

Dear friends:

I just received one of those funny “church sign” emails that reads: “God will never leave you for the Jets!” Here in Packerland the diehards are in therapy trying to cope with Brett Favre’s surprise decision to un-retire, and the Packer’s subsequent reluctance to take him back. Hopefully any bitterness will be short-lived, as the legendary #4 will no doubt rise to the occasion in New York, and eventually bask in the full glory of the Football Hall of Fame pictured only in green & gold!

Regrets. Regrets. Regrets. Beyond all of the “water cooler” conversations, this saga has caused many of us to ponder our own tough decisions in life. Just in the last week I found myself saying to one searching soul, “You don’t want to be rocking in a chair when you’re 80 wishing you hadn’t passed up this opportunity . . . on the other hand if you take the risk and find it miserable you’ll suffer just as much regret!” Better pray on it. Great ministerial help, huh? The looming decisions in life are really tough.

Regret is something we strive all of our lives to dodge . . . or at least mitigate. We calculate the odds. We make “go for it” and “forget it” columns. We pray and discern and talk to friends. But, in the end, many of our decisions require a leap of faith. I remember my decision to forgo an acceptance letter to the Law School in Madison and instead enroll in seminary. Most people thought I was nuts. Even as I mulled over what felt like God’s quiet calling into the ministry, I sure spent a lot of stressful nights worrying about future regrets. Don’t we all! Then – to top it off – just about my second day of seminary one of the professors told the story of God’s own regret for appointing King Saul (who had failed miserably)! The thought of letting God down is entirely agonizing! But, fear not – God’s mercy is wide and God’s compassion deep. Sometimes we learn best from our failures.

Lots of epitaphs read simply, “No regrets” . . . if it’s not a slogan on clothing apparel it ought to be. To me, however, “No regrets” doesn’t mean we will be free from disappointments or failures. Life never turns out as we plan, but God has the power to turn our stumbles into strides. More than that, God’s grace will be with us (and the Jets, believe it or not) at every turn.

So, regret less and trust more!

P.S. One regret we don’t want you to suffer is missing out on the **Rally Day Chicken Barbeque – September 7th**. This picnic (following late service) is a gift to the congregation in celebration of our coming together to commence an exciting new program year. I hope you’ll RSVP today!

Our FALL SCHEDULE Begins Sunday, September 7th with an ALL-CHURCH RALLY DAY CHICKEN BARBECUE!

Worship, 8:00 – 9:00am

ROCK Hour, Voyagers & Coffee House, 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)

2008 Rally Day Chicken Fest

(Hosted by your Church Council)

Time: 11:30-1:30pm

Location: North parking lot

What to bring: Nothing but a smile

RSVP: Office - 377-2640, pilgrimucc@sbcglobal.net
or sign up on the Narthex board.



Old Testament DVD Series to begin on September 7th

The Adult Study Group starts a new DVD series on the introduction into the history, literature, and religion of ancient Israel. The group meets on Sunday mornings between worship services. This series of 24 lectures on ancient Israel and Judaism are presented by Amy-Jill Levine, whom our group has heard in past presentations. The lectures are intended to provide us with a richer insight into the literature that forms the bedrock of our Christian faith.



This program may be for you if you are interested to learn more about early history of the bible and our faith. The 30-minute DVD lectures will start promptly at 9:20 AM, followed by a discussion of what we learned. Each week picks up with a new topic from the Old Testament.

Ron Wildasin

Congregational Care News

CHICKEN BARBECUE – SEPTEMBER 7

We're gearing up for a terrific Rally Day including a chicken barbecue following the late service. There will be time set aside to check in with your "In Touch" groups and games for the kids. Don't miss this opportunity to reconnect after summer. A sign up is posted.



END OF LIFE PLANNING FORMS

Included in this month's newsletter is a light green End of Life Planning form. Forms can be filled out and returned to the church office. You can place it in Diane Weber's mail slot or mail it to the church. The form will be confidentially stored in your member file in the church office.

CAST – SEPTEMBER 7TH

The next CAST meeting will be **Sunday, September 7** at 7 p.m. in the Coffee House Room. CAST is designed for those who have a burden he or she would like to cast to God. It's also an opportunity for good listeners and compassionate people to give of their time to support others. We also do a short bible study (no experience required!). Feel free to bring your own bible or use one provided.

Outreach News

SEPTEMBER IS "FALL INTO FRIENDSHIP" MONTH



Do you have a friend, co-worker or neighbor who might enjoy Pilgrim? Every Sunday in September we'll honor our guests and newcomers by giving them a token of our appreciation for visiting Pilgrim.

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 7** 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?

MISSION NEWS



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WOMEN'S BUILD

Building has begun!! Many women of Pilgrim have signed up to help and have taken the framing class. We will be framing every Saturday from 8-3pm in September so bring your tool belts and join us! The home is located on Park Street in Port Washington. Contact Candy Shoop at (262) 853-5549 or casucc250@yahoo.com if you're able to help. Didn't take the framing class, no worries, we can still put you to work!

MT. HOREB HEALTH, WELLNESS AND RESOURCE FAIR

The leaders at Mt. Horeb located in Milwaukee's Central City have asked for our assistance with their second annual Community health, wellness, and resource fair which will take place on **Saturday, August 30th**. They are still in need of volunteers to help - especially YOUTH VOLUNTEERS who would be willing to help run children's games. The fair is from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. You can help for the whole day or for whatever portion you are able. Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Rochelle McInerney or Tara Hughes if you're interested in helping! We will coordinate car pools from church. They also plan to distribute clothing to those in need. If you would like to donate gently used items of clothing for children or adults, contact Rochelle McInerney at 375-7275.

OZAUKEE COUNTY CROP WALK 2008

The Ozaukee Country Crop Walk will take place on **Saturday, October 11, 2008** at St. Peter's UCC in Saukville. The walk will begin at 8:30 am, and walkers can select a 1 mile or 3 mile walk through Saukville.

What is the purpose of a Crop Walk? Crop Walk is sponsored by Church World Service and last year CROP Hunger walks and events raised over \$15 million to support the hunger fighting work of Church World Service around the block and around the world. This year 25% of the money that Ozaukee County raises will go directly to the Food Pantry in Port Washington. Here is how you can participate:

- ✓ Be a walker! Stop by the table in the narthex, pick up an envelope and round up pledges from family, friends, co-workers or Pilgrim friends.
- ✓ Be a pledger! Pledge a Pilgrim walker.



Let's all put our best foot forward and remember that humans are not born to suffer the misery of hunger and poverty. They suffer now as they did in the past because we turn our heads away from this issue. If you have questions, contact Mary Beuscher, 377-2484. Thank you for your time, generosity and support.

2009 ADULT MISSION TRIP

In 2009, we will travel to **SOUTH DAKOTA** to the Pine Ridge Reservation. Projects will include building and installing bunk beds in the homes of Oglala Lakota families and the rehabilitation and renovation of homes. Mission teams are provided with Dormitory-style housing with bunk beds, bathrooms, and showers. Full kitchen and dining facilities on site. Groups assist full-time kitchen staff in preparing and clean up of meals. All meals are provided. Cost is \$350 per person which includes housing and meals and some local transportation. There are cultural immersion activities scheduled in afternoons and evenings, including guest speakers, Lakota crafts, tours, museums, and social gatherings with Lakota friends. More info can be found on their website, www.re-member.org.

The dates of the trip will be determined in the coming months. We will go either in May or September due to the weather in South Dakota. Watch the bulletin board and future PP's for information. Contact Candy Shoop with questions.

DIAPERS FOR HOUSE OF PEACE - We continue to collect diapers for the House of Peace Community Center in Milwaukee. Diapers of any size or brand are welcome! Packs that have been opened are also acceptable. Donations can be placed next to the Family Sharing bin located in Kalweit Hall.

ST. BEN'S CAKES AND SERVING

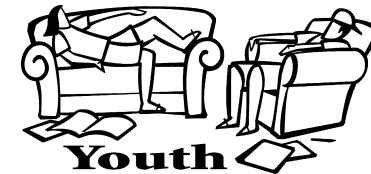
Donate a dessert for St. Ben's meal program! Pilgrim provides cakes and other desserts for St. Ben's the first Friday of each month. Cakes can be dropped off at church Thursday evening or Friday before 10:00am. There is a sign-up on the mission bulletin board. We also assist with serving approximately once a month. Our next serving date is **Monday, September 15th**. Carpooling is usually available from church, leaving around 4:15. Sign-up on the board if interested in helping to serve. See Pam Holloway if you have questions.

DON'T FORGET TO DONATE YOUR OLD CELL PHONES AND USED PRINTER CARTRIDGES!

The items are recycled and the proceeds received are used for various mission projects supported by Pilgrim. The collection box is located in Kalweit Hall next to the soda machine.

Pilgrim Impact

We are working on an upcoming project and would like your help. If Pilgrim has played a particularly meaningful role in your life or if it has been important to you for a specific reason, please contact the church office (377-2640). Thank you!



OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW

"Youth Corps" is no longer. Pilgrim's Youth Group has a brand new and exciting name: "**B.L.A.S.T!**" - "Belonging, Laughing And Serving Together!" Continue to watch the "B.L.A.S.T!" Bulletin Board (outside Pastor Franz's Office) for ongoing "B.L.A.S.T!" activities throughout the program year and our new logo!

"B.L.A.S.T!" BBQ KICK-OFF

Help us kick off the new program year with a BBQ hosted by the Rigert's on **Sunday, September 21st** beginning at 4:00 p.m. This is open to all 7th-12th graders. See the "B.L.A.S.T!" Bulletin Board for a sign up.



STORIES, MEMORIES AND PICTURES

Youth Mission Trip Participants: Plan on sharing your stories at the Rally Day Picnic on **Sunday, September 7th** immediately following the 10:30 service.

COFFEE HOUSE

Coffee House begins "brewing" on Rally Day, **September 7th** at 9:15 a.m. in the Coffee House Room. Lisa and Jon Pease, will once again, be your



Coffee House Hosts. Come for a cup of java or hot cocoa, a treat or two and good conversation and discussion.

Coffee House Treats will be needed each Sunday. Please sign up for treats on the "B.L.A.S.T!" Bulletin Board.

Coffee House is open to any 7th-12th graders.

"COFFEE HOUSE BLEND"

Enjoy singing? Are in 7th-12th grades? Then consider joining our newly formed youth choir, "Coffee House Blend." We had our debut performance back in June and it was a hit! Our encore performance will be **Sunday, September 28th** at both services. Practices will be from 9:15-9:30 on **September 14th & 21st**. See the "B.L.A.S.T!" Bulletin Board for more info and a sign-up. Questions? See Jen Schulz or Heidi Jenkins.

CROP WALK

Consider walking to feed the hungry - Join the CROP Walk on **Saturday, October 11th**. Sign-up's start on **Sunday, September 21st** in the Narthex. All Youth Sponsored Pledges will be collected in one Youth Envelope by a CROP Walk Youth Captain. If you are interested in being the Youth Captain, contact Jen Schulz. Confirmands: Participate in the CROP Walk, and get credit towards your Community Service Requirements for Confirmation. Questions? See Jen.



ROCK Hour News

It's Rally Day!



September 7, 2008

ROCK Hour and Voyagers 9:00-10:15

*Little ROCK - 2yrs – 5K
10:30 service (following Children's Sermon)*

*All are welcome!
(no preregistration required)*

Parents please accompany children into the building for the first session.

EMAILS NEEDED:

We are looking to collect emails for all Post High School Youth. If your Young Adult (ages 18-24) is away at school or out in the work force, we'd like to keep them apprised of all the news and activities Pilgrim has and even send them a few notes throughout the year. Please forward your Young Adults email to Jen Schulz at rschulz8@wi.rr.com

2009 YOUTH MISSION TRIP

2009 Youth Mission Trip Date is Set: **July 17-26, 2009**.
Location: TBD - Mark your Calendar Now!

CONFIRMATION NEWS

- Parent/Student Orientation - **Wednesday, September 17th** at 6:30 p.m. in Kalweit Hall
- Regular Classes - Begin **Wednesday, September 24th** from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- St. Bens Serving - 7th & 8th Grade Classes will head to St. Ben's on **Oct 1st & 8th**, respectively. Parent drivers will be needed to help transport.

PILGRIM PLAY DATES



Join us for some fun at the park the first and third Thursday of the month. We will meet on **September 4th** at Grady Park in Saukville and on **September 18th** at Veteran's Park in Grafton. We meet at 9:30 am. Thursdays don't work for you this year? Let Barbie Cotton know 618-4462 or barbiecotton@yahoo.com.

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Sept. 7: Welcome Back! On our opening day, we'll gather together to review some of our favorite rally songs and learn a few new ones. We'll also remember some of the stories from the past and preview the year to come. Students will see the significance of colors in the church year calendar.

Sept. 14: ROCK Hour participants will embark on a "creation adventure" as they explore the first chapter of Genesis. We will also meet Adam and Eve and talk about their relationship to God.

Sept. 21: This week we will discuss controlling our emotions as we learn about Cain and Abel. We will talk about ways to react when things aren't going the way we wish they were. We will discuss making choices about the way we feel. Finally, we will turn to Paul in Ephesians 4:26 as he tells us, "Don't sin by letting anger control you."

MISSION TRULY APPRECIATED



Dear Pilgrim Children,

"Advocates of Ozaukee would especially like to thank you for your donation of activity buckets. Because of your generosity, individuals and families are able to realize that members of the community support them and their effort to break the cycle of violence. It brings a smile to my face to know that community members are willing to support our clients."

Sincerely,

Barbara Fischer, Executive Director

***Also, I just want the kids to know the buckets the boys and I brought to the Food Pantry were greatly appreciated. We got so many smiles from the people waiting in line and you could see what it meant to them, especially the families with children.*

MILESTONE UPDATE

ROCK Hour participants will earn their first milestone of the year right away in September.



Students will learn and sing our beloved Doxology during the first three weeks of ROCK hour. Listen for the extra voices the next time we sing it together! **Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!**

LITTLE ROCK PROGRAM

Church school for children ages 2 yrs. – Kindergarten age Church school for children ages 2 yrs. –

Kindergarten age is held during the 10:30 service following children's time. Children follow teachers to downstairs where they receive nametags and find a carpet square. Parents are welcome to accompany children to the stage area. We have many loving teachers who will attend your children and nurture them in Christ's love. Our goal is to allow them to feel comfortable and welcome in the church. If you have any questions, call or email Michelle Wagner at 377-4775, michellejwagner@sbcglobal.net.



SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

DRAMA GROUP

Do you have the acting bug? Are you the next Steven Spielberg? If you have an interest in being a part of a drama group at Pilgrim, let us know! We would like to start with one production and then see where it takes us. Watch for a sign-up on the bulletin board or contact Rochelle McInerney at 375-7275 if you're interested.

SENIOR COFFEE

Senior coffee will resume again on **Thursday, September 18** at 10am in the Narthex. Both men and women are welcome to come to this group for caring and sharing. The discussion starter question for September will be: *"Looking back, if you could have chosen another career what would it have been and why?"*

WOMEN'S JOURNEY –

Women's Journey will go out to dinner on **Tuesday, September 16** at 6:00pm at Messina's in Saukville. Anyone wishing to join the group should contact Linda Schafer (377-6522) who will be making the reservation. All women are invited.

SHEEPSHEAD GROUP

The sheepshead group will resume in September. They meet the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month in Kalweit Hall. They will meet in **September on the 12th and 26th** at 6:30. Just come or contact Laura Bloedorn at 375-0392.

KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP

The knitting group will also resume in September. They meet the **fourth Thursday of each month** at church and are working on baby items for local hospitals. Want to learn how to knit? You're welcome to join in! Contact Barb Arity with questions at 376-9312.

BOWLING LEAGUE

It's time to bowl! We are still in need of regular bowlers and subs. Pilgrim bowls at Grafton Bowl on the second Saturday of each month. The first night will be **Saturday, September 13th** at 6:30. Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Don Deetjen at (262) 670-9630 or ddeetjen@charter.net if you'd like to bowl or be a substitute.

DO YOU SCRAPBOOK?!

Join other women of Pilgrim on **Friday, October 10th** from 6:30 to 10:30 pm in Kalweit Hall for our first Scrapbooking night. Bring your projects or start new ones! Share ideas and supplies! Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Rochelle McInerney at 375-7275 or mk_mcinerney@yahoo.com. Beverages provided - bring a snack to share if you wish!

Pilgrim Thanks ...

- ... Heidi Jenkins, for her creative mind in designing the new Youth Group name ...she is such a "B.L.A.S.T!"
- ... Jason Fleishauer, for his great mission trip pictures.
- ... To all who have agreed to maintain Pilgrim's many landscaping beds. We now have ten teams in place.

In our Prayers...

- ... Jean Weber, who continues treatment.
- ... Marilynn Martin, continuing treatment.
- ... Karen Hempelman, recovering from surgery.
- ... Lora Kanios, recovering from surgery.
- ... Norm Wegner, continuing treatment
- ... Don Deetjen's dad, Roy, recovering from a surgical procedure.
- ... Carol Proctor, who anticipates knee surgery on September 10th.

Our Prayers of Sympathy are Extended to ...

- ... the Chapman and Engel families, upon the death of their grandfather, Lloyd.
- ... the Johnson family, upon the death of LaVerne's uncle and godparent, Elmer.
- ... the Behrens family, upon the death of Ed's mother, Gertrude.
- ... the Tredrea family, upon the death of their brother-in-law, Bill.
- ... the Mueller family, upon the death of Tammy's brother, Rusty and her father, Wayne.
- ... the Proctor family, upon the death of Carol's sister, Dorothy.

Congratulations and God's Blessings to ...

- ... Donny Johnson, who just turned 70!
- ... Russ Selbo, who just turned 90!
- ... Sandy DeStrampe, who was nominated for a national award (2008 Angels in Adoption) and will be honored in Washington, DC this month.
- ... Katie Karnish (daughter of Chris & Karen and granddaughter of Robert & Eleanore Paschke, who married Adam Kramschuster at Pilgrim on August 16th).
- ... Tracey (Bloedorn) Butler and her husband, Greg, who welcomed a baby boy on July 14th. Joseph Hunter weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz and measured 20 ½ inches and joins three older brothers.
- ... Natalie Mae, daughter of Ashley Conley and Brian Cornell (granddaughter of Pam & John Holloway) who was baptized Aug. 17th.
- ... Steve & Stacy Kornetzke and little Jack, who welcomed a baby girl, Kate Elyse on August 5th. Kate weighed 5 lbs. 11 oz. and measured 18 ½ inches. Congratulations also to Grandma Diane Kornetzke.
- ... Miles Mayer, who was selected as a 2008 North Shore All-Conference baseball pitcher!
- ... OOPS! Last month we reversed the first and middle names of "Luke Timothy" Stiebs (child of Katie Sinner and Jack Stiebs). Katie and Luke will be married on October 11th.



Men's Breakfast on September 13

The season's first men's breakfast is scheduled for **Saturday, September 13, at 7:30 AM**. All men are welcome to join this gathering. There is no special presentation scheduled at this time, so it will be a social gathering with some discussion on future scheduled programs. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

OCTOBERFEAST

Kommen Sie hier für sehr gut essen und eine gute Zeit!

2nd Annual Special Men's Breakfast,

Saturday, October 25th

Men please sign up to eat....

Ladies please sign up to serve.....

(and mostly to have GEMUTLICHKEIT)

???? See Kathy Ellenbecker

SPIRITUAL SINGLES – SEPTEMBER 26

Are you or anyone you know single and looking for a way to meet friends who share similar interests? Pilgrim will host its first "Spiritual Singles" night on **Friday September 26** from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the Narthex. This gathering is targeted at those 50's and younger. We'll host another night for 50's and over. Come for treats and fun, guided conversation. Spiritual Singles is open to people of all faiths. Contact Heidi Jenkins at 377-7436 if you have questions.

Theological Book Club

There will again be a theological book club discussion group. Exact plans are not available in time for this Pilgrim's Progress. Announcements will be made about when and where and the book title when it is finalized. If anyone has suggestions for a book title or of a good day for meeting, please get suggestions to Rachel Gutridge, 375-0923.

Thank You

Dear Pilgrim Family,

Thank you to my Church Family for your loving and spiritual support during our loss of Felix. A special thank you to John Reiter for his time and talents on the piano and to Margie Flood and Amanda & Phil Koch for their gift of music at the memorial service. Thanks as well to the truly amazing bell ringers and their leader Heidi Jenkins. I also want to thank Pastor Franz for bringing together Felix's Celebration of Life, and for his involvement before Felix's passing as he helped us cope with both life and death.

Becky Boller

Dear Pastor Franz and all the Friends of Pilgrim Church,

I have finally completed my cancer treatments after 9 weeks. I would like to thank each and every one of you for all the support you showed toward me via both words and cards while I was taking treatments. It meant a lot to me to know that so many people took time to think of me. Without all your prayer this would have been harder for me and also my wife, Dorothy.

Thank you again,

Al Pfeiffer

Dear Pilgrim Family,

Thank you so much for the meals, cards, e-mails, and loving care over the past few weeks. Your support is helping us work through the grief of losing Hannah. We continue to be awed by the blessings we receive from being part of such a wonderful congregation.

With love,

Sue & John Meinecke

Pastor Franz and Pilgrim Family,

Thank you for the cards and expressions of sympathy we received upon the death of Ed's mother. Your thoughtfulness was much appreciated.

Ed & Leila Behrens and family

Dear Rev. Rigert

We wish to thank you and your congregation for your donation of \$235.00 designated for the Christian Solidarity Program for Honduras.

It is because of the generosity of congregations such as yours that we are able to continue the CSP program in Honduras.

May God bless you!

Softball Team Ends Another Successful Season

The men's softball team ended its 20th year of play by splitting a pair of games in the playoffs. Open Door Bible Church (red team) won the playoff championship 9-8 over your Pilgrim team. We finished the season with an overall record of 12-2, including the regular season championship.

A round of applause to this years team: Dave Francek, Joe Gehrke, Mike Godejohn, Ron Hofstad, Ted Kraus, Shawn Moede, Greg Mursch, Matt Pekarske, Tim Pfaff, Scott Roffers, Joel Schowalter, Bill Sinner, Troy Thompson, and Brett Welzien.

Team leaders in season statistics were as follows:

Batting Average: Hofstad .630, Godejohn .583

Run scored: Francek 24, Godejohn 23, Pfaff 23

Hits: Francek 28, Godejohn 28

RBI's: Francek 21, Gehrke 20, Godejohn 20

Doubles: Francek 6, Godejohn 6

Triples: Francek 2, Godejohn 2, Pfaff 2

Homeruns: Francek 1, Gehrke, 1

Pitching Record: Francek 10-2, Hofstad 2-0

Thanks to the church and our fans who cheered throughout the season.

Coach Wildasin

The Magic of Learning
Preschool is celebrating!

We are starting our 5th year here at Pilgrim.

To thank you for allowing us to rent your space to house our school we are waiving our registration fee.

The Magic of Learning Preschool still has some openings for fall 2008.

We offer a church member discount and small class size with qualified teachers who work to meet the needs of your family and child. We also have fun field trips, a balanced literacy

program, expanded math curriculum and lots of educational play time to help your child learn to get along in a group setting and be prepared for kindergarten.

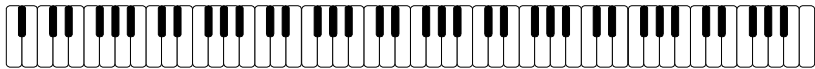
If you would like more information, please call Lisa or Marybeth at 377-4953 or 375-3959. THANK YOU!

SMALL GROUP LEADER TRAINING

Leading a small group at Pilgrim could be one of the most rewarding things you have ever done. Why? Because when you gather and lead a faith centered small group, you are not only providing a safe, positive environment in which people build lasting friendships, experience healing, explore their faith, and grow closer to God, but you yourself are nourished and transformed in the process! **Sound interesting?** Join us in October for a small group leader training to learn more about forming and leading a group within our church. Those interested in leading as well as current group leaders are invited! We will explore the importance of small groups within the church, types and formation of groups and leadership guidelines. Watch the bulletin board for the date and details of the program. Contact Rochelle McInerney or Heidi Jenkins with questions

KEYS EVERLASTING

There have been some requests to add names to our Keys Everlasting display located above the Narthex drinking fountain. We've decided to print another edition later this year and apply funds to the Grand Piano Fund (since the Clavinova is now paid off). Cost to sponsor a key is \$50. The form and instructions follow:



KEYS EVERLASTING

Donor Name: _____

Key Inscription: 50 character maximum including spaces. See the current "Keys Everlasting" for examples. Tip: Less printing looks best.

Please detach the form and include it with a \$50 check in an envelope marked "Keys Everlasting" and place it in Heidi Jenkins' mail slot.

Monthly Scripture Chat

On the first Wednesday of each month Pastor Franz will lead a casual discussion on a few of the Scriptures chosen for the following Sundays! The next gathering is Wednesday, September 3rd at 10:30am in the Narthex. For those who would like to prepare ahead of time, please read from the book of Exodus 18:15-20; 14:19-31; 16:2-15 and 17:1-7.

Pilgrim Choirs 2008-2009 Schedule

*All choirs begin rehearsing September 7
unless otherwise noted.*

Adult Choir

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

Praise Team

Director: John Reiter
Rehearsal: Weekly – Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30pm

5th – 6th Grade Choir – Voyagers

Director: Heidi Jenkins
Rehearsal: During class time – Seasonal

1st - 4th Grade Choir – Joyful Noise

Director: Heidi Jenkins
Rehearsal: During class time

2 yr-Olds – Kindergarten Choir – Sunbeams

Director: Sue Steckel
Rehearsal: During class time

3rd – 6th Grade Bell Choir – Heavenly Ringers

Director: Heidi Jenkins
Rehearsal: Seasonal

Coffee House Blend – 7th – 12 Grade Choir

Director: Jen Schulz
Rehearsal: During “Coffee House” time



Children are Welcome in the Worship Setting

We are very blessed at Pilgrim to have so many young families! Over the years we've made children a priority by welcoming them in worship and offering a “children's time” as well as church school.

We understand that small children will occasionally get restless or fussy during the worship service, and that parents will want to avoid disruptions to the worship experience for others in attendance. Please consider several options that will help you feel at ease and make the worship experience meaningful for everyone. Here are a few suggestions for your consideration:

There is no special designated area in the Sanctuary for families with small children. You may sit anywhere space is available. However, for your convenience, we normally reserve the back row of pews, with ropes, for latecomers or families with small children. You may prefer to be near the back where you will be more comfortable if you find the need to step-out into the Narthex. You may also ask an usher if you they can help you secure a location near the back.

The doors between the narthex and sanctuary are normally closed during the worship service. The Narthex can be used as a “cry room” when children do become restless and you find it necessary to leave the sanctuary. The sound system can be heard in this area, and there are comfortable chairs and sofas for your convenience.

On Sunday mornings we offer adult supervised childcare in our nursery at the bottom of the front stairway. It is set-up for your child's needs, including a restroom. You may use this service at any worship service that an attendant is scheduled. There is an attendant scheduled from 7:45 – 11:45 each Sunday.

Worship and Children's Ministry Committees

**CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS
AUGUST 12, 2008**

Treasurer's Report: Leslie presented the Treasurer's report. Revenue ending July 31 was \$19,955. Expenses for the month were \$25,234. Cash is at \$40,786. Some things paid the months of June/July include the flood and China missions, some building maintenance items, quarterly pension and insurance, and music license. Ellen motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Eric seconded, motion passed.

Old Business:

- Stewardship: Eric and Tom presented a draft of the 2009 Pilgrim stewardship timeline.
- Chicken Rally Day: Ironed out all the details. Rick will write up announcement for communication to members.
- 50th Anniversary: Will discuss big detail in September meeting. Some initial ideas were new directory, banquet, guest speaker.
- Property and Ground Chair: Tim Sterns will be transitioning into this position. Some discussion on possibly paying this management type position.
- Facility update: The Magic of Learning Preschool will continue to rent space for the 2008-09 school years. We will explore further options to utilize church space.
- ACH – Possibility of creating a second checking account that members would use to transfer money, and then Leslie would transfer into main account. No fees for this. Will keep on agenda for next meeting.

New Business:

- Budget 2009: Leslie will come to September meeting with a working document.

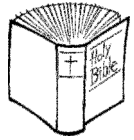
Committee Liaison Reports: none

Next Meeting: September 9th at 7:00pm.

Farewell to the Metcalf's!

Larry & Mary Metcalf are preparing to move to their retirement home near the Dells. For many years Larry served on our Property & Grounds team and they both have been involved in mission trips. The Metcalf's brought to Pilgrim an incredible spirit of kindness and generosity. They have been humble servants among us, and we give God thanks for this gift even as we commend them to their new church home.

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR SEPTEMBER



8:00		10:30	
7	Ed Proctor	7	-----
14	-----	14	-----
21	Al Pfeiffer	21	-----
28	Mary Beuscher	28	-----

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

SUNDAY TREATS

7	Jean Weber and	-----
14	-----	
21	-----	
28	-----	



MEMORIALS

For: Barry Gutridge	From: Frank & Martha Harth Larry & Jill Lange
For: RoseMary Fisher	From: Frank & Martha Harth
For: Felix Boller	From: Ruth Ackmann
For: Floyd Chapman	From: Henry & Laura Bloedorn
For: Elmer Feuerhammer	From: Ruth Ackmann
For: Robert W. Groupman	From: Norm & Joyce Wegner
For: Bob Wallenfelsz	From: Don & LaVerne Johnson
For: Darlene Erdmann	From: Ruth Ackmann
For: Betty Hauser	From: Elizabeth Hembel

HYMNAL DEDICATIONS

The following hymnals were given by the Clayton & Nancy Giese Family in celebration of Al Patterson's birthday which was July 18th.

- In honor of:** Ruth & Al Patterson
- In honor of:** Ione Van Buskirk (Al's sister)
- In memory of:** Donald Patterson (Al's brother)



Flowers and Bulletins for September

Flowers

Bulletins

7 Chris & Amy Leidel
14 Vern & Dorothy Overbye
21 Randy & Jen Schulz
28 Al & Dorothy Pfeiffer

7 Chris & Mary Leidel
14 Frank & Martha Harth
21 Ed & Leila Behrens
28 Chad & Jenny Schlenvogt

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FINANCE REPORT

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Cash Balance – Beg. Of Period	\$ 51,250	\$ 47,741
Cash Receipts	18,073	211,908
Cash Disbursements	(26,556)	(211,658)
Loan Payments	<u>(1,980)</u>	<u>(7,204)</u>
Cash Balance – July 31, 2008	\$ 40,787	\$ 40,787

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

Jen Schulz – 8:30 – 12:00 Wednesday and/or Friday

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Please submit October articles by September 22nd