



When you receive the absolution from a preacher or Christian brother, be sure that your sins are forgiven you; though Judas or anyone else absolved you, the absolution is nonetheless God's Word and a divine office. We must constantly repeat this teaching because of the rogues and sectarians who assert: Baptism and the Gospel are not valid until people believe and accept them. The devil is always plaguing the world by keeping people from distinguishing between the work of God and the work of men . . . But you should know that though no human being believed Baptism and the Gospel, the Gospel and Baptism would still be right; for both are not mine but God's Word and work.

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I ask that men make no reference to my name and call themselves not Lutherans but Christians. What is Luther? After all, the doctrine is not mine, nor have I been crucified for anyone. St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 3 would not allow Christians to call themselves Pauline or Petrine, but Christian. How, then, should I, a poor evil smelling maggot sack have men give to the children of Christ my worthless name? No so, dear friends. Let us cast our party names and be called Christians after Him whose doctrine we have. The papists justly have a party name because they are not satisfied with the doctrine and name of Christ but want also to be popish. Let them be popish, then, since the pope is their master. Christ alone is our Master. He teaches me and all believers one and the same doctrine. (Matthew 23:8)

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*Pastor Pete Leyrer*

### Treasurer's Report

	<b>August</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	55,954.32	101,994.23
<b>EXPENSE</b>	72,175.76	129,230.91
<b>INCOME less EXPENSES</b>	<b>-16,221.44</b>	<b>-27,236.68</b>

Treasurer, Michael Anderson



## *Celebrations & Congratulations*

### October Birthdays

Isaac Denn	2
Gerald Hartwig	7
Deanna King	10
Judy Fick	11
Gary Schatzlein	12
Quentin Owens	13
Sharon Fischer	14
Paul Weist	18
Jeffrey Ahlberg	19
Craig Knutson	24
Jeremy Heilman	26
Nicole Chernohorsky	27
Mary Crumlett	27

Daniel Wease-Casci	28
Mary Jean Florin	29
Charles Combs Jr.	30
Nathan Moy	30
Sarah Ribolzi	30
Irene Bittner	31
Jon Gerdes	31

*The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.*

*Isaiah 60:19*

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

Michael & Peg Heilman	October 3
Craig & Rena Knutson	October 10
Michael & Dorothy DeYoung	October 30

## The Healing House

In late Fall 2006 the Healing House opened in Minneapolis. This non profit Christian organization provides help to women with addictions. The founders of Healing House understood from the beginning that when treating women with addictions they would also need to provide for children.

Pilgrim has been privileged to help. After I met with representatives of Healing House, I reported back to the Church Council, School Committee, and congregation. The feeling that we should help these families through our school was overwhelming. This year our school is providing education for two children from the program. We're blessed to have them and ask the congregation to pray for the success of our gospel ministry in their hearts.

Some quick facts about Healing House:

- Started in Fall 2006
- Program takes 12 to 18 months to complete
- Offers professional counseling and spiritual guidance
- The women and children that we minister to through the Healing House will also need a church home when their programs are complete. This may well mean more opportunities for Pilgrim to help, reach out, and grow.
- The Healing House hopes to become a national and international ministry
- For more information check out: <http://www.metrohope.org/index.php?id=11>

Praise be to God for this opportunity to serve people in need with the one thing needful: the gospel of Jesus Christ

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

## FLOWERS NEEDED

Anyone wishing to add flowers to our altar in the coming months.

Check the Flower Calendar in church narthex to find open Sundays



One @ \$17.50 or two for \$35 is the cost of these lovely arrangements which Michael Dieter creates. They then are available for enjoyment at your home or can be taken (given) to a shut-in or friend.

Checks are payable to "Pilgrim Ladies Guild" and can be left in my box outside church office or mailed to me @ 1640 Kilmer Ave, Mpls 55426.

Please include your **phone #** and indicate any event you wish to celebrate.  
Many thanks to all those who have already provided altar decorations!

**Lila Aske**, Pilgrim Ladies Guild Flower Committee--  
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## Pilgrim School Marathon

September 15<sup>th</sup> was a great day for a ride, run or stroll around Lake Harriet. Over 75 people attended the marathon, we had fun, it was a great event and we missed you all. We hope to see you all next year.....

Thanks to all who participated.



## New WELS President

Rev. Mark Schroeder, 53, Wednesday accepted the call to be the next WELS president. Addressing the delegates to the 59th Biennial Convention at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minn. about the task ahead of him, Schroeder expressed the strength he gained from the book of Isaiah: "Surely it is God who saves me. I will trust in him and not be afraid."

Schroeder currently serves as president of Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, Wis. He has previously served at congregations in Fond du Lac, Wis., and Maitland, Fla.

Concluding his remarks, Schroeder told the delegates, "I will strive with the help of God to be faithful to the calling you have given me, and faithful to God's Word."

## The meaning of Luther's seal

While Luther was a professor at Wittenberg, he devised a seal which was meant to be expressive of his theology. In a letter to a friend Luther explained the symbolism of his seal.

A black cross rests on a red heart "to put me in mind that faith in Christ crucified saves us.



"The heart rests on the center of a white rose "to show that faith causes joy, consolation and peace. The rose is white, not red, because white is the ideal color of all angels and blessed spirits."

The rose is fixed in a dark blue sky "to denote that such joy of faith in the spirit is but an earnest and beginning of heavenly joy to come, as anticipated and held by hope, though not yet revealed."

The sky is surrounded by a golden ring "to signify that such bliss in heaven is endless, and more precious than all joys and treasures..."

Christ, our dear Lord, He will give grace unto eternal life."

## Planning Ahead

### Pilgrim Fall Extravaganza

(Formerly known as the Make & Bake Sale)

The annual Pilgrim Ladies Guild Make and Bake Sale is going public on **Saturday, October 27**.

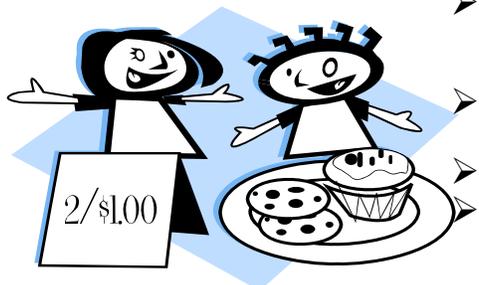
Crafts for all seasons, baked goods and food, fellowship and fun...it will all be here. The hours of the sale are 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Coffee and cookies are available from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., a sloppy joe lunch follows from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

On Sunday the crafts will also be for sale and tables will be restocked with fresh baked goods before and between services.

Participation from the *whole congregation is appreciated* because the proceeds support missions all over the world and this is also an outreach event to the community.

Here's how you can help:

- Donate crafts that you have assembled, sewn, knit, glued or built (you get the idea) and put them in the fireside room marked "sale."
- Bring baked goods for **Saturday** on Friday between noon and 4:00 p.m. or Saturday morning by 8:00 a.m.



- Donate items for our "white elephant" tables. Bring these items to the nursery beginning Sunday, October 21 and no later than Friday, October 26 and mark them "White Elephant"
- Bring baked goods for **Sunday** before the 8:00 a.m. service. Please price your items.
- Shop on Saturday and Sunday for gifts and delicious things to eat.
- Tell your friends about the **Pilgrim Fall Extravaganza**.

Again, anyone can donate crafts or baked goods and everyone can volunteer to help at the sale on Saturday or Sunday. If **you** want to volunteer or have questions, call Doris Belsaas, 612-922-5058.

Thank you to Thrivent Financial for supplemental funds.

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.



One more Saturday planned - 10/20/07. You may contact Galen Sommer at [galensomme@aol.com](mailto:galensomme@aol.com) or 612-872-8265 if interested or just show up.

### Ongoing Handicraft Meetings

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

### PILGRIM MIXERS

Have hear about us?

We are a group of young & old; widows & widowers, single & married Pilgrim members who get together once a month from November to March.

Last year we played Court Whist, had Monkey Golf (which was extremely well attended), Square Dancing is where we enjoyed ourselves and of course the ever popular Progressive Dinner. The December dinner was again extraordinary, from outstanding appetizers to the delicious main course to the deserts with traditional singing of Christmas Carols.

**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. So please plan to join us. Meet or reacquaint yourself with other Pilgrim members.

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**

Watch for newsletter and bulletins for monthly details.

### COURT WHIST ANYONE?

**Saturday,  
November 10, 2007  
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



## Women's Bible Study

### Schedule

The 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday

Morning – 9 am – 10:30 am  
Fireside Room



October – 6\* & 20\*  
November 10 & 24

*We have been a growing diverse group of women who study God's word and offer ears and hands to each other.*

*In an attempt to keep everyone involved, when the group is too large we will break into smaller groups.*

[\* We are changing the dates in October to accommodate the Craft Extravaganza on Oct 27]

On Saturday, Oct 20 we will also be hosting a baby Shower for Sarah Homan. Please join us.

## Always Needed

### Donations for the Circle of Christian Friends Beforecare and Aftercare Program

There are a large number of children in this program. Items needed such as cereal, snacks, crafts, games, puzzles dolls, etc for boys and girls ages 5-12. Drop offs can be made to the Fireside Room Please contact Tam Bandelin in the church office or more information.  
612-825-5337

### Interconnect Housing

Linens, bedding, pillows, towels, hygiene, household items are needed for this housing and support services. If you wish to donate, please label and drop off items in the Fireside Room.

*Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice Psalm 112:5*



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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