

This summer I have been painting the exterior of our home. Call me crazy, but I actually love this project. Since I take it on about every 7 years it feels a bit like a Sabbatical experience . . . though it takes the majority of my free time! What I love about painting is the alone time. Seems the more I age the more inclined I am toward introversion. Indeed, the opportunity to ponder life while accomplishing a very tangible task is really satisfying.

In ministry, as in life, it's not always easy to mark our progress. The rewards are much more subtle, albeit still significant. Sometimes I wish helping people was as simple as brushing on a new coat of paint. That may be a great symbol for grace – a fresh paint over – but much of the time the “weathering” we take along this journey leaves us learning to accept the fading and flaking parts of our lives. Even if we try to paint over all those yesteryears, the colored layers below still have stories to tell.

I now have three sides down and I'm plugging along to the finish. Some people paint one side of their house every year . . . and after four years start all over again! That's a reminder that, in some ways, life is a maintenance program. We never arrive at complete faith, or discover ourselves to be fully well -- rather we're always tinkering at it. Trying to stay balanced while being pulled in several directions. Remembering to savor the little joys while tending to the big stresses. Learning to open our minds to new ideas even when our hearts long for that which is familiar.

One metaphor that has stuck with me over the summer is that of climbing an extension ladder. As in life, there is some risk in painting a house. I'm not nearly the daredevil I was a decade ago! But, the peaks seem a mile high. My neighbor has a real tall ladder, which I use on his house and then borrow to use on my house. When I scale all the way to the top (some 25 feet) it gets a little scary. Sometimes I just have to remember not to look down! What's ironic, however, is that the most wobbly part of an extension ladder is not the top, but rather the middle. It's the climb up, when everything sways and shifts, that is always a bit unsettling. Once you get set at the top, it's pretty secure.

Consider all the chances you've had to take in life. All the well-worth-it risks that required you to move through that wobbly stage with all the faith you could muster. I know he was a carpenter, but I bet Jesus would have made a good painter!

Franny

MISSION NEWS




MT. HOREB COMMUNITY HEALTH, WELLNESS AND RESOURCE FAIR

We will once again be helping our sister church, Mt. Horeb with their annual Community Health, Wellness and Resource Fair which be held on **Saturday, September 3rd from 10 to 3.** Volunteers will help with children's games, man the popcorn machine, pass out school supplies - or other misc. tasks. **We are in need of volunteers to help make this event a success! Sign-up posted on Narthex bulletin board.**

VENTURES IN PEOPLE

We sent our gift of \$300.00 to support the education of Marie Chatel Louis and Sebastian Simeon, students in Mirebalais, Haiti for the 2011-12 school year. We used money received through our Cartridges for Kids program to help pay for this sponsorship. The remainder came from your contributions. Remember to continue bringing in your used cartridges and old cell phones. Thank you.

CROP WALK (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty)

Saturday, October 15, 2011 – Time: 8:30am for Registration. Walk starts at 9:00am. **Location:** Starts and ends at Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, 505 West Grand Avenue, Port Washington. **Length of walk:** 1 mile and 3 mile options **Goal:** 225 walkers. Twenty-five percent of the CROP Hunger Walk funds will be donated to the local food pantry in Port Washington. Church World Services distributes the rest of the funds to help ease hunger internationally, including providing tools, education and water systems to help people become more self-sufficient. Put on your walking shoes and help lessen hunger for neighbors near and far.  **Hunger Walk**
Watch for details on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

PIG-TO-PIG WALK FOR FAMILY SHARING - Saturday, October 1, 2011

– **8:30am.** Walk along the Interurban Trail between the Cedarburg & Mequon Piggly Wiggly stores – a 5 mile scenic walk. Registration before 9/15/11 is \$10 per person or \$30 per family. \$5.00 more after the 15th. The walk benefits Family Sharing's Food Pantry. See bulletin board for registration forms.

PACKATHON for SIMPLE HOPE - Saturday, October 15, 2011

Pilgrim Church will host the Community PACKATHON. We are looking for volunteers to help promote this event. We hope many of you will give an hour of your time between 8am and noon on the 15th. There is a \$25.00 registration fee which will help Simple Hope purchase the fortified rice meal ingredients, ship and deliver to the recipients in Tanzania, Africa. See information on the bulletin board for complete information. One hour of your time will benefit hundreds who have no hope. If you can help, please contact Donna Tredrea, dtred26@gmail.com

ST. BEN'S – Serving and Baking

We provide desserts on the first Friday of each month. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Our next serving date is **Tuesday, September 13th**. Sign up or contact Pam Holloway to carpool.

SCRIP FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

We would like to introduce this opportunity to our congregation. If you have some free time and would like to learn more about this fundraising program, please contact Larry Tredrea at ltredrea@wi.rr.com. We need a committee of about four with representation from both the 8 o'clock and 10:30 services. More information can be found at www.glscrip.com (Great Lakes Scrip)

2012 INTERNATIONAL ADULT MISSION TRIP – Peru, June 23-29, 2012

This trip is organized by Lifetree Adventures. The group will fly into Lima on Day 1 and transfer to our hotel. On Day 2, we'll fly to Pucallpa and board the riverboat which will be our home for the next several days. We'll sail to villages along the Ucayali River where we'll demonstrate water purification, repair flood-damaged housing, and provide encouragement and critically-needed health guidance after being trained by Lifetree representatives. On Day 7, we'll fly back to Lima for our return flight home. Cost of the trip is \$999 per person plus airfare. A non-refundable, but transferable deposit of \$100.00 is required to reserve your spot on the riverboat. Final payment is due no later than 60 days prior to departure. Interested? Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Contact Donna Tredrea if you'd like more information.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

The special mission offering will be handled a little differently this year. It's called: **MISSION:1 11-1-11 TO 11-11-11 THAT THEY MAY ALL BE 1 In 11 days**, the United Church of Christ would like to collect more than 1 MILLION ITEMS OF HEALTHY FOOD and other household items for local food banks and outreach services.

In 11 days, the United Church of Christ will make an extra-special push to gather online contributions of more than \$111,111 for NEIGHBORS IN NEED, offerings that will be shared for hunger-action purposes with agencies of justice and compassion throughout the US.

In 11 days, the UCC will offer more than 11,111 LETTERS to CONGRESS asking our government to reform US foreign assistance in a way to more effectively benefit hungry & poor people worldwide, helping to provide a major final push to Bread for the World's 2011 "Offering of Letters" campaign. Watch for more information regarding our participation in **MISSION:1** and our Neighbors In Need offering date.

DON'T WAIT FOR THANKSGIVING – **Wednesday, September 21st** is World Gratitude Day. To get in the feel-good mood, take three minutes to write all the things—big and small—that you're grateful for. The more detailed you get, the more fully your sense of gratitude will unfold. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be." *Mathew 6:21*

B.L.A.S.T.

"Belonging. Laughing. And. Serving. Together"



WHAT IS PILGRIM'S B.L.A.S.T. YOUTH GROUP?

Welcoming all 7th graders and Welcoming Back all 8th-12th graders! B.L.A.S.T. stands for Belonging, Laughing And Serving Together and is open to ALL 7th-12th graders! We offer social activities along with community service activities throughout the year, along with holding three fundraisers to raise money for our "7th Grade Only End Of The Year Event" and the 2012 Youth Mission Trip which is open to 8th-12th graders. All information and sign-ups will be posted on the BLAST Bulletin Board located directly at the top of the stairs outside Pastor Franz's office. If you should have any questions on any events, please do not hesitate to contact Jen Schulz, Youth Director at rschulz8@wi.rr.com or 262-375-0287. We look forward to another great year of having fun and serving others!

B.L.A.S.T KICK OFF BBQ AND PACKER PARTY

Our Annual BBQ Kick-Off is scheduled for **Sunday, September 25th at 4:00 p.m.** at the home of the Rigerts - 1453 Pheasant Rd. Cedarburg - A \$3 donation will get you hamburgers, dogs and all the fixin's. We'll chill out, watch the Pack Game and get to know each other. Sign up on the BLAST Board.



RALLY DAY CHURCH WIDE BBQ - YOUTH HELP WANTED!!!!

Your Church Council is throwing a Pig Roast on **Sunday, September 11th beginning at 11:00 a.m.** They are asking for some "youthful" help to serve and be part of the clean-up crew. Please consider signing-up on the BLAST Board. We should be done by 2:30...The more hands, the faster we'll wrap it up!

COFFEE HOUSE STARTS BREWING ON RALLY DAY SUNDAY

All 7th-12th graders are welcome to kick off the church year on **Sunday, September 11th with Rally Day and the start of Coffee House beginning at 9:15 a.m.** Coffee House is led each week by one of your Coffee House Leaders - Lisa Pease, Chris Hart, Dan Meer or Vicki Simons - It is a great way to interact with your peers, discuss hot topics while asking "what would Jesus do?" and enjoying a hot cup of java or hot cocoa. We meet in the "Coffee House" Room in Kalweit Hall. Questions? Give Jen Schulz a ring!



HUNGER PACKATHON

Our first community service project of the new year will be working with Simple Hope assembling fortified rice meals to help hungry and vulnerable children and compromised adults in Tanzania Africa. Pilgrim will be hosting the "Packathon" **the morning of Saturday, October 15th**. Mark your calendar and watch for details on the BLAST Bulletin Board. **Any 7th and 8th graders participating in this will earn credit towards their Community Service Requirements for Confirmation.**



OCTOBER SOCIAL GATHERING

Planning is underway for a social gathering in October. Watch the BLAST Bulletin Board for the scoop!

YOUTH SUNDAY

Mark that calendar! This year's Youth Sunday, where the Youth lead the entire worship service, is scheduled for **Sunday, November 13th**. All Confirmands participating in BOTH services earn credit for their community service requirements. Watch the BLAST Board for more details and sign-up!

CONFIRMATION NEWS

- **Confirmation Orientation:** All 7th and 8th Grade Confirmands and at least one parent should attend orientation on **Wednesday, September 14th in Kalweit Hall at 6:30 p.m.** We'll be discussing this year's schedule, expectations and activities. Questions? Please contact Pastor Franz or Jen Schulz.
- **1st Day of Confirmation:** We'll begin with regular classes on **Wednesday, September 21st**. Classes run every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- **St. Ben's Serving:** An annual tradition for our Confirmands is to head to St. Ben's in Milwaukee and help serve meals to those that are less fortunate. The **7th Graders are scheduled for October 5th and the 8th Graders are scheduled for October 19th**. We'll leave church around 4:15 p.m. and return by 7:30 p.m. Parent Drivers will be needed. A sign up will be available at Confirmation Orientation
- **Confirmation Retreat: December 2nd & 3rd** is set for this year's retreat at Pilgrim Center in Green Lake, WI. Additional Details will be distributed at orientation. Parent Driver/Chaperones will be needed.

ROCK Hour News



**Calling all ROCK Stars
for Rally Day!**



September 11, 2011

*ROCK Hour and Voyagers 9:00-10:20

Little ROCK (2yrs – 5K)
During the 10:30 service

ALL ARE WELCOME!
(no pre-registration required)

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

New Registration Forms for All Participants

As we update our records to comply with Pilgrim's new Safe Sanctuary and Inclusion policies, we would like to be sure to have current information about all program participants. You should receive a hard copy of our most recent registration form in a welcome letter or an attachment via email, depending on your child's grade level. Registration forms will also be available on Rally Day. Look for the Children's Ministry registration table during the church picnic on Sunday, September 11th following the 10:30 service.



Little ROCK Program

Church school for children ages 2 yrs. - Kindergarten is held during the 10:30 service. After sharing in Children's Time with Pastor Franz, children follow teachers downstairs where they receive nametags and find a carpet square. Parents are welcome to accompany children to the stage area and then return to the service.

Questions? Contact Michelle Wagner 377-4575, michelle.wagner@sbcglobal.net or Tracey VanRyzin 677-0928, traceyvanryzin@sbcglobal.net



Nametags for Little ROCKS Have New Location!

Parents of children ages 2 - Kindergarten will find their children's nametags on our new Welcome Board at the bottom of the stairs just outside the Play Center. Nametags coordinate with age levels:

Emeralds (green) - 2/3 yrs

Rubies (red) - 4 and 5K



Children will stay with the same group for the entire school year based on the age reached by September 30, 2011.

Children's Singing Ensemble



We are looking for kids/youth (1st grade or older) interested in singing in a small ensemble for Accessibility Sunday on October 9. The participants will not have much time on Sundays to rehearse so the music will need to be learned at home with a practice recording. If your child is interested, please contact Heidi Jenkins at heidigjenkins@sbcglobal.net.

Direct Link to Volunteer Schedule (for online access)

To sign up to help during the middle hour or during the 10:30 service, please access the "living document" directly at the following link:

https://spreadsheets.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AnWt-pQ44GCTdFhJbTIW5NtIQU0hBenlUQ3AtWXc&hl=en_US#gid=0

FALL ACTIVITIES



SENIOR COFFEE

Senior Coffee will meet in the conference room at church on **Thursday, September 15** at 10:00 am. The question for discussion is: *What event or activity in the next few months are you looking forward to more than anything else?*

SHEEPSHEAD GROUP

Attention Sheepshead Players – Join in the fun of playing sheepshead on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays of each month. This month the dates are **September 16th** and **September 30th**. Starts promptly at 6:30pm. Contact Mary Lou Fries if you are interested in joining this group, 377-0172.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

The **Women's Book Club** will meet at 7:00 pm at the home of Rachel Gutridge on **Monday, September 19**. The discussion will center on Rob Bell's book Love Wins.

WOMEN'S JOURNEY

On **Tuesday, August 20** the Women's Journey group will be going out to dinner at the Fox and Hounds. We will carpool at church at 5:30 pm. Please make reservations with Diane Nauta.

KNITTING & CROCHETING GROUP

The group will gather on **September 22nd at 6:30pm** in the Coffee House Room. They will be working on Winter items to go on a Holiday tree. These items will be donated in December. Interested in joining this group? If you'd like more information about the hat/mitten/scarf tree, contact Barb Arity at 376-9312.



GEOCACHING AT PORT WASHINGTON SOUTH BEACH

The Ecology Club welcomes you to come and learn about geocaching on **Saturday, September 17th** at 1P.M. Brian Helme will be instructing. If you have always wanted to try geocaching or simply want to enjoy hiking along Lake Michigan, come enjoy an afternoon at the beach. Follow this link for location information:

<http://www.treasuresofoz.org/treasures/parks/south-beach-kayak-and-canoe-launch>. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Please call Greg at: (414)839-5437 or e-mail at:

gregorynlinda@yahoo.com.

OPEN BOWLING AT THE NEWLY REMODELED GRAFTON PUB

AND BOWL. Sunday, September 18th, 1:30pm. Cost is \$1.00 per game with free shoe rental. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Bowling teams, individuals, friends and family ~ ALL ARE WELCOME!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

September 17th, 7:30am. Watch for more information and sign-up.

DISC GOLF

Sunday, September 25th at Tendick's Nature Park, Saukville. No reservations are necessary. Round up some friends and/or family members, bring your Frisbee, a picnic lunch, hike the nature trails or just enjoy being outside on a fall afternoon. See bulletin board in the Narthex for score sheets and more information.

PILGRIM BOWLING LEAGUE

Have you signed up yet? Teams are now forming and the sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. **Saturday, October 8th** is the first bowling date for this season. Gather at 6:30pm with a prompt 6:45 starting time

MARK YOUR CALENDAR and watch for more information:

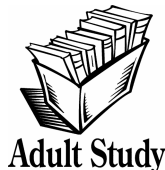
- Saturday, October 29th – Pumpkin Carving Party/Potluck
- Saturday, November 19th – Game Night/Potluck
- December – Christmas Caroling (date to be announced)
- Christmas Cookie Exchange (date to be announced)

MORNING STAR PRODUCTIONS – **Sept. 23 through October 2**, Eastbrook Church, 5385 N. Green Bay Avenue, Milwaukee – **DEARLY BELOVED** “A Comic Menagerie of Marital Mishaps...” Tickets from \$8-\$16. See flyer on the bulletin board for more details.

ADULT STUDY GROUP BEGINS FALL SESSION

Beginning between services on **September 11, at 9:20 AM** in the media room, the study group continues its DVD series entitled “Living the Questions.” This study is a reflection my numerous progressive thinking clergy on subjects that reflect on our faith and a vision for living. Join us in these small group gatherings to hear the stories, and to reflect on what it might mean to each of us. The schedule of topics is as follows:

- 9/11 Honoring Creation
- 9/18 A Kingdom without Walls
- 9/25 Social Justice: Realizing God's Vision
- 10/2 Incarnation: Divinely Human
- 10/9 Prayer: Intimacy with God
- 10/16 Compassion: The Heart of Jesus' Ministry
- 10/23 Creative Transformation
- 10/30 Embracing Mystery



SCRIPTURE CHAT

Thursday, September 8th at 10:30am

Join Pastor Franz for a discussion of upcoming lectionary texts. This is a casual conversation. If you can read the scriptures ahead of time – great! If not, join us anyway on **Thursday, September 8th** at 10:30am in the Narthex. Scriptures are: Exodus 16:2-15, 17:1-7; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35, 20:1-16, 21:23-32.



What's up with Common Ground?

Common Ground's months of work on the foreclosure crisis are bearing fruit. In May, CG launched an effort to restore the housing market in the Sherman Park community, an area of Milwaukee with over 300 foreclosed properties, many of which are vacant and abandoned. This housing revitalization initiative, entitled Milwaukee Rising, seeks to rehabilitate 100 foreclosed properties over four years and sell them to responsible homeowners.

Some of the funding will come from local partners (approx. \$485,000 from Helen Bader Foundation, Wheaton Franciscan Health Care, Daughters of Charity, Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Zilber Ltd., and CG member organizations who are stakeholders in the Sherman Park neighborhood). \$2 million will come from City of Milwaukee's commitment of federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds for the rehabilitation of approximately 50-60 homes. But the lion's share will come from the five banks most responsible – the largest holders of foreclosed properties in this region: Bank of America, Deutsche Bank, JP Morgan Chase, Wells Fargo and US Bank.

Common Ground asked EACH of these five banks to make the following financial commitment to Milwaukee Rising:

- 1) \$2 million in market rate mortgage commitments for qualified owners who will purchase the rehabilitated properties.
- 2) \$400,000 contribution over three years to support the rehabilitation subsidy for properties in Sherman Park
- 3) \$100,000 contribution to Mercy Housing Lakefront to establish the Clean Slate program in Milwaukee. Clean Slate is a program to hire local workers to clean up, board-up and maintain vacant, foreclosed properties throughout the City, including Sherman Park.

And since June, we have commitments from 4 of the 5 banks: Wells Fargo, Deutsche Bank, Bank of America, and US Bank, and we are close to an agreement with Chase. Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is supporting this effort by administering the investment capital from the banks. Zilber Ltd is serving as the developer and general contractor.

This summer, properties have been identified for purchase. Rehabilitation has been done at 2425 and 2350 N 46th Street, and the homes are ready to show. Common Ground's Housing Organizer will be seeking qualified owners from within CG member and partner institutions to purchase the rehabilitated properties.

Leo J. Ries, Executive Director, LISC in Milwaukee wrote a letter that appeared in the Milwaukee Journal, stating, “This effort has been led by the membership of Common Ground - average citizens, like you and me, who are angry about what foreclosures are doing to their neighborhoods and are resolved, through collective action, to do something about it. . . . It's democracy in action, and Common Ground has demonstrated what a powerful force that can be.”

Our congregation supports the work of Common Ground through an annual pledge, and contributions are needed to meet our 2011 commitment.

Plan to attend CG's upcoming Fall Delegates Assembly, to be held Tuesday, October 4, from 7– 8:30 PM, at Mount Mary College – Helfaer Hall (N 92nd Street, between Center & Burleigh). A sign up sheet will be posted in the Narthex.

Pilgrim Thanks ...

- ... Linda Grudznske for taking the recyclable bottle caps to Whole Foods.
- ... John Hegedus and Matt Pekarske, for painting the lower level conference room.

In our Prayers...

- ... Mary Lou Fries, treatment.
- ... Phyllis TeStrake, treatment.
- ... Amy Matter, treatment.
- ... Gordon Sorensen, home.
- ... Ruth Ackmann, home.
- ... Harry Craig, home.
- ... Joanne Schlenvogt, Cedar Community Rehab.
- ... Jonathan (nephew of Dibb family).
- ... Todd Craig, who spent a few days in the hospital and is recovering well.
- ... Kristen Reiter, who has suffered severe seizures recently.

Our Prayers of Sympathy are Extended to ...

- ... Cory Jepsen -Hobbs 6,15,& Neal, who grieves the death of her mother.

Congratulations and God's Blessings to ...

- ... Linda & Greg Grudznske, who welcomed a baby girl, Maya Rose, on August 12th. She weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and measured 20 ½ inches.
- ... Laila Lee Zander, daughter of Mike & Katie, baptized on August 7th.
- ... Andy & Ben Gieschen, sons of Tom & Carrie, who were baptized on August 21st.
- ... Casey Kiefer, daughter of Jerry & LuAnn, who married Rick Boylen on August 30th.
- ... Erica Hartsough, daughter of John & Linda, who married Jedd Lapid, on August 20th.



Our FALL SCHEDULE Begins RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 11th

Worship, 8:00 and 10:30am

PIG & CHICKEN ROAST - 11:30am

ROCK Hour, Voyagers & Coffee House, 9:00 – 10:15am

Adult Class, Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:15 -10:15am

2 year – K classes (following 10:30 Children's Time)



Congregational Care & Connections



PILGRIM'S SAFE SANCTUARY

The congregation of Pilgrim United Church of Christ aspires to be a safe and nurturing place. Our goal is to provide a safe environment for everyone; children, youth, adults, visitors and employees who participate in our programs and use our facilities. We want our congregation to be a safe haven, free of all forms of inappropriate interaction. We in order to make every effort possible to achieve our goal, we have compiled Safe Sanctuary Guidelines and formed an Advisory Panel. Everyone working with our children and youth will be familiarized with the guidelines and background checks are being conducted by those who work on a weekly basis with our children and youth. If you would like a copy of the Safe Sanctuary Guidelines, contact the church office. If you ever experience or observe a situation that should be reviewed or have questions, please contact Franz, any member of the children's and youth ministry staff or Advisory Panel members Annie Gehrke 387-1497, Ron Wildasin 377-9547 or Lucy Wyka 375-2097.

LOOKING FOR OCCASIONAL GRAFTON VISITOR

We're looking for an occasional visitor for an older, special Pilgrim person who lives near the church. The volunteer would stop in once or twice a month to say hello, play Scrabble and make sure that she is doing alright. She's a delightful person who is a joy to be around! If you would like to brighten someone's day, contact Heidi Jenkins at 377-7436 or heidigjenkins@sbcglobal.net for more information.

FREEZER MEALS

We're always in need of meals for our freezer. If you make a little extra food, please package it in a non-returnable container, mark it with the dish name, your name, date and any special instructions and place it in the downstairs freezer. We'll make sure it gets to a home that could use some meal relief. Contact Heidi Jenkins at 377-7436 or heidigjenkins@sbcglobal.net if you have questions.



ALZHEIMER'S – INCLUSION TEAM FOCUS OF THE MONTH

Alzheimer's -- only a few short years ago, it was a rarity: at best - a rapid descent into early senility and dementia, at worst - a sentence to death in an institution. Today almost everyone knows someone who suffers from the disease. The increase in numbers is due to several possible factors: more people in the aging groups, better diagnostic tools, and more effective medicines that slow the progression of the illness and allow the person to function in society longer. The actual cause is still a mystery.

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Alzheimer's (continued)

So you will meet people with Alzheimer's wherever you go, and you quickly realize that the disease has diminished their ability to communicate. Not only do people with dementia have more difficulty expressing thoughts and emotions, they also have more trouble understanding others. But we know that the ability to exchange our ideas, wishes and feelings is a basic need, all the more critical for the patient with dementia for whom the world is increasingly unfamiliar and isolating.

You especially want to reach out to those in your church family as you meet at worship services and other functions. So, how do you help the PERSON communicate in the group setting. A few suggestions:

Be patient and supportive. Let the person know you're listening and trying to understand what is being said.

Show your interest. Keep good eye contact.

Offer comfort and reassurance. If she/he is having trouble communicating, let the person know it's OK.

Give the person time. Let the person think about and describe whatever she/he wants. Be careful not to interrupt.

Avoid criticizing or correcting. Don't tell the person what she/he is saying is incorrect. Instead, listen and try to find the meaning in what is being said.

Offer a guess. If the person uses the wrong word or cannot find a word, try guessing the right one. If you understand what the person means, you may not need to give the correct word.

What are the best ways for YOU to communicate?

Identify yourself. Approach the person from the front. Tell the person who you are.

Call the person by name. This is not only courteous, it helps orient the person and get his or her attention. (With luck, they will be wearing a name tag)

Treat the person with dignity and respect. Avoid talking down to the person or talking as if she/he isn't there.

Be aware of your tone of voice. Speak slowly and distinctly. Use a gentle and relaxed tone of voice - a lower pitch is more calming. Convey an easygoing, non-demanding manner of speaking. Be aware of your feelings and attitude -- they are often communicated through your tone of voice, even when you don't mean to.

Pay special attention to your body language. Always approach the person from the front. Avoid sudden movements. Keep good eye contact. Be aware of your stance to avoid sending a bad message. Use positive, friendly facial expressions. Use unspoken communication like pointing, gesturing or touch.

Be patient, flexible and understanding.

- Contributed by Sue Cleary Koch

Thank You

Dear Pilgrim Family,

John and I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, offered prayers, made meals, offered rides, visited and numerous acts of kindness regarding our welfare during the surgery and treatment time for Phyllis. We can't begin to say how much your kindness and consideration has meant to us.

We go along each day thinking that we are only two people, but find out that we are all part of an extended family. Too bad that it takes illness and adversity to bring that thought to the forefront.

*God bless you all and thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.
John and Phyllis TeStrake*

Dear Pilgrim friends,

Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards, best wishes and visits. I would never have come this far in my recovery and healing without your support.

God Bless You!

Joanne Schlenvogt

Pastor Franz and Pilgrim Members,

Franz, thank you so much for your visit. It was so nice of you to stop in! Also, thanks to everyone for all the cards and well wishes. I am back to work half days and feeling great.

Thanks again!

Amy Matter



PURCHASE A PANEL

Your Church Council is pleased to tell you our solar arrays are performing well and producing the expected level of electricity. As projected, we are currently paying the solar energy loan from the savings generated by the electricity we produce. Over the next few months (Sept. 11 – Oct. 16) we are inviting you to consider buying a panel (or half or quarter panel) in order to pay down the cost of the system – roughly \$25,000. In a few weeks we'll have a display in the Narthex and a table staffed by one of our ecologically minded people! For those who purchase a full panel for \$250 you will also receive a tile for the carport entryway Celebration Wall. Half Panel, \$125 – Quarter panel, \$62.50.

LET THE LIGHT SHINE!

**Church Council Highlights
August 10, 2011**

Unapproved as of printing

Treasurer's Report: Kathy presented the Treasurer's report for June. Revenue for June was \$26,154. Expenses were \$26,444. Quarterly payment to health insurance and half year Southeast Wisconsin Association dues were made. Jane motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report for June, Geoff seconded, motion passed. Kathy then presented the Treasurer's Report for July. Revenue for July was \$38,562. Expenses were \$25,508. Ellen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for July, Jane seconded, motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

- Pat Conrad has left a wonderful gift to the church.
- Pre-School license is coming and contract was turned in. Franz to meet with Barb this week to discuss further items.
- Solar Landscaping: Neal Hobbs has agreed to create a plan for landscaping around the solar panel area. He will meet with Franz next week to review it.

Old Business:

- Solar Savings - Kathy presented initial spreadsheet showing costs/generated amounts from the solar panels.
- Solar Fundraiser – Geoff, Greg and Franz met and discussed plan. Will create a display board offering the purchase of ¼ panel, ½ panel, etc. Kickoff for this fundraiser will be the Church Picnic – September 11th.
- Website – Andy Glab provided Kris and Franz a copy of the proposed web page. Franz and Kris will meet and discuss and bring more information to the September council meeting.
- Church Picnic Pig Roast (Rally Day) – September 11. There will be chicken and pork available. Council will sponsor the chicken and pork, with the congregation providing a dish to pass. Looking into the possibility of getting music, dunk tank, and a bouncy house for the children. Council members were assigned 'picnic' tasks and will keep members up-to-date with findings before next council meeting.

New Business:

- Program Account Breakdown: Kathy presented ideas on account breakdown.
- Stewardship – Franz is working on seeking members to assist with stewardship. So far, Gene Wyka, Geoff Nauth and Jane Bachman Groth have agreed to assist. Franz will bring more information to September meeting.
- Cupola window leak – Geoff will do research on getting it repaired.
- Sound system – Reviewed sound system update/improvements. Motion made by Kathy, seconded by Geoff to move forward with improvements.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, September 8, 2011 7:00 PM.

The Cure is Here – No Prescription Required!



Play is not trivial; it's a basic biological drive as critical to our health as sleep or food. Here at Pilgrim, we have several options where you can play, and teach kids to play, yet another outlet that studies show are good for your health and overall well-being. Our children's programs are in need of volunteers of all ages and talents. From rocking babies in the nursery to rockin' out with the older kids in ROCK Hour, there is some program just waiting for you. If you are interested in becoming involved in any way, please contact Sue Steckel at scuzzo@ameritech.net or 377-4692. And remember, you cannot hug a child without being hugged back!



4TH ANNUAL FALL MOM-TO-MOM SALE
SATURDAY, OCT 8TH, 8-1PM

Looking to clean out your children's gear and make a few bucks at the same time? Tables are now available to rent for \$10, self provided racks - \$5 for small, \$8 for large. Table renters may use the large item area for \$2, non-table renters for \$10. All items should be clean and in working order. Set-up will be Friday (10/7) from 5-9 pm. If you have any questions please contact Kris Sauer rn2fixu@yahoo.com or call 262-894-9551.

You are invited to a free

CONCERT OF REMEMBRANCE
Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish, Grafton

...in memory of those who died

...in gratitude of those who served

...in concert with those who strived for peace and justice

In our World

In our Land

In our Community

In our Time

WE WILL NEVER FORGET

Sing With Us!

For several years now we've been blessed with two vocal groups, who share music at both services.



Pilgrim's **Adult Choir**, directed by Mary Lou Fries, will begin rehearsal on RALLY DAY - **Sunday, September 11th**, 9:15-10:15.. They rehearse each Sunday during the middle hour.

The **Praise Team**, directed by John Reiter rehearses on **Thursday evenings, beginning September 1** (after summer worship, 7:45pm). On **Thursday, September 8th** they will resume their usual 7:00pm rehearsals.

Join Us!

Memorials

For: Pat Conrad

From: Sandy Newth	Diane Olds
Elaine Hafemeister	Rachel Gutridge
Barbara Arity	Mark & Amy Matter
Carol Trad	Glenn & Karen Maihofer
Richard Martin	Ed & Leila Behrens
Vicki Simon	Gordon & Jean Weber
George & Joyce Schowalter	Geoff & Val Nauth
Dale & Diane Nauta	Al & Ruth Patterson
William & Judith Cochran	Wayne & Connie VerVelde
Mike & Heidi Jenkins	Elizabeth Hembel
Linda Rudd	Don & LaVerne Johnson
Eric & Louise Lusty	Paul & Linda Rieck

For: Ken Helms **From:** Elizabeth Hembel

NOTICE TO ANYONE WISHING TO SCHEDULE THE USE OF A ROOM

Beginning in September, if you need to schedule **ANY** of the rooms downstairs: Kalweit Hall, kitchen, Conference Room/Library, Media Room, World, Vine, Tie-Dye, Coffee House or Music Room, please contact Diane Weber, dianeweber@sbcglobal.net and/or Donna Tredrea, dtred26@gmail.com with your request. We will then see that it gets put on the calendar that is now posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen. If your activity is an on-going monthly event, we will automatically add it to the calendar. Whenever you have a change, please advise us. There are request forms in a pocket above the calendar. If you use one of the forms, please put it in Diane or Donna's mail slot. **Note: This request does not include any activities that take place on Sunday mornings.** If you have any questions, please contact Diane Weber, 377-2640 or Donna Tredrea, 377-8576 or cell:302-0013. Thank you.



EXERCISE TO EXTENDING GRATITUDE

1. List all the things you have decided to be grateful for In your life and/or business.
2. In your daily journal record each time you fail to express gratitude for a challenging situation.
3. Catch yourself reacting emotionally to what someone says or does and shift your perception in that moment to appreciate the learning experience at hand.
4. In your daily life and business, who are you not holding as magnificent?
5. How can you champion their excellence and express gratitude for the opportunity to grow in love and wisdom that they are gifting you instead of reacting with anger, sadness, or fear?
6. Who are you seeking to control or avoid being controlled by?
7. See the problems that arise as opportunities for your personal development.

Jan Svoboda
Environmental Coordinator

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR SEPTEMBER



4	One 9am Service	Ed Proctor		
	8:00		10:30	
11	Ed Proctor	11	Susan Mortensen	
18	Al Pfeiffer	18	-----	
25	Mary Beuscher	25	Jane Sowers	

We are in need of 10:30 Scripture Readers for the coming months. Please consider signing up on the Narthex bulletin board.

SUNDAY TREATS - SEPTEMBER

11	-----	&	-----
18	-----	&	-----
25	-----	&	-----



SUNDAY TREATS ARE BACK!



Starting September 11th we will again be hosting the "coffee hour." If you are interested in providing treats, watch for the sign up on the bulletin board.

Refreshments The treats you bring in can be anything you like ... desserts, cheese, sausage, crackers, fruits, breads, bagels... EVERYTHING goes! :) We generally serve about 150 treat pieces, so if you sign up with another person you only need to supply half of that amount. Coffee and tea are provided, as well as platters and paper goods. If you have any questions, please see Kathy Ellenbecker or call me at 375-7445. Thank you very much!

KEYS TO CHURCH



If you have a church key that you are no longer using, would you please turn it into the office. Thank you!

Flowers and Bulletins for September

Flowers

- 4 Chris & Nicole Kline
- 11 Jerry & Susan Mortensen
- 18 Andy & Megan Helm
- 25 Rob & Cindy Clark

Bulletins

- 4 Jerry & Susan Mortensen
- 11 Vern & Dorothy Overbye
- 18 Ed & Leila Behrens
- 25 Don & LaVerne Johnson

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	\$ 59,119	\$ 46,712
Cash Receipts	36,864	246,293
Cash Disbursements	(25,539)	(202,211)
Loan Payments	(2,355)	(15,834)
Solar Panel Payments	(821)	(7,692)
Cash Balance – July 31, 2011	\$ 67,268	\$ 67,268

OFFICE HOURS

Franz Rigert – 8:45 – 5:00 Tuesday – Friday
 Saturday Mornings and Evenings by appointment
Diane Weber – 8:30 – 12:00 Tuesday – Friday
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Please submit October articles by September 19th