

Dear friends in Christ:

As you know by now, this year we decided to change our approach to the Wednesday Lenten series. Instead of welcoming guest ministers we are featuring some of our own people. **“Our Stories”** has been a powerful reminder of how the grace of God has touched each of us in unique ways. I have to tell you, the profound faith and positive feelings from these stories have been amazing! I hope this season of spiritual introspection continues to bring blessing and insight to your life.

As we move toward Holy Week I want to let you about two special services just before we celebrate Easter:

On Maundy Thursday, April 21st at 7 pm we will offer a **Service of Healing**. We began our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday with the seal of ashes on our forehead and the words, *“Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.”* The harshness of Ash Wednesday is coming to terms with our mortality. The grace of Ash Wednesday is that we recall whether we live or die, we belong to God. On Maundy Thursday we will offer the ritual of anointing – a seal of grace in the form of olive oil on your forehead and the words, *“May God the Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit bless you, heal you and give you peace.”* Throughout the history of our faith, oil has often been used in praying for physical healing, but this is an opportunity to pray for emotional and spiritual healing as well. We’ll also remember the *Last Supper* that evening, and share the sacrament around the Lord’s Table.

Then, on Good Friday, April 22nd at 7 pm we will offer a traditional **Service of Tenebrae** (or shadows). This service recalls the last events of Jesus’ life and the suffering he endured. After each of the seven readings we’ll extinguish a candle and sing a hymn. For centuries this has been the solemn yet meaningful way Christians have renewed their faith and prepared for the festival of Easter. In one sense, only by experiencing the crucifixion do we find ourselves fully prepared for the resurrection.

This year Easter will be especially joyful . . . since it is so late, the spring flowers will be in full bloom! I look forward to sharing both the agony and the ecstasy of these coming weeks together.

In faith, I remain, on the journey with you.

Lenten Suppers and Services

5:45 Gathering ≈ 6:00 Supper ≈ 7:00 Worship

As in past years there will be Lenten suppers followed by worship at 7:00pm. Church teams will provide meals, and donations will be taken with proceeds going toward *One Great Hour of Sharing*.

- March 30** 6:00 Brats & Burgers Supper (facilitated by Council)
7:00 Worship - “Our Stories” by Cassa Faber
- April 6** 6:00 Taco Supper (facilitated by Property & Grounds and Children’s Ministry Teams)
7:00 Worship – “Our Stories” by Todd Johnson
- April 13** 6:00 Chicago-Chili Hot Dog Supper (facilitated by Finance and Staff Relations Teams)
7:00 Worship – “Our Stories” by Sue Koch

Each evening there will be child care and Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches for the picky eaters!



Holy Week Schedule

- April 21 Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 7:00pm
April 22 Good Friday Service of the Cross, 7pm
April 24 Easter Sunday
Sunrise Matins – a brief Communion liturgy, 6:30-7:00am
Continental Breakfast in the Narthex, 7– 8am
Easter Worship, 8am
Full Breakfast, 9am – 10:15am in Kalweit Hall
Easter Worship, 10:30am

Child care will be available during all services except the Sunrise Matins
A sign-up for the Easter breakfast is posted on the bulletin board

SCRIPTURE CHAT

Join Pastor Franz to discuss the scriptures for the coming weeks on **Thursday, April 14th** in the Conference/Library Room at 10:30am. Scriptures are: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 21:1-11; Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-31.



Easter Flowers

Flowers are the symbol of new life and resurrection. We are offering lilies, tulips and daffodils for our celebration of Easter. You are invited to donate an "Easter Flower." Cost for the daffodils, tulips and hyacinths are \$9.00. Cost for the Easter lilies are: single - \$9.00; double - \$22.00. You are welcome to take your flower home after the 10:30 service!

___ Tulip ___ Daffodil ___ Hyacinth ___ Lily \$9.00 ___ Lily \$22.00
(please check one)

Person or Family donating: _____

In Honor or Memory of who *(please circle one)*:

Relationship to You: _____

Please return to the Church office by **Friday April 15th**
with a check payable to Pilgrim Church.

Easter Breakfast



B.L.A.S.T Youth Annual Easter Breakfast and Basket Raffle Easter Sunday, April 24th

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST IN THE NARTHEX
Following the Sunrise Service at approximately 7:00am
Free Will Offering

FULL BREAKFAST -- 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. in Kalweit Hall

MENU TO INCLUDE:

Scrambled eggs, Sausage links, Pancakes,
Pastries, Juice, Milk and Coffee

Adults \$6.00 - Children 10 & Under \$4.00

MISSION NEWS



ST. BEN'S MEAL PROGRAM

St. Ben's has been serving daily meals to the poor and homeless of Milwaukee for over 40 years. Pilgrim church has a monthly commitment of providing desserts the first Friday of each month. Thank you to the many faithful bakers who continue to help us with our monthly responsibility. If you are willing to help with this wonderful mission project, it's very easy. Just sign up in the Narthex and bake or buy a cake, bars, cookies or any dessert items you wish. Bring those items to church on Thursday evening or Friday morning before 10am on the first Friday of each month and leave them in the kitchen. Your pans will be returned—washed and ready for next month's baking. **Our next date to provide desserts is Friday, April 1st. Our next serving date at St. Ben's is Thursday, April 21st.** If you can help out, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING APRIL 3 THROUGH APRIL 24

Jesus fed thousands with five loaves and two fish offered by a small boy. Suppose the boy had not come forward thinking that his gifts were not enough to make a difference? We face the same dilemma today. Confronted by the world's overwhelming need, we wonder if our gifts can make a difference. **Our gifts CAN AND DO make a difference.** We will begin collecting on April 3rd. You will find envelopes in each Sunday's bulletin. This year's goal is **\$3,500.00**. The Lenten meal profit and the money from the children's OGHs banks will also be donated to this Mission project. Please consider making a donation to this fund. The need is great, and remember: **SHARING BRINGS JOY * TO US * TO OTHERS * TO GOD.**

OUR REFUGEE FAMILY'S ANNIVERSARY

Friday, April 8, 2011 is a special day for Say Hler, Htee Sher, Htoo Say and Hton Naya, the refugee family that Pilgrim is sponsoring. They arrived one year ago from Mae La Oon, the refugee camp in Thailand where they lived for ten years. If you would like to send them a card to help them mark this very special day, please send it to: Say Hler Htoo & family, 7881 N. 60th St. Apt 4, Milwaukee, WI 53223. **It's also Htee Sher's birthday.**

GIMME 5 RECYCLING

We've filled the #5 recycling container three times and all of the plastic that might have gone into the landfill is now being transformed into recycled household products. Let's keep it up! NOTE: If you use a Brita pitcher, **Whole Foods** will also take your used filters. Here's what you must do first: 1. Dry the filter by shaking off excess water and setting it in a dry place for at least 3 days. 2. Wrap the filter in a plastic bag which will be recycled at **Whole Foods**. 3. Bring them in with your other #5s and place them in the designated container.

BLANKET SUNDAY

God's people cry out to us. Their heroic struggles to overcome terrible loss from earthquakes, wars, floods, drought, hunger and sickness demands our loving response. Pilgrim Church will once again celebrate Mother's Day with the **Blanket Sunday Mission Project**. Simply purchase a blanket in honor of a special Mother and receive a card to give to that special someone on Mother's Day. A donation of \$8 will purchase and ship one blanket, or if you wish, \$10 will purchase a **Blanket Plus**. You will be able to make your blanket donations in the Narthex after both services on **May 1st** and again on Mother's Day, **May 8th**. Please consider this wonderful Mother's Day gift. Contact Dennis Grabow if you have questions.

(Missions con't)



A WORLD OF NEED—THURSDAY, MAY 19

Pilgrim Church will be hosting a refugee awareness/volunteer fair on the 19th of May which we're calling **A WORLD OF NEED**. We have invited two authors—Bernice Johnson, *THE SHAN: REFUGEES WITHOUT A CAMP*, and Jeffery Kirk, author of *10 MILLION TO 1*. This event will also include a Volunteer Fair. Candy Shoop will coordinate those details, Donna Tredrea will handle the planning of the refugee portion, Chris Hart and Andy Glab have agreed to work on publicity, Ben York of Lutheran Social Services is involved in the planning and will be the moderator of a panel discussion. We are looking for others to be part of this committee. If you are interested, please contact Donna. Watch for sign-ups on the bulletin board. We'll be asking for donations of refreshments that the members of Pilgrim do so well! Thank you! Reply to Donna at dtred@wi.rr.com or 262 302-0013.



ADULT MISSION TRIP – MAY 22-27

Several Pilgrim members are preparing to travel into the mountain terrains near Cumberland, Kentucky to aid destitute, struggling Americans living in the Appalachian Mountains. There are two ways you can help, by either making a cash donation using a Mission envelope found in the pews, marked Adult Mission Trip, or by donating an item to be placed in a Compassion Basket which will be distributed throughout the area. We'll post a list of the items they are looking for on the bulletin board and right after Easter, we'll put a basket in the Narthex to collect your donations.

Faith has two parts: one is patience the other is gratitude.

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR APRIL



SHEEPSHEAD

The Sheepshead group will meet this month on **Friday, April 1, 15, and 29** at 6:30pm in Kalweit Hall.

GROWING POWER TOUR

The Ecology Club welcomes you to enjoy a tour of **Growing Power**. This vibrant urban farm and education center will be a huge treat to visit. Please meet **on Saturday, April 2nd at 10:30 a.m.** for a tour that will last approximately 1 ½ hrs. The location is: 5500 W. Silver Spring Dr., Milwaukee, WI. Cost is \$10 per person. More information can be found at www.growingpower.org. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Any questions - please call Greg at: (414)839-5437 or e-mail at: gregorynlinda@yahoo.com.

PILGRIM BOWLING

The next bowling date is **Saturday, April 9th**. Bowling starts promptly at 6:45pm at Grafton Bowl. Mark your calendar for the Potluck which will be on **Saturday, May 14th** which is the last bowling night for this season. Complete details will be made available as the date gets closer.

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

On **Monday, April 11th** the **Women's Book Club** will begin a new book, Ann Voskamp's *One Thousand Gifts*. We'll discuss chapters 1-3. The meeting is at **7:00 pm** at the home of Rachel Gutridge. If you would like to have the book ordered for you online for about half the store price, please let Rachel Gutridge know right away.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 16, at 7:30 AM – Please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to reserve your seat. The breakfast will be followed with the presentation: **“Hear the Drumbeat”** -- 150 years ago, the American Civil War began at Fort Sumter, South Carolina. Al Pfeiffer and Ron Wildasin will team-up to bring you a brief historical perspective of the key events in Early America that brought this nation to the brink of war. Listen to a story of two early battles that would set the tone for the next four years to save this nation, and all its people.



A ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPRING SHOW AT THE DOMES

On **Sunday, April 17th**, you have an opportunity to go to the Domes to see the Spring flower show. Carpooling will be available. Plan on leaving after the 10:30 service. Stopping for lunch will be decided by those going. Ticket cost is \$6.50 and will be purchased at the Domes. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

(Social Opportunities con't)

WOMEN'S JOURNEY

Women's Journey will be held at 7:00 pm on **Tuesday, April 19** at the home of Judy Wildasin. All women of Pilgrim are welcome!

SENIOR COFFEE

Senior Coffee will be held in the conference room at church on **Thursday, April 21st** at 10:00 am. The discussion question will be: *If you were asked to make a Top Ten list of the people you regard as the all-time greatest Americans, whom would you rank in the third, second, and first spots?*

KNITTING & CROCHETING

This group meets in the Coffee House Room at 6:30pm and will be getting together on **Thursday, April 28th**. Come sit and chat a while as you work on your latest project. Anyone is welcome to join in! Contact Barb Arity, 376-9312.



WOMEN'S EVENT – “Getting to Know My Sisters” – April 30th

9:00 Opening **9:30 - 12:00** Conversation and craft
12:00 Lunch **12:30** Closing **Cost \$10.00**

Here at Pilgrim we are a community, people who belong to each other, gathered by the grace of God. We are called to care for each other. Isn't it easier to care when you know that person by name and face? Join in a morning of song, talk, fun, and lunch. **GET TO KNOW YOUR SISTERS.** *Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.*



ATTENTION CAMPERS!!! ANNUAL PILGRIM CAMPING TRIP

Pilgrim's Annual Camp Out is planned for **August 11-14th**. We have reserved a group site at beautiful Buckhorn State Park. Buckhorn State Park and Wildlife Area has over 4600 acres by the Castle Rock Flowage of the Wisconsin River. Unique car-in campsites offer a rustic flavor. Some key features of the park is a 300 foot beach and plentiful wildlife. There are two accessible wildlife observation/hunting blinds on the shoreline as well as two accessible boat boarding piers, an accessible fishing pier, and a two story wildlife observation blind. The park also has an accessible cabin for use by people with disabilities. Visitors enjoy swimming, fishing and hunting at the park. The park is located 35 miles northwest of Wisconsin Dells. Water and vault toilets are available at the site, but no electricity. RV's and pop-up units must park on the gravel in the parking area. Questions or concerns? Please contact Kathy Ellenbecker at keshopper@gmail.com.



SAVE THE DATE FOR PILGRIM'S ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Save the date of **Sunday, August 21st** for Pilgrim's Annual Golf Outing at Scenic View Country Club in Slinger. Watch for details in the coming months. Dennis Dibb

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“Belonging. Laughing. And. Serving. Together”



CONFIRMATION NEWS

- **Lenten Services** - In lieu of our regular confirmation classes, Confirmands are required to attend the Wednesday Lenten Services (7:00 p.m.) **beginning with Ash Wednesday, March 9th and running through April 13th**. We will resume our regular schedule on **April 27**.
- **Lenten Meals** – Still need to fulfill your community service requirements? Help with set-up, service and clean-up on **April 6th OR April 13th** Lenten Meal. Sign up on the BLAST Board. See Jen Schulz with any questions.
- **7th Grade Only Outing** - The date is set and the location is waiting for us so grab your swimsuit and let's have some end-of-the-year fun!!!! **On Saturday, June 4th** we'll head to Blue Harbor Resort and Water Park in Sheboygan for a day of fun. We'll leave church at 9:30 a.m. and return mid-afternoon. Sign up on the BLAST Board (*we'll need a few chaperones*)
- **Worship Sign-In Book** – Don't forget to sign in each Sunday. The Worship Sign-In Book is located on the table right outside the church office.
- **Future Dates:**
 - **Regular Class** - Resumes **April 27th** at 6:30pm
 - **Final Evening of Class** - 8th Grade Rehearsal and Pictures at 5:00pm and Pizza Party at 6:30 for BOTH classes
 - Confirmation **Sunday - May 15th** at the 10:30am service.



EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Sign up now to help with set-up and service on **Easter Sunday, April 24th**. We'll need help with Saturday morning set-up (**April 23rd at 9:30am**), the Continental Breakfast at 7:00am and the Full Sit Down Breakfast at 9:00am on Easter Morning. See the BLAST Board for all the details. Questions? Contact Jen Schulz.

BAKERY NEEDED - To help keep our costs down, we are asking all youth families to please donate 1-2 dozen pieces of bakery for the Easter Breakfast. This can be home-made or store bought....muffins, coffee cake, doughnuts, etc. Please drop these items off at church **on Saturday** between 9-noon, if possible or by 8:15 a.m. Easter Morning.



EASTER BASKET DONATIONS: Would your family like to donate a fun-filled Easter Basket for the raffle on Easter Morning? Please sign up on the BLAST Board. Baskets can be kid friendly or adult friendly and filled with candies, toys, gift cards, candles, lotions, etc. Pick a theme and make it fun! We'll need all baskets to church by **Saturday, April 23rd** with a note attached with your family name. See Jen Schulz with any questions

2011 YOUTH MISSION TRIP:

First Payment is due on or before **Sunday, April 10th**. Checks can be made out to "Pilgrim UCC" and payments can be placed in Jen Schulz's mail slot at church. Remember, participating in fundraisers reduces the cost! Also, please return all required forms - Covenant, Medical information, Liability Form, Skills Form, etc. See Jen Schulz with any questions.



Mission Trip

SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS

Did you know our Pilgrim Youth Corps, directed by Jen Schulz, has 30 youngsters signed up for their mission trip to West Virginia this July! What a growing and learning experience this will be for our teenagers! In order to help raise money for this adventure, Pilgrim Church is collecting aluminum cans the last Sunday of each month. Please leave them by the shed located at the back of the front parking lot and we will sell them to a local recycling center. If you have any questions, please call Beverly or Jack Richardson at 262-618-4649. Thanks for your help!



CONGREGATIONAL CARE & CONNECTIONS



APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Submitted by: Trinn Rigert, Inclusion Team Member

The puzzle pattern of this ribbon reflects the mystery and complexity of autism. The different colors and shapes represent the diversity of people and families living with this disorder. The brightness of the ribbon signals hope-hope through research and increasing awareness in people like you. Check out the display on the bulletin board to view the full-color version and learn more about autism.

"I am different but not less" -Temple Grandin

Inclusion Team News

Our Inclusion Team is hard at work! We've created "Child at a Glance" forms for parents of children and teens. The forms will help teachers and volunteers better understand effective strategies for kids with differing abilities and unique situations. The Team also introduced gluten-free communion wafers. We're currently working on ways to communicate basic Pilgrim information so that all will feel oriented quickly to our church. Each month a member of our Inclusion Team will be submitting a newsletter piece regarding an inclusion topic. More information will be posted on the bulletin board along with photos of our Inclusion Team. This month, we lift up Autism Awareness Month. The next Inclusion Team meeting will be **April 12** at 7 p.m.

Spousal Loss Support Group

The next Spousal Loss Support Groups are **Monday, April 18** at 7:00pm in the Coffee House Room of Pilgrim United Church of Christ. It is open to all in the community who have lost a spouse or life partner. No registration is necessary and there is not cost. The gatherings are led by Cory Jepsen-Hobbs and Cynthia Meier. Contact Cory at 376-1724 or Cynthia at 284-2701 if you have questions. Pilgrim Church is located at 1621 Second Avenue in Grafton.

Do You Need a Meal?

Our TLC Team and Marvelous Meal Makers can help get a meal to you! If you have recently had surgery, were ill or are just facing a tough time in life, we can help get some frozen meals or a fresh meal to you. Contact Heidi Jenkins at 377-7436 or heidigjenkins@sbcglobal.net if you or someone you know could use one.

Pilgrim Thanks ...

- ... To everyone that donated to, participated in, helped with, and came & supported our 7th Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Talent(less) Show. It was a huge success!
- ... To all who have offered to help with transportation for a Pilgrim member training for a new job. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

In our prayers ...

- ... Mary Lou Fries, recovering from surgery and awaiting treatment.
- ... Pat Conrad, continuing treatment.
- ... Linda Schafer, strengthening at home.
- ... Gordon Sorensen, continuing treatment through the Mayo Clinic. He'll return there in late March.
- ... Ray Weber (spouse of Diane), anticipating carotid artery surgery.
- ... Joanne Schlenvogt, continuing treatment.
- ... Delores Veloan, continuing treatment.
- ... Norm Wegner, continuing treatment, & Joyce, homebound.
- ... Cory Schultz (Marilyn Hadler Dearth's son) who suffers from MS.
- ... Randy Merchen (Art & Elnore Merchen's son) diagnosed with Acute Leukemia.
- ... Kristina Strozewski, recovering from surgery.

Our prayers of sympathy are extended to ...

- ... Barb Bader and family, whose mother died last month.
- ... Delores Veloan and family, whose husband Bob died on March 4th. A funeral was held at Pilgrim on March 11th.
- ... Michelle Pedersen and family, whose grandfather died.
- ... Robert Britt and family, whose grandmother died.
- ... Noelle & Mark Destrampe, upon the death of her grandmother.

Congratulations and God's blessings to ...

- ... Molly French, daughter of J.R. & Jodi, baptized on March 13th.
- ... Zoey Gundert, daughter of Mike & Sarah, who was baptized March 20th.
- ... Neal Hobbs, who recently won the Wisconsin Singles 55-60 year-old Racket ball Championship!
- ... Brendan McInerney, who recently competed in the Junior State wrestling competition.

"YOU HAVE DIABETES"

Words you pray that you never hear, but when you do . . . a rollercoaster of emotions and many questions that follow. The diagnoses of diabetes is devastating, frustrating, "why me?", and what's next. Diabetes changes your life and those around you. I would like to put together a monthly diabetic's support group. This group is open to diabetics and their support person. Please contact Franz with your interest or myself. Through faith in Christ, we can get through anything. Ellen Fischer, 262-689-4033.

ROCK Hour News



Lenten Craft Activity



Easter craft activities are available for Little ROCKS, ROCK Hour students, and Voyagers during the Wednesday Lenten services. There is nursery coverage available for younger children. Please contact Tracey VanRyzin or Michelle Wagner if you have questions.

Don't Step on the Eggs!!

If you see large brown "eggs" mysteriously appearing around the church, please be careful. Curious? You'll have to wait until Easter morning!



Easter Bells Are Ringing!



The Pilgrim Children's Bell Choir will play during the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 24th. Bell Choir participants should meet in the music room at 10:00 a.m.

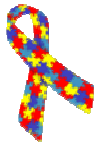
Special Easter Class for Little ROCKS

Children ages 2- 6 are invited to join Ms Tracey during the 10:30 Easter service to watch a Veggie Tale movie in the theater room. The nursery attendant will be on hand from 7:45-11:45 for infants and younger children.



April Is National Autism Awareness Month

The first step in creating a vibrant and loving community begins with acknowledging, understanding, and embracing diversity in all its forms. Often, conditions like Autism are viewed as "disabilities," and those with Autism or Autism Spectrum Disorders are considered "cognitively disabled." We at Pilgrim choose to think of **all** people as "differently abled." We strive to recognize these differences and foster respect and inclusiveness for them.



Starting this April, we are using "Child at A Glance" forms for parents to fill out in order to share unique characteristics of their child or teen. The information on these confidential forms will help us create a more equitable and welcoming environment for everyone. To obtain a form or for more information, please contact Michelle Wagner at michellejwagner@sbcglobal.net.



We Need More Moms!!

If you missed your chance at the annual Talentless Show, your opportunity to shine on Pilgrim main stage is not over yet! Talk to Heidi Jenkins or drop



her an email to find out how you can become a part of the upcoming Mother's Day mini-musical. Asking questions is NOT a commitment, so please inquire today at heidigjenkins@sbcglobal.net.



Summer VBE – Experience A Day in the Life of Jesus

We all know what it's like to hear mom and dad tell our childhood stories, but can you imagine what kind of stories Jesus' mother Mary would tell? This summer, kids are welcomed into the ultimate Bible-times experience as they visit with Mary, Jesus' mom, and hear about Jesus' childhood adventures. They'll have hands-on fun with carpentry, baking, and other activities modeled after those that Jesus might have done during his childhood in Nazareth. All sessions will be held **during the 9:00 Sunday summer services** for anyone from ages 3-12. If you have questions or would like to become a part of this exciting summertime program, please contact Tracey VanRyzin at traceyvanryzin@sbcglobal.net.



Summer Camp – Make Memories for Life

Brochures for the 2011 United Church Camps, Inc. are available in the Narthex or online at www.ucci.org. Two beautiful sites, **Moon Beach** and **Pilgrim Center** Camps, offer something to suit everyone's interests. Scholarship money is available through both our Children's Team and the Southeast Association UCC to offset costs. Read through a brochure – you'll be surprised at the broad range of camps offered! All forms, including an application for a conference scholarship, are available online.



Important ROCK Hour Reminder!!

There will be **no** ROCK Hour held on Easter Sunday. Come enjoy the Youth Easter Breakfast with your family!

We joyfully welcome the following new families:



Seth & Shawna Foerster are happy new parents . . . their baby boy is named **Evan!** Shawna was confirmed at Pilgrim (she is the daughter of Dianna Ogburn) and they were married at Pilgrim five years ago. Seth works in Milwaukee as a Certified Maintenance Technician, but his true love is blue grass music. He plays the guitar, banjo, mandolin and upright bass . . . in several bands! Shawna is enjoying life as a stay-at-home mom and her hobby is singing blue grass music. They currently live in Menomonee Falls but plan to relocate to Grafton soon.

John & Denice Frank have two grown children and four grandchildren. John retired from Quad Graphics after many years in commercial art and now works for ACE Hardware in town. Denice is a nurse, employed by Aurora Advanced Healthcare Family Practice in Mequon. She loves reading; he loves yard work . . . and they are both passionate gardeners! The Frank's come out of the Missouri Lutheran tradition.

Pam Klenner is Denice Frank's sister. She and her husband Paul live in Grafton. They have two grown sons, and a granddaughter, Audrey (Winkler), baptized at Pilgrim a few months ago. She is a Special Education Paraprofessional at Grafton High School. Her hobbies include cabinet building (which she learned from her father), scrapbooking and reading.

T.J. and Aisha Rains recently relocated from Kansas City. They have two children: **Jonas** (8) who is a terrific young artist and **Emma** (5) who is a little princess and loves all things fashion! T.J. is the Chief Information Officer at Cardinal Stritch University, and has a Mom who is a UCC minister! He plays the guitar, bass, percussion and sings. Aisha is a stay-at-home Mom who enjoys cooking and has a great passion for non-profit organizations. She worked as a consumer credit counselor, guiding people through debt problems. The Rains make their home in Grafton.

Nick & Sara Sawyer recently relocated to Cedarburg from Madison, where they both earned Physical Therapy degrees. They were married this past June in Madison. Nick works at the new Aurora Medical Center on the orthopedic floor and Sara works in pediatric PT for Ozaukee County's birth to 3 program. The Sawyers are expecting twins in June! He's a huge Badgers fan and she enjoys sewing and singing.

(New Members con't)

Matt & Darya Snyder recently relocated from Neenah, though they are originally both from Kansas. The Snyder's have two sons – **Dean** (7) who loves swimming, gymnastics and art . . . and **Owen** (5) who loves singing and memorizing Disney movies! Matt works as a pathologist and Darya (Alexander) practices family medicine, though is taking a little time off to raise children. She enjoys playing the alto saxophone, reading, cooking and Zumba. Matt enjoys cooking, sports and old cars!

MINIATURE EARTH **Something to think about**

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely **100** people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look like this: **59%** of the entire world's wealth would be in the hands of only **6** people. **43** would live without basic sanitation. **18** would be without improved water sources. **14** would be unable to read. **50** would suffer from malnutrition. **64** will struggle to live on **\$2/day**. Only **7** would have a secondary education. **12** would own a computer, but only **3** would have internet connection. If you have a refrigerator, a bed to sleep in, a closet for your clothes and a roof over your head, you are richer than **75%** of the rest of the world.

Landscape Volunteers Needed



Assistance is required to help maintain the landscape beds around the church during the growing season. The task will require periodic weeding and trimming of numerous planted beds. We are looking for volunteers willing to be assigned a specific area. After an initial spring clean-up, it may only require a couple hours per month to maintain each bed, and you can work on the bed maintenance at your convenience.

Please contact Neal Hobbs at 262-376-1724 or leave a message at the church office if you are interested in helping during the upcoming season.



Dear Pilgrim Friends,

My heartfelt thanks to all who remembered me with cards and prayers. It meant the world to me.

*God bless,
Pat Conrad*

To my friends at Pilgrim,

Thank you all so much or your cars and prayers for me since my recent shoulder surgery.

Larry Tredrea

MOM-to-MOM Sale



Annual Spring Mom-to-Mom Sale April 9th from 8am - Noon

Are your kids growing out of their clothes and gear faster than you can buy them? Are you tired of running all over the place for a good deal? If so, this is the sale for you. You will find great one-stop shopping with a huge selection of gently used children's items including, highchairs, bikes, bouncy seats, car seats, clothing, shoes, toys, board games, puzzles, books and more. There will also be yummy baked goodies for sale. Come and check it out.



ATTENTION ARTISTS AND CRAFTERS!

Be part of Pilgrim's "Holly-Days" Arts & Crafts Show!

Event is scheduled for November 5, 2011, 9am-3pm

Rent a table to sell your handcrafted item,

with proceeds benefiting Missions.

*Details and applications will be available on **Sunday, April 17.***

Come find us between services in the Narthex!

Questions? Please contact:

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Linda Grudznske: gregorynlinda@yahoo.com

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

March 10, 2011

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Treasurer's Report: Kathy presented the Treasurer's report. Revenue for February was \$28,069. Expenses were \$28,647. Current assets are \$61,776. This month we paid ½ of our insurance premium and Dec. & Jan. snow plowing. Kris motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Geoff seconded motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

- Franz's computer has crashed and will be working with Ken to get a new one.
- Heidi is helping move forward our 3 initiatives. A2A – We used gluten free wafers as one example. The Safe Sanctuary group will continue to meet to discuss processes.
- We are going to look into adding WI-FI at the church.
- Staff agreed that a pig roast for Rally Day put on by the council is a good idea.

Old Business:

- Building Usage – Franz and staff have met with Barb Gould to talk logistics. Council reviewed *Maple Leaf Academy* brochure. The preschool will be starting in September. Council will be inviting Barb to our next meeting to meet and greet her.
- Solar Energy – Panels and poles are up, and they plan on turning them on tomorrow, March 11. Franz will look into putting some PR in the newspaper and Pilgrims Progress.
- Solar Energy funding: Kathy had our initial down payment from gifts to give to RES.
- Financial Review: So far so good Kathy will report next month.
- Staff computer update – Franz has heard positive feedback. Thanks, Louise.

New Business:

- Lenten Meal: Todd led the discussion of council meal on March 30th. Ted will purchase the meat, buns, beans, chips and charcoal. The council agreed to split the cost of beans & chips. Franz will bring condiments. All of council will bring desserts.

Topic of Conversation:

Core Ministry: General discussion on what future staffing might look like at Pilgrim.

Next Meeting: Thursday April 14th at 7:00pm.

Preschool Coming to Pilgrim this Fall!

Barb Gould, current director of Imagine Me preschool at NSAA in Grafton will open a brand new preschool called **Maple Leaf Academy of the North Shore** at Pilgrim in September. She and her staff will offer morning sessions from 9:00 to 11:30 M-W-F (for ages 4-5) and T-Th. for ages 3-4). For details and registration information please contact Barb Gould at: 262-375-35685 or visit them on Facebook or at www.mapleleafacademys.com.



SPRING PHENOLOGY

Phenology is the study of the response of living organisms to seasonal and climatic changes in the environments in which they live. Some interesting things to note the date of:

Arrival of:

Purple Martins, catbirds, red-winged blackbirds, red headed ducks

Day you first see or hear:

Orioles building a nest, first baby rabbit, Cherry trees bloom, first smell of new mown grass.

"Spring is a Feeling" by Mel Ellis

"Spring is a vagrant. It comes and goes, visiting some, but passing others by. There is no special day set aside for its arrival, nor does it come at the same time for all of us. Usually it comes suddenly without preliminaries on a soft south wind through bare trees and nights. You may hear it in the honking of geese and you may hear it in the trickling of water. Spring is not necessarily gentle. Spring is not really a season. It is a feeling. It is a quickening of the pulse, a lifting of the head. It is a laugh and a skip and a jump. It is gratitude for being alive and an overwhelming desire to live. When it comes you will know."

Since March was Colorectal Cancer Awareness month. I am stating several items of interest "by the numbers."

- 1 in 20 people will develop colon cancer during their life.
- In the U.S. colon cancer is the 2nd leading cause of cancer death.
- If all eligible people had regular screenings 1/3 of colon cancer could be avoided.
- 50 is the age the average person should be screened for colon cancer. Some should start earlier if they have a family history of colon cancer and colon polyps.
- The Five year survival rate is 90% when colon cancer is found and treated early.
- There are approximately 1 million colon cancer survivors currently living in the U.S.

Jan Svoboda, Environmental Coordinator

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR APRIL

8:00

3 Ed Proctor
10 Candy Shoop
17 Al Pfeiffer
24 Roland Junker

10:30

3 Steve Evans
10 -----
17 Jane Sowers
24 Joel Schowalter



APRIL SUNDAY TREATS

3 Anne Roemke & Amanda Koch
10 Joyce Schowalter & Mary Beuscher
17 ----- & -----
24 Easter Breakfast



For: Robert Veloon

By: Rachel Gutridge
Mike & Heidi Jenkins
Dale & Linda Rudd
Arlene Schlenvogt
Earl & Bonnie Schlenvogt
Elsa Egerer
Joanne Micoley
Donald & Lorna Scholz
Herbert & Dorothy Effenheim
Christine Veloon
Dennis & Mary Corrigan
Arline Kaul
Holly Shanen
Richard & Evelyn Rathke
Kay Beverung
Steven & Judith Gleisner
Hazel & Frederick Giere
Further Veloon memorials listed next month

CELEBRATION WALL MEMORIAL

Given in Memory of Robert H. Veloon, March 4, 2011

FLOWERS AND BULLETINS FOR APRIL

Flowers

3 -----
10 Joyce Schowalter
17 -----
24 EASTER FLOWERS

Bulletins

3 R. Schulz & A. Schlenvogt
10 Joyce Schowalter
17 Barb Arity
24 Ed & Carol Proctor

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



FINANCE REPORT

	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Cash Balance – Beg. Of Period	\$ 66,711	\$ 46,712
Cash Receipts	26,014	75,400
Cash Disbursements	(28,858)	(56,165)
Loan Payments	<u>(2,090)</u>	<u>(4,170)</u>
Cash Balance – February 28, 2010	\$ 61,777	\$ 61,777

OFFICE HOURS

Franz Rigert – 9:00 – 5:00 Tuesday – Friday
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Please submit May articles by April 18th.

CHILD CARE & PLAY CENTER

The Child Care & Play Center is staffed every Sunday from 7:45-11:45.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1	Shawna Foerster	15	Karen Weiss
	Brandon Peterson		Daniel Mayer
	Earl (Schleny) Schlenvogt		Grace Gehrke
2	Jack Faase		Steven Destrampe
	Nancy Gruebling	16	Carolyn Boatman
	Tara Stumpf	17	Natalie Conley
3	Emily Schulz		Tammy Mueller
	Lydia Fischer		Abigale Napoleon
5	Tom Bruss	18	Louis Berns
	Elsa Moede		Noah Day
	Linda Schafer		Jennifer Halleman
	Shelly Papenfus		Doug Mueller
	Dan Weiss	19	Owen Godejohn
6	Benjamin Keller	20	Lisa Laatsch
	Colin Lewis	21	Mary Lou Fries
	Erin Moede	22	Ronna Dibb
7	Kurt Sutinen	23	Pat Klatt
8	Htee Sher Paw		Garrett Pfaff
	George Schowalter		Toby Steckel
	Aaron Schubert	24	Dylan Hanneman
	Phil Willman		Ed Proctor
9	Lindsey Klatt		Michelle Wagner
10	Bill Sinner		Hope Wooten
11	Cody Groth	25	Jessica Bader
	Ella Mueller	26	Steve Kornetzke
12	Todd Brame		Dave Ziehr
	Harry Ellenbecker	27	Lisa Holtslander
13	Peggy Mayer		Lindsey Underwood
	Carol Proctor	28	Trevor Robishaw
	Leia Timm		Terri Sinner
	Billy Willis		Bob Steckel
14	Abigail Wimmer	29	Julia Fischer
	Jennifer Wooten		Joe Hackett
			Julie Jozwowski
			Amy Leidel
			Tracey Van Ryzin
		30	Fred Yopps

If your birthday is not listed, or is incorrect, please let the office know. Thank You.



USHERS

April

8:00	10:30
<u>Gordy Weber</u>	<u>Joel Schowalter</u>
Pam Paul	Steve Knier
Deanne Schubert	Sandra Miller
Jesse Schubert	Doug Mueller
Lynda Van Dyck	Tammy Mueller

May

8:00	10:30
<u>Warner Schafer</u>	<u>Char Peterson</u>
Kurt Eick	Kit Faase
Jay Gergens	Matt Faase
Chris Leidel	Dawn Pfaff
Donna Tredrea	Tim Pfaff

ACOLYTES

April

3	Jordan Yoon-Buck	3	Nolan Stumpf
			Tara Stumpf
10	Alex Britt	10	Nolan Stumpf
			Tara Stumpf
17	Alex Britt	17	Lindsey Underwood
			Halena Gehrke
24	Cole Schmitter	24	Lindsey Underwood
			Halena Gehrke

GREETERS

P = Parking Lot Entrance

S = Sanctuary Doors

April

8:00	10:30		
3	Wayne & Connie VerVelde - P	3	Brian Helme & Rhonda Anderson-P
	Erik & Linda Utz - S		Brian & Sue Hegedus - S
10	David & Sandy Wegner - P	10	Neal & Cory Jepsen- Hobbs - P
	Gordon & Jean Weber - S		Brian & Sue Heniadis - S
17	Carol Wessels - P	17	Darrell & Lauren Hofland - P
	Jerry & Rose Wessel - S		Chris & Tiffany Hofland - S
24	Leila & Ed Behrens- P	24	Tara Hughes- P
	Barb Arity - S		Ron & Lisa Holtslander - S

May

8:00	10:30		
1	Andrew & Kristen Berns - S	1	Ken & Kris Hunt - S
	Mary Beuscher - P		Chris & Karen Karnish - P
8	Henry & Laura Bloedorn - S	8	Steve & Jennifer Keller - S
	Brian & Dawn Bolser - P		Chris & Nicole Kline - P
15	Todd Brame & Todd Johnson - S	15	Gary & Dianne Klopp - S
	Bob & Carrie Britt - P		Blake & Ann Klug - P
22	Kathy Busack - S	22	Steve & Ellen Knier - S
	Kathy Butcher - P		Jeanetter Koch - P
29	9am Service only - Milt & Sue Koch - P		

Please contact Donna Tredrea (377-8576) or dtred@wi.rr.com if you cannot greet on your scheduled Sunday.