

# Pilgrim Lutheran

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## The Monthly Newsletter of Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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Not long ago one of our dogs ran away. I finally found her at the city pound after she'd been missing more than two weeks.

A lost dog story may not be what you were expecting in this space, and that's not really what I'm writing. What continues to impress me about the incident was what I heard after we had the dog back home. Many of you told me, "I was praying that you'd find her."

In the grand scheme of things a missing family pet may not be a big deal. But this month, as we think of reasons to celebrate Thanksgiving, I realize one of the things I have to be thankful for: I am thankful for all of you, the people of Pilgrim.

I have many reasons to thank God this year: my family, my health, my Savior. All of those are important and I'm not about to forget them. In addition to all of those things, I am also truly blessed by all of you. Pilgrim has given me . . .

- The opportunity to work with a full time professional staff whose dedication and hard work inspire me.
- The privilege to know and work with many others who give freely of their time and talent to the glory of God.
- Opportunities to join in worship with brothers and sisters in Christ
- And the list could go on.

The short version is that I believe Pilgrim is a wonderful congregation, and I thank God that he has gifted all of you the way that he has to make this such a joyful assembly of God's dearly loved people.

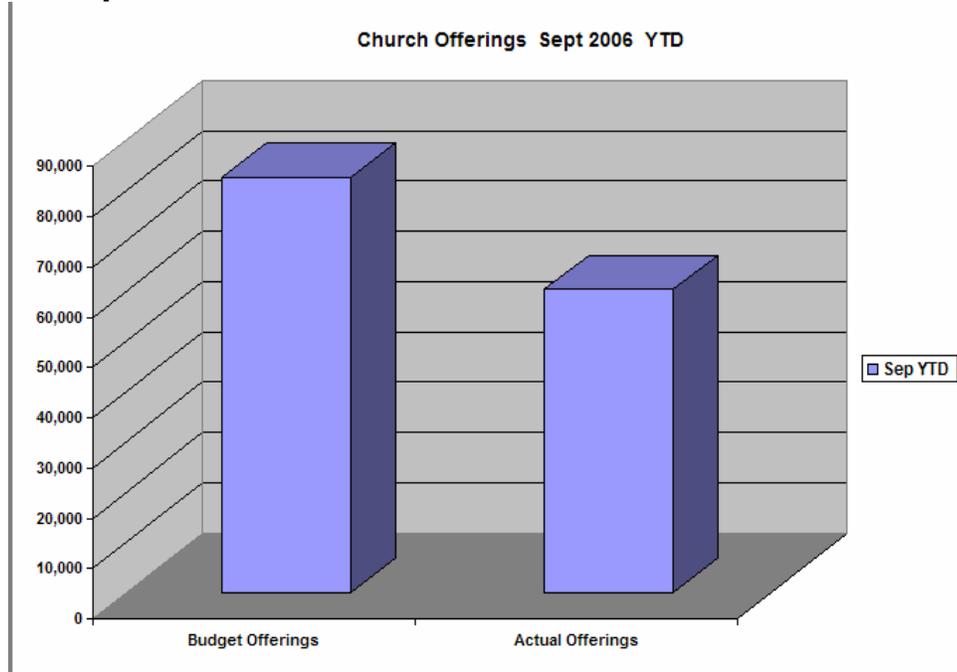
Thank you, dear friends for the love and support that you have shown to me and my family. May God bless you this holiday season.

"I thank my God every time I remember you."

- Philippians 1:3

*Pastor Pete Leyrer*

# Treasurer's Report



<b>Fiscal Year 2007</b>	<b>Sept 2006</b>	<b>Year to Date Actual</b>
Income	\$ 48,540.47	\$ 115,357.54
Expenses	\$ 61,705.68	\$ 153,249.11
Income less Expenses	\$ (13,165.21)	\$ (37,891.57)

*Thank-you*

I wish to thank Pastor Leyrer for his visits during my recent illness; to others who sent Get Well Card & offered prayers for my recovery.

*Jim Flavin*



## Love Everyone? YES!

We must place everyone's needs ahead of our own! **A command or a lifestyle?**

When we look at scripture we see it is both. <sup>LEV 19:18</sup> "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. **A command? A lifestyle?**

<sup>MT 5:43</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' <sup>44</sup> But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? <sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

**A command? A lifestyle?**

<sup>MT 36</sup> "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" <sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." **A command? A lifestyle?**

We could easily debate command, lifestyle, Law, Gospel, and even more I dare say. However, the key point in all of these passages is a four letter word – LOVE.

It is clear that love governs each of the scripture references. The emphasis at first glance is on our love for our neighbors (neighbors meaning all people). When we really look deeply at these passages and throughout scripture, we see the real emphasis which is God's LOVE for us. <sup>JN 3:16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. When we take into account that God first loved us, gave us his Son, has forgiven us all our sins, and has eternal life waiting for us through our Spirit worked faith, we realize that we must and that we want to love all people because of God's love for us!

What an amazing God we have that loves us as poor, wretched, miserable sinners that deserve nothing but eternal death. He loves us despite our faults and problems. He loves us despite all of our continued mistakes and terribleness.

God loves us. Now we must, we want to love all others. May God help kindle in each of us his love, and may he lead his love to outpour through us to all people! **A command? A lifestyle? Love everyone? YES!** To God be the glory.

In Christ's Service,  
Scott Gostchock, Director of Christian Development



# Celebrations & Congratulations



*Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway.  
Proverbs 8:34*

## November Birthdays

A friend is a gift from God. Gather as many gifts as you are able.

Bob Florin	1
Miriam Lemke	1
Bill Brust	3
Jody Dittrich	3
Floyd Rodmyre	4
Dorotha Dorschner	5
Les Swanson	5
Andrea Neumann	6
Don Sonnenfeld	6
Jean Crumlett	7
Zion Fahey	7
Heather Herzig	7
Violet Eichers	8
James Walker	9
Mary Brust	11
Jasmin Brown	12
Chaisjon Combs	14
Dennis Jensen	14
Elisa Sorensen	14
Ardelle Bloedel	15
Samantha Manthe	18
Joshua Kramer	20
Corey Puterbaugh	22
Shirley Jensen	24
Darlene Sonnenfeld	25
Jodi Nelson	27
Eunice Johnson	30
Caroline Odegard	30

## November Wedding Anniversaries

Ken & Marilyn Anderson	November 5
William & Sondra Brust	November 23
Harlan & Margaret Johnson	November 23
Virgil & Luella Engelke	November 30

***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



## Visit the Pilgrim Web Page

If you haven't been to the new Pilgrim website lately, there are a few things I'd like to invite you to see.

First of all on the *front page*; which I call **Pilgrim's Bulletin Board**; highlights the upcoming events for the next month or so. This is worth checking out to keep abreast of all the exciting events and opportunities that may help you share Pilgrim with your friends, neighbors, co-workers and family.

At the *bottom of the page* you will find the **GoodSearch** internet search bar. When searching the internet, just go to our website and use this link to help raise money for Pilgrim Church and School. There are also several links to various news and information sites along the *right hand side* of the Bulletin Board page. Just click on the weather channel link for example and you will get the 10 day forecast for our area. Just click on the Twin City Gas Prices link and you will find out where the best deals are to fill up. Further down there are links to various WELS links, ESPN, Yahoo Finance and a whole host of sites of a Christian Nature.

There is also room to advertise your business or express a sentiment to someone on their Birthday, Anniversary, Bar Mitzvah or Coronation. Just contact me at [joe@pilgrimonline.net](mailto:joe@pilgrimonline.net) with any questions.

In addition, feel free to explore the many intricacies of the side menu on the *left hand side* of the Bulletin Board Page. Some new additions are the Christian Classics and the Featured Literature for young and old sections. These links will have different pieces of literature on them each month or so depending on the length of the work. I will try to provide interesting, sometimes unusual, sometimes provocative and lesser known works ranging from the Nestorian tablets to Aesop's Fables, from the Smalcald Articles to the writing of the early Church Fathers. Luther's 95 Theses and Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan are featured at present. They will be available as links on the side menu first and then will be moved to our Document Download section under Christian Classics or Classic Literature in case you haven't finished reading a particular work before the next one arrives.

Also new are the past and current issues of the Pilgrim newsletter under the Pilgrim Newsletter of the Month and the Newsletter Archives sections. I would like to remind you too that there is an opportunity for **dialogue on various issues in our PLOG (Pilgrim Log) section**.

One thing you might want to consult on a regular basis is the Church and School Calendar. Also be sure to use the prayer link which connects you directly to God (well through Pastor Pete anyways). There is much more planned for the Pilgrim website... so keep posted.

If any of you have any question on how things work or have ideas to make this site better, please let me know. Some of you have already suggested links and such and I appreciate your input. Just contact me personally or at my email address at [joe@pilgrimonline.net](mailto:joe@pilgrimonline.net)

Your web-servant, *Joe*



## **PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION...**

*“<sup>17</sup>In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. <sup>18</sup>But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.” James 2:17-18*

Why do you mow the church lawn; clean the church; serve on council or one the committees; participate in altar guild or serve as a youth leader? There are several reasons to do any of these items. “The church lawn has to be mown. If I don’t do it, it won’t get done.” “We need order in our education program.” “If we don’t have fun things for the youth, they won’t come.” “Someone has to set up for communion; Pastor should not have to do it.” Amazingly, [most] everything gets done at church in spite of these attitudes that often surface. Your pastor also is not immune from this attitude in the tasks he completes each week.

Attitude and actions. That is the way the faith that God has given us shows itself. Our selfless, indiscriminate love for others displays the love of Christ in our hearts. Our joyful, willing service to each other in our congregations demonstrates that real faith really works diligently in response to the love that Jesus displayed for us on the cross. Regularly placing Jesus’ kingdom first in the way we use our time, our talents, and our treasures highlights the love that the Holy Spirit placed in our hearts.

Over the next several weeks, our second lesson is taken from the book of James. Reap the blessings God gives through James, and put your faith into action.

*Pastor Duane C Schmeichel*

MN District MCG Chairman  
763-420-9294 <revdcs@aol.com>

## >> Girl Pioneers <<

The Girl Pioneers will meet first and third wed of each month except for December

### **Sponsored Projects:**

Girl Pioneers will be selling Wreaths again this year. Cost is **\$13.00**

We are taking orders **until November 19th** and **pickup** date is **November 26th** between service or other arrangements can be made.

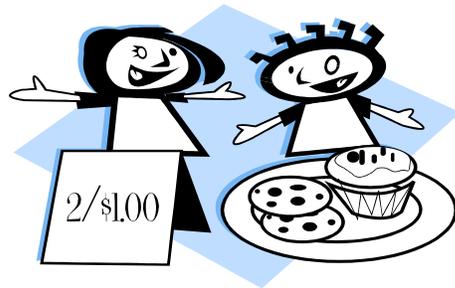
For questions call Jodi Nelson at 612-861-1260.



### **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.



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

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



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### **Don't miss the November Blood Drive**



**Saturday Nov 4**

9 am – 3 pm

To reserve a time, contact  
Laurie Sorenson  
612-861-6182

Walk-ins welcome

# Planning Ahead

## Upcoming Pilgrim Mixers

### COURT WHIST ANYONE?

Saturday,  
November 11, 2006  
7:00 PM  
Fireside Room



First scheduled activity for the new year will be the ever popular card game of Court Whist. An easy and fun game to learn.

Please join us for an evening of fun, fellowship and food.

Questions or sign up please call:  
Mike or Carol Anderson 612-722-4809

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

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

Appetizers, Main Course & Dessert

**Signup** in the Fellowship Hall for either helping or hosting one of the courses

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

Saturday Morning – 9am – 10:30  
Fireside Room

November 11  
December 9



# Pilgrim Fall Extravaganza

*Great Opportunity to shop early  
for Christmas*

**Hold tight....this is going to be a big one!**

**The annual Pilgrim Ladies Guild Make and Bake Sale is going public on Saturday, November 18.**

Crafts for all seasons, baked goods and food, fellowship and fun...it will all be here. The hours of the sale are 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Coffee and cookies are available from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.. A sloppy joe lunch follows from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On Sunday the crafts will also be for sale and the tables will be restocked with fresh baked goods before and between services.

Here's how you can help make this a big success:

1. Donate crafts that you have assembled, sewn, knit, glued or built (you get the idea) and put them in the fireside room marked "sale."
2. Bring baked goods for **Saturday** on Friday between noon and 4:00 p.m. or Saturday morning by 8:00 a.m.
3. Donate items for our "white elephant" tables. Bring these items to the nursery no later than Nov. 17 (1-4 p.m) or Nov. 18 by 8 a.m. and mark them "White Elephant"
4. Bring baked goods for **Sunday** before the 8:00 a.m. service. Please price your items.
5. Shop on Saturday and Sunday for gifts and delicious things to eat.
6. Tell your friends about the **Pilgrim Fall Extravaganza**.

We would appreciate participation from the *whole congregation* because the proceeds support missions all over the world Please consider donating crafts, baked goods or helping at the sale Thrivent Financial will supply supplemental funds. If you have questions or want to volunteer, call Lue Rogers, 612-869-0762



## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP BIBLE STUDY

Based on "The Treasure Principle" by Randy Alcorn

### How to manage your money to the Glory of God

8 Weeks total: Starts Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 9-10:30 a.m.

6 Weeks: 45 minute Bible Study, 45 minutes Topical Q&A

2 Weeks: Learning the Budget Model and Follow-up



Cost: \$10 for "The Treasure Principle" Book  
Signup prior to September 30<sup>th</sup> to get book and read 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter

<u>Date</u> (9-10:30 a.m.)	<u>Bible Study</u>	<u>Topic</u>
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	Buried Treasure	Money
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Compounding Joy	Investing
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Eyes on Eternity	Retiring
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Roadblocks to Giving	Purchases
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Getting Started	Budgeting
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	For Such a Time as This	Taxes
November 11 <sup>th</sup>		Budget Model
November 18 <sup>th</sup>		Budget Model

**Information for all: Couples, Singles, Teens, Retirees**

**Questions/Signup: Mark Heilman  
763-593-2910 (leave message)**

## Vacation Bible School - 2007

- The days are **June 26-28**, Tuesday through Thursday night.
- The time will be **5:30-8:30 PM**. We will start with a meal then break off into groups.
- We will have childcare for children under the age of three.
- For children three through fourteen we will be having a puppet show, art projects, physical activity, and a lesson on God's plan for our salvation.
- The adults will be able to attend different sectionals of their choosing.



The sectionals that we have in place so far are as follows:

- + Value of Faith in the Home (Peter Leyrer)
- + Preparing Children for College (Ryan Buch, Bethany College)
- + Parent Involvement Leads to a Successful Student (Scot Goschtock, PHD)
- + Budgeting from a Christian Perspective (Barry Goschtock)

Setting Boundries for Your Children (Rhoda Wolle, WLCFS)

I am hoping to secure more teachers for sectionals. Also, if anyone is willing to donate toward VBS expenses it would be much appreciated.

For questions contact - Mike Homan

## 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

Sundays	Odd Month	Even Month
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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