

Feel the joy? Sense the energy? See the enthusiasm? God's Spirit of love is alive and dancing among us! Our September Sunday mornings have been full and invigorating! Would you believe it has been three years since we dedicated our new sanctuary? Over 50 new families have joined our congregation since we completed the project! Many of these newcomers bring broad spirits and fresh ideas, and, when coupled with the deep commitment of those who have been at Pilgrim many years, we share a wonderful and complimenting faith dynamic.

This fall we prepare to enter yet another chapter in the life of our congregation . . . life after the building campaign! Over the past five years 180 families have contributed over \$770,000 (above and beyond regular stewardship) to help realize the dream of our beautiful facility. What a huge success! It's finally coming to an end . . . Halleluiah!

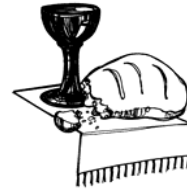
I'd like to share one remarkable story. There is a couple among us who pledged so sacrificially that they delayed purchasing a new vehicle and even made adjustments to their retirement schedule. This kind of commitment is simply extraordinary. It speaks of faith. It speaks of generosity. It speaks of trust. In every way – time, talent and treasure – this family will continue to be faithful stewards. Why? Because in dedicating their lives to God and to this community of faith anchored in Jesus Christ, they have found it both natural and necessary to make discipleship their first priority. Perhaps most of us can't imagine tithing (giving 10% of our income to God), but surely most of us can consider moving closer to the goal of a half tithe (or 5%). I invite you to pray about this.

This fall our challenge is, curiously, both less and more. While the building campaign will end, our 2007 operating budget will increase 30% (to a little over \$300,000) in order to assume the mortgage into our annual ministry costs. Those of us who participated in the building campaign will be invited to commit to a stewardship level that balances "welcome relief" with "new commitment." Several of our leaders have already enthusiastically said, "YES" to this challenge! But these families alone cannot carry the weight. This is an opportunity for all of our families to become "stretching" stewards. Remember our ministry is funded entirely from the gifts of friends and members.

I am reminded daily of God's grace among us. Just yesterday I visited a member who pointed to a basket of cards and said, "This is how much our church cares, and it gives me such joy!" We are a strong, loving and healthy church, and this challenge for 2007 is well within our capability.

May God continue to guide us and keep us.

Franz



**WORLD COMMUNION
AND
FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 1ST**

World Communion Sunday is a day celebrating the diversity of the Christian Church throughout all cultures, languages, and worship expressions. Our communion service will include breads common to various countries throughout the world. Additionally, we will celebrate the first communion of a number of our 3rd graders. Join us on this day as we celebrate our common, yet diverse, faith on the body of Christ.



**OCTOBER COOKIE FUNDRAISER
FOR SUMMER CAMP**

Help send kids to church camp while showing your Packer Spirit! On **October 15th**, you will be able to purchase delicious cookies decorated in the "Green and Gold." There will also be Chicago Bear cookies and a competition will ensue to see where our loyalties lie! Goodies will be available between services and after the 10:30 service. *Wear your team colors and support your team and the kids!*

OCTOBER 8TH IS "FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY." BRING A FRIEND, NEIGHBOR OR RELATIVE TO PILGRIM!



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to the following
3rd graders who will be receiving
1st Communion on Sunday, October 1st:



Daniel Bader	Jack Faase
Julia Fischer	Owen Godejohn
Valerie Goldberg	Katie Hunt
Sam Jenkins	Jacob Klopp
Spencer Knier	McKenna Lewis
Nathan Roffers	D.J. Underwood

UPCOMING DATES

October 15th and 22nd at 9:00 a.m. – Acolyte training for all 3rd graders and any 4th – 6th graders who have not yet had this training. Children will be meeting at the chancel as people leave the sanctuary following the 8:00 a. m. worship service.

1ST – 4TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

From 9:00 until 9:50 the 1st – 4th grade “*Living Inside Out*” Sunday School class is meeting in Kalweit Hall. If you are entering or exiting through Kalweit Hall during this hour, may we ask that you please do so quietly? If it’s possible for you to use a different route while class is in session this would also be much appreciated and less distracting for the children. Thank you!

CHILDREN AGES 2 – KINDERGARTEN

Parents of children ages 2 through Kindergarten: Please stop at the table in the Narthex prior to the beginning of the 10:30 service to make sure your little one receives a name tag before heading downstairs for Sunday School.

SHOEBOXES NEEDED

The 4-year old/Kindergarten class will be making a Christmas Craft project, which will require about 25 shoeboxes. Please bring any empty shoeboxes (preferably with the lids) you may have around the house and put them in the big gold box in the Narthex. Thanks!

YOUTH CORPS

Youth Corps, a community service organization for students from 7th grade through High School, will kick off the year with their first event, the AIDS Walk, on Saturday, September 30th. Please meet at church at 10:00 am. Parent drivers are needed to help transport students to the Summerfest grounds. Sign up is on the Youth Corps bulletin board near the church office, or email Ellen at eknier@sbcglobal.net with your name, address, phone, email and shirt size to register. Pilgrim Youth are encouraged to invite friends to accompany them, just be sure to sign your friends up so we have enough drivers! If you have any questions please contact Stephenie Streiff-Process, Tom Monroe, or Ellen Knier.

Mark your calendars for the second
annual

Pilgrim Women’s Advent By
Candlelight.

“The Blessings of
Christmas”



Thursday, November 30th
Desserts and Social Time: 6:30–
7:00
Worship 7:00 – 8:00

Invite your female friends and family
members to share a beautiful evening
of preparing our hearts and minds

for the coming holiday season.

Volunteer bakers, musicians, readers, and ushers will be needed. Please watch the bulletin board in the Narthex for sign up sheet or contact Ellen Knier to volunteer your ideas or your services.

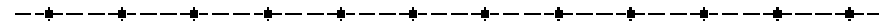


Adult Study

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT STUDY GROUP

On **October 1, at 9:15am**, the adult study group will meet in the downstairs conference room. We will begin an audiotape session entitled "*Reclaiming Your Spiritual Power.*" The speaker, Ron Roth, is very dynamic in his conversation about personal faith, prayer, spiritual healing, the art of positive thinking, and empowerment.

Mr. Roth, a Catholic Priest, is very progressive in his thinking toward people of all faiths. His conversation is filled with personal experiences throughout his ministry to others. You will find the sessions thought provoking. Perhaps there will be answers to some difficult questions that you are searching for within your own life. Please join our small group setting, which is scheduled between the two Sunday worship services.



LIVING THE QUESTIONS

A PROGRESSIVE ALTERNATIVE FOR CHRISTIAN INVITATION, INITIATION, AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION

"Wisdom is asking the questions for which there are no answers"

-- Harrell Beck

Please consider joining us for this 6-week DVD-based small group program of Christian invitation, initiation and spiritual formation beginning on Sunday October 8th at 6:30. Sessions will be led by Pastor Franz. Sign up is in the Narthex and a \$10 donation is requested to help cover the cost of materials. Class fee may be paid at the first session.



MEN'S BREAKFAST FALL SCHEDULE

- October 14** Controlling Health Hazards in the Workplace
(John Reiter)
- November 11** The World of the Architect (Chris Kline)

In October, John Reiter will talk about what occupational health and industrial hygiene are, some occupational health hazards including chemical hazards, physical hazards (like noise), biological hazards (like mold); measuring these hazards in industrial, commercial, community, and environmental settings; how we know how much is too much; and how these hazards can be controlled.

For the November breakfast, Chris Kline will give a presentation on the practice of architecture. This presentation promises to be a fascinating look into a profession that has helped mould the environment we live in every day. As a Project Architect, Chris will give us a glimpse of some of the past and current projects he is working on as he gives us an in-depth view of what architects do on a day-to-day basis. You won't want to miss the slide show overview of the Bayshore Town Center project, just in time for its grand opening.

These breakfasts begin with a meal at 7:30 AM, followed by the scheduled program. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex.

ALL USHERS MEETING – OCTOBER 10

At **7:00 pm Tuesday, October 10** there will be a meeting at church for all those past, present and future that are, or would like to be, involved with ushering on Sundays at either the 8:00 or 10:30 am service. The meeting is for people who may have been ushers in the past and would like to help out once again, those ushers currently active and assigned to Sunday services throughout the year and new members or anyone who attends either service (particularly the 8:00am service) that would like to become involved in ushering on Sundays. Updates of duties for current ushers, procedures for making adjustments to scheduled assignments, updating the ushering contact list information, recruitment of additional ushers and a number of other things will be discussed. **Please make every effort to attend this meeting in-person on October 10.**

If you are currently on our active usher list and you will not be able to attend the meeting, please let Phil Willman know by contacting him at email (sliders@wi.rr.com) or home phone 262-387-0271.

Mission News



CROP Walk

What: Ozaukee County CROP Walk

When: Saturday, October 7 at 9 a.m.

Registration: Begins at 8:30

Where: Cedarburg Community Methodist Church
CROP Walk raises money for hunger relief efforts worldwide and in our area. 25% of the proceeds will go to the Food Pantry of Port Washington. How can you help? Volunteer to be a walker and collect donations or sponsor a Pilgrim walker. Check out our CROP Wall adorned with stop (hunger) signs honoring those who are walking or have sponsored our walkers. A table will be available between services until October 1. Contact Mary Beuscher at 377-2484 if you have questions. *Thank you for your support!*

Honduras Team – September 23- October 1

We'd like to wish our Mission Team heading to Honduras safe travels. Those participating are Deb Lushine, Dale Schroeder, Bert & Jimmy Faase, Steve Destrampe and trip leader Rev. Mary Davies. The team will be working on the construction of a community building/school.

Habitat for Humanity

The Port Washington Habitat home is progressing nicely. Ed Proctor visits the site regularly and is keeping our Missions Board updated with photos.

2007 Adult Mission Trip – Biloxi, Mississippi

A team of adults will head to Biloxi, Mississippi to work through the UCC organization Back Bay Mission on hurricane relief. The trip will be **January 27 – February 4**. Participants can expect to work on drywall, plumbing, painting, etc. Projected cost per person is approximately \$400. A sign up is posted for those interested in learning more. Contact Heidi Jenkins if you have questions.



Reach Out

ACE – Outreach – Congregational Care

Photo Directory Date Added

Don't forget to sign up to have your photo taken for the church directory. Olan Mills will be here **November 9, 10 and 11** (and possibly Nov. 8 if needed). Appointment sheets are posted on the bulletin board or you can schedule an appointment online by going to signup.olanmills.com. Our account number is 09867. Those photographed will receive a free 8 X 10. You may purchase additional photos if you want, but you are under absolutely NO OBLIGATION to purchase photos. See Heidi Jenkins or Peggy Mayer if you have questions.



“Between Us” Listening Group – October 10 at 6 p.m.

Have you lost a loved one, do you feel depressed or stressed at times, do you have a problem that is burdening you, is a relationship in your life breaking or broken? Maybe you just need to take an hour away from your harried life or you'd simply like a little company once in a while. We are offering a new “listening group” called “Between Us.” “Between Us” will be led by Pilgrim member, Chris Boon. Chris has much experience facilitating support groups and has agreed to lend her gifts so that Pilgrim members and friends have a place to gather in a safe and familiar environment. As the name suggests, all thoughts shared at the gatherings will be kept under strict confidence within the group present each evening. “Between Us” will have its first gathering on **Tuesday, October 10 at 6 p.m.** in the Coffee House room downstairs (floral sofas). Contact Chris Boon at 377-1739 if you have questions.

Game Night – November 3

ACE will be sponsoring “Game Night” on **Friday, November 3 from 7 – 9 PM**. We will offer card, board and group games. Stay tuned to the bulletin board for more information.

New Name Tags and Holder

Don't forget to order your new nametag. A \$2 donation would be appreciated. We will be placing an order for the remainder of the tags, but we would like your name to appear just as you desire. Also, the more forms that are returned with donations, the less cost the church will have to absorb. Thanks.... and don't forget to WEAR your tag on Sundays!

Pilgrim Thanks ...

- ... Pam Paul for sewing the cool tie-dyed curtains and pillows in the Voyager Room.
- ... Tiffany Gates for creating the beautiful posters in the Voyager Room.
- ... Don Deetjen and Dave Liss who collaborated to craft our new nametags and the beautiful oak holders.

In Our Prayers ...

- ... John Ferris, who just completed a week of chemotherapy.
- ... Barb Lewis, recovering well from lung surgery.
- ... Sue Meinecke, recovering from gall bladder surgery.
- ... Beth Hembel and Dorothy Overbye, both of whom had cataract surgery.
- ... Bev McCaughey, who suffers from glaucoma and must undergo another eye procedure.
- ... Rachel Goldberg, recovering from knee surgery.
- ... Dorothy Bruss, convalescing at Cedar Springs after a stay in the hospital.
- ... Lyle Fries, recovering from hand surgery following an accident with his skill saw.
- ... Marilynn Martin, undergoing treatment.
- ... Laura Bloedorn, undergoing treatment.
- ... Geoff Nauth's brother, undergoing treatment.
- ... Lisa Pease's Mom, Sharon, who has health problems.
- ... Jen & Randy Schulz's step-nephew, Parker, in a serious car accident.
- ... Glenn & Liza Lewis's nephew, recovering from injuries sustained in a bluff cave-in.
- ... Little Drew Bandow, son of Blair & Jennifer and grandson of Deb Lushine, had a scary febrile seizure but appears to have recovered well.
- ... Karen Maihofer's friend, Margo, in Florida who is enduring several tragedies.

Our Prayers of Sympathy are Extended to ...

- ... Lisa Weimer, upon the death of her mother. This was also the grandmother of Scott (Shannon) Gurka.
- ... Val Nauth, upon the death of her father.
- ... Jane Bachman, upon the death of her father.
- ... Sam Baureis, upon the death of his grandmother
- ... Randy Schulz, who lost a colleague in a tragic boating accident.

Congratulations and God's Blessings to ...

- ... Marianne & Jeremy Stilb, whose third child was born back on July 8th. Natalie Louise was 8 lbs. 3 oz and 21 inches long.
- ... Eric & Sara (Wildasin) Marean have a new prophet king baby! Zephaniah David was born on August 29th. He was 19 ½ inches and 6 lbs. 7 oz.
- ... Matthew David Sauer, son of Dave & Kris, who was baptized on Sept. 10th.
- ... David Thomas Cash Day, who is to be baptized on September 24th.
- ... Amy Leatherman and her boyfriend, Steve, have announced their engagement!
- ... Jennifer & Lance Wooten, who are expecting any day!
- ... Erin & Shawn Moede, also expecting any day!

Thank You!

To My Friends in the Pilgrim Church,

Your cards, letters, and phone calls have been very much appreciated since my recent surgery. The warmth and sincerity in your correspondence have touched me deeply, and I thank you for your prayers and support.

Barbara Lewis

Dear Pilgrim Family,

Again we want to express our sincere gratitude to you for all the prayers, cards, calls and gestures of love and support to our family upon the death of my Dad over the Labor Day weekend. It was only weeks ago I was writing thank you's for Mom, and our hearts are still heavy with grief. The sadness is familiar and fresh in our minds, and now we mourn the death of Dad too. We miss them both, but take comfort in knowing they are together and at peace. It has been a lot to digest in a short time, and we are ever thankful for the care and support you have expressed to us over the past weeks and months.

In Christian love,

Val & Geoff Nauth and Family

Motorcycle Ride Patches Are In

If you went on Pilgrim's First Annual Motorcycle Ride this past June and ordered a patch or two and haven't picked them up from Jen or Randy Schulz, please do so over the next few Sundays. They are \$5 a piece. If you did not order a patch and would still be interested, there are a few extra available.

Women of Faith Attendees

The 2006 Conference, "Contagious Joy" is only a few weeks away. There will be a Pre-Conference Meeting for all attendees on Sunday, October 1st at 7:00 p.m. in Kalweit Hall. This will give everyone an opportunity to finalize transportation, rooming lists, distribute maps and other important information. If you are unable to attend this meeting, not to worry, just let Jenifer Schulz (375-0287) know so she can get you all the information you will need.

Adoption Seminars



The Children's Hope Network, Inc. will be co-hosting two upcoming free seminars with Adoption Resources of WI. Topics include adoption resources, issues, and the current process involving both domestic and international adoption. Seminar information is as follows:

Adoption Options: Picture a Child in Your Life

When: Sunday, October 29, 2006

Time: 1:00 – 2:30pm

Where: Pilgrim United Church of Christ

When: Sunday, December 3, 2006

Time: 2:00 – 3:30pm

Where: Kenosha Public Library – Northside
1500 27th Ave, Kenosha

ENVIRONMENTAL HOUSE HINTS

Battling Fruit Flies

- Put few sprigs of mint around fruit bowl
- Set out a small plastic container filled with 1 T. of apple cider vinegar, 6 drops of liquid dish detergent, and ½ cup water. Bugs will fly in but won't fly out.

Dealing with Ants

- Sprinkle points of entry with any of the following:
 - Cayenne pepper
 - Chili powder
 - Cinnamon
 - Whole cloves
 - Bay leaves
 - Cream of tartar
 - Distilled white vinegar
 - Baby powder

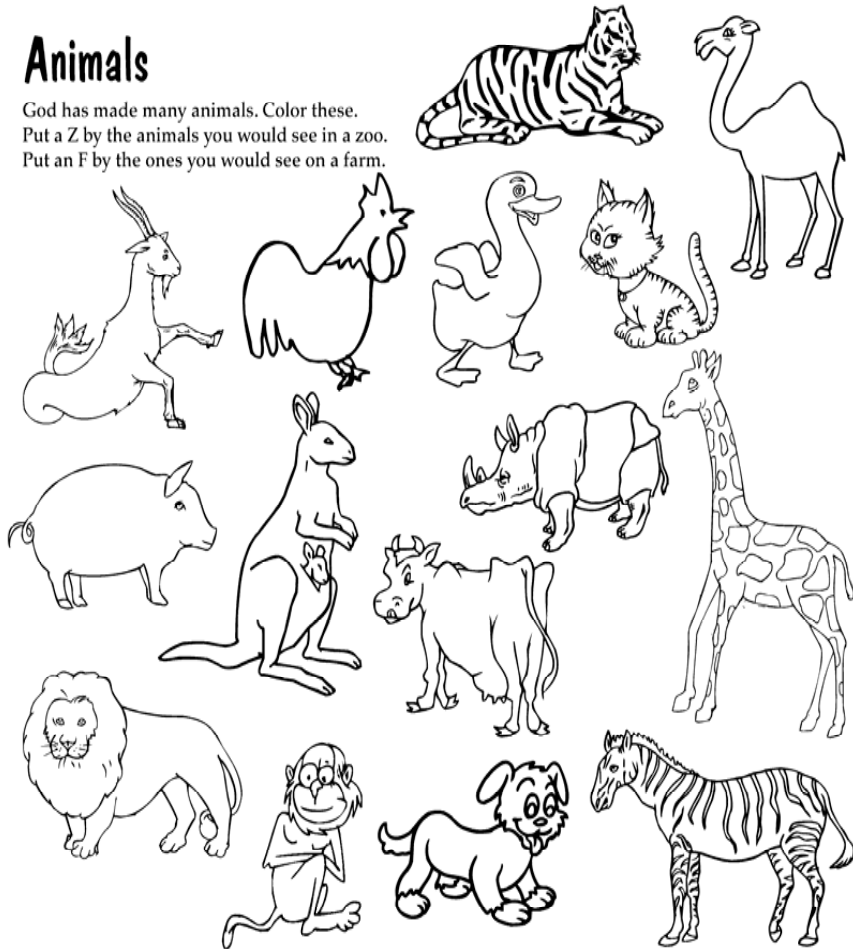


Environmental Coordinator, Jan Svoboda

KID'S PAGE

Animals

God has made many animals. Color these.
Put a Z by the animals you would see in a zoo.
Put an F by the ones you would see on a farm.



*Sometimes life seems hard to bear
Full of sorrow, troubles and woe
It's then I have to remember
It's in the Valleys that I grow.*

*If I always stayed on the Mountain Tops
And never experienced pain
I would never appreciate God's love
And would be living in vain.*

*I have so much to learn
And my growth is very slow
Sometimes I need the Mountain Tops
But it's in the Valleys that I grow.*

*I do not always understand
Why things happen as they do
But of one thing I'm very sure
My Lord will see me through.*

*My little Valleys are nothing
When I picture Christ upon the Cross
He went through the Valley of death
And his victory was Satan's loss.*

*Forgive me Lord for complaining
When I'm feeling so very low
Just give me a gentle reminder
That it's in the Valleys that I grow.*

*Continue to strengthen me Lord
And use my life each day
To share your Love with others
And help them find their way.*

*Thank you for the Valleys Lord
For this one thing I know
The Mountain Tops are glorious
But it's in the Valleys that I grow.*

From a poem on the Internet by Jane Eggleston of Virginia.

Church Council Highlights
September 12, 2006

Staff Relations Report: Barry Gutridge provided report on the staff salaries and made recommendations for increases in salary to be budgeted for 2007. It was discussed that the staff on hand is required for the growth and the high quality of the church. The staff continues to put in a lot of hours in service and programming.

Treasurer's Report: For the month of August, total revenues were \$23,328 and total expenses were \$26,445. There were no principal payments on the loan this month; YTD \$36,650 in principal payments have been made. Budgeted costs for utilities on target and office equipment maintenance remains higher. Leslie reported that some funds may be needed to pay September's interest payment, but we anticipate the remaining 2007 payments can be handled through general offerings.

Pastor's Report:

- Bits and Bytes has provided computer maintenance and was reported to have done a good job at reasonable costs and will be available as needed. Sue Meinecke continues to update the website -- which is superb!
- Nametag holder is complete and looks good.
- It was suggested to provide a "café" setting in the Narthex. Tom suggested getting "stand-up" tables and Franz said he would pass on suggestion.
- A lot of energy was noticeable on Rally Day.

Old Business:

- Stewardship 2007

The Council discussed several approaches to this Fall's Stewardship drive, beginning with a leadership meeting on September 17th.

Council will meet again September 26th to plan the stewardship theme goals and strategy.

Next Meeting: September 26th 7:00, pre-new member gathering meeting.



God's blessings never cease.

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR OCTOBER

8:00

- 1 Mary Beuscherris
- 8 Candy Shoop
- 15 Al Pfeiffer
- 22 Jean Weber
- 29 -----

10:30

- 1. Chris Kline
- 8 Jenifer Schulz
- 15 George Schowalter
- 22 Steve Knier
- 29 Rachel Gutridge



SUNDAY TREATS

- 1 Chris Boon
- 8 Dianne Klopp Jen Schulz Marian DeStefano
- 15 Kandace Goldberg
- 22 Erin Moede
- 29 Mary Beuscher Dorothy Pfeiffer

MEMORIALS

For: James Kaumheimer

From: James & Eleanor Bourgeois
Don & LaVerne Johnson
Earl & Carole Schultz
Russell & Sandra Kohlstedt
Harley Pals
Shelly & Penny Papenfus

For: Wally & Betty Pekoll



Address Changes

Mark & Debbra Fries
210 Huenink Ave.
Cedar Grove, WI 53013-1639

Ben & Beth Nelson
440 Deer Ridge Drive
West Bend, WI 53095-5316

Flowers and Bulletins for October

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| 1 Casa & Mac Faber | 1 ----- |
| 8 Eric & Louise Lusty | 8 John & Sue Meinecke |
| 15 ----- | 15 Pat Tumanic |
| 22 Bonnie Orten | 22 Ed & Carol Proctor |
| 29 Mary Johnson | 29 ----- |

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FINANCE REPORT

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Cash Balance – Beg. Of Period	\$ 38,367	\$ 36,971
General Fund Cash Receipts	18,670	192,908
Building Fund Cash Receipts	3,727	63,220
Cash Disbursements	(26,300)	(221,986)
Loan Payments	---	(36,648)
Cash Balance – August 30, 2006	\$ 34,464	\$ 34,464

OFFICE HOURS

Franz Rigert – 8:30 – 5:00 Tuesday – Friday
 Saturday Mornings and Evenings by appointment
Diane Weber – 8:30 – 12:00 Tuesday – Friday
Heidi Jenkins – 9:00 – 12:30 Tuesday & Thursday
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