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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 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 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
- ***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

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.

Music Director Ralph Johnson Says Goodbye

Dear Fellow Pilgrims:

It is with sadness and thanksgiving that we share with you the news that Ralph Johnson has accepted a position with another church and will resign his position with Pilgrim effective July 31. With Pastor Carol on sabbatical, it is our responsibility as your new Co-Presidents to share this information with you. Ralph has blessed Pilgrim for the past five years as Music Director and Choir Director and all who have worshiped here have received the gifts of his many talents.

We will give thanks for Ralph's service, celebrate our time together, and wish Ralph and Laurie Godspeed on Sunday, June 26 during service and coffee hour.

Please see Ralph's letter of resignation below.

Kurt Schultz & Natalie Hokanson, Co-Presidents

May 31, 2011

Dear Pastor Carol, Vestry, and Fellow Pilgrims:

I am writing to let you know that I have been offered-and have accepted-a new position as music director and choir director at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in southwest Minneapolis, and that I will therefore be resigning from my position at Pilgrim effective July 31. The position is half-time (as is my position here), and I plan to continue filling the other half with work as a composer as well as other related activities. Although Laurie and I are sad to leave this community, with all the remarkable people and wonderful friendships we have found here, we have a strong sense of the Holy Spirit leading us in this new direction.

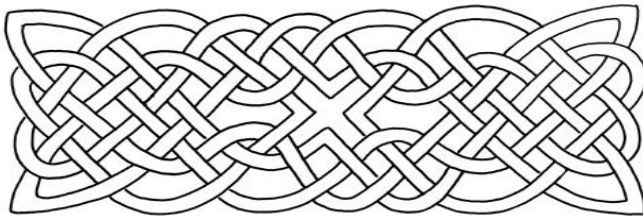
My 5 years here at Pilgrim have been years of growth, discovery and blessing for me, and I am grateful to all of you for sharing your time, talent, energy and love as we have journeyed together during this time. Special thanks to Pastor Carol for her vision and creativity; to Larry Wilson for our delightful musical partnership; to Pastor Harry and Pilgrim's wonderful staff (Cathy, Chuck, Karin, Serena, Dan and Blake), who work diligently and with patient good-will to keep our ministry going, day-by-day; to the many members of the Vestry who serve so faithfully year after year; and to the whole congregation for your ongoing support and appreciation of Pilgrim's music ministry. I am especially grateful to the Senior and Junior Choirs, who have worked so hard-and with such great grace and humor-to lead all Pilgrims in worship and song during my time here, and well before.

Laurie and I take our leave of Pilgrim with hearts full of love and gratitude for the friendship, support and just plain fun we have been blessed to share with you. It has been a pleasure and privilege to have served God in partnership with you all.

Thanks be to God for all of you. We will pray for you. Please pray for us.

Yours in Christ,

*Ralph M. Johnson,
Music Director and Choir Director*



July / August Worship at Pilgrim

Sunday Worship at 9:30

July 3 — Third Sunday after Pentecost, ELW Liturgy of Holy Communion, Pastor Harry Mueller preaching

July 10 — Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Morning Prayer, Point for Pilgrims, Kim Lyons, flute, Renewer-in-Residence Pastor Diane Hooge preaching

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

July 17 — Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, ELW Liturgy of Holy Communion, Meredith Samuelson, soprano, Renewer-in-Residence Pastor Diane Hooge preaching

July 24 — Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Chorale liturgy, Point for Pilgrims, Emily and Brett Kahnert, cello and saxophone, Renewer-in-Residence Pastor Diane Hooge preaching

July 31 — Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Favorite Hymn Sunday, Point for Pilgrims, Brad Savola, trumpet, Renewer-in-Residence Pastor Diane Hooge preaching

‡ **9 AM Seasonal Peace Meditation — Upstairs Community Rm.**

August 7 — Eight Sunday after Pentecost, (worship in lower level), Holy Communion, Renewer-in-Residence Pastor Diane Hooge preaching

August 14 — Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Morning Prayer Liturgy, sabbatical return ritual, Point for Pilgrims, Serena Mira Asta, soprano, Pastor Carol Tomer preaching

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

August 21 — Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Outdoor Worship on the Blacktop, Blessing of the Animals service, Point for Pilgrims, music led by singer/guitarist Jonathan Rundman, Pastor Carol Tomer preaching

August 28 -- Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Holy Communion, Sermon by the Pilgrim Youth

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, July 31, at 9:00 AM** in the Upstairs Community Room.

A Pilgrim Summer Tradition: Outdoor Blessing of the Animals & Potluck Picnic

We will have our annual Blessing of the Animals service on **Sunday, August 21, at 9:30**, as part of our traditional end-of-summer-outdoor-service. People and pets of all kinds are invited to this service, in which we will bless each animal, one by one, as part of the service of thanksgiving for “all God’s critters”!

After the service, join us for a potluck picnic! Please bring a dish to share and your own plates, silverware, cup/glass and napkins, and lawn chair. CLC will provide beverages.

Sunday Morning Forums at 11:00 AM

Forum Series by Diane Hooge. Three forums in July will focus on tools for renewal. We will explore portions of three books that invite the reader to deepen and/or expand their own inner journey. Each forum will focus on readings from the book of the week. There is no expectation that the book will have been read ahead of time. We will allow some personal time to reflect on the questions based on the content of the book. Each session will stand alone.

**Reverend Diane Hooge will be available for
spiritual direction sessions during her weeks at Pilgrim.**

Call the church office for more information or to make an appointment.

Sunday, July 10 — *A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey Toward An Undivided Life* — Reflections on Parker J. Palmer’s book by this title. We will explore the themes of the book and how those themes have connected with the Courage and Renewal movement. Pastor Hooge encourages people to peruse this book ahead of time or to go to The Courage and Renewal website at www.CourageRenewal.org to get a feel for this work based upon the writings of this book.

Sunday July 17 — *An Altar in the World* — offering reflections on Barbara Brown Taylor’s book by this title. Taylor’s books have influenced a generation of mainline church pastors and churches. Her preaching, teaching, and writings have profoundly helped to shape the interpretation of scripture. Her book, *Leaving Church*, left many of her followers stunned. We will review her latest book, *An Altar in the World*, and will take time for personal and group reflections based upon her writings.

July 24 — *Reaching Out* — Reflections on Henri Nouwen’s book by this title. This Nouwen classic focuses on the three components of spiritual life in relational terms: God, others and self. He describes each relational axis as a “movement”: from illusion to prayer, from hostility to hospitality, and from loneliness to solitude. Our primary focus will be on the second movement. He invites his readers to explore creating a

safe space where people can define their own spirituality. Nouwen believes that one's own story must be invited to intersect with religious education in order to be relevant. One of Pastor Hooge's favorite quotes from this section of his book is, "Hospitality is not a subtle invitation to adopt the life style of the host, but the gift of a chance for the guest to find his/her own."

An Invitation to Retreat

August 6, Saturday, 9 am - noon

This retreat will be led by Pastor Diane Hooge and hosted at her home. The focus will be to experience a mini-model of a Circle of Trust built on the teachings of Parker J. Palmer in his book, *Hidden Wholeness*.

The invitation is to sit at the feet of our own lives and listen for what is being asked of us at this stage of our journey. We will engage with poetry, scripture, journaling, and silence. Following our morning retreat, we celebrate the gift of our time together over lunch.

Cost of the retreat, to support lunch costs: \$15. Sign up for the retreat by contacting the Pilgrim office.

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

M@P will be back in September!

Join other Pilgrims
on Facebook by searching for
Pilgrim Lutheran
(not Pilgrim Lutheran Church)
and our blog:

<http://pilgrimstpaul.wordpress.com>

Music Notes

Music Schedule

July

7/10	9:30	Kim Lyons, flute
7/17	9:30	Meredith Samuelson, soprano
7/24	9:30	Emily and Brett Kahnert, cello and saxophone
7/31	9:30	Brad Savola, trumpet

August

8/14	9:30	Serena Mira Asta, soprano
8/21	9:30	Jonathan Rundman, voice and guitar

Hymn of the Season:

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)

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Pilgrim’s ministries by contributing online?**
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and click on the link “Give online now!”

Vestry News

From Our Co-Presidents

Dear Fellow Pilgrims,

Happy summer to you all!! Please allow us to introduce ourselves. Natalie Hokanson and Kurt Schultz are your new Co-Presidents of the congregation. This is a new way of being President and we look forward to forging this new road together with you! We are both very excited for this new chapter in our lives and in the life of Pilgrim.

Natalie Hokanson is not new to church business as she is ELCA seminary trained and has almost 5 years of experience working full-time in a church setting before becoming a member at Pilgrim about 7 years ago. For some this may be bad news because she hails from Wisconsin with all the sports allegiance that comes with it. However, her husband, Carl, has converted her to also be a Twins fan. Natalie has served as Deacon of Faith Formation and Co-Vice President (with Kurt and Marsha Foss)

Kurt Schultz is a Minnesota native who is passionate about Saint Paul, caring for creation, critters of every shape and size and welcoming those among us who are sometimes ostracized – particularly those in the GLBT community. Kurt and his wife, Karen Hedenstrom, live in the Phalen neighborhood, as do Natalie and Carl, and have been members of Pilgrim for about 7 years. Kurt has served on the Vestry as Missions and Social Concerns Deacon and Co-Vice President (with Sheila Hoffman and Natalie) and in several other capacities.

We hope that this new way of being President continues to bring new life to our Pilgrim community as we work together to be God's love in the world. We are looking forward to working with all of you and hope you will find renewal for your soul and recreation for your mind and body this summer!!

*Take care,
Natalie Hokanson and Kurt Schultz
Co-Presidents*

Understanding Stewardship

Stewardship is that thing that comes every year right about Thanksgiving time, right? Well, not if we're doing it right. The ideal of stewardship is not about asking for money yearly so that we can keep the church open, but rather about intentionally crafting our relationship with God and with each other every day. Pilgrim's yearly stewardship drive gets some of that right, but I think we can all agree it can feel a bit like what we did last year, too.

That's why Pilgrim agreed to sign up for an 18 month program with the Minneapolis and St. Paul synods, where 21 congregations will delve into the idea of stewardship and examine its real impact on our ministry and our

lives. A small group of Pilgrims has already attended the first month's session, but we are looking for a few more members. The once a month sessions rotate between a larger group gathering, meetings with 2 neighboring congregations, and working together as a small group. We left the first meeting very enthusiastic about the prospect of working together and considering this topic in depth.

To be sure, there will be more to share in the future, but please let me know if you have any questions right now.

Carl Samuelson
Co-Vice President
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Legacy Projects Update

You, the members and friends of Pilgrim, deserve to be congratulated. You took a bold step when you committed to undertaking three significant capital projects simultaneously. In that single act you made a commitment to Pilgrim's future and a commitment to future generations that will worship here. This summer we are seeing the fruits of that bold action with a new roof, new organ, and planning underway for a renewed lower level.

Likewise, the campaign to pay for these projects is in full swing. Pledges and contributions continue to arrive weekly, and the outstanding balance continues to shrink. With that said, there is more work to be done. If you have not already done so, we ask you to join with fellow Pilgrims and complete a pledge form and turn it in to the Pilgrim Office. Please commit, as you are able, to an amount over three years above and beyond your normal giving.

Thank you for your commitment to these three legacy projects and for making them possible with your support.

Kurt Schultz
Legacy Projects Stewardship Committee chair

Pilgrim's New Roof!

Work will have already started on the new roof by the time this newsletter arrives at your door. "Live Green Live Smart" construction was selected for the job, and we're excited to see their work. We'll be putting a long lasting metal, shingled roof over both the sanctuary and the office side of the church. After quite a bit of input from various Pilgrims we selected a darker toned "walnut" which handsomely compliments our brick. We expect construction will take about 6 weeks depending on weather, but we ask everyone to bear with us during the construction process.

And because it can't be said enough, thank you to everyone whose hard work and time made this roof project possible. Thank you to each of

you who have pledged (or already) given to make this roof affordable. Pilgrims today and Pilgrims for many years to come will appreciate your efforts.

*Sincerely,
The Roofing Committee
(Carl, Derek, Art, Chuck, Jon, and Gary)*

Pilgrim's Pipe Organ Progress

Preparations are moving right along for our new Schantz/Berghaus pipe organ. On Sunday, May 22 we decommissioned our Wangerin organ, after 70 years of faithful service. The following morning, a crew of Pilgrim volunteers assisted pipe organ builder, Murray Burfeind, to dismantle and remove the Wangerin. In just two and one half days, the Wangerin organ was completely removed. Over 700 pipes, the wind chests, blower, and organ console were taken out. Thank you, volunteers!

Our new pipe organ is scheduled for delivery after worship services on Sunday, July 31. Before then, we must complete our site preparation work in the chancel and the pipe chamber. Langer Construction, which was the general contractor for our sanctuary renewal project, will oversee the work in our chancel, and a Pilgrim volunteer crew will do the work to prepare the pipe chamber. Most of the pipes for our new organ will be located in the chancel, on either side of the stained glass window, but some will be in the pipe chamber.

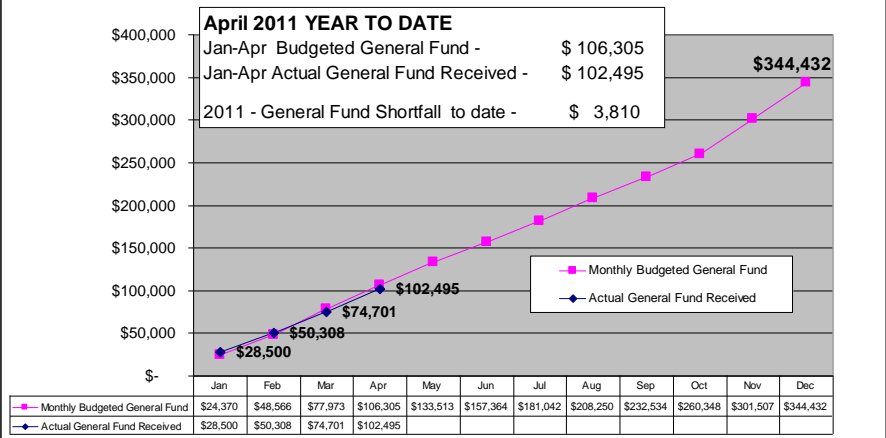
The organ committee met on July 13 with our consultant and the organ builder, to receive a status report on our new instrument. Berghaus is well on the way toward completing the rebuilding of each of the 1600+ organ pipes and the console, and building new casework to match Pilgrim's worship space. We have received some interesting photos and audio recordings of the Berghaus technicians working on our pipes; please stop by to see and hear them in the fireside room.

During the months of August and September, Berghaus will install our new organ, and then individually voice and tune each pipe to the acoustics of Pilgrim's worship space. Our new pipe organ should be ready to be played by sometime in October.

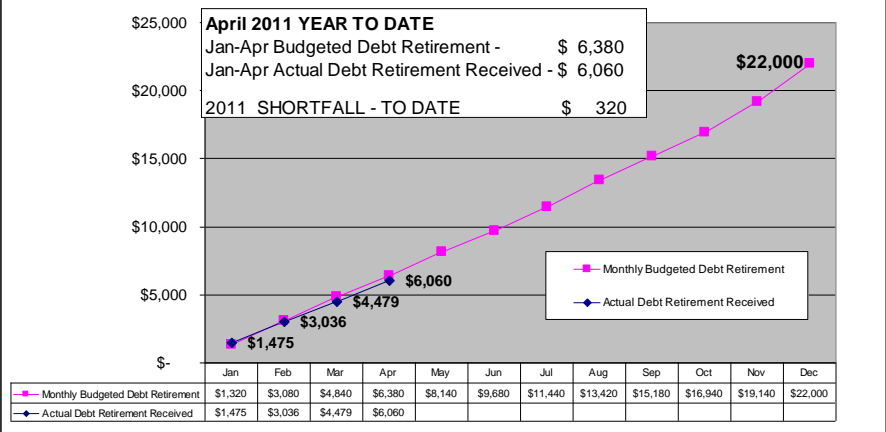
The organ is funded through Pilgrim's Legacy Projects Stewardship Campaign. We encourage you to continue your financial support of the Legacy Projects Campaign.

Monthly Giving Report

2011 General Fund Received Compared to Budget



2011 Debt Retirement Compared to Budget



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."

July / August Calendar

Week of June 26

Friday, July 1	9:30 AM	'Round Again
Sunday, July 3	9:30 AM	Worship
	2:00 PM	Cantara Choir
Monday, July 4		OFFICE CLOSED — 4 th of July
	10:00 AM	Women's Sobriety
	6:30 PM	Executive Committee
	7:00 PM	OA
Tuesday, July 5	1:30 PM	Text Study – see page 16
Friday, July 8	9:30 AM	'Round Again

Week of July 10

Sunday, July 10	9:30 AM	Worship
	11:00 AM	Forum led by Pastor Diane Hooge – see page 7
	12:00 PM	Evangelism Committee Meeting
	12:30 PM	Sundays at St. Clair Broiler – see page 16
Monday, July 11	2:00 PM	Cantara Choir
	7:00 AM	Men's Breakfast – see page 16
	10:00 AM	Women's Sobriety
Tuesday, July 12	7:00 PM	OA
	1:30 PM	Text Study – see page 16
	3:00 PM	Pilgrim Staff Meeting
Friday, July 15	9:30 AM	'Round Again

Week of July 17

Sunday, July 17	9:30 AM	Worship
	11:00 AM	Forum led by Pastor Diane Hooge – see page 7
	2:00 PM	Cantara Choir
Monday, July 18	10:00 AM	Women's Sobriety
	7:00 PM	OA
Tuesday, July 19	1:30 PM	Text Study – see page 16
	3:00 PM	Pilgrim Staff Meeting
Thursday, July 21	6:00 PM	Book Club Annual Picnic – see page 17
Friday, July 22	9:30 AM	'Round Again
	5:00 PM	Hoiness/Cripe Rehearsal
Saturday, July 23	4:00 PM	Hoiness/Cripe Wedding

Week of July 24

Sunday, July 24	9:30 AM	Worship
	11:00 AM	Forum led by Pastor Diane Hooge – see page 7
	2:00 PM	Cantara Choir
Monday, July 25	10:00 AM	Women's Sobriety
	7:00 PM	OA
Tuesday, July 26	1:30 PM	Text Study – see page 16
Friday, July 29	9:30 AM	'Round Again

Week of July 31

Sunday, July 31	9:30 AM	Worship
	2:00 PM	Cantara Choir
Monday, August 1	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, August 2	12:00 AM	COMMITTEE NIGHT
	3:00 PM	Pilgrim Staff Meeting
	1:30 PM	Text Study – see page 16
Thursday, August 4	5:30 PM	Pilgrim Day Hikers – see page 16
	7:00 PM	Pilgrims for Just Peace – see page 16
Friday, August 5	9:30 AM	'Round Again
Saturday, August 6	9:00 AM	Retreat at Pastor Diane Hooge's – see page 8

Week of August 7

Sunday, August 7	9:30 AM	Worship
	2:00 PM	Cantara Choir
Monday, August 8	10:00 AM	Women's Sobriety
	7:00 PM	OA
Tuesday, August 9	1:30 PM	Text Study – see page 16
	3:00 PM	Pilgrim Staff Meeting
Friday, August 12	9:30 AM	'Round Again

Week of August 14

Sunday, August 14	9:30 AM	Worship
	12:30 PM	Sundays at St. Clair Broiler – see page 16
	2:00 PM	Cantara Choir
Monday, August 15		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
	10:00 AM	Women's Sobriety
	7:00 PM	OA
Tuesday, August 16	1:30 PM	Text Study – see page Daytime Text Study16
	3:00 PM	Pilgrim Staff Meeting
Friday, August 19		VESTRY RETREAT
	9:30 AM	'Round Again

Week of August 21

Sunday, August 21	9:30 AM	Worship
	2:00 PM	Cantara Choir
Monday, August 22	10:00 AM	Women's Sobriety
	7:00 PM	OA
Tuesday, August 23	1:30 PM	Text Study – see page Daytime Text Study16
	3:00 PM	Pilgrim Staff Meeting
Thursday, August 25	7:00 PM	Book Club – Selecting books for the year – see page 17
Friday, August 26	9:30 AM	'Round Again

Week of August 28

Sunday, August 28	9:30 AM	Worship
	2:00 PM	Cantara Choir
Monday, August 29	10:00 AM	Women's Sobriety
	7:00 PM	OA
Tuesday, August 30	1:30 PM	Text Study – see page 16
	3:00 PM	Pilgrim Staff Meeting

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 – with the exception of July**. Join us **August 4, 7-8:30 PM**, church office. All are welcome.

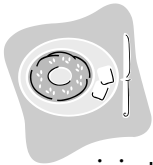
Focused topics: **Looking ahead for the next calendar year**. Come and be part of the planning and promotion of just peacemaking practices inside and outside of Pilgrim!

Pilgrim Men's Breakfast

The Pilgrim Men's Breakfast group meets at **7 AM** - usually on the first Monday of the month at the Highland Café and Bakery, 2012 Ford Parkway. Because of the holiday, the next meeting is on the second **Monday, July 11**. In August, it's the first **Monday, August 1**. 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 **July 10** and **August 14**. Come join the fun!

Pilgrim DayHikers

THERE WILL BE NO JULY HIKE. The hike for August will be our annual hike to St. Thomas' campus for their Neighbor Fest. There will be food to purchase for dinner (brats and burgers usually) and then we will continue on to Izzy's for ice cream dessert. Meet at church on **Thursday, August 4th at 5:30 PM** to join the hike.



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 for July & August

Date and time: **July 21, 2011 at 6:00 PM**

Host: **Barbara Grudt – 2114 Goodrich Ave.**

Book: **no book assigned**

We hope you'll join us for our annual summer picnic in Barbara's back yard. Bring something for the grill for yourself, and a dish to share. Friends and spouses are especially invited to attend. Call **Barbara at 651-698-9160** or **Lynda Hirschboeck at 651-698-7399** if you have questions.



Date and time: **August 25, 2011 at 7:00 PM**

Host: **Jenn Baese – 2187 Dayton Ave.**

Book: **no book assigned**

Please note the change of date, and that we will not be discussing a book. This is the night we pick the books for next year, so please come with your suggestions. Contact **Lynda Hirschboeck at 651-698-7399** or **hirschbo@gmail.com** if you have questions.

Pilgrim Softball is Almost Here!



The time has come to commit to playing on the Pilgrim softball team for 2011. **Whether you are a returning veteran or a rookie newcomer, you are welcome on the team!** I would appreciate if everyone who is interested in being on the team (newcomers and veterans alike) would send me an e-mail (at **craig@craiggoldmanlaw.com**) so that I can get a group e-mail list going. Games are on **Sunday evenings from mid-July to late August**. I do not yet have a schedule, but will e-mail one to everyone as soon as I get it. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and exercise in the sun, and I hope to see many (MANY) of you on the field.

Craig Goldman

Attention Artists And Crafters:

Are you interested in being part of a Christmas Bazaar? Tentative date is in **early November**. Call Kate Drexler Booth (651-645-4752) or Barbara Grudt (651-698-9160) for more information.

May Mission of the Month Giving Report

In May a group of six Pilgrims served a meal at Our Savior's Emergency Shelter for about 30 adults living at the shelter. Pilgrims cooked the food and then served and ate with the group. It was a great experience to share a meal with people who appreciated it so much. Pilgrims also took a collection in May that contributed to toiletries for the shelter.

July Mission of the Month: Community Emergency Service

This July, our mission of the month focuses on hunger: Pastor Lynn Peterson, one of Pilgrim's Renewers in Residence, has been leading us in contemplation of the hunger that exists even if we are unaware. We thank her for sharing her empowering stories with Pilgrim, and for her work with Community Emergency Service giving away food every Friday, no questions asked, no charts, no guidelines, just food for people who need it.

In June, many Pilgrims joined Pastor Peterson on a field trip to either Community Emergency Service or serving a meal with Loaves and Fishes. In order to continue this contemplation of hunger and support of this important work, Community Emergency Service is Pilgrim's July Mission of the Month. Please financially support their work feeding hungry people, in addition to writing a check, consider bringing in a few items for the food shelf as well!

August Mission of the Month: School Tools

For the August Mission of the Month, Pilgrim will be participating again in the School Tools program by the St Paul Area Council of Churches (SPCC).

SPCC conducts an annual school supply collection during the summer, to help children in inner city schools that are in need of school supplies. Last year, multiple churches donated more than \$25,000 worth of school supplies to multiple schools and agencies, including: American Indian Magnet School, Community School of Excellence, Department of Indian Work - Emergency Services, Emma's Place: Emma Norton Services, Project SPIRIT, St. Paul Public Schools Title I Program for Homeless Families and Children

In 2010, Pilgrims were very generous in their school tool donations and we hope to match or exceed our donations from last year!!

Donations of new school supplies can be left in the "School Tools" box in the narthex, or monetary donations can be made using the blue envelopes in the pews (please note on the envelope that the money is for School Tools).

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.

August Worship Team Leader

Beth Nelson (651-699-5527)

Adelmann, Jeanne (Andrew, Lydia, Maya)	Gustafson, Ron & Trudith (Nils)	Ohland, Alysa
Bast, Bert	Hogquist, Don	Olson, Jimmy & Julie (Ben, Eva)
Breimhorst, Dane & Zoe	Jameson, Steve & Hogquist, Kris	Olson, Russell & Marie
Bruggeman, Nancy	(Samuel, Laura)	Roberts Bauer, Michele
Day, James & Melanie	Johnson, Erik & Melissa (Solweig)	Schulz, Patricia
Dunagan, Jane (Sunniva, Zhanna)	Johnson, Karen	Scott-Halverson, Linda
Dunn, Todd & Stacy (Ellen)	Johnson, Mardell	Smith, Eric & Kragerud-Smith, Erica (Amelia, Everett)
Filer, Deb	Lampert, Ken	Utter, Tom & Marilyn (David, Steven, Christine)
Goldman, Craig & Kelli (William, Charles, Joseph)	Leach, Tim (Kevin, Kristin, Shannon)	
Gunsten, Mark & Lee	Lindgren, Becky (John Olson)	
	Madson-Ankeny, Elizabeth & Ankeny, Jay (Hannah)	

September Worship Team Leader

Beth Nelson (651-699-5527)

Anderson, Michelle (Brandy, Briana, Tristan)	Dryden, Bret & Rosie Doege Dryden (Finn)	Hartz, M. Brian
Anderson-Stembridge, Matthew & Kirsten (Solvei)	Fasching, Shirley	Koukol, Matt & Catherine Kraft
Behling, Brock and Danielle	Foss, Marsha	Lewis, Corby & Kari
Beulke, John	Foss, Owen	Marwede, Dwight & Christine Bright Marwede
Boehm, Jim & Bonnie	Greseth, Scott & Teresa (Nicholas, Ellie)	Moore, John
Boelke, Nathan & Rachel (Josh, Ella, Lilja)	Grudt, Barbara	Mueller, Catherine (Lucas)
Campbell, Chris	Gusdal, Jonathan & Hagander, Sonja (Benjamin, Emilia)	Ninow, Dan & Heather (Charles, Hana, Hadley)
	Haan, Phil & Joan (Elizabeth)	

Ormseth, Paul & Katie
(Eloise)
Robertson, Kelly & Jeff
Rossi, Dave & Barb
Royer, Matt & Shannon

Ruda, Melanie and
Katia McDonough
Samuelson, Meredith & Carl
Stolp, Art & Bev

Swenson, Scott & Kris
(Cameron, Parker)
Thompson, Chris
Whetstone, Micah & Michele
(Benjamin, Abram)

Children & Youth

Sunday School Volunteers Needed for this Fall!

If you feel called to volunteer in any way with next year's Sunday School program, please email Karin at KarinJohnson@pilgrimstpaul.org.

Thanksgiving for 2011 Pilgrim Vacation Bible School

Thank you to all who helped make our 2011 Vacation Bible School (VBS) a success! About 35 children were inspired to grow in faith, had fun, and learned how they could change the world by practicing stewardship of creation! We are thankful for all the parents and grandparents and staff who supported our time together.

Mark your Calendars!

Sunday School starts this fall on Rally Sunday – September 11!

Beyond Pilgrim

The Fourth Annual Interfaith Retreat 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

1 PM Friday, July 29 - 3 PM Sunday, July 31, 2011, 20 minutes North of the Twin Cities. Facilitated by Joan Haan, Pilgrim member and SPIN Planning Team, and Rev. Don Christensen, MN FOR

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 includes all program expenses: \$200.00. Scholarship assistance is available. **Registration is limited to 15**. 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: Pat Comeford, sister of Jeanne Comeford, hospitalized; Gene Vogel, recovering from prostate surgery and a broken hip; Bert Bast, recovering from pacemaker surgery; Kay Tews, mother of Anne Tews, diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and COPD; Lillian Knutson, health concerns; Jay Oakman, recovering from thyroid cancer surgery; Ray Youngbauer, in hospice care; Karen Johnson, recovering from surgery and undergoing treatment for lymphoma; Pastor Bonnie Pene, at the return of her cancer; and the ministry and people of Lugana Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

Continued health concerns: Gjertrud Anderson, Owen and Ethan Christenson, Hannah Elizabeth Ankeny, Serena Mira Asta, Ron Landt, 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: 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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Parochial Report

July Birthdays	July Anniversaries
1 Jean Carlson	2 Lois & Don Holst
1 Carl Hokanson	2 Teresa & Scott Greseth
1 Leone Vogel	5 Kim Dirks & Christine Fenne
2 Kari Houtkooper Brennan	6 Todd & Stephanie Meyer
2 Noah Kirubakeren	6 John & Nancy Bruggeman
2 Margaret Olson	8 Luke & Courtney Knutson
2 Thomas Utter	10 Mark & Lynda Hirschboeck
3 Nora Schulze	11 Gene & Leone Vogel
4 Brian Towne	13 Dave & Kathryn Berglund
5 Jennifer Baese	22 Katia (Kathleen) McDonough & Melanie Ruda
5 Brianna Lloyd	23 Kris Hogquist & Steve Jameson
7 Ruby Peterson	27 Jennifer & Drew Baese
7 Carole Wilke	27 Karie & Martin Johnson
8 Shannon Kirubakeren	29 Jen & Pete Newburg
8 Dorothy Rogosheske	30 Caleb & Katharine Drexler Booth
9 Stacy Dunn	
9 Ellen Dunn	
10 Gail Chapman	
10 Rodney Olsen	
11 Charles Regal	
12 Elle Royer	
14 Zachary Conklin	
14 Debbie Thomas	
17 Claudia Becker	
18 Gwenyth Sherman	
19 William Goldman	
19 Eric Kaluza	
19 Beth Stassen	
21 Serena Asta	
21 Marion Gilsdorf	
21 Juliann Johnson	
22 Ella Boelke	
22 Lois Eliason	
22 Arthur Stolp	
24 David Hirschboeck	
24 Kristine Swenson	
26 Steven Grandt	
27 Jennifer Kroschel	
27 Maggie Leshner	
29 Courtney Knutson	
31 Paul Hardt	
31 Russell Olson	

August Birthdays	August Anniversaries
1 Judith Boehm	1 Trisha & Adam Reinwald
1 M.J. Dempsey	2 Thomas & Sandra Boehm
1 Greg Mergens	4 Chester & Leona Gordon
2 Jeri Schuessler	5 Zachary & Elizabeth Conklin
4 Dorothy Heinz	5 Kari & Greg Douma
5 Erik Johnson	8 Lee & Brenda Huenecke
6 Theodore Miller	8 Miriam & Allan Shuros
7 Sandra Boehm	9 Eric Smith & Erica Kragerud-Smith
7 Timothy O'Brien	10 M.J. Dempsey & Scott Swanson
9 Danielle Behling	10 Maggie & Nick Bruecken
9 Ben Prather	11 Roger & Patricia Sween
9 Allan Shuros	11 Jeanne & Andrew Adelman
10 Henry Bruecken	14 Cynthia & Thomas Wichelmann
10 Ella Douma	17 Matthew & Kirsten Anderson-Stembridge
10 Jean Omodt	18 Gail & Jon Chapman
10 Barbara Rossi	19 Melanie & James Day
11 Kristin Boylan	22 Marilyn & Thomas Utter
12 Susan Shetka	26 Bonnie & James Boehm
13 Lorine Mack	29 Michael & Nicole McCullough
17 Dmitry Baese	31 Jane & Patrick Dunagan
17 Brock Behling	
17 Chris Campbell	
20 Karen Johnson	
21 Pete Newburg	
22 Joshua Boelke	
22 Sheila Hoffman	
22 Donna White	
24 George Newburg	
24 Jack Paulson	
25 Jim Kroschel	
25 Nicole McCullough	
25 Dee Stadt	
27 Stephanie Meyer	
28 Ella Kahnert	
29 Michelle Theilen	
30 Kenzie Tenter - Fox	
31 Caleb Drexler Booth	
31 Anna Himmer	

Looking Ahead – Mark your Calendars!

September 11 – First Sunday after Labor Day:

Regular Sunday Worship Schedule Begins: 8:30 and 11 AM

Rally Sunday! Sunday School Begins

Saint Clair Sunday Evening Worship Begins

Wednesday, September 14

Midweek @ Pilgrim Begins

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