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The Monthly Newsletter of Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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United We Stand

The Apostle Paul wrote the letter that we call First Corinthians to help a troubled congregation. Different groups in that ancient church followed different teachers and thought that by doing so they were “more right” than the other groups. Paul called them back to their roots:

“Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized into the name of Paul?” (1 Corinthians 1:13)

Of course, the answer to each of those questions is “no!” We have one Lord and Savior—Jesus Christ. He unites as a body of believers today just as surely as he did in ancient Corinth.

We are united in Christ—let’s remember that in the months to come, okay?

Soon we will be instituting a long planned for change in our worship schedule. The early service will be at 8:30 as it always has been and the second service will stay at the summer service time of 10:30. Besides that time change there will also be a format change. The first service will be “traditional” i.e. we will use the liturgy from the hymnal. The second service will be “contemporary” i.e. we will use different styles of worship and music. I’m thinking of the contemporary service format as similar to our summer outdoor services, but we’ll have a roof over our heads.

Whether you come to the traditional or the contemporary service, you will hear the message of Jesus Christ that unites us as a Christian church. You’ll hear that in him you have forgiveness, peace and eternal life. That message will not change. We will continue, in both services, to gather around his body broken for us and his blood shed for us as we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. In both services you will have opportunity to sing his praises and join with your brothers and sisters in prayer. In both services by word and action we will confess our faith in him.

I’m not worried about this change. I’m not worried that people at the traditional service will swell with pride and say, “We’re holding on to a rich meaningful heritage while the contemporary worshipers are watering down the faith.” I’m not worried that worshipers at the contemporary service will say with arrogance, “We’re carrying the gospel into the 21st century while the first service people are hopelessly stuck in the past.” I’m not worried about those things being said because that’s not the Pilgrim I have come to know and love. The Pilgrim I have come to know and love understands that the love of Jesus Christ is one-size-fits-all. It’s big enough to encompass all of us with our different opinions and styles. That love has enlarged all of our hearts to love and accept one another.

“You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” (Galatians 5:13-14)

Pastor Pete Leyrer

Treasurer's Report

	July	Year to Date
INCOME	46039.91	46,039.91
EXPENSE	57055.15	57055.15
INCOME less EXPENSES	-11,015.24	-11,015.24

Treasurer, Michael Anderson



Celebrations & Congratulations

September Birthdays

Robert Aske	1
Jackson Jallah	1
Elisabeth Robinson	1
Jon Herzig	2
C.W. "Red" Herzig	3
Evelyn Melin	3
Dan Steffen	3
Seth Gostchock	5
William Nordby	5
Adrian Moy	7
Merle Knutson	11
Betty Weist	11
Elmer Janisch	12
Samuel Katan	12
Joseph Schauff	12
Jennifer Kerber	14
Nicholas Neumann	15
Ruby Weaver	17
Christiana Hinton	20
Nancy Schauff	20
Joshua Brown	22
Andrew Ndekwe	22
Caleb Sorensen	23
Sharon Emde	24

Paul Ledin	25
Dorothy Pawlcyn	25
Betty Helmen	27
Frederick Ribolzi	28
Jakayla Davis	29
Jessica Denn	29
Carol Christensen	30
Nathan Koepsell	30
Jean Loescher	30

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. Romans 14:8

Wedding Anniversaries

James & Thelma Friton	September 14
Daniel & Sarah Ribolzi	September 22

Thank-you

A special thanks to the Pilgrim Afternoon Guild and to all Pilgrim ladies who so lovely bestowed that beautiful prayer shawl to me. The Prayer Shawl Ministry is truly a caring and loving entity. May God continue to bless all those who receive and provide this gift. Thanks also, to Sondra and Bill Brust for delivering the prayer shawl to me and for the nice visit that ensued.

Virgil Engelke



Minutes from Pilgrim Ladies Guild June 6, 2007

Our June meeting began with a prayer by Pastor Pete followed by delicious pot luck.

Pastor talked with us about Nettie Fellows last days. He told us about the time he had spent with her.

Doris opened our meeting. She sent around a signup sheet for committee assignments.

We voted to give a gift to Karen Sonnenburg for her many years of faithful service as the church office business manager.

Eunice Johnson read a letter East Fork High School. It will close this year as they don't have enough funds to continue the high school. However the grade school will continue. We voted to send them \$50.

The craft sale will be October 27 & 28.

Carol Bloedel will repair Bibles and devotional materials and the Christian Literature Association will send them where they are needed.

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, September 5, 2007.**

New Worship Schedule

Begins: Sunday September 2

8:30 service will be traditional in format
Arthur will continue playing the organ

10:30 (NEW TIME) will be a contemporary format
using the songbook –

Let All the People Praise You

Piano Accompaniment and taped music will be at first with a hope that visiting musicians and musicians from the congregation would be increasingly used in the second service. The worship committee will be evaluating this new schedule and format change after the first 2 Sundays. All are invited to attend this discussion – September 12th at 5:45

Something about the LAPPY song book.

This songbook contains 183 hymns and spiritual songs from many cultures, including African-American, Hispanic, and American folk traditions. Each song is printed with full keyboard accompaniment, and many are arranged for mixed choirs. It is useful in the church, school, and home -- cross-cultural ministry, classroom music, Sunday school and vacation Bible school, mission festivals, youth gatherings, retreats, camp-outs, and family devotions and festivities. The index is arranged by title, first line, and foreign text. Compiled by the WELS Commission on Worship. Published 1999.

Northwestern Lutheran Publishing House

FLOWERS NEEDED

There still is an opportunity for anyone wishing to add flowers to our altar in the coming months.

The Sundays that are available begin in **Sept** the **2nd, 9th and 30th**.

There also is a date available on **October 14**, as well as **November 4** and **December 30**.

There are several Sundays in **Nov.** when **only one has been requested**; however a 2nd arrangement could certainly be added.

The flower calendar in church narthax indicates requests.

Please include your **phone #** and indicate any event you wish to celebrate.

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.

Many thanks to all those who have already provided altar decorations!

Lila Aske, Pilgrim Ladies Guild Flower Committee



take place both in and outside of the classroom. Thursday afternoons are scheduled for experiential learning adventures. 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, 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 Bethany Lutheran 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 30 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 PACE II, summer of 2008! Praise be to God!

Education is keeping ' PACE '

What do Chinese, critical thinking, creative writing, art, physical education, language arts, math, 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 grant 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



**HAPPY
CAMPERS
2007**



Planning Ahead

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 29th 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.



The Saturdays are 9/1/07, and 10/20/07. You may contact Galen Sommer at galensomme@aol.com or 612-872-8265 if interested or just show up.

Women's Bible Study Schedule

The 2nd & 4th Saturday
Morning – 9 am – 10:30 am
Fireside Room

September - 8 & 22
October – 13 & 27

We have been a growing diverse group of women. When the group is to large we will break into smaller groups.



Pilgrim School Marathon

When: Sept 15th, Saturday 9:30
Where: Lake Harriet – Meet in the Peace Garden parking lot across from the rose garden.
What: Sponsor a staff or school board member in running, walking, biking - their choice

See the upcoming Sunday bulletin for the list of participants. Come and join in for support. All profits go directly to the school. Any questions, ideas or volunteer time please call Sandy Puterbaugh or the school office @ 612-825-5375

Ongoing Handicraft Meetings

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

Summer Thanksgiving Prayer

Thank God for his multi-colored, many splendored creation – for scarlet roses, purple cabbage, yellow daisies, red tomatoes.

Thank God for excitement in variety – for sunrise and sunset, for rains, some gentle, some pouring, for mushrooms and for mountains, for clothes right for fun and for clothes to dress up in, for soft pillowy clouds, for dramatic, towering clouds, and for rainbows.

Thank God for beautifully different people – for short ones and tall ones, for thin and not so thin, young and not so young, for listeners and talkers, for doers and planners.

Thank God for gifts and givers, and for his gift – love in Jesus Christ. ‘For all that has been, thanks! For all that will be, yes.’”

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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