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# Pilgrim Lutheran Church

An ELCA Congregation  
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A Home for Hungry Minds and Souls  
A "Caring for Creation" Congregation

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## Pastoral Musings

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**L**ent is soon to begin. With our Pilgrim Lenten theme, “Seed That in Earth is Dying,” and our midweek worship theme, “Dying and Rising with Jesus,” we are inviting one another into experiences of letting go and new life. You can read on page 6 of this newsletter two very accessible kinds of letting go that we invite you to consider -- letting go of some kind of spending and of some physical things, so that they can be re-purposed for greater needs. In this season, try out these shared experiences, as a way of reflecting on the broader and deeper spiritual practices of letting go of pride, fear, sins, and prejudices in order to make room for the living God in our lives. The journey of Lent and Easter is about dying and rising with Jesus, daily and eternally. New life requires a daily surrendering of the old life, letting go of the present order, so that we may embrace the new humanity. “I die every day!” says Paul (1 Corinthians 15:31). This holy season is about remembering that we belong to a God who is larger than ourselves and our own preferences and habits and limitations.

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**Keep your eyes peeled: there are lots of surprises and lots of signposts leading to gifts of Pilgrim life in this newsletter – and in every newsletter!**

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Our Lenten midweek worship services this year, along with Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, will not be cooperative with some of our neighboring congregations, primarily because Immanuel Lutheran has been in an interim time and is focusing on strengthening their own midweek gatherings and preparing to welcome a new pastor. Some of you are accustomed to our “round robin” journeying to other churches during Lent. This year, no need to figure out where we are going each week. Let us deepen our sense of Pilgrim

community and welcome; we’ll have a dinner at 5:30 pm on every Lenten Wednesday (including Ash Wednesday), followed by worship at 6:30 pm. And for those of you who don’t always get to our Midweek at Pilgrim Wednesday night gatherings, you will have a chance to experience the great meals that David Thompson prepares; he’ll be creating the dinners on three of our six Lenten Wednesdays.

On the Wednesday before Lent begins, we have an opportunity to hear The Rev. Dr. David Anderson speak. On March 2, he’ll be offering a forum on “Home is Church Too.” He is a national leader in children and youth ministries. We have sometimes had a Theologian-in-Residence at Pilgrim for a year at a time. They have helped us with our mission of feeding hungry minds and souls, who of course include children and youth. Dr. Anderson is open to being considered as our Theologian-in-Residence for this next year, to join our team, guiding and leading and strengthening our ministry to and with children and youth and families. So, come and meet him on March 2, and help us discern about this exciting possibility.

One of the joys of worship at Pilgrim is the way people of all ages help to lead worship. Some of this happens through the monthly worship teams, some through people sharing their musical gifts, behind-the-scenes gifts, prayer-writing gifts, and gifts of hospitality and genuine welcome of visitors and care for all. But if you would like to serve in worship leadership in various ways more often than when your worship team is scheduled two months each year, we welcome you to let us know that. We are compiling lists for various roles, that we can consult when needed. Would you like to be on a list to read scripture, usher, serve coffee, serve communion, be a cantor, help with the altar guild, or be a sacristan (behind-the-scenes worship manager)? Choose any of those and let us know by calling or emailing the office. With your generous sharing of your varied gifts for worship, you help to bless so many with the joy of worship.

Lastly, there's a "scavenger hunt" of sorts that we are announcing. Beginning on March 1, there will be a limited edition Pilgrim ornament, made by Jim Jahnke, hidden inside something in the church building, in a very accessible location. The first person to find that location (referred to as "it" in the clues) can claim the ornament inside. Tell us you found it, and we'll announce the winner in the next newsletter. Two clues are located somewhere in this newsletter. And keep your eyes peeled: there are lots of surprises and lots of signposts leading to gifts of Pilgrim life in this newsletter -- and in every newsletter!

*Pastor Carol*

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## *March Worship at Pilgrim*

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### **Sunday Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 AM**

**March 6** -- Transfiguration Sunday, ELW Liturgy of Holy Communion,  
Pastor Carol Tomer preaching  
‡ **Pancake Breakfast 9 AM-1 PM; no Sunday School**

**March 13** -- First Sunday in Lent, ELW Morning Prayer, Point for Pilgrims,  
Preacher -- The Rev. Dr. Dennis Ormseth, Lutheran pastor/theologian  
and creation care leader  
‡ **Pilgrim lunch at the St. Clair Broiler at 12:30 PM**

**March 20** -- Second Sunday in Lent, ELW Liturgy of Holy Communion,  
Pastor Carol Tomer preaching  
‡ **Seasonal Peace Meditation 8 AM in upstairs community room**

**March 27** -- Third Sunday in Lent, Global Morning Prayer, Point for  
Pilgrims, Pastor Harry Mueller preaching

# Our Lenten Journey Begins....

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on **March 9** this year. We will gather for worship at noon and at 6:30 pm, with dinner preceding the evening service. Here are the details:

**Noon -- Midday Ash Wednesday worship** with Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes; homily by Pastor Carol Tomer

**5:30-6:20 pm - Congregational meal** -- buffet dinner; come when you can -- David Thompson, our wonderful "Midweek at Pilgrim" chef, will be creating another one of his great meals.

**6:30 pm -- Ash Wednesday service** of communion and imposition of ashes; preacher -- Pastor Rachael Hanson, Pilgrim member and Pastoral Care Coordinator, Charter House, Mayo Clinic, Rochester

## 2011 Lent Wednesday Night Worship Schedule

*Dying and Rising with Jesus:  
Reflections on Experiences of Letting Go and  
New Life in the Pilgrimage of Faith*

**5:30-6:20 pm -- Dinner at Pilgrim** - a buffet meal; come when you can. *March 16, March 23rd and April 13th will be suppers of soups made by wonderful Pilgrim chefs (YOU!); March 30 & April 6 will be typical, wonderful M@P dinners prepared by David Thompson, our Pilgrim chef!*

**6:30 pm -- Worship at Pilgrim** -- Holden Evening Prayer  
*Each service will include a Pilgrim reflecting on some experience(s) of letting go and new life in their pilgrimage of faith. Here are the speakers:*

**March 16** -- Bree Lloyd

**March 23** -- Mike Schulze

**March 30** -- Carl Samuelson

**April 6** -- Matt Anderson-Stembridge

**April 13** -- Karin Johnson

## Lenten Dinner Opportunities to Help

If you are any group or committee who would love to use your group energy and creative cooking flare to help provide a Lenten meal on either **March 23rd** or **April 13th**, we are looking for you! For each meal, soups donated by Pilgrim members will be provided. Also, CLC will provide some assistance with basic kitchen/set-up questions or basic meal provisions. Groups can coordinate the rest. Make it fun! This is a great opportunity for any group to share time together over dishes and hospitality and to use their creative energy in meal preparation.

We would also like to send out a thanks-in-advance to Dave Thompson, Pilgrim's M@P chef extraordinaire, who is offering his culinary skills for two of our Lenten meals as well.

Please consider collaborating on what can be a rewarding culinary effort! If you cannot coordinate an evening meal, consider donating a soup. A soup sign-up sheet will be posted on the Pilgrim office door. Contact Barbara McCauley if interested and for further information:  
**bmccaule@luthersem.edu, (651) 699-8929.**

## Pilgrim Themes for Lent and Easter

*Lent* – “**Seed That in Earth Is Dying**”  
(which is the title of ELW hymn #330)

*Easter* – “**Now the Green Blade Rises**”  
(which is the title of ELW hymn #379)

Our midweek Lenten worship theme, “Dying and Rising with Jesus,” with reflections on **letting go and new life**, is part of our overall Lenten theme. During our Lenten journey this year, we invite one another into two experiential aspects of **letting go and new life**:

1. Try **letting go** of some kind of *spending* during Lent – a habit, an indulgence, something that costs money – with the invitation to instead free that money for being given to God’s bigger purposes accomplished through Pilgrim or other ministries.
2. Try **letting go** of *physical things* in your life – household items and toys, and offer them to those who have a greater need for them than you do. This is connected to the Mission of the Month for March, **The Family Place**, a day center for families without permanent housing. We are invited to let go of gently used things that people use in setting up a home. You can read more on page 22 about ways to connect with The Family Place during this month.

## A Special Class on Wednesdays

“More Than Money Matters” -- These values-based financial education workshops (a free five-week series) are led by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. This series has won an “excellence in financial literacy education” award. The sessions will be held on five consecutive **Wednesdays, 7:15 pm- 8:45 pm, beginning March 16**. No products will be sold. The workshop series includes these topics:

- Stewardship and Values, the responsible management of all the resources God has entrusted to our care.
- Communicating About Money, with family members and other key people in our life.
- Setting Goals, aligning our values and actions using SMART techniques.
- Credit and Debt, responsible management of both, reducing debt, avoiding pitfalls.

- Finding Money to Save, supporting share, save, spend decisions, and Budget and Net Worth, our plan for living in alignment with values and money management.

Sign up at the Pilgrim office **by March 9**; nursery provided by request. More info is on the Pilgrim website.

## Seasonal Peace Meditation

Pilgrims for Just Peace would like to invite everyone to its seasonal meditation for world peace. Our next meditation will be on **Sunday, March 20th, at 8 AM** in the upstairs community room.

## Sunday Morning Forums

*Our Sunday morning forums meet in the Upstairs Community Room (UCR).*

**Learning Hour at 9:45 AM (between worship services)**

**March 6 -- *Pancake Breakfast***, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, the feast before the “fast” of Lent -- sponsored by the Property Committee, as a fundraiser for property maintenance at Pilgrim. Historically, the day or days before Ash Wednesday took on the character of a feast: one last party before the restraint and discipline of Lent. Lenten diets were to be devoid of rich foods, so fats and oils were used up before Lent began. From this tradition grew celebrations such as *Fastnacht* in Germany (“the night before the fast”), *Mardi Gras* in France (“fat Tuesday”), in the Latin countries, *Carnivale* (“farewell to meat”) and Pancake Day or Shrove Tuesday in England. (To “shrive” is to forgive, named for the historical focus on confession and absolution in the days before Lent.) Come and join in the festivity of our pre-Lenten pancakes and fellowship.

**March 13 -- *Greening the Story of Our Lives: Rereading the Scriptures in Lent for Their Encouragement to Care for the Earth*** -- Many people think that the challenge of the global ecological crisis of our time will not be met without the world's religions weighing in heavily to convert people to the cause. Does the Christian tradition have the resources to do our part? Test case: what do the Scriptures for Lent, this crucial season of the church year for spiritual growth, say about how we go about finding the will to make a real difference? Come and join the conversation, as we enter into this Lenten season and Pilgrim's Lenten theme: "Seed That in Earth is Dying," which will be followed by Pilgrim's Easter theme, "Now the Green Blade Rises." This forum will be led by The Rev. Dr. Dennis Ormseth, a Lutheran pastor/theologian and creation care leader. He has taught religious history and the history of Christian thought, he writes commentary on the Sunday lectionary for the national Lutherans Restoring Creation website, and he is the father of Pilgrim member Paul Ormseth and grandfather of Eloise Ormseth!

**March 20 -- *Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*** -- Spiritual teacher Richard Rohr believes that much personal and church confusion could be helped by clearly distinguishing the tasks of the two halves of life. Oftentimes, we spend our lives focused on the tasks of the first half of life. Rohr believes that there is a need for adults to move on to the tasks of the second half of life, which are much closer to the concerns of Jesus, Buddha and the mystics of all religions. This forum will explore what Richard Rohr means by the tasks of the two halves of life, why we need to move on to the second half tasks and how we might integrate his ideas and insights into our own lives here at Pilgrim. Spiritual director and Pilgrim member John Moore will lead this forum.

**March 27 -- “Do You Have to Keep Playing That?” – A Glimpse Into a Composer’s Creative Process.** Do you ever wonder how (and why) a composer writes music – where the ideas come from and how those ideas become actual pieces? The “creative process” – sometimes mysterious, sometimes mundane; often frustrating, and once in awhile miraculous – is different for each person. Composer and Pilgrim music director Ralph Johnson will share a bit of his own process during our Adult Forum, using stories from his own life and recorded examples of his compositions to hopefully shed some light on “how it works”—at least for him.

## Saint Clair Sunday Evenings

Worship, Music, and Arts ~ 6:51 PM Sundays

2010-2011 theme:

Homing in the Presence

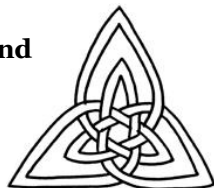
Celtic Contemplative Communion

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**March 13 – amaze our now and here with paradise**

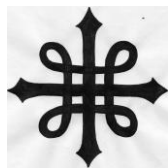
**April 10 – And the seasons they go 'round and 'round**

*Featuring musicians Dick Hensold, Michelle Kinney, Marc Anderson on Northumbrian smallpipes, medieval greatpipes, recorder, cello, and percussion and Peggy Larson as cantor*



**Nordic Contemplative Evening Prayer**

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**March 27 – Generous Wonder**

*Guests: McNally Smith World Vocal Ensemble*  
<http://www.mcnallysmith.edu/>

*Featuring Peggy Larson’s uniquely Nordic singing styles, including kulning (Swedish) and joiking (Sami), and Rachel Jensen on Hardanger fiddle and violin.*

**Special music prelude starts at 6:30 PM.**

# Sunday Night Forums

From January 23 - April 10, we are offering forums on Sunday nights at **5:30-6:30 PM, preceding Celtic and Nordic evening worship.** Here's a brief overview:

**Before Nordic worship -- forums led by Pastor Harry Mueller, on peace, freedom, and non-violence. (NOTE: There will also be a special music prelude starting at 6:30 PM):**

**March 27 – “Is God Violent or Non-Violent?”** -- based on the thoughts of Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer and Richard Horsley

**Before Celtic worship -- forums led by spiritual director John Moore, on “The Journey of a Lifetime: Soulmaking”**

**March 13 -- “The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola”** -- including practices to deepen our awareness of the divine in everyday life and help us make major life choices.

**April 10 -- “Mysticism: Is It Relevant to Our Lives Today? --** We'll reflect on our contemporary work of soulmaking and on Karl Rahner's contention that “the Christian of the future will be a mystic or he [she] will not exist at all.”

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## *M@P... Midweek @ Pilgrim*

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### M@P Continues With Special Lenten Schedule!

M@P will continue at Pilgrim throughout Lent. Junior Choir meets before the meal and Senior Choir meets following the service (free nursery care is offered!). The suggested donation for the meal is just \$3 per person. Pilgrim's own David Thompson and Pilgrim members will provide Lenten suppers. All are welcome!

NOTE: If you want to help with the Lenten suppers, see page 5.

#### **March 2 - Normal M@P schedule:**

5:00-5:45	Junior Choir
5:30-6:15	Meal
6:15-7:10	Learning & Activity Hour*
7:15	Senior Choir
*6:00-7:30	Nursery available

**For Children and Youth – Mardi Gras Party!** Both children and youth are invited to our Mardi Gras party to learn about the Lenten season through games and fellowship on this special night.

**For Adults – Home is Church Too** – A forum about honoring and equipping the home as holy ground in Christ, led by The Rev.

Dr. David Anderson, speaker, author, and coach with Vibrant Faith ministries, and grandpa of Solvei Anderson-Stembridge, one of our young and vibrant Pilgrims!

**March 9 – Ash Wednesday – Begin Lenten M@P schedule:**

- 5:00-5:45 Junior Choir
- 5:30-6:20 Lenten Supper
- 6:30 Worship\*
- 7:15-8:45 Thrivent Financial Workshop\*
- 7:15 Senior Choir
- \*6:00-7:30 Nursery available (extended hours during workshop available upon request – call the church office)

**March 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 13**

A continuation of our above Lenten schedule.

 *Music Notes* 

**Music Schedule for March 2011**

3/6	8:30 AM 11:00 AM	Senior Choir Junior Choir
3/9 (Ash Wednesday)	6:30 PM	Senior Choir
3/13	8:30 AM 11:00 AM	Carol Tomer, Flute Senior Choir
3/20	8:30 AM 11:00 AM	Junior Choir Senior Choir
3/27	8:30 AM 11:00 AM	Senior Choir Cherub Choir, Vocal Ensemble

**Hymn of the Season**

**Seed That in Earth Is Dying (ELW 330)**

Our Lenten worship theme comes from the title of this profound and beautiful hymn by contemporary Norwegians Svein Ellingsen (poet) and Harald Herresthal (composer), which will serve as Pilgrim’s theme hymn for the whole season of Lent. Svein Ellingsen (b. 1929) is Norway’s leading hymn writer, and has crafted a text that shines a light into the darkness of the Lenten journey, reminding us that out of night and death comes light and resurrection, just as the seed buried in earth becomes the living plant that feeds us all. The theme of faith giving hope and gladness, even in the midst of suffering and distress, is common to almost all of Ellingsen’s hymn-texts.

Harald Herresthal was born in Germany in 1944, and grew up in Norway. He serves as organist at the Majorstuen Kirke in Oslo, and music professor at the Norwegian Academy of Music. Though he has composed *The Pilgrim, March 2011*

hymn-tunes, liturgical music and small cantatas, he is best known for his books and articles on Norwegian church music and composers. (Source: Paul Westermeier, *Hymnal Companion to Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, Augsburg Fortress, 2010)

## Singing in Choir is Good for You — Try it Out for Lent (and Easter!)

Did you know that there are numerous health and social benefits to be gained from participation in choral singing? Recent studies by Chorus America and others report the following:

- **Choral singing makes you smarter:** 64% of parents surveyed strongly agreed that their child's aptitude in English and other language arts improved after joining a choir (61% said the same for overall academics, 54% the same in mathematics).
- **Choral singing makes you healthier:** singing boosts the immune system, raises endorphin levels, and provides a good workout for the lungs, tones intercostal and abdominal muscles and the diaphragm, and stimulates circulation, among others. Singing also helps you live longer and better (just ask Burt Bast!).
- **Choral singing makes you a better citizen:** choral singers demonstrate significantly higher rates of community involvement (voting, volunteering, organizational and committee leadership, political participation, etc.) than members of the general public.
- **Choral singing strengthens your social skills:** 92% of teachers surveyed say participation in choirs can make students more social or socially skilled; 83% agree participation in choirs can lead to students expressing a wider range of emotions; 74% of teachers agree participation in choir can help students learn to better manage their emotions.
- **Choral singing is a great tool for Bible study:** most of the music sung in Pilgrim choirs is based on texts right out of scripture. Church choir members commit thousands of Bible verses (and other wonderful spiritual texts) to memory in the course of a lifetime of singing together.
- **Choral singing is cool (just ask any choral singer)!**

The season of Lent is upon us. In this deepest and richest season of the church year—the heart of the Jesus journey—there is no smarter, healthier, more civic-minded, or more uplifting way (spiritually *and* socially) to make this pilgrimage than as a singer in a Pilgrim choir. Come for the season and you'll find your life improved beyond measure! Our **Junior Choir** (grade 3 through 7) rehearses on Wednesdays from 5:00-5:45 p.m., and our **Senior Choir** (no age limit!) rehearses from 7:15-8:30/8:40, also on Wednesday. Call or email choir director Ralph Johnson for more information (cell: **612-730-9723**; email: **rjohnson@pilgrimstpaul.org**).

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# *Vestry News*

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## Legacy Projects Update

The Pilgrim Legacy Campaign continues to build momentum with contributions arriving almost every day. Some are very small; some are very large, and most are somewhere in between. Regardless of their size, what is clear is that each contribution to the Organ Fund, the Roof Fund, and the Lower Level Fund is bringing us closer to realizing transformational change at Pilgrim; change that will benefit this community today and for generations to come.

During the past month you have demonstrated your commitment to the three capital projects by contributing an additional \$5,000, bringing the total to nearly \$80,000. This is a remarkable figure especially considering that construction for any of the projects is still a few months out.

These early dollars are crucial as they set the tone for the entire campaign and they enable Pilgrim to incur less short-term debt for the individual projects, thereby reducing interest payments. However, regardless of whether you contribute early or spread your contributions throughout the three-year campaign, we are counting on you.

When we began to discern whether Pilgrim would be able to acquire the 1986 Schantz pipe organ, and/or install a durable and sustainable metal roof above the sanctuary, and/or make improvements to the lower level for our Sunday School students and community gatherings, we asked you to consider which of those projects was most important to you and estimate the level of financial commitment you could make to those projects for each of the next three years. The miraculous thing is that together we shared a common vision and committed ourselves to undertake all three Legacy Projects.

In the coming weeks we will begin reaching out to each of you and ask you to reflect on your previous estimate of giving, and encourage you to transform it into a pledge. Of course, we also encourage those who did not provide an estimate of giving to take this opportunity to make a three-year pledge to one or more of the capital projects.

After I am finished writing this Update I plan to go downstairs and write our first check to Pilgrim for the Legacy Campaign. I am sincerely inspired by those who have already given and bolstered by those who will contribute in the future.

Thanks be to God for your stewardship and your commitment to ensuring that Pilgrim will remain a Home for Hungry Minds and Souls for many years to come.

*Kurt Schultz*  
*Chair, Legacy Project Stewardship Committee*

# Organ Rebuild Begins!

Our pipe organ project is moving along quickly, since the congregation voted to approve the Legacy Projects last November. Typically, the interval between ordering a pipe organ and project completion is about two years, but our project will move much faster because our organ already exists, and because the weak economy means our organ builder doesn't have a backlog of jobs ahead of Pilgrim's project.

Pilgrim's new pipe organ is a 1986 Schantz that has just been removed from a church in Zeeland, Michigan. The organ is in excellent condition, but its host church is moving away from organ music, so it was offered for sale. The organ has been carefully dismantled and shipped to Berghaus Pipe Organ Builders in Chicago, where it will be completely overhauled and restored to like-new condition for Pilgrim.

The Organ Committee met in January with our consultant and the Berghaus folks to go over our work plan. The new organ will be delivered to Pilgrim on July 31, 2011. The installation schedule calls for about four weeks of installation of the instrument, followed by about four more weeks of tuning and voicing. If all goes well, our new organ could be ready to play as early as October.

Most of the new organ pipes will be located on both sides of the altar window, in new casework designed by Berghaus to match the neo-Gothic style of Pilgrim's sanctuary. The "swell" pipes will be located in the current organ pipes chamber. The organ console will be in the same spot as our current console.

The new organ will be significantly larger than Pilgrim's current instrument. Even though the organ is in excellent condition, it will need to be fully rebuilt and "revoiced" for the acoustics of Pilgrim's worship space. Every one of the 1600+ pipes will be individually voiced after the instrument is installed at Pilgrim. When Berghaus is finished, we will have a truly outstanding addition for our music ministry.

The Organ Committee and our consultant have much site preparation work to accomplish in the next four months, in order to be ready for our new instrument. If you are interested in this project, the committee would be delighted to have you join us. We are particularly in need of people to write articles, publish additional photos to the Pilgrim website, and make visual displays for the church. Please contact me if you can help. Thank you for your support, and watch for monthly updates in *The Pilgrim*.

*Jane Toeniskoetter, for the Organ Committee*

*A Scavenger Hunt Clue (see page 4 for more details!):*

**If "it" could talk, it might say (as did an older type once found in a church):**

*To the bath and the table, to the prayer and the word, I call every seeking soul.*

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# March Calendar

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## Week of February 27

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Tuesday, 3/1		COMMITTEE NIGHT
	1:30 PM	Text Study (see page 19 for more information)
	3:00 PM	Pilgrim Staff Meeting
	6:45 PM	Boy Scouts
Wednesday, 3/2		Midweek @ Pilgrim
	5:00 PM	Jr. Choir
	5:30 PM	Meal
	6:15 PM	Learning/Activity Hour
	7:15 PM	Sr. Choir
Thursday, 3/3	7:00 PM	Pilgrims for Just Peace (see page 19 for more information)
Friday, 3/4	9:30 AM	'Round Again

## Week of March 6

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Sunday, 3/6	8:30 AM	<b>Worship</b>
	9:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast
	11:00 AM	<b>Worship</b>
	1:30 PM	Cantara Choir
Monday, 3/7	7:00 AM	Men's Breakfast (see page 19 for more information)
	10:00 AM	Women's Sobriety
	7:00 PM	OA
	7:00 PM	Earthtones
Tuesday, 3/8	9:30 AM	Rose Ensemble
	1:30 PM	Text Study (see page 19 for more information)
	3:00 PM	Pilgrim Staff Meeting
	6:45 PM	Boy Scouts
	7:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 3/9		ASH WEDNESDAY
	12:00 PM	<b>Ash Wednesday Worship</b>
		Midweek @ Pilgrim
	5:00 PM	Jr. Choir
	5:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Meal
	6:30 PM	<b>Ash Wednesday Worship</b>
	7:15 PM	Sr. Choir
Thursday, 3/10	6:30 PM	Rose Ensemble
Friday, 3/11	9:30 AM	'Round Again
Saturday, 3/12	10:00 AM	MSJ & Youth Event at The Family Place (see page 22)

## Week of March 13

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Sunday, 3/13	8:30 AM	<b>Worship</b>
	9:45 AM	Learning Hour
	11:00 AM	<b>Worship</b>
	12:30 PM	Sundays at St. Clair Broiler (see page 19)
	1:30 PM	Cantara Choir
	5:30 PM	Sunday Night Forum (see page 9)
	6:51 PM	<b>Celtic Contemplative Communion</b>
Monday, 3/14	10:00 AM	Women's Sobriety
	7:00 PM	OA
	7:00 PM	Earthtones
	7:00 PM	Arts Outreach Committee
Tuesday, 3/15		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
	1:30 PM	Text Study (see page 19 for more information)
	3:00 PM	Pilgrim Staff Meeting

	6:45 PM	Boy Scouts
	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
Wednesday, 3/16		Midweek @ Pilgrim
	5:00 PM	Jr. Choir
	5:30 PM	Lenten Supper
	6:30 PM	<b>Lenten Midweek Worship</b>
	7:15 PM	Sr. Choir
	7:15 PM	Thrivent Financial Workshop (see page 6)
Thursday, 3/17	7:00 PM	Book Club - <i>The Undertaking</i> (see page 19)
Friday, 3/18	9:30 AM	'Round Again

### Week of March 20

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Sunday, 3/20	8:30 AM	<b>Worship</b>
	9:45 AM	Learning Hour
	11:00 AM	<b>Worship</b>
	1:30 PM	Pilgrim Day Hikers (see page 21 for more information)
	1:30 PM	Cantara Choir
	6:00 PM	Rose Ensemble
Monday, 3/21	9:30 AM	Rose Ensemble
	10:00 AM	Women's Sobriety
	7:00 PM	OA
	7:00 PM	Earthtones
Tuesday, 3/22	1:30 PM	Text Study (see page 19 for more information)
	3:00 PM	Pilgrim Staff Meeting
	6:45 PM	Boy Scouts
Wednesday, 3/23	9:30 AM	Rose Ensemble Rehearsal
		Midweek @ Pilgrim
	5:00 PM	Jr. Choir
	5:30 PM	Lenten Supper
	6:30 PM	<b>Lenten Midweek Worship</b>
	7:15 PM	Sr. Choir
	7:15 PM	Thrivent Financial Workshop
Friday, 3/25	9:30 AM	'Round Again

### Week of March 27

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Sunday, 3/27	8:30 AM	<b>Worship</b>
	9:45 AM	Learning Hour
	11:00 AM	<b>Worship</b>
	1:30 PM	Cantara Choir
	5:30 PM	Sunday Night Forum (see page 9)
	6:30 PM	Special Music Prelude
	6:51 PM	<b>Nordic Contemplative Evening Prayer</b>
Monday, 3/28	10:00 AM	Women's Sobriety
	7:00 PM	OA
	7:00 PM	Earthtones
Tuesday, 3/29	9:30 AM	Rose Ensemble
	1:30 PM	Text Study (see page 19 for more information)
	3:00 PM	Pilgrim Staff Meeting
	6:45 PM	Boy Scouts
Wednesday, 3/30		Midweek @ Pilgrim
	5:00 PM	Jr. Choir
	5:30 PM	Lenten Supper
	6:30 PM	<b>Lenten Midweek Worship</b>
	7:15 PM	Sr. Choir
	7:15 PM	Thrivent Financial Workshop (see page 6)

# Lower Level Task Force is Forming Now!

As a part of our Legacy Campaign, we discovered that there is great interest in improving our Lower Level. A Lower Level Task Force is forming now to work on putting together a plan for these improvements. We would love to know if you are interested in being a part of this Task Force.

This group will take the recommendations laid out by the earlier Lower Level Task Force based on feedback gathered from the congregation on what improvements need to be done to make the Lower Level more attractive, functional, and user-friendly. The main hopes are to improve the acoustics of the Fellowship Hall and make it more appropriate space for our Sunday School and youth programs, as well as for the church as a whole.

We hope to raise more excitement and money for this particular congregational need, but want to move ahead with improvements that could be incorporated into a longer-term renovation project for the Lower Level. This task force would look at what could be done to improve the acoustics and space with the amount pledged for this project and also look at what could be done if more money is raised and perhaps help drum up excitement for this project.

Please contact Pete Newberg ([peter.e.newburg@accenture.com](mailto:peter.e.newburg@accenture.com) or **651-690-4589**) if you have any questions or would like to be a part of this influential group.

## Congregational President's Report

*Pilgrim Annual Financial Meeting – February, 2011*

*By Sheila Hoffman, Congregation President*

A special congregational meeting was held on a dangerously icy morning in November to vote on whether to give the go-ahead to three significant capital projects: a refurbished pipe organ, a new metal roof, and improvements to the lower level. In opening, I shared with the crowd gathered there in our church basement that I was so very happy to be at that meeting. In fact, I was overjoyed!

The previous Vestry had been faced with three large projects that had each been identified as priorities at Pilgrim. All three needs had been “on the table” for some years, but they had taken on appreciable urgency, each for its own reasons. The questions of whether and which and how we could afford any of them were daunting. Further, the Vestry was not keen on proposing more long-term debt for Pilgrim, particularly in light of the current economy. Instead of making the decisions ourselves, the Vestry had decided to put the questions to you, the congregation. We asked you what *your* priorities were for Pilgrim and how much you would be willing to commit to giving to accomplish these goals.

We received such a positive response and a strong show of support for the projects. It was because of you—the enthusiasm and commitment you

had already expressed—that we had reason to meet that icy Sunday morning! It was your response that resulted in the content of the motion we were to vote on. A unanimous vote was registered in support of the metal roof and organ as well as limited improvements to the lower level. What a joyful morning!

One year ago, these projects were just a dream. But in this single year, through the efforts of many, they've become a reality. My family has been at Pilgrim about eight years, and in this time, I have gained a sense of the history of Pilgrim that if something has a forward, positive focus, we can achieve it. As we look at Pilgrim's plan for mission and ministry in 2011 and consider the budget which will enable it to happen, we see that we again have the opportunity to respond to the Spirit's leading, to do those things that make Pilgrim Pilgrim and more. As I wrote in this report last year, how we spend our money is part of what makes us unique as a congregation; it shows who we believe God is calling us to be, what we value, where our passions and commitments lie. Examples of this include our intentional welcome to those who find themselves somehow unconnected to the traditional church, Pilgrim's practice of tithing to needs and missions beyond our doors, a staffing model that reflects our dedication to leadership and expertise in each role, and our ongoing efforts to feed the hungry minds and souls who worship, learn, and play here.

In addition to the new capital projects, we also are excited about growing our ministry this coming year. We will look to bring our pastoral staffing back to former levels by hiring another half-time staff person to work with Pastor Carol and Pastor Harry. We will also more intentionally reach out to the young adults in our neighborhoods, as the Synod has long urged us to do.

The budget represents a modest 1.8% increase in spending over last year. This is reasonable. However, it also calls for a more significant increase in our giving over 2010. This will require us to step up in our commitment to stewardship—giving more than last year and above and beyond what we've already committed to our capital projects. I know that we will continue to dream at Pilgrim, to try to stretch ourselves as people of faith for today and for the future. And there are many things which fill the dreams of Pilgrims: richer and more meaningful community for all ages, transformational justice ministry, expanded outreach, and a better stocked "food shelf" for hungry minds and souls among them. It may be cliché, but it is only when we do not try that we are certain something will not be done. We will soon have a sense of enjoyment and accomplishment as the legacy projects get started, but let us also continue to imagine new ways that the ministry and mission of Pilgrim can feed us all – those of us inside our doors and those in the world beyond our threshold.

# A Note from the Arts Outreach Committee

by Adam Reinwald

We Pilgrims are fortunate to count among our many blessings a beautiful sanctuary with a truly remarkable acoustic for music. Through the wonderful music we experience each Sunday, surrounded by majestic and inspiring works of art, it is clearly seen that Pilgrims value the Arts as food for hungry minds and souls. Out of a desire to share the beauties of our sanctuary with the wider Pilgrim community, the Arts Outreach Committee was born. This small group of Pilgrims has been meeting since last June to discuss plans and protocols for Arts events at Pilgrim, including the increasing requests to use Pilgrim by outside artists. We are happy to introduce the Committee to the Pilgrim community.

Last October, the Arts Outreach Committee hosted a stellar piano recital by Dr. Larry Wilson, and soon will host concerts by the Bemidji Alumni Choir as well as pianist Darin Tysdal, a Van Cliburn Competition hopeful. The Committee is looking toward a Fall Kick-Off Concert in conjunction with Pilgrim's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary, as well as a Spring 2012 'Dedication' recital following the completion of the new organ.

Arts events at Pilgrim require both planning and execution, and the Arts Outreach Committee is open to Pilgrims interested in either aspect. Need exists for volunteers on one of two levels of the Committee. First is a planning group that meets monthly to organize and oversee Arts programming. Second is the need for volunteers to assist with the logistics of Arts events, including ushering, reception and concert hosting, and artist hospitality. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Carol or Ralph Johnson for more information. We are excited about the future work of the Arts Outreach Committee and we are excited about engaging the wider community through Pilgrim's commitment to the Arts.

*A Scavenger Hunt Clue (see page 4 for more details!):*

**If "it" could talk, it might want to talk about this:**

*I cannot achieve contemplation, as some can; and so, having to face and forgive my own failures, I have learned from them both the necessity and wonder of ritual. For ritual allows those who cannot will themselves out of the secular to perform the spiritual, as dancing allows the tongue-tied a ceremony of love.*

*(From *The Times Are Never So Bad* by Andre Dubus)*

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# Education, Service & Fellowship

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## Daytime Text Study



Pilgrim's text study meets every **Tuesday at 1:30 PM**. Pilgrims will gather in the Fireside Room for a lectionary Bible study with Pastor Harry. As we read and ponder the scripture together, relationships are formed and strengthened, wisdom is shared, and we are renewed as the people of God. The Text Study is open to all – no experience necessary.

## Pilgrim Men's Breakfast

The Pilgrim Men's Breakfast group meets at **7 AM** on the first Monday of the month at the Highland Café and Bakery, 2012 Ford Parkway. The next meeting is on **Monday, March 7**. For more information, contact Dave Toeniskoetter (651-690-5743) or Jim Jahnke (651-699-8053).



## Pilgrims for Just Peace

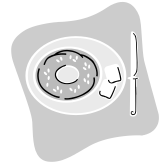


Pilgrims for Just Peace, PJP, meets the first Thursday of the month. Join us **March 3, 7-8:30 PM** in the church office. All are welcome. Come discover and promote just peacemaking practices inside and outside of Pilgrim!

We are grateful for Pilgrim's support of fair trade coffee and oil. Please continue to support this important ministry. Products and information available in the Fireside room.

## Sunday Lunch at the Saint Clair Broiler

On the **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month**, we gather at **12:30 PM** after worship and coffee for lunch at the St. Clair Broiler, down the street from Pilgrim. Share in Sunday dinner with the Pilgrim community on **March 13**. Come join the fun!



## Book Club News



**Date and time:** **March 17, 2011 at 7 PM**  
**Host:** Karen Ekdahl – 1479 Portland Ave., Apt. 2  
**Book:** *The Undertaking* by Thomas Lynch

We hope you'll join us for a night of camaraderie and lively discussion. Contact Lynda Hirschboeck at **651-698-7399** or [hirschbo@gmail.com](mailto:hirschbo@gmail.com) if you have questions.

## Fourth Annual SPIN Passover Seder for the Interfaith Community

The Saint Paul Interfaith Network (SPIN) invites the entire community to its fourth annual Passover Seder, held this year on **April 3, 2011, 4:30-8 PM** at Mount Zion Temple, 1300 Summit Avenue, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55105. Led by Rabbi Amy Eilberg, along with leaders of several religious traditions, the Seder expresses the universal longing for freedom, justice, and transformation in our lives and in our world through ritual, readings, song, and a shared meal.

Gathering and registration is at 4:30pm. Seder from 5 PM sharp to 8 PM. \$20 per person for light vegetarian dinner. Advanced registration and payment are required; deadline is March 28.

You may register and pay on-line at SPIN's new website, <http://spinterfaith.org> or send a check made payable to "SPACC/SPIN" to 1671 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105. Indicate "Seder" on the check. Please include the number of people being registered and their names and the total amount being paid. (You may print a Donation Form at SPIN's website.)

**Pilgrim is a sponsoring congregation of this event!**

## Upcoming New Member Series

**Sunday, April 3, 9:45 AM** – First session: Lutheran Christian Intro and Review. (Pick up a copy of Martin Marty's *Lutheran Questions, Lutheran Answers* in the Fireside Room, as preparation for this session.)

**Sunday, April 10, 12:30 PM**– Second session: Orientation to Pilgrim. Lunch will be provided.

**Sunday morning, April 17, at both 8:30 & 11:00 AM** - new members received during worship (you choose which service to attend).

**Sunday evening, May 1, 7 PM** - new member dessert, in a member's home.

If you are interested in participating in this process of preparing to become a new member, **please call or email the church office by March 27**

**PLEASE NOTE: If you are interested in joining, but have a schedule conflict with some portion of this process, please give us a call.**

Also, if you are in need of child care for the April 10 gathering, please let us know that as well. (Child care is already available provided on April 3.)

# Pilgrim DayHikers

The DayHikers will be walking a section of Summit Ave. on **Sunday, March 20**. We'll **meet at church at 1:30** to carpool and/or decide the exact route. Please contact Lynda Hirschboeck if you have questions.  
**651-698-7399**

## About Worship Teams at Pilgrim

Did you know that it takes 10-12 volunteers every Sunday to have the Sunday services run smoothly? To facilitate this, worship teams have been established that include all Pilgrim members in this effort. The worship teams serve twice each year. Please know that we do need your help to fill the positions. By serving in this manner you will meet more Pilgrims and gain insight into the workings of this congregation.

The worship committee would also like to encourage children to participate as well in whatever manner they feel comfortable. When "your" month arrives, let the worship team leader know when you are able to help. You may also volunteer for more than one service/position. Thank you in advance for your participation.

If your name is on the lists below, please call your worship leader ASAP to make sure you secure the tasks that are fun for you. For more information, see the Worship Team Booklet which was mailed to each member household or call one of your Team Leaders.



## April Worship Team Leaders

Kate Drexler-Booth (651-645-4752) and Karie Johnson (651-699-3432)

Baese, Drew & Jenn (Matthias, Dmitry)	Hoffman, Sheila & Carlson, Art (Theo Hicks)	Reinwald, Adam & Trisha Rollie, Diane
Becker, Claudia	Johnson, Drew & Karie (William, Sophie, Charles)	Rollie, Pat
Berg, Lisa	Kirubakeren, Shannon (Ella, Noah)	Shepela, Anja & Chris (Johanna)
Bjorkman, Karen & Kelling, Duane (Chris, Kate)	Knutson, Luke & Courtney (Lauren, Lillian)	Shetka, Susan
Boylan, Christopher & Kristin (Derek, Brendan, Aidan)	Lyons, Kim (Alexander, Mackenzie)	Spears, Doug & Diane Trojack Spears (Amy)
Chapman, Jon & Gail	Meyer, Todd & Stephanie (Shaylie, Kianna, Owen)	Steffes, Marguerite & Daniel Lane (Charlotte & Jonathan)
Colby, Ginny	Mobeck Wilson, Jane	Steward, Gail
Doty Stalka, Diane (Mason, Claire, Anna)	Nelson, Brock & Martha	Terhune, Jason
Drexler Booth, Caleb & Kate (Benjamin, Isabel)	Oakman, Jay & Deer, Joanna (Sarah, Sophia)	White, Donna
Hall, Anne	Pederson, Corey & Coralie (Logan Henry)	Wichelmann, Thomas & Cindy (Thomas, Chase)
Heinecke, Derek & Jenny (Walter, Katherine)		Wiebe, Lorina Youngbauer, Vi

# March Mission of the Month: The Family Place

During March we will be collecting household items for families moving from temporary shelter into permanent housing. A container for your contributions will be in the church narthex. Almost any item you use for your own housekeeping, families in transition need, too. Here is a suggested list:

Sheets and mattress pads	Glasses, cups, bowls
Pillows and blankets	Silverware
Towels and washcloths	Plastic dishes for leftovers
Shower curtains, liners, and rings	Dish soap and laundry detergent
Bath mats	Dish towels and pot holders
Toilet brushes	Garbage bags
Toilet paper	Mops and brooms
Paper towels and tissue boxes	Cleaning products
Feminine protection products	Empty spray bottles
Rugs	Pens and pencils
Pots, pans, and baking pans	Notepads, tablets and envelopes
Sets of dishes	Alarm clocks and calendars

New toys or gently-used children's books, especially for teenagers, are also needed. Used toys will be donated to Joseph's Coat.

## Opportunity for Children's Fellowship and Service at The Family Place!

The Mission and Social Justice Committee and the Children's Service and Fellowship Committee invite you to eat lunch with children and their parents at **The Family Place**, a day shelter for mothers, fathers, and kids living temporarily without homes in downtown St. Paul.

On **Saturday, March 12** we'll gather from **10 AM to about 1:30 PM** to serve a meal for about 50 people. There will be an orientation for us about homelessness and a chance for games and activities, too. This is a great opportunity for families to volunteer together. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the church narthex. For more information, contact Marsha Foss ([marshafoss@ccomcast.net](mailto:marshafoss@ccomcast.net) or **651-756-8633**) or Kris Hogquist ([hogquoo1@umn.edu](mailto:hogquoo1@umn.edu) or **651-646-3181**).

## Mission of the Month Giving Report

In December, 36 Pilgrim families and individuals contributed clothes, household items, toys, and gift cards to two immigrant families (four adults and eleven children). One was a young ethnic Karen family from Burma and the other was Hmong – both came from refugee camps in Thailand. In addition, \$20 was collected for Southeast Asian Ministries. Thank you all for supporting this important project.

# Small Group Discussion: *The Evolution of God* by Robert Wright

March 20, 4:30-6:30 pm

We continue our discussion of Wright's book, *The Evolution of God*, The book traces religious belief over thousands of years, from the stone age to the modern era. Wright believes that "God," a human concept, is evolving in a way that reveals some underlying truth, that is, reveals the "divine." Pastor Harry Mueller will join us to help facilitate the discussion.

Our focus will be on the last 80 pages of the book, with subjects such as "the moral imagination," "by the way, what is God?" and "how human nature gave birth to religion." Come even if you haven't read the book. Interviews and transcripts of Wright can be found on the internet, such as with Krista Tippett and Bill Moyers.

The discussion group meets on **Sunday, March 20, 4:30-6:30 at Amore Coffee, 917 Grand Ave, St Paul.** Note that the entry door is around the corner. Sandwiches, soups and pastries are available. For directions or information call Allen at **651-699-4122.**

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## *Children & Youth*

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### Sunday School News

**March 6 – No Sunday School:** Due to the pancake breakfast, there will be **no Sunday School** on this day. BUT, there will be scrumptious pancakes to eat up from **9 AM to 1 PM.** Confirmation students will fill up their plates and meet in the youth room to chat while chowing.

**March 12 – Service opportunity at The Family Place, 10 AM to about 1:30 PM.** This is a great opportunity for families to volunteer together. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the church narthex. For more information, see page 22.

**March 13 – Children/Youth Parent Brainstorm Session:** Calling all parents! On Sunday, March 13, during the learning hour, we want to hear from parents of children of all ages. We want to learn what Pilgrim means to you as parents: what you like about what we're doing with our children and youth, what you don't like, what you want to see, and what's important to you as you raise your children as members of a Lutheran church. We want Pilgrim to provide great programming for the next generation and we'd love to have your input! Join us for a brainstorming session March 13 at 9:45. We'll listen to all your ideas, with open ears!

*If you would like to receive weekly email updates regarding Sunday School and M@P news and are not yet on the list, please send your contact info to Karin Johnson at [johnsoka@gmail.com](mailto:johnsoka@gmail.com).*

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# Beyond Pilgrim

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## Book of Faith Jubilee: Inspiring Everyday People to Engage the Bible

**April 29-May 1 at Luther Seminary** -- Through presentations, conversation and practical takeaways, this conference will inspire and equip you to read the Bible in engaging new ways. Visit

[www.luthersem.edu/jubilee](http://www.luthersem.edu/jubilee) for more information. Luther Seminary is partnering with the ELCA Book of Faith Initiative, Augsburg College and Augsburg-Fortress to bring together lay leaders, teachers, pastors and church staff for this three-day conference. Grants to cover the registration cost are available from the Saint Paul Area Synod; **application deadline is April 1.**

### The Globalization of God: Celtic Christianity's Nemesis

*A celebration of Celtic wisdom with Dara Molloy  
Offered by Wisdom Ways Center for Spirituality*

*Friday, March 4, 7-9 pm and Saturday, March 5, 9:30 am-12 pm*

Dara Molloy is a writer, guide for pilgrims, ritualist, and editor of *The Aislieg Magazine*. He lives on Inis Mór, Aran Islands with his wife and poet Tessa Harper and their four children. Dara provides a bridge from the ancient wisdom of the Celtic past to the present and invites us to see ways that are opening before us as spiritual seekers.

**Friday, March 4, 7-9pm** – Dara will share his own story as it relates to significant dimensions of Celtic spirituality. A synthesis of profound ancient story and welcoming the new. Includes wine, tea, and cheeses.

**Saturday, March 5, 9:30am-12pm** – Dara will explore more in depth how spiritual seekers can learn from the ancient Celts and Celtic Christian spirituality for social and personal transformation today. The second hour will be a facilitated conversation with Dara and three individuals from the Twin Cities who will reflect on the ancient Celtic wisdom and the implications for this context. Includes scones, tea, and coffee.

The programs will be infused with music, story, and ritual. Book signing after each program. More info at [www.wisdomwayscenter.org](http://www.wisdomwayscenter.org) or call **651-696-2788**.

**Would you like to financially support  
Pilgrim's ministries by contributing online?**

Please visit Pilgrim's website at [www.pilgrimstpaul.org](http://www.pilgrimstpaul.org)  
and click on the link "Give online now!"

# Caritas Vocal Ensemble Begins New Season!

Come hear a delightful and varied program of classical, pop, sacred and secular songs while helping us raise money for people in need.

The mission of Caritas Vocal Ensemble (formerly known as Sacred Voice) is giving benefit concerts for organizations which specialize in offering basic human services - clothing, shelter, health care, help for children.

**Sunday, March 6, 2011**, 4 pm, Lutheran Church of Christ the Redeemer, Minneapolis. **Benefit:** LCCR's Togo Kids Fund

**Friday, March 11, 2011**, 7 pm, Location: Edina Community Lutheran Church. **Benefit:** Southside Family Nurturing Center

**Sunday, March 13, 2011**, 4 pm, St. John's Lutheran Church, Minneapolis. **Benefit:** TRUST Parish Nursing Program

**Sunday, April 10, 2011**, 3 pm, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, St. Louis Park. **Benefit:** St. Louis Park Emergency Program (STEP)

**Sunday, May 15, 2011** 3pm Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church, Minneapolis. **Benefit:** Neighborhood Involvement Program

Note: Our own Pete Newburg sings with this group! For more information, see [www.caritasvocalensemble](http://www.caritasvocalensemble) or call **651-338-5171**.

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on Facebook by searching for  
**Pilgrim Lutheran**  
(not Pilgrim Lutheran Church)  
and our blog:

<http://pilgrimstpaul.wordpress.com>

## Wanted: Assistant Wedding Coordinator

If you enjoy weddings and all the trimmings that go along with such happy occasions, then THIS is the job for you! It's a paid position, takes place during the time that you're done with work, whether office or home, and you have all the fun of observing the wedding-day drama and excitement. If you're interested, please call Judy Boehm at **(651) 690-3568** or email [judyb1247@comcast.net](mailto:judyb1247@comcast.net) for more information.



# Prayer Corner

**We pray for God's loving presence for these Pilgrims who need healing, hope, comfort, and care:**

**Concerns:** Karen Johnson, health concerns; Bill Barte, father of Karen Bjorkman, health concerns; Becky Lindgren, recovering from a broken ankle; Gene Vogel, recovering from a broken hip; John Hunter, undergoing treatment for cancer; Pastor Bonnie Pene, at the return of her cancer; Helen Louise Cyptar, in hospice care; and the ministry and people of Luganga Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

**Continued health concerns:** Gjertrud Anderson, Owen and Ethan Christenson, Hannah Elizabeth Ankeny, Serena Asta, Elizabeth Ozmon, Ron Landt, Margaret Sjostrand, Ed Boehm, Carole Wilke

**Christian Sympathy:** We pray that the power of the Gospel will comfort those who are grieving the death of Pilgrim members who have died within the past 12 months: Joe Ruzichka, April 30; Emily Olson, July 9; Donald Bruce Hanson, father of Rachael Hanson and grandfather of Anna Hanson, July 12; DeLane Tenter, September 3; Vivian Foss, October 5; Ed Schultz, father of Kurt Schultz, October 18; Jerome Greseth, father of Scott Greseth, November 6; Jennifer Roberts, mother of Michele Roberts-Bauer, December 7; Joanne DeWitt, stepmother of Lee Fargo, December 19; Lloyd Christjaener, January 26; Chuck Harkness, January 27

*You are encouraged to send greetings to those you are moved to communicate with. We also invite prayer requests for loved ones, either in this Prayer Corner or through our Prayer Chain. Let us know if you are expecting or adopting a child. If you wish to add or remove a prayer request, please call the church office regarding the Prayer Corner and Judy Boehm, 651-690-3568, regarding the Prayer Chain. For prayers during worship, please contact a pastor.*

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# Parochial Report

March Birthdays	March Birthdays
1 Nolan McCullough	24 Mike Carlson
1 Laura Nelson	24 Henry Towne
2 Brodan Behling	26 Lois Bartz
2 Kelly Mason	26 Daniel Lane
2 Miriam Shuros	26 Vivian Reiley
4 Henry Reiley	27 Don Holst
4 Michele Whetstone	27 Kelly Robertson
5 Derek Boylan	28 Matthias Baese
5 Jane Dunagan	28 Hana Ninow
5 Merle Strom	28 Ardith Pihlstrom
6 Jane Fasteen	29 Michelle Christenson
6 Lucas Hatch	29 Jonah Girvan
7 Shannon Royer	29 Mary Lundberg
10 Catherine Kraft	29 John Rothman
10 Lori Otto	29 Anja Shepela
12 Diane Doty Stalka	30 Lillian Knutson
14 Emma Conklin	30 Kia Ose
15 Solveig Johnson	30 Karen Tenter
16 Eva Deterling	
16 Jean Gilbert	
16 Charlotte Lane	
18 Gary Horejsi	
19 Benjamin Drexler Booth	
20 Owen Meyer	
21 Katie Ormseth	
21 Dan Prather	
22 Matthew Christenson	
23 Brock Nelson	
	March Anniversaries
	12 Dane & Zoe Breimhorst
	17 Susan & David McCullough
	19 Dave & Shannon Kirubakeren
	26 Patricia Schulz & Bruce Benson
	26 Ray & Violet Youngbauer
	29 Michell Roberts-Bauer & Scott Bauer

## Special Worship Schedule During Lent

**March 9, noon and 6:30 pm** -- Ash Wednesday worship

**March 16 to April 13** -- Wednesday night M@P Lenten gatherings

5:00-5:45 Junior Choir

5:30-6:20 Lenten Supper

6:30 Worship\*

7:15-8:45 Thrivent Financial Workshop\*

7:15 Senior Choir

\*6:00-7:30 Nursery available (extended hours during workshop available upon request – please call the church office)

**April 21** -- Maundy Thursday service of communion, 7 pm

**April 22** -- Good Friday worship, 7 pm

**April 24** -- Easter Sunday, worship at 8:30 & 11 am

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