely fantastic food (no cooking for the weekend, ladies,) pleasing table decorations, brief shopping time in the downtown district of Stillwater, Saturday night entertainment by New Orleans musician, Chris Driesbach and you have a refreshing, uplifting gift from God for your soul.

Mark your calendar for April of next year and watch for the flyer in the bulletin. The women who attended this year and came back with satisfied smiles were: Judy F., Karen S., Christine B., Sheri E., Mabel E., Jodi N., Sherry S., Peg H., Shirley M., Betty H.

Jottings from the April Pilgrim Ladies Guild Meeting

Our April Guild meeting was clearly a celebration of **Rose Hoppenrath's** 90th birthday and we honored her with a decorated cake, beautiful flowers, cards and her own "Happy Birthday" song.

Because Pastor Leyrer was in China, Scott Gostchock, Director of Christian Development, spoke to us about some of the programs (and blessings) we have at Pilgrim. To name a few:

- 1) the Touche Fleming Banquet coming up on May 3 and a special dinner at Jax Café for larger donors on April 25,
- 2) the Urban Stars Neighborhood Basketball team which has generated interest in our school,
- 3) the PACE Program (Pilgrim Assisting Children's Education) which will take place for the second year during the summer of 2008,
- 4) the partnership with YMCA (they used our gym during a seven week program on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,)
- 5) The Blood Drive for the community, and on and on.

Scott also announced that the Pilgrim Boys Basketball Team took 5th place in the National Lutheran Tournament in Val Paraiso, Indiana. Two of the boys, Wesley Tucker and Cameron Cummings, were given special recognition.

Our meeting was quite diverse. **Lorraine Schanzenbach** showed us a delightful DVD of her great granddaughter, Liam's, first birthday. The boy's basketball team that played at Val Paraiso came to the meeting and thanked us personally for our support and stated their names and jersey numbers.

The Guild's coffee hour on Sunday will be replaced by the Congregational Quarterly Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner. **Phyllis Martin** will coordinate it and recruit more help.

Committee Reports of note

LWMS: Eunice Johnson reported that the Spring Rally for the St. Croix Circuit is Sunday, April 6 at 1:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Prior Lake. The topic will be "Reaching Out to Muslims in Christ." The National Convention will be in Tucson, Arizona. Registration forms are available from Eunice. The deadline to register is May 15. Biographies for the National Board will be in the April Newsletter. The door collection on Easter Sunday yielded \$90.

Food Shelf: We need to restock cereal, fruit, spaghetti, canned meat, but not cake mixes.

Catering: The Guild served 114 people at the lunch served after Elaine Noethe's funeral. Cookies packed in coffee cans were brought to the kitchen by a friend of Elaine's. She explained that whenever Elaine came to visit she brought coffee cans filled with cookies.

Old Business

Doris thanked the ladies for the baby shower items which will be delivered to Chrysalis and the Harriet Tubman Center

New Business

Elections to fill the positions of Treasurer and Financial Secretary will be held in May

Quarterly Evangelism Committee Update

4/20/08

We met in January, February, and March.

The following movies were shown for Movie Night namely "Facing the Giant", "Amazing Grace", and "One Night with the King". We've received favorable comments regarding Movie Nights. We'll continue Movie Nights again starting in the fall. Suggestions for Movie Nights are welcome. We may have two movies for Movie Nights. One could be for smaller children and could be shown either in the Fireside Room or Nursery. Comments regarding this idea are welcome.

The Evangelism Committee was busy preparing for the School of Outreach for the weekend of 4/4-6/08. Several surveys and reports were necessary to compile.

Pilgrim will advertise in the Church Hotel-Motel Directory Service. This directory is placed in all but two or three hotels-motels in the Twin cities Area.

The Evangelism Committee hosted a very successful Easter Breakfast. Eric and Catie Michaelson were the coordinators for this. We thank all those who helped out and contributed in any way.

For our April Coffee Hour we welcomed the confirmands, Michaelsons, and Kevin Dykes as new members to Pilgrim.

Carol Christensen has straightened out the narthex tract rack and put in the tracts from the "The Church Is Not About Brochure Series". This series of tracts came from the WELS Evangelism Office. Carol will keep track of how well these tracts are utilized. She'll replace such as the need arise to do so.

The Pilgrim Welcome Folder has finally been completed and we've started to distribute such to Sunday visitors. We're still working out the kinks as far as the best way to do so.

Long Range Goals:

1. Expand Pilgrim Proclaimer distribution by 1,000 per year.
2. Offer the Bible Information Class six times a year with several confirmands.
3. Develop a coffee shop on Nicollet Avenue within 2-3 years. The neighborhood demographics support this idea. The BIC could be held here.
4. Establish the two month new member orientation plan and sponsors within two years.

Short Range Goals:

1. Create a prospect list of 50-100 names by end of 2008. Create database by 9/1/08. There currently are 26 unchurched children in our school. Eric & Catie will work on this.
2. Replace pew cards with Friendship Registers and develop Welcome Folder distribution. Implement by 7/1/08. Eric Jen and Galen will work on this.
3. Increase the Evangelism Committee membership by including a current teacher and a minority member by 9/1/08. Galen will work on asking specific people.
4. Proclaimer Potluck Celebration in commemoration of the second anniversary of distributing such. This will take place on Sunday 5/ 4/08 beginning at noon. Galen will coordinate this. At the celebration we'll hear stories of how such has been going. Establish follow-up training and equipping to key off of long range outreach goal. Add more members to the Adopt the Block Distribution. Train people for Law & Gospel presentation and follow-up with knocking on people's doors to present such by 8/1/08. Eric will train.
5. Revisit and reconnect with Pilgrim's Mission Statement and address this to the church council at the April Council Meeting. Galen will bring this to the council.
6. Write annual evangelism plan including prospect and membership system for such at the 5/08 evangelism meeting.
7. Develop a church logo by the end of 2008. Jen and pastor are working on this.

Evangelism Committee Members are Sharon Fischer, Sharon Emde, Carol Christensen, Phyllis Martin, Eric & Catie Michaelson, Jen Maly, Robert Gunderson, and Galen Sommer

Blood Drive - May 21st

When - Saturday from 8am – 1pm

Where - Pilgrim School

Last date for giving blood prior to this date – April 5th

Contact Laurie Sorensen for questions or to register
612-861-6182



LUTHERAN HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ZAMBIA

“Strengthening Faith. Improving Lives.”

What is the Lutheran Health & Development (H&D) Program?

Missionaries and national pastors over the years have dealt with caring for the physical needs of their congregations along with their gospel ministry. The *Lutheran H&D Program* works to support the gospel ministry of the *Lutheran Church of Central Africa (LCCA)* and the *Lutheran Mission Zambia (LMZ)*. As the apostles assigned men to this work of “waiting on tables” in Acts 6:1-6 to support their ministry, the *Lutheran H&D program* works to support the ministry in Zambia by building up the pastors and members of the church in public health education, volunteer programs, and supplying for some physical needs keeping Scripture as the foundation for all programs.

Mission Statement:

To prepare Christians in the Lutheran Church of Central Africa (LCCA) to assist their congregations and communities with acts of service; demonstrating Christ’s love for all and sharing God’s gracious gift of salvation.

How can I contribute to the Lutheran H&D Program in Zambia?

Please write *AF Lutheran Health & Development* on the memo line of your check or include a separate note.

Send to: **WELS World Missions** OR
 2929 Mayfair Rd
 Milwaukee, WI 53222

www.HealthLCCA.com

Click on the tab labeled “How Can I Contribute?” and follow the instructions.

For more information on contributions or about the Lutheran H&D Program in general, please:

- Check out the website: www.HealthLCCA.com
- Or email us at: LutheranHD@zamnet.zm



What are the H&D Program’s Current Projects?

- **Home Based Care-** Trains lay members to be volunteer home-care givers in their communities.
- **Literacy Campaign-** Trains educated lay members to be literacy teachers in their congregations/communities.
- **Seminary Health & Nutrition Project-** Teaches the seminary students and their wives on the basics of public health and nutrition
- **Youth Peer Education Team-** Reaches out to youth in the areas of sexuality, relationships, and HIV
- **Special Health Projects-** Drilling of deep water boreholes gives LCCA communities access to clean drinking water; Subsidized distribution of mosquito nets prevents malaria, a major cause of death in Zambia

Many thanks to all of you who have contributed for the lovely floral displays that Michael creates.

There are some dates available in coming months if anyone wishes to participate. Specifically these are the following dates available during next few months.

May 18.....May 25.....June 22.....August 3 and 10....Sept 7 -- 14 -- and 28.

You may give me a call @ 952-544-1072....or send a noteor put a request in my box near church office.

Cost is \$17.50 each or two for \$35.



Pilgrim Rummage Sale

Thursday June 12 – Saturday June 14th

Thursday & Friday	9am - 6pm
Saturday	9am – 2pm

This year's sales will go to help the following areas:

- Cheer Leading clinic to be held sometime in August
- Circle of Christian Friends
- Pilgrim School Athletics Department

Rummage Sale help needed!

We are looking for help for this year's **Rummage Sale** to be held on June 12th-14th, Help is needed on the following days.

Monday June 9th , anytime after 5:30 p.m. - We need a few strong men to help move tables into the gym and set up cloths racks.

Tuesday & Wednesday June 10th & 11th – Starting at 9:00 a.m. - Help with sorting donations and putting them out onto the tables.

Thursday June 12th & Friday June 13th - Help at check out table (hours are 9:00 - 6:00)

June 14th, - Help at Check out table (time 9:00 - 2:00)

June 14th, Clean up after sale (2:00 - Until we are done)

If you are able to help please get in touch with Zoe Herzig @ 763-360-6150

Rummage Sale Donations

Donations for the rummage sale may be dropped off anytime between May 30th - June 9th, and placed in the hallway between the boy's and girl's bathroom in the school building. (Please no early drop offs while school is still in session)

Items that WILL NOT be excepted are:

Microwaves
Computers
Computer Monitors

All other items MUST be in working order, clean and otherwise in good condition.



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.

Women's Bible Study
2nd and 4th Saturday Morning
Fireside room at Pilgrim
See you there!

Women's Bible Study



May Puzzle

Word Search on May Birthday Members

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ANGELA	BRONSON	CARL	CURTIS	DANNY
DARRELL	DAVID	DIANE	EVELYN	GEORGE
HELEN	JACQUELINE	JENNIFER	JOHN	JULIAN
KEENAN	KENDRA	KENNETH	LUELLA	MARGARET
MARION	MARK	MARY	MICHAEL	ORVILLE
PEG	PHYLLIS	RICHARD	SAMUEL	SARA
SHARON	SHERMAN	THEMA	TINA	

April Crossword Puzzle Answers

Answer	Hint
9. Common Sense	Trust and Truth were the parents of ____
10. Discretion	The wife of Common Sense
5. Responsibility	The daughter of Common Sense
11. Reason	The son of Common Sense
15. Emmaus	To what city where were the two disciples traveling?
8. Three	The number of wedding anniversaries in April
6. Adventurous Prayer	Name the new Women's Bible Study book
2. Two	In Pastor's story, how many days earlier had Jesus died?
14. Pilgrimage	My _____ has been hard.
3. Biking	One summer activity everyone is invited to
4. Pacers	Best Minnesota grade school basket ball team, 2008
1. MikeHolman	Made sure we had some good soup during Lent
12. Spring	I thought I would never see _____ come
7. China	Pastor Pete made one of his trips to _____
13. Mark	Current congregational president

Poppy Seed Bread

2 eggs
1 cup sugar
1 small can evaporated milk (2/3 cup)
½ cup vegetable oil
½ cup poppy seeds
1 ½ cup flour
2 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon vanilla extract

Combine ingredients

Bake in 2 small or 1 large bread pan at 350 degrees for 1 hour

Option – add 1 teaspoon of grated lemon rind.

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.

2008 Lutheran Women's Mission Society Elections Ballot

All women of Pilgrim are members of LWMS and qualified to vote for these positions.
 Candidate biographies are posted on the LWMS bulletin board.
Ballots need to be returned by May 24th.

Please complete this LWMS ballot and put in the box of your choice or given to
 Eunice Johnson
 6515 Irving Ave So
 Richfield, MN 55423
 Call Eunice with questions at 6120869-4167

Board of Director Candidates

Use an 'X' to mark one choice for each category

<p style="text-align: center;">Vice President</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sophie Korte</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bambi Tuttle</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p>Vote for one</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Secretary</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Jill Doering</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Elaine Zierke</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p>Vote for one</p>
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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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