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## *Pastoral Musings*

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**B**lessed Lent to you! Blessed Easter to you! This month is a season full of journeys, as we follow Jesus on the path of discipleship, as we walk with Jesus toward suffering, into death, and into the light of resurrection. This year, we are having a new experience with our midweek Lenten services, since this year we are not collaborating with other congregations for these services. What a gift it has been each Wednesday to hear the Pilgrim folks who are sharing their reflections on experiences of letting go and new life in their pilgrimage of faith. Soon, we will begin the last week of Lent that is known as Holy Week. I invite you to experience the whole Holy Week journey, in its power, beauty, and passion. With palm in hand, join in the Palm Sunday procession, and experience this dramatic journey from “Hosanna!” to “Crucify him!” Maundy Thursday invites us into the gift of holy communion as if for the first time, along with our second graders receiving communion after their first communion class. Good Friday’s service will be a contemplative service of music and meditation this year, including an experience of the Stations of the Cross, in which we are invited not just to remember various events in the final hours of Jesus’ life, but to go on a liturgical pilgrimage of prayer and meditation.

Our Pilgrim Lenten and Easter themes -- “Seed that in Earth is Dying” and “Now the Green Blade Rises” -- meet in Good Friday, and this year, that day is also Earth Day, April 22. The earth’s story and Christ’s story are joined in one body, the body of Christ. As I shared in my Ash Wednesday homily at noon, the earth is 70% covered with water and humans are made up of about 70% water. We are of one body, and we suffer together. As we read in scripture, “the whole creation groans in travail,” and together we are held in God’s eternity. Together, we are the body of Christ, ever moving, growing, and rising from the dead. Let us together hear and enact in worship the journey of Jesus, the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ, our journeys, the journey of the earth, and the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that “love is come again, like wheat arising green.”

In the midst of Lent, we have been planning for seasons yet ahead of us. I’m so pleased that we have decided to invite The Rev. Dr. David Anderson to be our Theologian-in-Residence next year, and he has accepted! He is a nationally recognized leader in the area of children, youth, family, and congregational ministry. And by the time you read this, he will have already joined some of us for a planning session regarding next year’s 2011-2012 ministry at Pilgrim. And also in these days, we have already done some planning for next year’s Celtic and Nordic services. The theme of those services will be “Roads Everywhere and Signs in Our Hearts,” which is a quote from “God’s Heart,” by the Norwegian poet Rolf Jacobsen.

And while we have been fully engaged in planning for next year, there comes a time to set aside the work, in order to seek renewal. That’s one of the definitions of sabbatical. As many of you know, it’s soon time for my sabbatical, which will begin on May 2. In the same way that farmers set aside certain fields for a rest so that the earth can be renewed, so also a sabbatical provides for renewal time. I look forward to this time for rest, spiritual

growth, enrichment, study, travel, and learning. During this sabbatical time, I will be serving for a week (July 9-16) on the summer teaching staff, in the role of “village philosopher,” at the Lutheran/ecumenical retreat community of Holden Village, a place in the Cascade mountains of Washington where we have gone as a group of Pilgrims in summers past. We did not plan for a Pilgrim group trip to Holden this summer, but if you are yet pondering a trip there, I welcome you to join me during that week. I will also be leading our Pilgrim pilgrimage to the Iona Community in Scotland, a previously planned Pilgrim commitment, where among other things, we will study the witness of the Celtic saint St. Columba and Celtic Christianity and what gifts and models it offers for Christian communities in our own day. I will be taking a course for a week at the Vancouver School of Theology in British Columbia. And I’m looking forward to some time for reading, resting, and re-grounding the rhythms of daily life.

Although sabbatical is a time for a pastor’s renewal, it can also be a meaningful time for a congregation’s renewal. Some of you will recall that during my last sabbatical, we invited several gifted pastors to “take up residence” in the Pilgrim community, as ministry guides and guests of the congregation, partners in the journey of renewal. That model of congregational renewal was well received, and I am so thrilled about the pastors who will serve during these three months as “Renewers-in-Residence” (the name we created to describe this special role). In this newsletter, you will find a brief summary of the Renewers-in-Residence and their schedule. Please pick up a brochure at church that provides an overview of the Renewers-in-Residence and their time among us. And I invite you to the morning forum at 9:45 am on Sunday, May 1, when I will share more about my sabbatical plans and about this season’s gifts for Pilgrim’s renewal.

During these three months, Pilgrim life and ministry will be anchored by familiar faces and rhythms, as well as special enrichment. In addition to the Renewers, the Executive Committee will oversee the congregation’s ministry; Pastor Harry will coordinate pastoral care as well as continue with most of his regular responsibilities; liturgy and music will continue to be coordinated by Ralph and Larry; our children and youth ministries will continue to be coordinated by Karin; Chuck will guide our care for the building; Dan, Serena, and Blake will continue to provide office assistance; Cathy will provide her usual steady and full-time administrative coordination of Pilgrim’s life; and all of you, as lay leaders and ministry partners in a great variety of ways, will continue to be a blessing to people of God in our community and in this Pilgrim congregation.

There’s a joke from *Prairie Home Companion* -- that when Pastor Ingqvist was out of town, he’d get “dim bulbs” to preach in his absence. I don’t believe in that approach! I am delighted with the “bright lights” who are the renewers -- all of you! -- who will share in Pilgrim’s ministry during these months. If Pastor Ingqvist had met them, he’d have changed his approach, I am sure!

Blessed Lent! Blessed Easter! And blessed renewal to us all!

*Pastor Carol*

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# *April Worship at Pilgrim*

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

**April 3 -- Fourth Sunday in Lent** -- ELW Liturgy of Holy Communion, Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders, Pilgrim seminarian Jacob Burkman preaching

**April 10 -- Fifth Sunday in Lent** -- Nordic Morning Prayer, Point for Pilgrims, Presentation of Worship Books to Fourth Graders, Baptism of Amarantine Rémy Ninow (at 11 am), Pastor Harry Mueller preaching  
‡ **Pilgrim lunch at the St. Clair Broiler at 12:30 PM**

**April 17 -- Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion** -- ELW Liturgy of Holy Communion, St. Olaf College Brass Quintet, Senior Choir, we begin behind the church with an outdoor procession of palms (children are invited to bring musical instruments or noisemakers for the procession), reception of new members, congregational reading of the passion story from Matthew's Gospel

**April 21 -- Maundy Thursday -- 7:00 PM** -- Liturgy of Holy Communion, First Communion for Second Graders, Junior Choir, stripping of the altar, Pastor Harry Mueller preaching

**April 22 -- Good Friday -- 7:00 PM** -- A Contemplative Service of Music and Meditation, including the Stations of the Cross; Senior Choir

**April 24 -- The Resurrection of our Lord** -- Festival Service of Holy Communion with trumpets, Pastor Carol Tomer preaching

**8:30 AM** **Easter "Sunrise Light" service** (the drama of an Easter sunrise service without the early dawn darkness) -- we begin outside on the church lawn on Prior, if the weather permits; Senior Choir

**11:00 AM** **Easter Day Festival Worship**, Senior Choir, Junior Choir, Cherub Choir

**May 1 -- Second Sunday of Easter** -- Festival of Hungry Minds and Souls (on Doubting Thomas Sunday), baptism of Henry and Isabelle Bruecken (11 am), sabbatical sending ritual, Pastor Carol Tomer preaching

## 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 23 and April 13 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:

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

**April 13** -- Karin Johnson

## 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 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. Our Mission of the Month for March, **The Family Place**, a day center for families without permanent housing, invites us to let go of gently used things that people use in setting up a home. For more information, got to [famplace.org](http://famplace.org). There’s a bin in the narthex at church where you can place these things.

## Sunday Morning Forums

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

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

**April 3 – Lutheran Christian Intro and Review** – Led by Pastor Harry Mueller. Pick up a copy of Martin Marty’s *Lutheran Questions, Lutheran Answers* in the Fireside Room. This forum is a great time to talk about the gifts of the Lutheran Christian perspective, as we reflect together on the particularities, peculiarities, and paradigms of Lutheranism’s view of faith and life.

**April 10 – Our Faith in Action** – Come and learn about the current legislative session and with which issues Lutherans should be most concerned. The Rev. Mark Peters, Director of The Lutheran Coalition for Public Policy in Minnesota, will be leading this forum. LCPPM is

Pilgrim's April Mission of the Month, and a partner ministry of the six Minnesota ELCA synods. There will be discussion about key legislation and information about how you can help in this historic budgeting year.

**April 17 -- A Visit with the Vestry** -- Come and dialog about progress on our goals and our shared common values this year, including Legacy projects and Service/Justice, Community/Inclusivity, Creativity, Care, and Spiritual Growth.

**April 24 -- Easter Brunch**, 9:30 - 11 am, hosted by the Pilgrim youth and their families. It's a fundraiser for upcoming summer camping / canoeing activities. Recommended donation is \$5/person, \$20/family.

**May 1 -- The Gift of Renewal** – Pastor Carol Tomer will share about her upcoming three-month sabbatical and also about the opportunities for the congregation's renewal, as Pilgrim welcomes several "Renewers-in-Residence" to sojourn among us during those months.

## 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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**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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*Continue in the fall of 2011*

## 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 the final offering for the season:

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

**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!

### **Lenten M@P schedule:**

|            |  |
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| 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) |

**April 6, 13:** A continuation of our above Lenten schedule

**April 20:** No M@P (Junior and Senior Choirs rehearse as usual)

**April 27:** Spring Congregational Meeting, at 6:30 after the M@P meal

## A Study of the Heart of Christianity and Marcus Borg

*Wednesday Nights beginning in May*

“What is the heart of Christianity? What does it mean to be a Christian today? In this book, I describe two quite different answers to this question. The first is an earlier vision of Christianity; the second, an emerging vision. Both are present in the churches of North America today, deeply dividing Christians. We live in a time of conflict and change in the church. ....For the past few centuries an earlier view has been shared in common by most Christians in Western culture..... It remains a major voice within North American Christianity. ....Typically it is seen as the only true religion.....The second way has been developing for over a hundred years and has recently become a major movement in mainline denominations. Positively it is the product of Christianity's encounter with the modern and postmodern world, including science, historical scholarship, religious pluralism, and cultural diversity. Less positively, it is the product of our awareness of how Christianity has contributed to racism, sexism, nationalism, exclusivism, and other harmful ideologies.” From the preface of Marcus Borg's book, *The Heart of Christianity*.


During the Wednesday night “Midweek at Pilgrim” sessions, 6:15 -- 7:15 pm (preceded by dinner at 5:30 pm) from May 4-June 1, Pastor Harry Mueller will lead this series.

Encouraging theological reflection personally and within a small group, theologian Marcus Borg stimulates thoughtful and heartfelt conversation among his listeners. Following a 10-minute DVD of his initial teaching and listening to a small group interact together with him, our group will delve more deeply into the theme, becoming an extension of Borg’s small group. Participants become teachers for one another, following a model of adult learning that is personal, respectful and engaged.

The five sessions focus on: God, Jesus, Salvation, Community, and Practice.

Borg’s book *The Heart of Christianity* is recommended as a resource/supplement for the series.

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 *Music Notes* 

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## Music Schedule for March 2011

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| 4/3                       | 8:30<br>11:00   | Senior Choir<br>Junior Choir                             |
| 4/10                      | 8:30<br>11:00   | Ralph Johnson<br>Senior Choir                            |
| 4/17<br>(Palm Sunday)     | 8:30 &<br>11:00 | St. Olaf Brass Quintet / Senior Choir                    |
| 4/21<br>(Maundy Thursday) | 7:00 PM         | Junior Choir   |
| 4/22<br>(Good Friday)     | 7:00 PM         | Senior Choir   |
| 4/24<br>(Easter Sunday)   | 8:30<br>11:00   | Senior Choir<br>Senior Choir, Junior Choir, Cherub Choir |

## Special Musical Offerings in April: St. Olaf Brass Quintet

### *Palm Sunday, April 17 During Worship*

The St. Olaf Brass Quintet will once again grace our worship with their full and glorious sound! This will mark their final appearance at Pilgrim, as they will all graduate in the spring, so **you don’t want to miss this worship service**. We are deeply grateful for the music they have shared with us over the years, and wish them Godspeed as they embark on the next part of their life journeys.

# Bemidji Alumni Choir – Saturday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Rounding out a very musical month (which includes special worship services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday) will be a concert by the Bemidji Alumni Choir, Larry Groves and Dr. Paul Brandvik, directors. They will present a program of sacred and secular choral masterpieces from the Renaissance through the 21<sup>st</sup> century, including selections from the American spiritual and folk traditions.

The Bemidji Alumni Choir is comprised of former members of the Bemidji State University Choir. The membership represents alumni singers from the 1960s through the 2000s and includes some from as far away as Texas . The choir began thirteen years ago with the bold effort of one member who brought together former Bemidji Choir singers to perform the Choral Music of Paul Brandvik in her Masters Recital. Thirteen years later, that gathering of friends continues and has expanded to include two spring concerts and several fall and Lenten performances annually. The Bemidji Alumni Choir is living proof that the passion for creating beautiful music cannot be diminished by the passing of time or geographic distances.

## 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), Norway's leading hymn writer, has crafted a text embodying the theme of faith giving hope and gladness, even in the midst of suffering and distress, which is common to almost all of his hymns.

Composer Harald Herresthal, who was born in Germany and grew up in Norway, serves as organist at the Majorstuen Kirke in Oslo, and as music professor at the Norwegian Academy of Music. Though he has composed 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)

### ***A Scavenger Hunt Clue (see page 12 for more details!):***

*This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine  
Is a tune that we sing at camp  
We all gather around, the ring on the ground  
And watch the flames glow like a lamp*

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# Vestry News

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## Sabbatical for Pastor Carol

The word sabbatical comes from Sabbath and originally referred to giving land a year of rest. These days, it's most commonly used to refer to a period of leave granted to professors and clergy for time away from their normal work routine. Sabbaticals aren't vacations, though. Rather, they are a time of renewal of mind and body, and in a religious context, heart and spirit as well.

It's time for Pastor Carol to take her sabbatical. Her letter of call provided that she would earn a three-month sabbatical every six years, and she has been at Pilgrim a little over twelve years now. (Her last sabbatical was only five years ago, but many of you may recall that she had had to delay that one to her seventh year due to her mother's health crisis.) We are happy that she will be taking this time and fully support her in doing so, and we are excited about this opportunity for renewal both for her and for our congregation.

According to a recent article in *The Lutheran*, research has shown that the job of pastor is one that ranks high in emotional strain; caring for others who are struggling with illness, grief, divorce, and other types of personal trials and loss takes a personal toll. In addition, this type of stress is intensified by a heavy work load and often unrealistic expectations (members of the congregation, lay leaders, staff, and others each has their own view of what a pastor should be doing and how). This intensity can be exhausting for pastors. According to the article, "we stretch them a mile wide and it leaves them only an inch deep." In this sense, sabbaticals also give pastors time to relieve the weariness, to refresh and tend to their own health and well-being.

Sabbatical is a time for both a pastor's and a congregation's renewal. Following the approach to congregational renewal from Pastor Carol's last sabbatical, we will once again be welcoming several "Renewers-in-Residence." These "renewers" are wonderful pastors who will be among us and will be sharing their varied gifts with us in a number of ways. They will be serving as pastors in Pastor Carol's absence, and, of course, Pastor Harry will also be with us during this time. Pastor Harry will maintain his part-time schedule but will be with us throughout this period.

Pastor Carol will be on sabbatical from May 2 – August 7. There is an extra week at the end due to previously arranged Pilgrim ministry for a week in June, leading a pilgrimage to Iona, Scotland. She will use this sabbatical time for renewal, enrichment, study, travel, learning, and spiritual growth. Please look over the flier we are preparing to see all that is planned for us at Pilgrim. And please join Pastor Carol at the forum on Sunday, May 1 at 9:45 to learn more about how she will be using this time for both personal enrichment and toward the enrichment of our Pilgrim community.

*Sheila Hoffman, Congregational President,  
on behalf of the Executive Committee*

# Pilgrim Renewers in Residence:

May - July, 2011

*Renewal is for Congregations Too, Not Just a Pastor on Sabbatical*

## **Renewers in Residence and their areas of focus:**

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| Pastor Lynn Peterson:    | Hunger in our Land, Hunger in our Lives -- preaching on May 22, June 19, June 26 |
| Pastor Bonnie Nash:      | Walking the Path of Compassion -- preaching on June 12                           |
| Pastor Diane Hooge:      | The Journey of Wholeness -- preaching on May 8 and July 10- August 7             |
| Pastor Richard Andersen: | Living on Purpose -- preaching on May 15   |

Each of them will also be offering a variety of Sunday morning forums, both in May, during the 9:45 AM forum time, and also, when we go to our one-service summer schedule, during an 11:00 AM forum time. 11:00 AM forums will be offered on June 12 and July 10-24. Pastor Hooge will offer a morning retreat on Saturday August 6, 9 AM--noon, and will also be available for spiritual direction sessions while she's at Pilgrim. Pastor Peterson will be leading an experience of eating with hungry people, followed by discussion.

A number of the forums will invite you to read some great books about life and faith, so, in the spirit of sabbatical, consider it your "renewal reading list"! There's lots more to tell about their time with us at Pilgrim. Here are the books:

- ***Managing Transitions: Making the Most of Change*** by William Bridges
- ***Take This Bread*** by Sarah Miles
- ***A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey Toward An Undivided Life*** by Parker Palmer
- ***An Altar in the World*** by Barbara Brown Taylor
- ***Reaching Out: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life*** by Henri Nouwen

You can read about the specifics of it all in the **Renewers in Residence brochure** at church.

## Pilgrim Scavenger Hunt News!

*By Pastor Carol Tomer*

Our March scavenger hunt has a winner! **Nicholas and Ellie Greseth**, two of our young Pilgrims, found the hidden Pilgrim ornament. It was in the singing bowl in the sanctuary. Congratulations to them! And, Nick and Ellie have offered to hide another ornament in the building for April and provide clues here in the newsletter. Again, the first one to find the beautiful limited-edition Pilgrim ornament made by Jim Jahnke is the one who can have it. Let the April search begin!

# Legacy Projects Update

The Pilgrim Legacy Campaign marches forward, with over \$4,000 being contributed over the past month. These contributions are lifting us ever closer to our mutual goal of installing a new roof over the sanctuary, acquiring a completely refurbished Schantz pipe organ, and updating our lower level.

As you probably recall, prior to presenting these three projects for a congregational vote, each of us was asked to provide an estimate of giving to fund these projects, an estimate that was in addition to our other giving to Pilgrim. The estimates of giving were intended to gauge the congregation's excitement and commitment to these improvements. Collectively, we replied with such enthusiastic support that all three projects were approved.

It's now time to transform our estimates of giving into committed pledges and the Legacy Project Stewardship Committee will help us in that effort. The committee will send letters to you who provided estimates of giving, remind you of the amount of those estimates, and then ask you to transform those estimates into pledges.

When you receive your letter, please read it and respond at your earliest convenience. And for those of you who did not make an estimate of giving last year, we encourage you to take this opportunity to make a committed pledge today. Pledge forms are available on the table near the church office and in the narthex. Our goal is to receive pledges equal to 100% of the estimated costs of our legacy projects. We would like to have the projects fully paid for in three years.

In addition to making your pledge, we invite you to begin fulfilling it today, since we are already incurring expenses for these projects. We give thanks to those already taking this step. Your giving can take any form: a check in the Sunday offering basket, a credit card payment on Pilgrims secure web site, or an increase in your Simply Giving amount. Please use whatever works best for you, making sure you specify the legacy project(s) you intend to support.

The pace of giving thus far is exciting and inspiring. So, let's build on this early momentum, make your pledge today and join with your fellow Pilgrims in making a contribution.

Thank you.

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

# Organ Update

Pilgrim's new organ is currently in Chicago at the Berghaus Organ Company undergoing a makeover. In December 2009, Larry Wilson, Rod Olsen, and Jane Toeniskoetter visited the Berghaus Company and saw where they take apart and rebuild organs. It was amazing to see how an instrument as large as a church organ fits in the shop.

Our organ is being taken apart completely down to the smallest pipe. It will be cleaned up, reworked, fitted, voiced and have all new cabinetry built for it. In a way, it's undergoing an extreme makeover.

When the time comes to remove our current organ we'll be looking for volunteers to help a local organ builder who plans to reuse some of our pipes. It will take a number of folks to carefully carry out pipes, windchests, and the organ console. Watch for future announcements for times and dates.

Here are a couple of pictures of the organ taken in Chicago:



*Wind regulator chests and trays containing small pipes.*



*Metal pipes*

**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!"**

# Spring Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, April 27, 6:30 pm, after the  
Midweek at Pilgrim (M@P) meal at 5:30 pm

As a congregation, we always have at least two congregational meetings each year, one in the winter and one in the spring. On April 27, we will have our second congregational meeting of the year, in conjunction with a congregational dinner. In February, we approved our budget. At this meeting, we will elect lay leaders for this next year, give thanks for those leaders who are completing terms of service, and hear some reports about Pilgrim's mission and ministry. Come to the meeting and give thanks for leadership, vision, and all the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation!

## ***A Scavenger Hunt Clue (see page 12 for more details!):***

*To find the good, look for some wood  
In a place of bricks and glass  
The treat will wait like a cookie on a plate  
For the Pilgrim to uncover the stash*

## Free!

Do I have your attention now? If you're trying to rein in on your spending these days, does Pilgrim ever have a deal for you! On the table outside of the church office, you will find a large stack of Pilgrim Lutheran Church bumper stickers that you are welcome to take for no cost at all. Feel free to pick one (or a couple) up to proudly display on your car. The bumper stickers say ***Pilgrim Lutheran St. Paul—A Home for Hungry Minds and Souls.*** So take advantage of this great deal, and pick up your sticker(s) soon!

## Have You Remembered Pilgrim in Your Will?

Some people are able to continue to give to Pilgrim in death, as well as in life. Giving through your will helps to continue the 90-year tradition of ministry and mission at Pilgrim and continuing the legacy of your witness. With the advice of your attorney or tax adviser, the following language may be added to your will, trust, or codicil:

"I bequeath X% of my estate to Pilgrim Lutheran Church,  
1935 St. Clair Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55105."

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# April Calendar

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## Week of March 27

Thursday, 4/1 9:30 AM 'Round Again

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## Week of April 3

Sunday, 4/3 8:30 AM **Worship**  
9:45 AM Learning Hour - New Member Class (See page 6)  
11:00 AM **Worship**  
2:00 PM Cantara Choir

Monday, 4/4 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast (See page 19)  
10:00 AM Women's Sobriety  
6:30 PM Rose Ensemble  
7:00 PM OA  
7:00 PM Earthtones

Tuesday, 4/5 COMMITTEE NIGHT  
9:30 AM Rose Ensemble  
1:30 PM Text Study (See page 19)  
3:00 PM Pilgrim Staff Meeting  
6:45 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, 4/6 9:30 AM Rose Ensemble  
Midweek @ Pilgrim (See page 8)  
5:00 PM Jr. Choir  
5:30 PM Lenten Supper  
6:30 PM **Lenten Midweek Worship**  
7:15 PM Sr. Choir  
7:15 PM Thrivent Financial Workshop

Thursday, 4/7 6:30 PM Rose Ensemble  
7:00 PM Pilgrims for Just Peace (See page 19)

Friday, 4/8 9:30 AM 'Round Again

Saturday, 4/9 12:00 PM First Communion Class (See page 24)

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## Week of April 10

Sunday, 4/10 8:30 AM **Worship**  
9:45 AM Learning Hour (See page 6)  
11:00 AM **Worship**  
12:30 PM Sundays at St. Clair Broiler (See page 19)  
12:30 PM New Member Class and Lunch (See page 22)  
2:00 PM Cantara Choir  
5:30 PM Sunday Night Forum  
6:51 PM Celtic Contemplative Communion (See page 7)

Monday, 4/11 10:00 AM Women's Sobriety  
6:30 PM Rose Ensemble  
7:00 PM OA  
7:00 PM Earthtones

Tuesday, 4/12 9:30 AM Rose Ensemble  
1:30 PM Text Study (see page 19)  
3:00 PM Pilgrim Staff Meeting  
5:15 PM Legacy Project Stewardship Committee  
6:45 PM Boy Scouts  
7:30 PM MSJ Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 4/13 9:00 AM Rose Ensemble  
Midweek @ Pilgrim (see page 8)  
5:00 PM Jr. Choir  
5:30 PM Lenten Supper  
6:30 PM **Lenten Midweek Worship**

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|                | 7:15 PM | Sr. Choir   |
|                | 7:15 PM | Thrivent Financial Workshop                                     |
| Thursday, 4/14 | 9:30 AM | Class by Gabriel Ross, <i>The Future of Faith</i> (See page 27) |
| Friday, 4/15   | 9:30 AM | 'Round Again  |

### Week of April 17

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|                 |          |   |
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| Sunday, 4/17    |          | PALM SUNDAY   |
|                 | 8:30 AM  | <b>Worship - Receive New Members</b>                            |
|                 | 9:45 AM  | Learning Hour (See page 7)                                      |
|                 | 11:00 AM | <b>Worship - Receive New Members</b>                            |
|                 | 1:30 PM  | Cantara Choir   |
| Monday, 4/18    | 10:00 AM | Women's Sobriety  |
|                 | 6:30 PM  | Rose Ensemble   |
|                 | 7:00 PM  | OA  |
|                 | 7:00 PM  | Earthtones  |
| Tuesday, 4/19   | 9:30 AM  | Rose Ensemble   |
|                 | 1:30 PM  | Text Study (see page 19)  |
|                 | 3:00 PM  | Pilgrim Staff Meeting   |
|                 | 6:45 PM  | Boy Scouts  |
|                 | 7:00 PM  | Vestry Meeting  |
| Wednesday, 4/20 |          | NO Midweek @ Pilgrim (See page 8)                               |
|                 | 5:00 PM  | Jr. Choir   |
|                 | 7:00 PM  | Sr. Choir   |
| Thursday, 4/21  |          | MAUNDY THURSDAY   |
|                 | 9:30 AM  | Class by Gabriel Ross, <i>The Future of Faith</i> (See page 27) |
|                 | 7:00 PM  | <b>Maudy Thursday Worship</b>                                   |
| Friday, 4/22    |          | GOOD FRIDAY – OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON                            |
|                 | 9:30 AM  | 'Round Again  |
|                 | 7:00 PM  | <b>Good Friday Worship</b>                                      |
| Saturday, 4/23  | 10:00 AM | Senior Choir  |

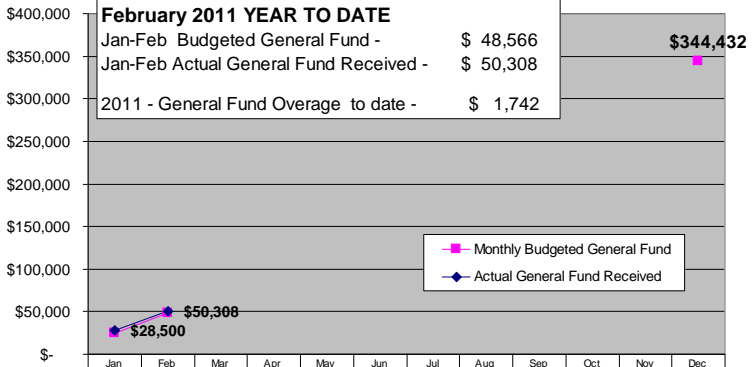
### Week of April 24

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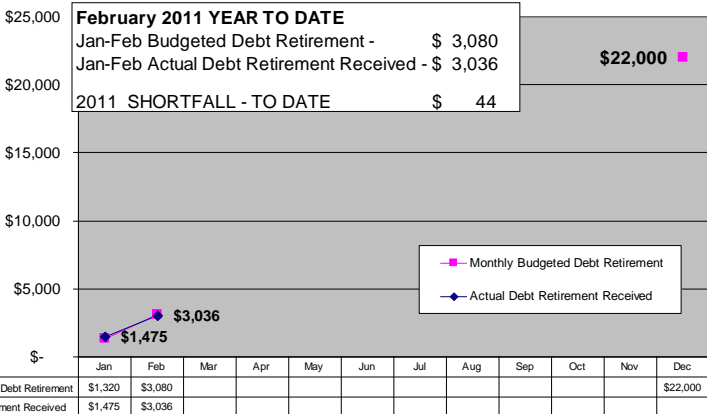
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| Sunday, 4/24    |          | EASTER SUNDAY   |
|                 | 8:30 AM  | <b>Worship</b>  |
|                 | 9:30 AM  | Easter Brunch (See page 7)                                      |
|                 | 11:00 AM | <b>Worship</b>  |
|                 | 1:30 PM  | Cantara Choir   |
| Monday, 4/25    |          | EASTER MONDAY - OFFICE CLOSED                                   |
|                 | 10:00 AM | Women's Sobriety  |
|                 | 6:30 PM  | Rose Ensemble   |
|                 | 7:00 PM  | OA  |
|                 | 7:00 PM  | Earthtones  |
| Tuesday, 4/26   | 9:30 AM  | Rose Ensemble   |
|                 | 1:30 PM  | Text Study (see page 19)  |
|                 | 3:00 PM  | Pilgrim Staff Meeting   |
|                 | 6:45 PM  | Boy Scouts  |
| Wednesday, 4/27 |          | Midweek @ Pilgrim (see page 8)                                  |
|                 | 5:00 PM  | Jr. Choir   |
|                 | 5:30 PM  | Meal  |
|                 | 6:15 PM  | Learning/Activity Hour  |
|                 | 6:30 PM  | Annual Congregational Program Meeting (See page 15)             |
|                 | 7:15 PM  | Sr. Choir   |
| Thursday, 4/28  | 9:30 AM  | Class by Gabriel Ross, <i>The Future of Faith</i> (See page 27) |
|                 | 7:00 PM  | Book Club - <i>In Defense of Food</i> (See page 19)             |
| Friday, 4/29    | 9:30 AM  | 'Round Again  |
| Saturday, 4/30  | 12:00 PM | Bemidji Alumni Choir (See page 10)                              |

# Monthly Giving Report

## 2011 General Fund Received Compared to Budget



## 2011 Debt Retirement Compared to Budget



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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 Pastor Harry's office 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, April 4**. For more information, contact Dave Toeniskoetter (**651-690-5743**) or Jim Jahnke (**651-699-8053**).

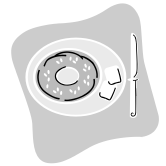


## Pilgrims for Just Peace

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

## 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 **April 10**. Come join the fun!



## Book Club News



**Date and time:** April 28, 2011 at 7 PM  
**Host:** Sindy Tellekson – 4300 W. River Pkwy., Mpls.  
**Book:** *In Defense of Food* by Michael Pollan

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 online 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!**

## Pilgrim DayHikers

On **Sunday, April 17** the DayHikers will be traveling to Nerstrand-Big Woods State Park for an afternoon of hiking, followed by a campfire. Bring something to cook over a fire as well as a dish to share. We'll **meet at church at 1:30 PM** to carpool. Contact Lynda Hirschboeck **651-698-7399** or Mary Jahnke **651-699-8053** with questions.



## It's Silver Pilgrim Time!

Don't miss the opportunity to nominate a fellow Pilgrim member for the Silver Pilgrim award, given each year on Mother's Day to honor special service in Pilgrim's ministry and mission! Share briefly in writing what makes your nominee special and send to Sheila Hoffman by **April 24: 699-0504** or [sheilahoffman@gli.edu](mailto:sheilahoffman@gli.edu)

## Call for Substitutes!

Sometimes the worship team of the month needs assistance filling the worship roles. If you have something you enjoy doing (e.g. Ushering, reading, serving coffee), please call or email the office.

We will add you to the list of subs. Thanks!

# 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.

## May Worship Team Leaders

Phyllis Zumach (651-699-4122)

|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| Berglund, Katy & Dave<br>(Ben & Mae)     | Jahnke, Jim & Mary                                | Reiley, Will & Kathy<br>(Henry, Vivian)                     |
| Christensen, Eric & Cathy<br>(Cody)      | Johnson, Ralph & Laurie                           | Schneider, Joanne<br>(Melissa)                              |
| Conklin, Elizabeth<br>(Emma, Jaina)      | Leshner, Maggie                                   | Sherman, Kristen & Jen<br>(Noah, Gwenyth)                   |
| Dak, Simon                               | Lindberg, Bob & Phyllis                           | Swanson, Suzanne  |
| Demro, Maura & Tim<br>O'Brien            | Loomis, Russ                                      | Sween, Kristo &<br>Dingle, Donna (Austin,<br>Henry, Hannah) |
| Eliason, Craig & Lois (Emi)              | Ludvigsen, Mike                                   | Tews, Anne  |
| Grandt, Steve                            | MacSwain, Ryan &<br>Cho-MacSwain, Jenn            | Theilen Towne, Michelle<br>(Henry)                          |
| Hanson, Rachael                          | Mueller, Pastor Harry & Martha                    | Towne, Brian (Henry)  |
| Hardt, Paul                              | McCullough, David & Susan<br>(Abby)               | Tychinina, Luda   |
| Hatch, Lorin & Rachel<br>(Lucas, Harper) | McCullough, Mike & Nikki<br>(Quinn, Nolan, Aidan) | Zumach, Al & Phyllis  |
| Hoiness, Valerie                         | O'Brien, Nancy & Lisa Marie<br>Bader              |   |
| Jacobsen, Michael<br>& Jamie             | Prather, Tom & Grangaard, Kris<br>(Ben, Dan)      |   |
|  | Regal, Chuck                                      |   |

## Mission of the Month Giving Report

In February, **\$300 was collected in special offerings for the Daily Work project.** Thank you for supporting this important project.

# April Mission of the Month: The Lutheran Coalition for Public Policy in Minnesota



In a world where politics decides a lot of important social and economic issues, Lutheran's have a responsibility to see that our values are supported in policy by our elected officials. Many of us use key social issues as a litmus test for whether or not to vote for a candidate in November, but keeping tabs on the policies passed in Washington and St. Paul can be a more challenging responsibility.

The Lutheran Coalition for Public Policy in Minnesota is a joint mission of six Minnesota Synods. As their mission states, they, in response to God's love, seek to engage all people of faith in the promotion of public policy that supports peace, justice, and care for all of God's creation.

As the state of Minnesota faces a more than \$7 billion budget deficit over the next two years, the work of the Lutheran Coalition will be to ensure that cuts do not disproportionately affect the poor, hungry, and those without a voice in our political system. As Pilgrim's April Mission of the Month, we recognize that that work takes resources, both financial and human. This spring we'll have opportunities to sign postcards and write letters, as well as join with other people of faith for a day on the hill.

For more info visit [www.lcppm.org](http://www.lcppm.org). Questions? Contact Carl Samuelson: **651-788-3308** or [c.w.samuelson@gmail.com](mailto:c.w.samuelson@gmail.com)

## Loaves and Fishes

Loaves and Fishes is scheduled for **Thursday, April 14** at Faith Lutheran Church located at the corner of Charles and Mackubin in Saint Paul. Loaves and Fishes is a nonprofit organization that feeds people an evening meal at nine locations around the Twin Cities area. Pilgrim serves over 100 meals at this site on the second Thursday of the even month. Volunteers are needed to prepare the food, serve the food and clean up after the meal. If you would like to volunteer **please come at 5 PM** and we'll put you to work. **Contact Margaret Olson** if you have any questions about the program or how you can help: [molson\\_55105@yahoo.com](mailto:molson_55105@yahoo.com)

## 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 as soon as possible** – there is still time to become part of our community!

**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.)

## Volunteers Needed to Serve Meal at Our Savior's Emergency Shelter!

Our Saviors Housing provides shelter, comfort, and community for homeless people in the Twin Cities. The Emergency Shelter on Chicago Ave. in Minneapolis houses 35 men and 6 women each night and provides important services for single homeless adults. It also operates a transitional housing service to assist clients in accessing stable, long-term housing.

Pilgrim will be preparing and serving an evening meal at Our Saviour's on Wed, May 6 and is looking for volunteers! We will need people to help prepare the meal that night and eat with the guests, or provide food or monetary donations. **The meal is served at 7 pm**, and the event would likely involve 2-3 hours of time that evening.

If you can assist on May 6, or provide food or funds for the event, please contact **Anne Hall** [hall.anne@gmail.com](mailto:hall.anne@gmail.com), or **651-246-6119**  
For more info on Our Saviors, check out: <http://www.osom-mn.org/>

## Library News

Our thanks to those who have donated books to the church library!

When spring cleaning, if someone finds a Pilgrim library book which has been read, please bring it so that others can read our fabulous selections. If you find applicable books that you are no longer interested in owning and would like to donate them, we have a donations box in the library. In thinking ahead to next tax season, we do have forms we can fill out for your tax paperwork. To help us keep track of the superb selections we have, please let us know in the blue check out binder which books you're reading.

*With thanks, the Library Ccommittee*

# Consider Joining the Missions and Social Justice Committee!

Pilgrim's MSJ committee is a great group to volunteer with if you would like to contribute your time and talents to a variety of social justice issues and important local and global missions.

Among other activities, the MSJ committee facilitates Pilgrim's "mission of the month" program, where we designate a mission each month to support through our monetary and supply donations and volunteer time.

We strive to educate ourselves and participate in missions that are local, national, and international that address a variety of important issues, ranging from homelessness and hunger, to unemployment and fair trade practices.

Our committee generally meets quarterly; consider coming to our next planning meeting on **Tuesday, April 12 at 7:30 pm** in the Fireside Room at church. Come join us and provide your ideas and input! If you have questions, please contact Anne Hall [hall.anne@gmail.com](mailto:hall.anne@gmail.com) or **651-246-6119**.

## Easter Brunch

Pilgrim Youth will be hosting an Easter Brunch on **April 24 from 9:30 to 11:00**. Proceeds will be used to help fund our camping and canoeing activities at Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry this summer. Come join us on Easter and bring your appetite! Contact Kris Swenson or Beth Nelson if you have questions or if you'd like to help (especially if you'd like to donate an egg bake to the cause).

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## *Children & Youth*

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### Sunday School News

There will be regular Sunday School on April 3, 10, 17 and 30.

**Sunday, April 3** our Pilgrim third graders will be receiving their Bibles during the 11:00 AM service.

**Saturday, April 9:** Pilgrim second graders, please join us for your First Communion Class led by Pilgrim members Mark Gunsten and Jane Toeniskoetter.

**Sunday, April 10** our Pilgrim fourth graders will receive their hymnals during the 11:00 AM service.

**Maundy Thursday, April 21** Pilgrim second graders will share their first communion at this service.

**Easter Sunday, April 24** there will be an Easter brunch from 9:30-11:00 put on by the Youth of Pilgrim to fundraise for their upcoming Boundary Waters trip this summer! The suggested donation price is \$20 per family or \$5 per person. Please come and help support our Pilgrim Youth!

*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).*

## Summer Opportunities

### **Vacation Bible School**

**June 20-24, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

Our Vacation Bible School dates have been set! If you are interested in volunteering with this ministry, please contact Karin as soon as possible.

### **Imagining our Dreams: Peace Camp**

**July 11-14, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM**

The theme of Wisdom Ways' third annual summer day camp for young peacemakers is Imagining Our Dreams. In this camp, children will cultivate ways to listen to their dreams, explore their imaginations and collaboratively build a community of actively, engaged peacemakers. Through ritual, poetry, storytelling, art making, performance, working in community gardens, sharing meals, and having conversations about social justice, Peace Camp provides a joyful, creative space for living peace. For ages 8-12. Cost is \$150.00 per child, or \$125.00 per child for a family of two or more. Email Karin if you are interested - [johnsoka@gmail.com](mailto:johnsoka@gmail.com).

## Youth

### **Lock-In!**

**April 8**

Thirty-hour famine and lock-in at Pilgrim. Come and invite friends to this time of fellowship, hunger awareness, games and laughter!

### **Easter Brunch**

**April 24, 9:30am-11:00** is our Easter Brunch and YOU are responsible for putting it on! For Confirmation students, this is a great way to complete some of your service hours. Be watching your inboxes for more information on how to help.

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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.**

## Caritas Vocal Ensemble 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, April 10, 2011, 3 PM**, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, St. Louis Park. **Benefit:** St. Louis Park Emergency Program (STEP)

**Sunday, May 15, 2011 3 PM** 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**.

## OutFront Minnesota's Lobby Day for LGBT Equality: April 14

OutFront Minnesota invites you to participate in Lobby Day on **April 14 at the State Capitol**. Anti-LGBT state legislators are preparing to introduce a constitutional amendment to permanently ban marriage and all legal protections for same-gender couples. People of faith are needed to stand up and speak out for equality. Lobby Day provides an opportunity to meet with legislators and ask them to reject discrimination. OutFront will schedule appointments with your legislators and provide training for these meetings.

To register or for more information, visit: [outfront.org/lobbyday](http://outfront.org/lobbyday)

# Southeast Asian Ministry is 30!

On **April 30, 2011**, Southeast Asian Ministry (SeAM) will celebrate thirty years of service to refugees in St. Paul. The thirtieth anniversary party and fundraiser will be held at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church in St. Paul **from 5:00-9:00 PM**. The celebration will include a social hour, silent auction, authentic Asian dinner, entertainment, and inspiring



interviews with refugees who have received services from SeAM. Money raised will support SeAM's ongoing ministry including the parish nurse program, Christmas friendship program, Capitol Hill English School, refugee employment services, elder programs, quilt distribution, and the Hmong handwork consignment shop. Tickets are \$30; \$15 for students.

If you can't be there in person, be sure to watch the touching videos of interviews with SeAM clients at [www.seam-stpaul.org](http://www.seam-stpaul.org). If you would like to contribute to the \$30,000 fundraising goal, please contact Jennifer Schneider, executive director of SeAM, at [seam-stpaul@hotmail.com](mailto:seam-stpaul@hotmail.com) or **651-293-1261**

## The Future of Faith

*a five-week book discussion course*

**Gathering place:** Pilgrim Lutheran Church

**Dates:** Beginning April 14 and continuing every Thursday through May 15 (dates: April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12)

**Time:** 9:30 – 11:30 am

**Focus:** We will be studying: *The Future of Faith* by Harvey Cox, copyright 2009. "There is an essential change taking place in what it means to be "religious" today. As religious people shift their focus to ethical guidelines and spiritual disciplines – not doctrine - we are seeing a universal trend away from hierarchical, regional, patriarchal and institutional religion. Now, legendary Harvard scholar Harvey Cox offers a new interpretation of the history and future of religion, revealing how doctrines and dogma are giving way to new grassroots movements based in community, social justice and spiritual experience. *The Future of Faith* is a major statement and a hopeful vision from one of the most revered theologians today.

**Group facilitator:** Gabriel Ashley Ross has an MA in Religious Studies and has led adult education and study groups for over 15 years. She has also taught theology/religious studies courses at the college level. She is the director of *Creative Spirit*.

**Cost:** \$78.00 which includes the book, handouts and the five sessions. (Registration deadline: April 1, 2011)

**Questions:** Contact Gabriel Ross at [mysticinthewoods@msn.com](mailto:mysticinthewoods@msn.com)

## Jazz Orchestra to Perform in Minneapolis

Luther College Jazz Orchestra will present a concert at **7:30 PM on Saturday, April 9, 2011** at Washburn High School, 201 West 49th Street, Minneapolis, Minn. Conducted by Juan Tony Guzman, the concert program will feature George Gershwin's beloved American classic *Rhapsody in Blue*, as well as a range of repertoire from early jazz to contemporary compositions. Freewill offering.

For concert information, call: **612-668-9376**

## Seeking God and Losing the Way: Toward a Revolution of the Heart

Mary Lane Potter, author and former professor at United Theological Seminary, leads an exploration of questions raised by Hasidic mystics who speak of our lives as sacred words. Sunday, April 10, 2-4pm at Carondelet Center, St. Paul. \$30. Contact Wisdom Ways at **www.wisdomwayscenter.org** or **651-696-2788**.

## Soil, Seeds, Shared Relations

Explore the values of good eating, that which connects ecology, food, and people. Each session has a different focus. Presenter: Eva Jensen is an ELCA pastor with a PhD in development studies focused on sociology and community-based development. Tuesdays, April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 6:30-8:30pm. \$95/series or \$30/session. Contact Wisdom Ways at **www.wisdomwayscenter.org** or **651-696-2788**.

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## 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** for more information.



# Prayer Corner

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

**Concerns:** Ray Youngbauer, health concerns, Karen Johnson, undergoing treatment for lymphoma; Jen Sherman, recovering; Lillian Knutson, health concerns; Jay Oakman, health concerns; Bill Barte, father of Karen Bjorkman, health concerns; Gene Vogel, recovering from a broken hip; 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; John Hunter, March 11

*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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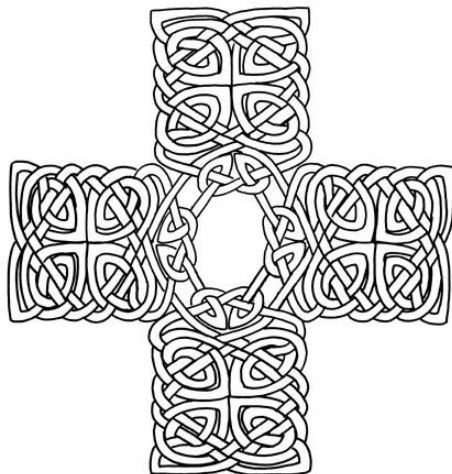
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|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Kris Hogquist        | 22 Barbara McCauley                 |
| 1 Lauren Knutson       | 23 Natalie Hokanson                 |
| 3 Steven Utter         | 23 Kristina Schaus                  |
| 5 Diane Rollie         | 24 Deb Filer                        |
| 6 Charles Goldman      | 24 Amelia Smith                     |
| 6 Lisa Joyslin         | 26 Harry Mueller                    |
| 8 Donna Best           | 27 Nick Schuessler                  |
| 9 Lois Holst           | 28 Kris Ann Schultz                 |
| 9 Marilyn Utter        | 29 Violet Youngbauer                |
| 10 Maura Demro         | 30 Mae Berglund                     |
| 10 Sandra Elmstrom     | 30 Emilia Gusdal                    |
| 10 Christopher Swanson | 30 Eloise McCauley                  |
| 11 Donald Peterson     | 30 Thomas Prather                   |
| 12 Margo Brennan       | 30 Jamie Stadt                      |
| 12 Virginia Colby      | <b>April Anniversaries</b>          |
| 12 Aidan McCullough    |                                     |
| 13 James Day           | 8 Alison & Todd Paulson             |
| 13 Karie Johnson       | 12 Daniel Lane & Marguerite Steffes |
| 14 Alex Fenne          | 12 John & Gail Moore                |
| 14 Quinn McCullough    | 13 Ron & Trudith Gustafson          |
| 16 Dave Berglund       | 20 Lori & Brian Otto                |
| 17 Brendan Boylan      | 22 Paul & Kristina Schaus           |
| 17 Andrew Grande       | 23 Judith & Mark Tande              |
| 17 Jane Toeniskoetter  | 26 Matt & Shannon Royer             |
| 19 Cody Christensen    | 27 Heather & Daniel Ninow           |
| 19 Eric Smith          |                                     |
| 21 Kari Douma          |                                     |
| 21 Heather Ninow       |                                     |
| 21 Chase Wichelmann    |                                     |

# Floating Easter

by Roger Sween, Pilgrim member

This round silvery moon, wide-eyed watcher in the sky,  
presages the day, not of Eostre at equinox,  
but of the resurrection, that good news,  
though apostles looked away from miracles  
and confounded by their doubts, forgot Lazarus  
brought forth from his cold tomb.  
Were they not amazed in Bethany and beyond?

This Paschal feast, unfixed by a waiting world,  
as crocus pierce the fallen iron leaves to flower in gold,  
reminds us in Paul's strong words to those in Corinth  
exhorting of Christ reborn, once and eternal,  
until we see God's holy power called love  
breaking through our crude calendar  
to set star from star in white-robed light.



## Follow Up Information

Those of you who heard Mike Schulze's midweek Lenten worship reflection in March know that he talked about a book that was meaningful to him several years ago in the midst of Pilgrim's Reconciling in Christ process.

Here's the book title: ***Good Goats: Healing Our Image of God*** by Dennis Linn, Sheila Fabricant Linn, Matthew Linn, Paulist Press, 1994

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