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

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Renewers-in-Residence

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

Pastor Carol Tomer is on sabbatical from May 2 - August 7 this spring/summer. Sabbatical is a time for both a pastor's renewal and the congregation's renewal. During this period of time, Pilgrim will be welcoming several "Renewers-in-Residence" among us, who will be "taking up residence" in the Pilgrim community, as ministry guides and guests of the congregation, partners in the journey of renewal who will share their gifts in a variety of ways. We invite you into this time of renewal.

Renewers-in-Residence and their areas of focus:

Pastor Lynn Peterson:	Hunger in our Land, Hunger in our Lives -- preaching on 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 July 10 - August 7

Each of our Renewers-in-Residence will also be offering a variety of Sunday morning forums at 11:00 AM forums 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 Sara Miles — See page 17 for information about a service and discussion opportunity involving this book!
- ***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.

Bios for the Renewers-In-Residence

Lynn Peterson: Pastor Lynn Peterson is a longtime friend of Pilgrim, having shared in worship, preaching, retreat and celebration with us over the past 10 years. After 21 years of suburban ministry, she is surprised to find herself serving at Community Emergency Service, a faith-based urban ministry located in the heart of Minneapolis' multicultural, poverty-stressed Elliott Park/ Phillips neighborhoods. Her official work at CES is in Church Relations and Service Development; her joy is in hosting the weekly Friday Give Away, when a team of 25 neighborhood volunteers prepare and distribute 5 tons of food to all who come, no questions asked. "A Foretaste of the Feast to come," she calls it. "It is redefining Church for us." This chapter of urban/ global ministry follows on 21 years of suburban ministry in congregations in Minneapolis and Northwest Washington, which focused on global ministry, spirituality, and community building. Her ministry and leadership have been enriched and integrated by numerous sojourns in countries of Central America, Africa, and Asia, learning faith and "catching stories" from gracious hosts. Her spirit and life have been nourished in the wilderness, through work with Outward Bound and personal journeying in the mountains, lakes and seas of God's immense creation. In this season, she is solo parenting a daughter through the tsunamis of the early teens.

Bonnie Nash: Bonnie is a member of Pilgrim and an ELCA pastor. Raised on a farm in southeastern Minnesota, Bonnie has always felt the sacred presence of God in nature; consequently, Bonnie has a strong interest in Celtic theology. This interest led her to pilgrimages to Ireland, Iona, and England. In England, she was able to study privately with Dr. Esther de Waal, Celtic/Benedictine theologian and author, at her cottage (which stands under a Yew tree and is surrounded with the music of bleating lambs). Bonnie has also taken pilgrimages to the Sinai Desert on camel and most recently hiked the Camino de Santiago Trail in Galicia, Spain. Before going to Wartburg Seminary, Bonnie was an English teacher in Sierra Leone, West Africa with the Peace Corps, Hong Kong with Lutheran global missions, and Holden Village. Bonnie has done pastoral care leadership in the parish. Her expertise in loss and grief has expanded her ministry to funeral home, nursing home and hospital settings. She is a board certified chaplain with the Association of Professional Chaplains and is presently serving as a Hospice chaplain in the Twin Cities.

Diane Hooge: Reverend Diane Hooge recently left her position as Senior Pastor of Judson Memorial Baptist Church in Minneapolis to pursue her new calling to retreat work. She is in the Facilitator Preparation Program of the Center for Courage and Renewal based on the work, writings, and guidance of Parker J. Palmer. She is committed to creating spaces that invite people to get in touch with their souls, also defined as the core of ourselves or our selfhood. Diane brings a wide range of experience from various leadership positions as pastor, interim pastor, associate pastor, and middle judicatory leader throughout her American Baptist Denomination. She has long held a passion for spiritual direction work. It was Palmer's book, *A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey Toward an Undivided Life* that launched her quest to be a part of this work. She is now committed to working with groups to share inner journeys via personal story-telling, poetry, and teaching tales from various wisdom traditions.

June Worship at Pilgrim

Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM

June 5 -- Ascension Sunday -- ELW Liturgy of Holy Communion, Point for Pilgrims, Senior Choir's last Sunday before their summer break, Pastor Harry Mueller preaching

Grand Old Day Traffic on Sunday, June 5 – Grand Avenue will be closed between Dale and Fairview from **7 AM to 5 PM**. Ayd Mill Road and Cretin are good streets for crossing Grand to get to Pilgrim, if you are coming from the north. Please allow extra time for travel that morning.

June 12 -- The Festival of Pentecost with African American Spirituals, Holy Communion, Kari and Greg Douma, vocalists, Renewer-in-Residence Pastor Bonnie Nash preaching

‡ **Pilgrim lunch at the St. Clair Broiler at 12:30 PM**

June 19 -- Trinity Sunday -- ELW Liturgy of Holy Communion, Adam Reinwald, baritone, Darin Tysdal, piano, Renewer-in-Residence Pastor Lynn Peterson preaching

‡ **Seasonal Peace Meditation, 9 AM, Upstairs Community Room**

June 26 -- Second Sunday after Pentecost, “Come as a Child to Me” liturgy, songs by the Vacation Bible School children, Pete and Jen Newburg, vocalists, Point for Pilgrims, Renewer-in-Residence Pastor Lynn Peterson preaching

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, June 19th, at 9:00 AM** in the Upstairs Community Room.

Sunday Morning Forums

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

Learning Hour at 11:00 AM (between worship services)

June 12 — “The Healing Power of Compassion” -- Led by Pastor Bonnie Nash -- Our pilgrimage through life has its challenges at times, and periodically, we may find ourselves in crisis. This forum will enable us to consider events in our lives that “shook us up” along the way. We will then reflect on what was the most healing for us during that time. In such circumstances, the compassionate presence of another is often what gently moves us forward into hope once again. Therefore, we will examine how we can embody the healing power of compassion for others who may be going through crisis in their own lives right now.

Saint Clair Sunday Evenings

Worship, Music, and Arts ~ 6:51 PM Sundays
2011-2012 theme:

Roads Everywhere & Signs in Our Hearts

Celtic Contemplative Communion
Nordic Contemplative Evening Prayer

Will continue in the fall of 2011



M@P... Midweek @ Pilgrim

5:30-6:15	Meal
6:15-7:10	Learning and Activity Hour*
*5:30-7:30	Nursery available

Our Last Midweek @ Pilgrim of the Season!

As always, supper will be served at 5:30 PM, and our learning & activity hour follows at 6:15. This week, there is no Junior Choir or Senior Choir although free nursery care is offered during this learning hour. The suggested donation for the meal is just \$3 per person, and with Pilgrim's own David Thompson making the meals, you know that you're getting a terrific deal (and a satisfied stomach)! All are welcome!

June 1:

Children & Youth: Art Fun!

Adults: A Study of the Heart of Christianity and Marcus Borg — The last of five study sessions, the theme of this final night of discussion is "Practice." Led by Pastor Harry Mueller, the discussion is meant to encourage theological reflection personally and stimulate thoughtful and heartfelt conversation within a small group using the ideas of theologian Marcus Borg. 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. Borg's book *The Heart of Christianity* is recommended as a resource/supplement for the series.

M@P will resume in the fall.

🎵 Music Notes 🎵

Music Schedule

6/5	9:30	Senior Choir
6/12	9:30	Special music, to be announced
6/19	9:30	Adam Reinwald, baritone
6/26	9:30	Vacation Bible School Singers

Special Musical Offerings in June: Darin Tysdal Piano Recital

June 19 at 2 PM

On Sunday, June 19, pianist Darin Tysdal will present a recital of works by Copland, Scriabin, Schubert, Rachmaninov, and others in preparation for the 2011 Boston Amateur Piano Competition. As part of his performance, Darin will give the audience a taste of what is involved in playing an amateur piano competition and will play the pieces in competition order.

An active presence on the Twin Cities music scene for 18 years as a pianist, composer, and conductor, Darin Tysdal has participated twice in the Van Cliburn Amateur Piano Competition – in 2002 when he won a place on the semi-final round and in 2004 when he won the award for Most Original Programming. Darin has played concertos with the Dakota Valley Symphony, Metropolitan Symphony, Kenwood Symphony, Century College Community Orchestra, Minnesota Freedom Band and the Minnesota Symphonic Winds. His latest appearance with an orchestra was as the winner of the 2011 MacPhail/Minneapolis Civic Orchestra Concerto Competition, where he played the first movement of the Gershwin *Concerto in F*. Darin lives in Bloomington with his wife Lynda, a writer.

Hymn of the Month:

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity (ELW 412)

Here is a hymn that attempts to express the mysterious concept of the Trinity in words and music that dance. Of his text for this hymn, Richard Leach (b. 1953) writes, “Dancing has a long association with the Trinity, going back to 8th century theologians who used the word perichoreisis to speak of the interdependence of unity and Trinity. ‘Dance around’ is a literal translation of the word, but its sense is ‘interweaving,’ and I use that in the hymn.”

KINGSFOLD was first used as a hymn tune by English composer Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958) in *The English Hymnal* of 1906. It is named for the town in Surrey, England, where he heard it. Like Richard Leach’s text, KINGSFOLD dances and sets the text very well. (Source: Paul Westermeier, *Hymnal Companion to Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, Augsburg Fortress, 2010)

KAIVAMA CD Release Party, June 17

Pilgrim friends **Jonathan Rundman** and **Sara Pajunen** of the Finnish folk duo **Kaivama** celebrate the release of their new CD at **7:00 PM on Friday, June 17** at the Cedar Cultural Center in Minneapolis. Rounding out this evening of beautiful Finnish folk music and joining Kaivama will be the renowned fiddler and composer Arto Järvelä (of JPP, and collaborator with many others), a fourth generation member of the famous Järvelä fiddler family. This will be a very special and musically rewarding event. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door.

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, 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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<http://pilgrimstpaul.wordpress.com>



Vestry News

President's Report

*Reprinted from the April Congregational Report
by Sheila Hoffman*

Each summer, the new Vestry goes on a retreat. The group spends a day and a half together building relationships, providing and receiving orientation and development, and doing some serious planning for the coming program year. They brainstorm and reflect and laugh and pray together. In planning, there is always time devoted both to specific items and also to looking ahead with a “view from the balcony,” so to speak. This broader view inspires the Vestry’s visioning for the year ahead and beyond.

Last summer, this year’s Vestry began that visioning process by working together to identify five or six values that we felt best represented Pilgrim. It was a fun task but also quite challenging to whittle fifty or more possible values down to just a core set. The values that emerged were *service/justice, community/inclusivity, creativity, care, and spiritual growth*. Service/justice and community/inclusivity were cheating a bit by combining two values into one, but we found that we really weren’t able to tease the two pieces apart. Our passion to serve is with an eye toward justice. Our love of our own Pilgrim community is balanced with a desire for welcome to all. In addition, we hold dear creativity in worship, music, word, and a wide range of other art forms. Our care for each other, the earth, and the world is at the heart of who we are. And our yearning for spiritual growth is lived out in our mission to be a home for hungry minds and souls.

At a forum in April, the Vestry shared thoughts about these values as well as some of the short- and long-term goals that were developed to further live them out. We emphasized that the values were not the Vestry’s values but what we understood to be the values of Pilgrim. We talked about progress made toward goals this program year and dreams for ongoing and future fulfillment. I was pleased that my “assigned” contribution to the presentation was to talk about community/inclusivity, as this value is linked to relationship, which is something I’ve thought a lot about during my time as congregational president. Pilgrims often talk openly about how important the community here is for them – a faith community where they can grow as individuals or families, a place where friendship and support can be found. And Pilgrims speak just as openly about the desire to be a welcoming community. Our *Reconciling in Christ* (RIC) commitment is a testament to that, as is our reaching out to other hungry minds and souls, wherever they may be on their journey of faith.

A reading of the many individual reports included in this Congregational Report will reveal a rich variety of activities and initiatives bringing us together. From small group gatherings to growing Celtic and Nordic worship services, from serving a simple meal to installing a new metal roof, our life together is vibrant and diverse. Surely a highlight of the *The Pilgrim, June 2011*

year has been the incredible response of congregational approval and support for the Legacy Projects, as we are preparing for our 90th anniversary with a vision for decades to come. These are enormous projects by themselves, but they are also forging new connections and new relationships among us. When the work is done on the new roof, the refurbished organ, and the lower level renovation, the ministry continues. Thank you to everyone for this special effort and for the innumerable efforts, large and small, undertaken by you, the Pilgrim members, staff, and friends who make Pilgrim Pilgrim.

Finally, as I end my term as congregational president this month, I thank you for the opportunity to serve Pilgrim these past years. It has been a rewarding and humbling experience, a privilege to represent you, and a blessing to me. I continue to be in awe of the many wonderful and gifted people you are and the ministry you make with your time and talents. I encourage you to continue to see the light and love of Jesus in those around you, to resist criticism and to work positively and with love in our journey together, to appreciate each other's differences and gifts, and to extend even greater welcome to each other and to those who find their path leading them here. In closing, I must express my gratitude to the members of the Vestry for their time, thoughtfulness, and good humor this past year: Bree Lloyd, Cheryl Hodges-Savola, Paul Ormseth, Diane Rollie, Carl Samuelson, Caleb Drexler Booth and with special appreciation for the warmth and amazing dedication of the Executive Committee: Natalie Hokanson, Craig Eliason, Marsha Foss, Pete Newburg, and Pastor Carol. I appreciate and admire so much your care for this church, for this congregation, and for each other. We have been blessed by your work for and among us, and I thank you.

2011 Silver Pilgrim Award: Bree Lloyd



The Silver Pilgrim award is given annually to a person or persons in honor of their dedicated service to Pilgrim. The 2011 Silver Pilgrim was awarded to **Bree Lloyd**. Bree is a relatively new member of the Pilgrim congregation (joined in 2006).

Nonetheless, she has demonstrated a commitment to the people and the spirit of Pilgrim that makes her a very worthy recipient this award. Bree served as Deacon of Congregational Life committee, served on Vestry, was a member of the Pilgrims Caring for

Creation (PCC) committee, accompanied the youth on a canoe trip in 2009, provides support to the office staff, is a frequent reader both on Sunday morning and Sunday evenings, helps set up for the Sunday evening services, served countless coffee hours, serves as usher, and is a wonderful prayer writer.

She serves in all of these roles with humility, respect, and energy. Thank you Bree!

Thank You to the Outgoing Vestry Members

Pilgrim Lutheran extends its sincere thanks to those Vestry members who will complete their terms this month. It is with a mixture of sadness and great thanksgiving that we bid farewell to these thoughtful, committed, and hardworking Vestry members: **Paul Ormseth, Bree Lloyd, Cheryl Hodges-Savola, Sheila Hoffman, and Craig Eliason**. Thanks also to Vestry member **Diane Rollie**, who is not able to complete her term and is leaving the Vestry at this time.



Paul Ormseth



Cheryl Hodges-Savola



Bree Lloyd



Diane Rollie



Craig Eliason



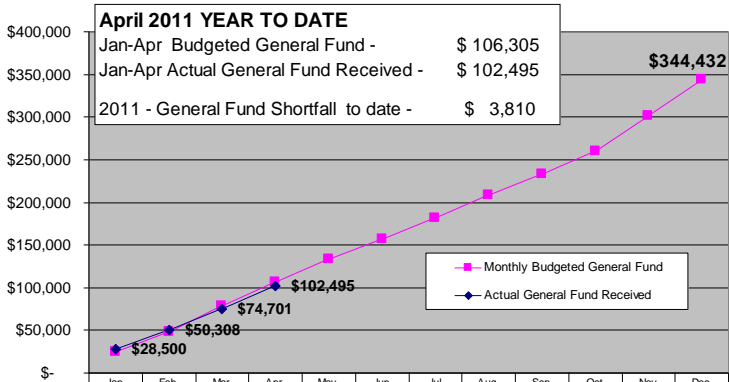
Sheila Hoffman

Pilgrim News Scavenger Hunt Has a Winner!

Our May scavenger hunt has a winner! Anne Tews found the prize: a beautiful, limited-edition Pilgrim ornament made by Jim Jahnke! Thank you to **Nicholas and Ellie Greseth** who hid the prize and wrote the clues. Look in next month's newsletter for news about our next Pilgrim News Scavenger Hunt!

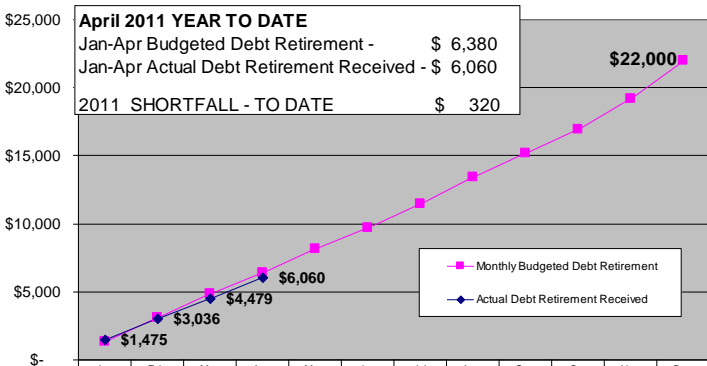
Monthly Giving Report

2011 General Fund Received Compared to Budget



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Monthly Budgeted General Fund	\$24,370	\$48,566	\$77,973	\$106,305	\$133,513	\$157,364	\$181,042	\$208,250	\$232,534	\$260,348	\$301,507	\$344,432
Actual General Fund Received	\$28,500	\$50,308	\$74,701	\$102,495								

2011 Debt Retirement Compared to Budget



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Monthly Budgeted Debt Retirement	\$1,320	\$3,080	\$4,840	\$6,380	\$8,140	\$9,680	\$11,440	\$13,420	\$15,180	\$16,940	\$19,140	\$22,000
Actual Debt Retirement Received	\$1,475	\$3,036	\$4,479	\$6,060								

**Would you like to financially support
 Pilgrim's ministries by contributing online?**
 Please visit Pilgrim's website at www.pilgrimstpaul.org
 and click on the link "Give online now!"

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.

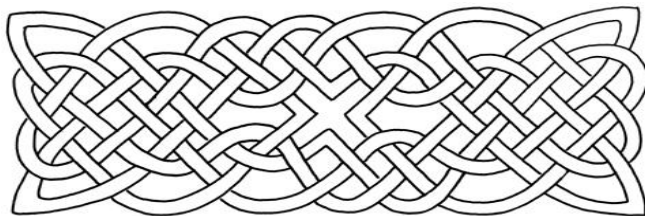
The Worship Committee would also like to encourage children to participate as well in whatever manner they feel comfortable. When "your" month arrives, let the worship team leader know when you are able to help. You may also volunteer for more than one service/position. Thank you in advance for your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

July Worship Team Leaders

Sarah Carlsson (651-695-0518) and Mary Lundberg (651-698-3961)

Anderson, Scott & Rachel Bents-Anderson	Joyslin, David & Lisa Kahnert, Brett & Emily (Ella)	Otto, Brian & Lori (Amarah, Ella)
Benson, Elsie	Kaluza, Eric & Corrin	Paulson, Todd & Alison (Rose, Katherine, Jack)
Boehm, Judy	Lundberg, Mary	Rasmussen, Reva
Carlsson, Sarah (Ben)	Mergens, Sara and Greg (Drew, Mara, Ashley)	Strom, Merle
Cook, Aaron	Miller, Kent & Bartz, Penny (Theo, Franklin)	Sween, Roger & Pat
Douma, Greg & Kari (Ella, Tessa, Miri)	Nash, Bonnie	Swanson, Scott & Dempsey, MJ (Christopher, Linnea)
Erlandson, Mary Ellen	Newburg, Jen & Pete (Elsie, George)	Tews, David & Metzger, Patrick
Girvan, Erik & Becky (Jonah, Aevan)	Olsen, Rod	Utecht, Jen
Heinz, Dorothy	Olson, Margaret	Winsel, Katie
Holst, Don & Lois	Omodt, Jean (Hannah, Nathan)	
Johnson, Richard & Juliann		



June Calendar

Week of May 29

Wednesday, 6/1		Last Midweek @ Pilgrim for the summer – See page 6
	5:30 PM	Meal
	6:15 PM	Learning/Activity Hour – Marcus Borg – See page 6
	7:15 PM	Sr. Choir Party
Thursday, 6/2	6:30 PM	Rose Ensemble
	7:00 PM	Pilgrims for Just Peace – See page 16
Friday, 6/3	9:30 AM	'Round Again
Sunday, 6/5	9:30 AM	Worship
	2:00 PM	Cantara Choir
Monday, 6/6	7:00 AM	Men's Breakfast – See page 16
	10:00 AM	Women's Sobriety
	6:30 PM	Executive Committee
	7:00 PM	OA
Tuesday, 6/7		COMMITTEE NIGHT
	1:30 PM	Text Study – See page 16
	6:30 PM	Rose Ensemble
Thursday, 6/9	6:30 PM	Rose Ensemble
Friday 6/10	9:30 AM	'Round Again
Saturday, 6/11	12:00 PM	Rose Ensemble

Week of June 12

Sunday, 6/12	9:30 AM	Worship
	11:00 AM	Forum Led by Pastor Bonnie Nash – See page 5
	12:30 PM	Sundays at St. Clair Broiler – See page 16
	2:00 PM	Cantara Choir
	5:00 PM	Rose Ensemble
Monday, 6/13	10:00 AM	Women's Sobriety
	7:00 PM	OA
Tuesday, 6/14	1:30 PM	Text Study – See page 16
	3:00 PM	Pilgrim Staff Meeting
Wednesday, 6/15		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Thursday, 6/16	7:00 PM	Book Club - <i>The Camel Bookmobile</i> – See page 18
Friday, 6/17	9:30 AM	'Round Again
	7:00 PM	KAIVAMA CD Release Party – See page 8

Week of June 19

Sunday, 6/19	9:30 AM	Worship
	2:00 PM	Piano recital by Darin Tysdal – See page 7
	5:00 PM	Rose Ensemble
Monday, 6/20	9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School – See page 19
	10:00 AM	Women’s Sobriety
	7:00 PM	OA
Tuesday, 6/21	9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School – See page 19
	1:30 PM	Text Study – See page 16
	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
Wednesday, 6/22	9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School – See page 19
Thursday, 6/23	9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School – See page 19
	6:00 PM	“Hands On Hunger! Faith in Action” – See page 17
Friday, 6/24	9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School – See page 19
	9:30 AM	‘Round Again

Week of June 26

Sunday, 6/26	9:30 AM	Worship
	3:00 PM	Cantara Choir
Monday, 6/27	10:00 AM	Women’s Sobriety
	7:00 PM	OA
Tuesday, 6/28	1:30 PM	Text Study – See page 16
	3:00 PM	Pilgrim Staff Meeting
	5:15 PM	“Don’t Just Talk — Take this Bread!” – Service opportunity and book discussion at Loaves & Fishes – See page 17

Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations and prayers for continued blessings to our graduates: **Jacob Burkman** and **Sean Koos** from Luther Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree; **Bree Lloyd** from the University of Minnesota with a Graduate Degree in Ethics and Sustainable Agriculture; **Benjamin Prather** from Roseville Senior High; and **Jack Schuessler** from St. Paul Highland Senior High School. If you know of someone whom we missed, please contact our church office so we can honor the graduate in our next newsletter.



Education, Service & Fellowship

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.

Pilgrims for Just Peace



Pilgrims for Just Peace, PJP, meets the first Thursday of the month. Join us **June 2, 7-8:30 PM**, church office. All are welcome. Focused topics: Resolutions and looking ahead for the next calendar year. Come and be part of the planning and promotion of just peacemaking practices

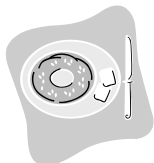
inside and outside of Pilgrim!

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, June 6**. For more information, contact Dave Toeniskoetter (**651-690-5743**) or Jim Jahnke (**651-699-8053**).



Sunday Lunch at the Saint Clair Broiler



On the **Second 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 **June 12**. Come join the fun!

Mission of the Month Giving Report

In April, **\$60 was collected in special offerings for the Lutheran Coalition**. Thank you for supporting this important project.

June Mission of the Month: Water for Peace

In December of 2009 Pilgrim began an relationship with *Water for Peace*, a project of the Iraqi and American Reconciliation Project and Sami Rasouli, the Muslim Peace Team. That relationship led to the purchase of a water filtration system for Tabbouk Elementary School for Girls in Najaf, Iraq.

The goal of Water for Peace is to provide clean drinking water to schools and hospitals in Iraq and, by so doing, build positive relationships between the children of Iraq and the children of the U.S.

June's offering will go to replacement filters and any future maintenance to keep the Tabbouk's water filtration system running smoothly. Look for announcements and further activities from Pilgrim youth. Please support this ongoing relationship for peacemaking!

-- Joan Haan, *Pilgrims for Just Peace*
-- Karin Johnson, *Coordinator of Children and Youth Ministries*

“Hands On Hunger! Faith in Action”

We are talking, reading, and praying about hunger in these days. Now for action! Join the Community Emergency Service team for an evening of service on **June 23, Thursday, 6-8 PM.**

All ages are welcome; ages 3-12, please invite an adult to join you. Possible activities: restock the food shelves, sort donations, or leaflet the neighborhood. A great faith refresher on a summer evening, for all ages, individuals and groups.

Renewer-in-Residence Pastor Lynn Peterson will lead this outing. **Meet at church at 6 PM to carpool;** sign up by contacting the church office. CES is located at 1900 11th Ave S. in Minneapolis. For more information, see: **cesmn.org**

Don't Just Talk – *Take This Bread!*

Let's read Sara Miles' delightful first book, *Take this Bread*, then gather for conversation about this progressive journalist's surprising spiritual journey and radical vision for feeding God's people. But first, let's get a real taste of what a “free for the hungry” feast tastes like.

On **June 28, Tuesday, 5:15 PM,** we will visit a Loaves and Fishes meal offered for hungry people in our cities, sharing a meal and conversation with community members in need. Then, after supper, we will gather to share stories and conversation around this joyful book. **Sign up ahead by contacting the Pilgrim office.**

Pilgrim DayHikers

Join the DayHikers on **Tuesday, June 21** (The Summer Solstice) for a hike around Wood Lake Nature Center in Richfield. **We will meet at church at 6 PM** to carpool. After we hike we have been invited to **MaryLou Jacobson's home** which is right next to the park for cake and coffee.



Bring in your Aluminum Cans for Recycling!



Ron Landt and Bert Bast are collecting aluminum cans to recycle as a church fundraiser. Please bring your cans to Pilgrim as soon as is convenient!

Book Club News

Date and time: June 16, 2011 at 7:00 PM
Host: Dorothy Heinz – 1969 Selby Ave.
Book: *The Camel Bookmobile* by Masha Hamilton

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 if you have questions.



Wanted: Pilgrim Softball Players for Fun in the Sun!



Exercise is good for the soul. I can't say for sure that God wants you to play on the Pilgrim softball team this summer, but I am confident that Jesus and His disciples would have enjoyed the fellowship of the game if it had been around at the time.

Now it's your turn. Parents, show your kids that you've still got it! Spouses, show each other that you never lost it! We need players for the 2011 Pilgrim softball team, and I hope that a lot of you are willing to give it a try. It is a great way to have some fun in the sun.

Games are on **Sunday evenings from mid-July to late August** (we don't have a set schedule yet) and they are a lot of fun. If you are interested at all, please feel free to contact me at craig@craiggoldmanlaw.com. I can also be reached at **(651) 699-0741** or **(952) 886-7205**. Go Pilgrim!

Craig Goldman

Children & Youth

Vacation Bible School is in June!



ReNew: The Green VBS is an environmentally focused VBS program that inspires kids to grow in faith, have fun, and change the world as they practice the stewardship of creation!

Grounded in the Parable of the Sower, *ReNew: The Green VBS* empowers kids through hope, opportunity, and service.

Mark your calendars for **Monday, June 20 through Friday June 24, 9 AM to Noon!**

Kids from age 3 (toilet-trained) to entering grade 4 are invited to take part, and we'd love older kids (and adults) to help out.

Email Jenny Heinecke at jmheinecke@hotmail.com for more information. Registration forms were passed out during Sunday School on May 1. Let Karin know if you did not receive the registration form (karinjohnson@pilgrimstpaul.org).

Grow in Faith. Have Fun. Change the World.

NOTE: The children in Vacation Bible School will provide music during our Sunday worship service on **June 26!**

Calling All Youth!

We need YOU to help make Vacation Bible School a success this year, June 20-24, 9 AM-noon. This is a great way to complete service hours and to serve as a mentor and role model for the children at Pilgrim. Please email Karin if you are interested and able at KarinJohnson@pilgrimstpaul.org.

Welcome New Members!

Maggie, Nick, Henry and Isabelle Bruecken



Maggie and Nick moved to Minnesota from Iowa in 2002 and started a family here about four years ago. Henry, their first child, is outgoing, energetic, and funny. His little sister, Isabelle, is closing in on her first birthday and tries very hard to keep up with her older brother. Dad calls her “a beaute.”

Maggie is a 7th and 8th grade teacher on a two-year leave to stay home with the two little ones. Nick is a University of Iowa graduate with history and religion majors and today he is a software

development project manager.

Maggie and Nick love spending time with their children. Nick also likes playing 18 holes, working on cars, and catching an occasional movie. Maggie enjoys reading, gardening, and yoga.

The Brueckens are new members of Pilgrim and Maggie states that she is new to exploring the Christian Faith as well. They are excited to have found a spiritual home in which to grow.

Katia McDonough and Melanie Ruda



Melanie and Katia are life partners and have been together for about 19 years. Between them, they have 20 nieces and nephews to whom they are dedicated aunts.

Katia says that she is “a Vatican II Catholic in a seemingly post-Vatican II era.” She is “interested in living a life of faith in a church community that tries to be faithful to the lessons of history and open to new growth for current, cross-cultural influences.”

Melanie is drawn to Pilgrim by the Celtic Service and its mission as a home for hungry minds and souls. Though they live in Minneapolis, Melanie feels a connection with the Mac-Groveland neighborhood because she attended college at St. Kate’s.

Melanie finds that playing tennis energizes her as do vacations to the North Shore, and she playing board games. Katia enjoys reading, dancing, and improvising projects. Both like hiking and singing.

Katia said she is hoping to find at Pilgrim a place to continue to discover the questions and perhaps find some answers and Melanie adds that Pilgrim provides meaningful worship experiences and companionship on her spiritual journey.

Maggie Leshner



Maggie is a first generation American; both her parents emigrated from Iceland. Maggie grew up on a farm in North Dakota. She considers herself blessed to be a mother and grandmother and to be able to do work that she loves.

And what is this work, you may ask? Maggie is an occupational therapist and founder, owner, and clinical director of a pediatric occupational therapy clinic, called Children's Theraplay.

Maggie's husband, Tom, is a pharmacist and said to be a "great cook." Children are Kristin, Michael, and Daniel.

Maggie has found in Pilgrim a home to renew the commitment to her faith, become more consistently aware of God's purpose for her, and more consistently live according to Christian principles with all parts of her life.

Louise Stenberg



Louise was born in Greenbush, Minnesota. Greenbush is located in Roseau County along the Canadian border and the name comes from "Sha Ach Wah," which means spruce tree or green bush in Ojibwe. Louise was baptized in Bethel Lutheran Church in Greenbush and later confirmed in the same church.

Today Louise lives in Saint Paul and works for the Minnesota Department of Health. She enjoys gardening, writing, outdoor activities, and travel. Louise also volunteers for Lutheran Social Services Teen Homeless Program.

Patricia and Roger Sween



Though Pat and Roger are two of Pilgrim's newest members, they have visited our church several times over the past eight years. Their son, Kristofer Sween and his wife Donna Dingle, are Pilgrim members, which gave Pat and Roger reason to visit. Pilgrim became a natural church home for them when they moved to Maplewood from Red Wing. They are happy to be here, in this "welcoming, progressive, and joyous" setting, where their spiritual beliefs are supported and they can grow in faith and

life. Pilgrim is also a good fit, as Pat is a Lutheran from birth.

Pat and Roger are graduates of St. Olaf College. She has a Masters from the University of Wisconsin - Platteville in language, literature, and speech, and Roger has a Masters from the University of Wisconsin - Madison in Library Science. Pat is a retired educator and taught students from sixth grade through graduate school. Roger has followed his passion for books and learning by working in many libraries and agencies, the most recent being the Minnesota State Library Agency before retiring.

Roger and Pat share many interests including reading, handcrafts, writing poetry and other literary forms, listening to music, and attending live theater.

Jimmy, Ben, Jimmy, and Eva Olson



Brian Hartz



Dwight Marwede & Christine Bright-Marwede



Beyond Pilgrim

Three Summer Programs at Wisdom Ways

For more information on any of these programs, contact Wisdom Ways at www.wisdomwayscenter.org or 651-696-2788.

Holiness and the Feminine Spirit: An Art Exhibit with Janet McKenzie

Nearly all paintings are multicultural. The images -- unusual at times because they are not what we expect -- force us to open our eyes and rethink what we may have assumed. **June 15-22**, with an opening reception, booksigning, and conversation with the artist on **Thursday, June 16, 7-9 PM**. Carondelet Center, St. Paul.

Peace Camp

The third annual day camp for peacemakers ages 8-12. Monday through Thursday, **July 11-14, 9 AM-3 PM** at Carondelet Center, St. Paul. \$150 or \$125 for two or more children from a family.

Young Women's Retreat: Un/Masking for Self-Making

A four-day, three-night retreat for young women in grades 9-12. **July 17-20** at Carondelet Center, St. Paul. \$95.

Awakening the Dreamer Symposium

The Purpose of the Symposium is to bring forth an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling and socially just human presence on this planet. It is the result of the collaborative work of some of the finest scientific, indigenous, visionary, and activist minds in the world.

Saturday, June 18th 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

St. Joan of Arc Church, 4537 Third Avenue South, Minneapolis
www.awakeningthedreamer.org

For more information on The Symposium or volunteering, contact:
Joan Haan, joan@pleromacoaching.com or
Joel Hodroff Joel@DualCurrency.com or 612-408-8898
This program was recently hosted by *Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light* at Gloria Dei.

ELCA “Glocal” Mission Gathering

Connecting Global and Local

Friday, June 10, 2011, 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Saturday, June 11, 2011, 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 301 County Road 19, Excelsior, MN

ELCA Glocal Mission Gatherings equip us for God's work in today's global and local realities as well as their “glocal” intersections. What is mission? Who is the neighbor? Let's consider these questions together as they relate to our migrating and immigrating world. For only \$35 per person and in only one and a half days, you can:

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- Engage in current intersections of mission, migration, and immigration
- Give, receive, and serve more effectively
- Discover how changes in the world are transforming the way churches like the ELCA proclaim and serve
- Lead inviting worship that includes global voices
- Travel internationally in a way that is effective, sustainable, respectful, and cross-culturally sensitive

For more information go to www.elca.org/glocal. You can also email GlobalMissionInfo@elca.org or call **1-800-638-3522**.

Project Homeless Connect

Volunteers Needed for Project Homeless Connect in Saint Paul on Tuesday, June 28, 2011!

Project Homeless Connect is a one-stop shop for people experiencing homelessness to get the services that they need. With about 1,500 participants expected, at least 400 volunteers are needed to act as volunteer navigators for the guests. **Shifts are from 5-9 AM (set-up), 10 AM to 4 PM, 10 AM to 1 PM, and 12 noon to 4 PM.**

A variety of volunteer roles are available including: being paired with guests to identify service priorities for the day, volunteer check-in, floaters, and food volunteers.

Volunteers should have a sense of humor and the willingness to help others. Most positions require standing, but sitting positions are available as well. All first-time volunteers are required to attend a training and orientation session. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age or 16 years of age and accompanied by a guardian. Volunteers under 18 must sign a waiver.

For more information or to sign-up please contact **Erika Dani** at Erika@handsontwincities.org or **612-379-4900 extension 15**.

The Fourth Annual Interfaith Creating a Culture of Peace

*the spirituality and practice of active nonviolence
for personal and social change*

Co-Sponsored by Minnesota Fellowship of Reconciliation, MN FOR and the Saint Paul Interfaith Network, SPIN

Hospitality Place Retreat Center, Circle Pines, MN. Circle Pines is located 20 minutes North of the Twin Cities. East of I-35
1 PM Friday, July 29 - 3 PM Sunday, July 31, 2011

Facilitators: Joan Haan, Pilgrim member and SPIN Planning Team, and Rev. Don Christensen, MN FOR

Creating a Culture of Peace (CCP) is a nationwide program for community based peacemaking. The innovative design of CCP provides a holistic and practical foundation in spiritually grounded active nonviolence.

The training is highly participatory and does not depend on reading a book or lectures. It draws upon the wisdom, experience, and talents of all the participants and on the skills and knowledge of trainers. Mutual learning occurs through storytelling, meditation, small group sharing, brainstorming, role playing, thought provoking exercises, music and movement. CCP offers training on nonviolence principles, analysis of social change and community building, skills for peacemaking, and resources. Every group chooses and plans concrete projects for change.

This retreat is for persons interested in exploring active nonviolence with persons from different religious traditions and spiritual communities, in a safe and friendly environment – which includes free time and fellowship! Time will be set aside for individual and/or group meditation, prayer, readings or spiritual practice.

Cost, which includes lodging, meals and all program expenses, is \$200.00. Scholarship assistance is available.

Registration is limited to 15 participants. We are seeking diversity of religious traditions, age, gender, income and race. Registration deadline is July 1. For more information and/or to register contact Joan Haan at joan@pleromacoaching.com 651-645-7437 or Don Christensen at rachelanddon@msn.com (651) 690-2609. For more information, see: www.creatingacultureofpeace.org



Prayer Corner

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

Concerns: Bert Bast, recovering from pacemaker surgery; Kay Tews, mother of Anne Tews, diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and COPD; Ron Landt, recovering from surgery; Lillian Knutson, health concerns; Jay Oakman, recovering from thyroid cancer surgery; Ray Youngbauer, recovering from surgery; Karen Johnson, undergoing treatment for lymphoma; Bill Barte, father of Karen Bjorkman, health concerns; Gene Vogel, recovering from a broken hip; Pastor Bonnie Pene, at the return of her cancer; 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, 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: 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; Helen Louise Cyptar, April 6; Lester Swanson, father of Suzanne Swanson.

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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1 Jonathan Gusdal	1 Juliann & Richard Johnson
2 Mason Doty	3 Jeff & Kelly Robertson
2 John Olson	4 Ryan MacSwain &
4 Finn Dryden	Jenny Cho-Mac Swain
4 Joan Haan	7 Merry & Andrew Grande
4 Michael McCullough	8 Gordon & Donna Best
4 Linnea Swanson	8 Kim & Dean Munzke
5 Gail Steward	9 Peter & Martha Laudert
5 Kathryn Winsel	12 Sarah Carlsson & CJ Deike
7 Trisha Reinwald	12 Phyllis & Robert Lindberg
8 Janet Erickson	13 Joanna Deer & Jay Oakman
9 Kai Johnson	16 Michael & Nora Schulze
9 Misty Rossi	16 Carole & Lawrence Wilke
11 Marlys Kinney	19 Matthew & Michelle Christenson
12 Brenda Huenecke	19 Miriam & Wayne Marshall
13 Martha Laudert	21 Erik & Becky Girvan
14 James Boehm	24 Kris Ann & Christopher Schultz
14 Craig Goldman	27 Michael Brennan &
15 Ashley Mergens	Kari Houtkooper Brennan
16 Tristan Anderson	28 Jane & David Toeniskoetter
16 Corrin Kaluza	29 Penny Bartz & Kent Miller
17 Peter Laudert	29 Allen & Phyllis Zumach
17 Seth McCauley	
17 Martha Nelson	
18 Emi Eliason	
18 David Tews	
21 Ed Boehm	
24 John Beulke	
24 Wayne Marshall	
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