

Dear friends:

I hope you have enjoyed the days of summer! In just a few weeks we'll celebrate "Rally Day" by resuming our usual 8:00 and 10:30 worship schedule and commencing our fall education programs. Many of us have been a bit disconnected from the church these past few months; indeed I enjoyed some time away! But more than a few people have said to me recently, "I've really missed the friendship and excitement of our regular Sunday schedule." May our congregational reunion be blessed with joy and laughter!

Though all of us become disconnected at times, God is never far removed. Says the Psalmist, "O Lord . . . you search out my paths and are acquainted with all my ways . . . If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol (the underworld), you are there." Ironically, sometimes in our absence or distance God becomes all the more present.

My family enjoyed a trip to Yellowstone National Park in late July. We saw wonderful wildlife and slowed down enough to savor the beauty and vastness of God's creation. Yellowstone is over 2.2 million acres; it takes an hour and a half to drive from one end to the other! What fascinated me most, however, were the number of acres so visibly affected by wildfires. Typically, rangers and fire officials allow the forest to burn naturally. While these scarred and blackened areas appear completely devastated, they also represent new life for the next generation of the forest. In fact, some trees drop cones containing seeds that can only be released through the heat of a blazing fire!

Paradoxically, the most char burned acres displayed the most beautiful wild flowers! I found this to be a profound statement of hope. Amidst ashes and soot, the flowers bloom. Some of us find ourselves in the midst of ashes and soot these days. Others are only reminded of such despair by the horrific daily news from Iraq, Lebanon, Darfur and elsewhere. It seems there are always raging fires of violence, poverty, ethnic hatred and religious intolerance. And so we continue to work for justice and peace.

Here at Pilgrim the soil is rich because we bring together the ashes and soot of our own journeys. Thus the soil is always ready for the wildflowers of faith to flourish. Like mountain paintbrushes displaying reds, purples, yellows and blues, we come together having known pain and loss but eager to share love, prayer and spiritual companionship. In the coming days, I invite you to remember your precious place at Pilgrim, where God's grace promises to meet you along the road the life.

Shalom!

Our FALL SCHEDULE Begins September 10th with RALLY DAY!

Worship, 8:00 – 9:00am
 Sunday School, 1st-6th grade, 9:00 – 10:15am
 Adult Class, Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:15 -10:15am
 Worship, 10:30 – 11:30am
 2 year – K classes (following 10:30 Children's Time)

CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation team of Pastor Franz and Jen Schulz are excited to welcome all confirmands and their parents at an organizational meeting on **Wednesday, September 13th from 6:30 – 7:00**. A letter with details will be sent out the last week of August. See you then!



PILGRIM YOUTH

A new program called "Youth Corps" will be launched at Pilgrim this fall. Youth Corps will be open to Jr. and Sr. High Students and will center around community outreach and service projects. Stephanie Streiff-Process and Tom Monroe will lead this group in approximately 6 service projects over the course of the year, most likely on a Saturday. Pilgrim youth will be encouraged to bring along friends from outside the church whenever they would like to ... many hands make light work and add to the fun! Right now we are trying to arrange details and logistics for our first several service projects. Plan to come to the group's first activity (TBA) on September 30th! In October we'll be spending a Saturday working on the Port Washington Habitat for Humanity House. Watch the bulletin, the church website, or the Youth Corps bulletin board at church for more information!



Sunday School Update!!!

Welcome to a new year of Sunday School at Pilgrim Church! We are excited to welcome your children with new and engaging curriculum at all levels. Rally Day is going to be Sunday, Sept. 10th. Come join us!

At 9:00 each Sunday morning the 1-4th graders will be meeting in Kalwait Hall for a Large Group/Small Group, high energy curriculum called "Living Inside Out" followed by Joyful Noise choir rehearsal. Parents should plan to pick up their 1st-4th graders at 10:20 in Kalwait Hall.

The Voyagers (5th and 6th grade) will also meet at 9:00, beginning with music and then launching into a revised edition of our custom-written Voyagers curriculum.

Coffeehouse ... a big success last year ... will be open from 9:15 to 10:15 every Sunday morning. Youth in Junior High and High School are invited to join Jon and Lisa Pease for conversation and fun in this discussion-based program.

During the 10:30 worship service children ages 2 through Kindergarten will be invited downstairs to attend Sunday School following the children's sermon. The 2 and 3 year old class (**children must be age 2 by September 1st in order to attend this class**) will be learning Bible Stories, songs and fingerplays and will have the opportunity to play with and explore in different "activity centers" that will reinforce the story. Children ages 4 (by September 1st) through Kindergarten will also have a custom written curriculum, which will introduce them in a little more depth to the important stories of our faith through books, games, drama, activities, craft projects, and songs. Following their class time, the children will have Sunbeam choir rehearsal. Parents may come to pick up their 2 year olds through kindergarteners in their classrooms following the end of second service.

Nursery care will continue to be available for children infant through age two for both services and for children younger than 1st grade during education hour.

We look forward to a fun year of learning and growing with the young people of our church!



Adult Study

"Living the Questions"

"Sometimes asking the question is more important than finding the answers."

Pilgrim will be offering an exciting new course for adults this fall called "Living the Questions." An overview of the course is as follows:

"People know that at its core, Christianity has something good to offer the human race. At the same time, many have a sense that they are alone in being a "thinking" Christian and that "salvaging" Christianity is a hopeless task. What is needed is a safe environment where people have permission to ask the questions they've always wanted to ask."

"Living the Questions" is a DVD-based small group study exploring beyond the historic doctrines and teachings of the Christian faith. Come and discover what a meaningful faith can look like in today's world!

Classes will be held on Sunday evenings at 6:30 beginning on October 8th and ending on November 12th. Participants are asked to contribute \$10 each to help defray the cost of the curriculum and supplies. Sign-up is posted in the Narthex.

Sunday Adult Study Group to Meet

*If you are interested in the Sunday morning "adult study group", please join us in the lower level conference room **on Sunday, September 10, at 9:15 am**. As a group, we will select a curriculum that we can begin to use by late September. We will have numerous resources in which to choose. If you have not been part of this group in the past, this session will be an opportunity to get acquainted with others who will be a part of our informal study & discussions, plus to ask whatever questions you may have. In the past, we have used study materials from a range of basic bible study to a more contemporary study theme.*



Men's Breakfast Fall Schedule

- September 16** Mission Travel's to Haiti (George Schowalter)
October 14 Controlling Health Hazards in the Workplace (John Reiter)
November 11 The World of the Architect (Chris Kline)

In September, George Schowalter will make a presentation on recent work that he and others have done on visits to Haiti. You will get a picture of life in one of the poorer countries of the world, as well as the friendships that are developed through mission work.

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 will be a sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex.

PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

When you know your student's address for the coming year, please drop it off in the church office or e-mail Ellen at eknier@sbcglobal.net. We'd like to keep in touch with our young adults over the coming year!

Mission News

Honduras Mission Trip Gearing up!

A group of seven people led by Mary Davies will be heading to Honduras soon. **If you plan to donate any last minute school supply items, please have them to church by September 10.** We will also be collecting cash donations in early September. Funds will be used for construction of the new community center.

CROP Walk – Calling All Walkers!

The Ozaukee County Crop Walk is **Saturday, October 7** at the Community Methodist Church in Cedarburg. Mark your calendar today and let's help hunger "take a hike" this year! Look for more information on the Missions Bulletin Board in September.



Tools for Habitat

"Thank You" to all who supported the "Tools for Habitat" as our Summer Mission Project. We received large and small, new and used, tools that have been estimated to be worth in excess of \$1,000. Also, at the time of writing this, we have received \$260 in cash that will be sent to Habitat and will most likely be used to purchase an Extension Ladder or some other much needed tool(s). Also, by the time you read this, we hope that the roof will be in place and the inside plumbing, heating and electrical work can be scheduled. - *Ed Proctor*

St. Ben's Cakes & Serving

Pilgrim Church donates cakes the first Friday of each month to St. Ben's meal program. If you would like to donate a cake a sign up and drop-off information is posted on the Missions Board. Also, we are looking for volunteers to serve meals at St. Ben's on November 3 and December 12. *A sign up is posted.*

Pilgrim Collects Cans

A bin for aluminum cans is in Kalweit Hall. Proceeds benefit Pilgrim missions.

"Needed Now" Posting

Check out the new "Needed Now" posting located on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The "Needed Now" posting will highlight immediate needs of the church. For example, right now we are in need of people to work on the landscaping maintenance (weeding, trimming) and 10:30 scripture readers. Check it out!

GOD'S HANDS AT WORK IN HONDURAS

Last minute preparations are coming together as seven people from Pilgrim prepare for a mission workweek in El Limon, Honduras. They are Bert & Jimmy Faase, Steve Destrampe, Deb Lushine and brother Dale Schroeder, Fred Yopps and Mary Davies. Please keep them in your prayers during their September 23-October 1 travels.



Thanks to the interest and devotion of many church members and others the travelers will be loaded with a variety of basic needs including clothing, shoes, toiletries, aspirin, candy and a small gift for everyone.

The biggest gift we bring will be the finishing work on the first community building in El Limon, a school to be equipped with electricity (the first ever) so children and all who want to learn can go to school at night. Because all villagers are needed to work the corn and bean crops so many children have had to sacrifice education for survival. Education is the hope of the poor, untrained, unhealthy and ill-equipped third world poor. You have joined in that vision with your faith in action as we work with our Honduran neighbors in Christ. Send us with your blessings and we will return with stories and pictures of our next door neighbors who will enrich our faith as well.

An African folk saying, *"It takes a village to raise a child."* All of you, with your prayers, gifts, and support are *helping to raise those children and their village, their entire community.* On behalf of all who have worked so hard to make this special connection strong, I thank you for all you have done. Please place all items being donated into the Honduran Box by the Mission board, **No later than September 10.** Thank you and En: JOY! *Mary Davies.*

ACE News

1st Annual Golfing a Huge Success!

Thank you to the golfers, prize donors and ACE Team for organizing a wonderful outing. A special thank you to Dennis Dibb for leading the project.

Directory Photos

Sign up now for your directory photo. Appointments are available for **November 10 and November 11.** You can sign up on the bulletin board or online at signup.olanmills.com. Our account number is 09867. Space is limited so sign up today!

Camping

36 campers enjoyed a weekend at Peninsula State Park. The rain stayed away most of the time and the friendship flowed abundantly around the campfire. We will likely head to Door County again next August.

Bowling Starts September 9

The Pilgrim Bowling League begins its season on **Saturday, September 9 at 6:45 p.m.** at the Grafton Bowl. Contact Bill Sinner if you have questions.

Outreach News

Sunday Refreshment Volunteers Needed

Treats are back!! We are in need of bakers (or buyers!) to supply the tasty treats. They can be muffins, bagels, cookies, pastries, bars, etc. A sign up and details are posted. Contact Kathy Ellenbecker if you have questions.



Don't Forget Your Name Tags!

Rally Day is September 10 and we'd like to kick off fall by asking everyone to wear his or her nametag. If you still need to order yours, there are forms and a box in the Narthex. What better way to get to know your church family?

Pilgrim Thanks ...

- ... John TeStrake, Todd Johnson, Ron Hofstad, Brian Heniadis and Greg Mursch, who have refurbished the downstairs bathrooms.
- ... Peggy Mayer, Dennis Dibb and the ACE Team for organizing a wonderful outing!
- ... to Larry Jackson, Donna Van Ryzin and Ron Wildasin, for their inspirational messages 3rd week of August.

In our Prayers...

- ... Shannon Gurka, recovering from elbow surgery.
- ... Barb Lewis, recovering from lung surgery.
- ... Rick Flood, recovering from a broken ankle.
- ... Arianna Flood, recovering from nasty water skiing accident.
- ... Ed Proctor, recovering from a heart ablation procedure.
- ... Lisa Weimer's mother, who is quite ill.
- ... those who are continuing treatment: Paul Kanios, Laura Bloedorn and Marilyn Martin.
- ... James Holloway, Van Ryzin's foster son, who has returned to his biological family.
- ... Aaron Rexford, who is in recovery.
- ... Dick Thompson, who has moved to Lasata Care Center. Dick has lost most of his short term memory.

Our Prayers of Sympathy are Extended to ...

- ... the Gates family, following the death of Rob's mother.
- ... Jennifer Halleman, following the death of her interfaith Caregiver client and friend, Jack Bach.

Congratulations and God's Blessings to ...

- ... Sarah Eileen Meinecke, who will be baptized on August 27th.
- ... Jacob Lewis Shihady, son of Diane and John, was baptized on August 24th.
- ... Miriam Caro Hart, was born on July 23rd weighing 6 lbs. 6 oz. and measuring 20 inches. She is the fifth child of Jeff and Chris!
- ... Amy & Chris Leidel, who recently announced they are expecting!

Thank You

Dear Pilgrim Family,

Thanks for all your prayers, cards and concerns during my recovery. You have been a terrific inspiration to me. Praise God! I miss you all and hope to one day return to singing in the choir!

Marge Larson

More Thank yous

Dear Pilgrim Friends,

My heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful members of Pilgrim who remembered me with their prayers and cards on my recent knee replacement. It was wonderful therapy knowing that there are people praying for you and just caring.

Thanks again and thanks to Pastor Franz. You are more than just a pastor.

Al Patterson

Dear Pilgrim Family,

We want to thank you for the many expressions of care and concern during the months leading to my mother's death in July. Your calls of support, cards and prayers have been a constant source of comfort and peace for our family. We are blessed to belong to such a caring community of friends.

In Christian love,

Val & Geoff Nauth and Family

Dear Pilgrim Family,

THANK YOU from the bottom (and the top, the outside and especially from the inside) of my heart for all the cards, phone calls and words of support during my ongoing heart problems. The Ablation surgery went well, according to the Cardiac Rhythm Specialist, but I have to wait another 4-6 weeks before I can be "weaned" off of the medication to really find out how successful it was. The past 4 months have certainly been a challenge but along this journey, I met many wonderful Doctors, Nurses and other Staff at both St Mary's and St. Luke's Hospitals. Along with my Faith, I couldn't have been in better "hands."

Ed Proctor

Family Sharing

As you know Family Sharing always needs canned goods and other non-perishable items. If you are also bringing in items other than food, please put them in a separate bag so our volunteers do not have to separate the items when they deliver to Family Sharing. The Family Sharing bin is located in the Parking Lot entrance. Thank you!

Softball Team Takes Playoff Championship

After a regular season finish in 2nd place, the Men's Softball Team stormed back with revenge, as they won 3 games in the playoffs to end the season with convincing wins of 16-5, 16-3, & 13-5.

A big thank you to the following players: Dave Francek, Jeff Holmes, Joe Gehrke, Ron Hofstad, Greg Mursch, Tim Pfaff, John Reiter, Scott Roffers, Joel Schowalter, Bill Sinner, Jeff Sinner, Steve Sutryk, Troy Thompson, Brett Welzien, Chris Woelky, and Ron Wildasin.

Season batting leaders for the team were as following:

| <u>Batting Avg.</u> | <u>Runs Scored</u> | <u>Hits</u> | <u>RBI's</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Roffers .697 | Francek 26 | Francek 28 | Schowalter 29 |
| Schowalter .651 | Woelky 23 | Schowalter 28 | Francek 24 |

| <u>Doubles</u> | <u>Triples</u> | <u>Home Runs</u> |
|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Gehrke 5 | Schowalter 5 | Welzien 4 |
| Francek 4 | Woelky 5 | Francek 2 |
| Schowalter 4 | | |
| Woelky 4 | | |



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS

Needed: This year's Voyager (5th and 6th Grade) class roster leads us to expect a record number of participants at this age level! The kids could use a few more floor pillows or beanbags to sit on during class time. If you have some extras around the house, consider bringing them to church! Thanks!

Helping Hands in Demand! Getting ready for each week's Sunday School classes often involves some preparation of simple craft project materials that the children will be using in class. We could use your help! There is a new "Helping Hands" table next to the Sunday School Bulletin Board in Kalwait Hall. If you have a few extra minutes during the week, please consider picking up a project to take home and prep for us. No special skills are needed ... most projects involve only cutting.



Pilgrim Choirs 2006-2007 Schedule

All choirs begin rehearsing September 10 unless otherwise noted.

Adult Choir

Director: Mary Lou Fries
Rehearsal: 9:15 am every Sunday

Praise Team

Director: John Reiter
Rehearsal: Weekly – Tuesday, 7pm

5th – 6th Grade Choir – Voyagers

Director: Heidi Jenkins
Rehearsal: Beginning of class time – Seasonal

1st - 4th Grade Choir – Joyful Noise

Director: Heidi Jenkins
Rehearsal: Following class time

2 yr-Olds – Kindergarten Choir – Sunbeams

Director: Sue Steckel
Rehearsal: Following class time

3rd – 6th Grade Bell Choir – Heavenly Ringers

Director: TBA
Rehearsal: Seasonal

Church Council Minutes
August 8, 2006

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Nail Fungus

Disinfect pedicure tools with rubbing alcohol.

A remedy – Combine 1 quart warm water and ½ cup of apple cider vinegar. Soak the affected toenails or fingernails for 15 minutes. Follow with a hair dryer set on warm for 1-2 minutes.

Final Step – Prepare mixture of tree oil and Lavender Essential oil (a strong microbial oil) and dab solution on infected nails.

Poison Ivy or Oak

Wash area immediately with cool / cold water.

If blisters are present put ½ cup baking soda in a bowl and add black, cold brewed coffee or water to make a paste. Apply to area and leave on until the paste flakes off. This will take away the itch and help dry out the blisters. Keep reapplying until the itching stops.

Jan Svoboda, Environmental Coordinator



Candy Shoop
228 W. Grand Ave., Apt. 4
Port Washington, WI 53074

Ted & Kathy Kraus
1864 Blackfoot Ct.
Grafton, WI 53024

Treasurer's Report: Budgeted and actual costs on track, except for office equipment maintenance from new copier. Paid ½ of Southeast Association support. \$10,000 cushion in assets for unexpected payments and interest payments. Building funds will continue through August and starting September principal payments will be used. Warner motioned to accept report, Deb seconded, motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

- Computer systems were temporarily disabled from storms but no major damage and new finance computer should be in this week.
- Nametag holder is almost completed and is looking good.
- \$1100 insurance refund has arrived.
- Child offerings are low, \$81 YTD, Children's Ministry wants to increase offerings and "earmark" offerings for a specific use in Children's Ministry. Franz will be checking with Children's Ministry on status.

Old Business:

- It was discussed that having an outside computer consultant to service the computer needs will be a better option than trying to service the computers through a church committee, especially for timely needs. A computer committee could possibly be used on a part-time basis for minor computer tasks and a consultant be used and paid per visit on major computer tasks.
 - Leslie presented information on consultants, PC Clinic and Geek Squad and Warner also suggested Milwaukee PC in Mequon.
 - Warner will review three computer consultants and will forward recommendations to Franz. Warner will also find a place for the old computers.
- Capital Campaign Conversion
 - Follow up calls to the leadership team to verify their participation and invite them to rally/meeting.
 - Rally and informative meeting September 17, Sunday night, 6:00 to 7:30 pm, with dinner. Will finalize dinner plans at September meeting.
 - Emphasize that we will be converting from two campaigns to one campaign at a new level.
 - Thank the leadership candidates for past capital commitment and that one campaign will be a relief.
 - Leadership teams to meet with 3 to 4 families between Sept. and Oct.
 - Council still working on theme for campaign.

New Business: None to report.

Committee Liaison Reports: None to report.

Next Meeting: September 12th

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR SEPTEMBER

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|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|-------|--------------|--|--|--|
| 3 | 9:00am Only ----- | | | | | | |
| | 8:00 | | | 10:30 | | | |
| 10 | Mary Beuscher | 10 | ----- | | | | |
| 17 | Candy Shoop | 17 | ----- | | | | |
| 24 | Al Pfeiffer | 24 | ----- | | | | |

As you can see, we are in need of 10:30 Scripture Readers.
Please consider signing up on the Narthex bulletin board.

SUNDAY TREATS

- 10 Kathy Ellenbecker
- 17 Deb Lushine
- 24

MEMORIALS

Correction from August PP for Betty Ferris

Gordon and Jean Weber
Fred & Linda Yopps
Bob, Sue, Luke, Heidi & Toby Steckel



Remember in Love

August Memorials

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| <p>For: Charlotte Chapman From: Henry & Laura Bloedorn</p> <p>For: Ed Phibus From: Norman & Joyce Wegner</p> <p>For: Betty Jan Pekoll From: Pat Tumanic</p> <p>For: Leon Bousquet From: Norman & Joyce Wegner</p> <p>For: Jim Kaumheimer</p> | <p>From: Norman & Joyce Wegner John & Phyllis TeStrake</p> <p>Nathan McMahan Richard & Marion Roth</p> <p>Craig & Lois McGarry Gordon & Jean Weber</p> <p>Al & Ruth Patterson Larry & Mary Metcalf</p> <p>Wayne & Connie VerVelde Edwin & Carol Proctor</p> <p>David & Joanne Werner William & Christian Kornetzke</p> <p>Elizabeth Hembel Michael & Heidi Jenkins</p> <p>Christopher & Jane Ewig Vern & Dorothy Overbye</p> <p>Richard & Marilyn Martin Kent & Dixie Johnson</p> <p>Barry & Rachel Gutridge Warner & Linda Schafer</p> |
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Flowers and Bulletins for September

Flowers

- 3 Mary Johnson
- 10
- 17 Frank & Mike Harth
- 24 Randy & Jenifer Schulz

Bulletins

- 3 Chris & Amy Leidel
- 10 Kurt & Holly Sutinen
- 17 Don Johnson
- 24 Al & Dorothy Pfeiffer

**Please call the office to indicate what you
would like printed in the bulletin**



FINANCE REPORT

| <u>General Fund</u> | <u>July</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Cash Balance – Beg. Of Period | \$ 34,092 | \$ 36,971 |
| General Fund Cash Receipts | 21,224 | 174,238 |
| Building Fund Cash Receipts | 8,574 | 59,493 |
| Cash Disbursements | (25,523) | (195,686) |
| Loan Payments | --- | (36,648) |
| Cash Balance – July 31, 2006 | <u>\$ 38,367</u> | <u>\$ 38,367</u> |

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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Please submit October articles by September 18th