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PILGRIM NEWS

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A FUTURE AND HOPE FOR PILGRIM

I brought my granddaughter Claire with me to Pilgrim one Friday morning. Rachael and I would be meeting to review the worship services we were planning for Pilgrim. Jim kindly suggested that Claire could wait for me in the children's area. So Claire and I found the children's area. She looked around the well appointed room. I could tell the room met the approval of a soon to be nine year old who would be entering fourth grade. She chose a spot to make her own. Claire set her iPod Nano down at the table to read while waiting for her grandfather to finish his business. I left for my meeting with Rachael.

Rachael and I had a good meeting reviewing the music she had chosen and talking about worship. I had already heard her skills on the organ. Now I could see her love for creating worship for God's people at Pilgrim. Pilgrim is blessed to have Mary, Jim, Rachael and Pastor Frantz as staff.

In the few weeks that I have been at Pilgrim I have experienced a warm gracious congregation. In my conversations with many of you I have discovered what a talented congregation you are. Walking around during the coffee time after the worship services I have observed a congregation that enjoys being together. The qualities I have seen and experienced are all signs of a healthy church.

I know that Pilgrim is aware of the change that is coming. My presence is just a little ripple of that change. Some of you have shared with me the uncertainty of what the future may bring to Pilgrim. This is only natural for a congregation that is experiencing a season of transition. I leave you with a gift that has meant a lot to me in my forty years as pastor. The gift I offer you are the words of Jeremiah to Israel during their time of national transition. Jeremiah gave Israel these words from God himself: *"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."* Jeremiah 29:11.

In my many changes and transitions as a pastor, these words from God have sustained me and encouraged me as I have journeyed into a new future. May you find in them encouragement for the future God has for you.

Rev Fred Lund

WORSHIP AND POTLUCK ON THE LAWN JULY 27TH

Fred's sermon is *Dress for Success*, but the Worship and Arts Ministry suggest you dress for the weather on July 27! We will worship outdoors on the front lawn —bring your lawn chair or blanket if you like. Stay for a potluck meal following the service.

The Membership and Growth Ministry Committee are looking for a few volunteers who would be willing to distribute invitational flyers in the neighborhood prior to this service. If you are willing to distribute flyers on the block where you live, and maybe a neighboring block or two, contact Bobbi Edwards, 728-4974 or roblenedw@msn.com. Thank you.



PILGRIM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT DAMIANO CENTER

Pilgrim has had a long-term commitment to have a crew cook a meal a month for the Damiano Center. Five or six volunteers are under the direction of the Damiano staff to prepare and serve lunch on the fourth Monday of every month. We need several people who would like to assist. You do not have to commit to a certain number of times. An email is sent out requesting volunteers, and if you can come, you will join several other Pilgrims. Please contact the church office if you would like to be added to the list of Damiano volunteers.

CHUM NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 5
6:00-8:00 pm

CHUM supporters, congregational members, volunteers and friends are invited to share with us in an evening of food, music and fun! The picnic will be held in the CHUM East Food Shelf parking lot, 120 N First Avenue West, between the alley and Second Street.

PILGRIM'S JAECKEL ORGAN 25TH ANNIVERSARY

**Save the date
September 19**

We will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Jaeckel organ.



PACT TV REGULAR BROADCAST

Pilgrim's regular broadcasts on Channel 7 are Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm and Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 am. repeated at 8:30-9:30 pm.

July 30 and 31 "Strong Hearts" by the Rev. Charlotte Frantz from June 22, 2014

August 6 and 7 "Strength and Kindness: The Shepherd King" by the Rev. Fred Lund from June 29, 2014

August 13 and 14 "Jesus-The Unifying Principle" by the Rev. Fred Lund from July 6, 2014

August 20 and 21 "Jesus-The Universal Remedy" by the Rev. Fred Lund from July 13, 2014

August 27 and 28 "Jesus-The Universal Anchor of Our Faith" by the Rev. Fred Lund from July 20, 2014

PILGRIM ENERGY RETROFIT UPDATE - SUMMER 2014

Since our last report in April (when there was snow on the ground!!), we have been quite busy in wrapping up the lighting projects we started in 2013, and moving ahead with our 2014 projects.

"2013" Lighting projects completed – The new outdoor LED lights were all installed by the first week of June, which was the last lights to be replaced as part of our 2013 planning. They are a whiter, brighter, and much more efficient lighting effect than we had been previously using – be sure to check it out if you are in the area at night! Big thanks to Karl from Parsons Electric for the install, ON2 Solutions for the expert advice, and MN Power that provided \$6800 worth of rebates for about \$10300 in total lighting costs!

2014 Projects – Thanks to a generous individual donation, we were able to start to attend to some of our planned lighting upgrades for this year starting in April! To date we've replaced over 200 old fluorescent lights with new bulbs and ballasts that are close to 25% more efficient, as well as brighter. Areas attended to thus far include the offices, nursery, preschool, and basement bathrooms. Fellowship Hall's lights are next on the project docket! We are currently finishing up our planning process for more lighting upgrades, in our sanctuary and other assorted areas of the building, as well as modifications to our thermostat controls so that we can turn down the heat at night and save on our gas bill!

And finally, all this attention to lighting is starting to really show up in our electric bill, with last months kWh used *over 23% less than during the same time in 2012!* Thanks again to all for your support and interest in this continuing effort to green our church and help our bottom line!

2015 SERVICE LEARNING TRIP

Interested in travel, learning about another culture, visiting a sponsored child? We are starting to think of returning to Common Hope in Antigua, Guatemala for another service learning trip in summer 2015. There is a signup sheet in Salter Hall to indicate interest and talk to Nan Hillmeyer. Or email nhillmeyer@me.net.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 27

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Worship on the Lawn**

10:00 am Worship

Dress for Success

The Rev. Fred Lund

11:00 am Potluck Meal following worship

Childcare available 9:30-11:30 am

August 3

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Worship and Holy Communion

Our Message of Joy

The Rev. Fred Lund

11:00 am Coffee Hour

Childcare available 9:30-11:30 am

August 10

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Worship

Our Boots Were Made for Walking

The Rev. Fred Lund

11:00 am Coffee Hour

Childcare available 9:30-11:30 am

August 17

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Worship

The Rev. Charlotte Frantz

11:00 am Coffee Hour

Childcare available 9:30-11:30 am

August 24

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Worship

The Rev. Charlotte Frantz

11:00 am Coffee Hour

Childcare available 9:30-11:30 am

August 31

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 Worship

The Rev. Charlotte Frantz

11:00 Coffee Hour

Childcare available 9:30-11:30 am

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A SUMMER REMINDER—

Please use the friendship registers AND ask visitors and guests to sign them. This is an important key to our following up on visitors. Visitors will be more likely to sign if you take the initiative to sign yourself and then pass the register on with a request that they sign as well.

CARING FOR EACH OTHER

While Charlotte is on sabbatical, Fred Lund and the BeFrienders will continue the ministry of caring for members and friends who are ill, hospitalized, in recovery, or in some other crisis. They will welcome your invitations, requests and referrals—for yourself or for someone else. Throughout the summer, there will be an assigned BeFriender “on call” to make hospital and rehab visits. If a member or friend of the congregation is in intensive care, the emergency room, or other acute crisis, Fred will be available and willing to be of assistance.

You can call the church office and get information from Jim Brower about whom to contact. Or you can call the BeFriender “on call” directly. Or you can contact Fred directly. Pilgrim is fortunate to have both a sabbatical supply minister and trained members of the congregation to carry out this ministry.

Befrienders on call for July and August:

July 23-July 31, Julie Drake 218-343-3354

August 1-August 3, Cindy Fochs, 218-728-2061

August 4-August 7, Bob Hensley 515-419-4620

August 8-August 13, Paula Bjoralt, 218-724-0026

Fred can be reached at 218-728-5088 or

revlund@msn.com.

Charlotte will return from her sabbatical on August 14.

PILGRIM CHURCH STAFF

Charlotte Frantz, Minister

Fred Lund, Sabbatical Minister

Mary Sopoci, Business Manager

Jim Brower, Administrative Assistant

Rachael Kresha, Director of Music

Bret Amundson, Director of Choral Music

Kristi Beaver, Childcare Attendant

PARISH POSTS

Thanks to Julie Johnson, Nan Hillmeyer and John Jensen who made it possible for St. Mark AME to hold Robbie's Closet Luncheon and Spring Fashion Show at Pilgrim. St. Mark appreciated the space and hospitality.

Christian Education and Human Resources Ministries,

Thank you so much for the gift card! I will definitely be putting it to good use as I prepare for AmeriCorps. Being a member of Pilgrim Church has impacted my life in so many ways and I am so grateful for the opportunities I've received.

Thanks, Sophie Hillmeyer

Dear Everyone,
Life House and the youth we serve are better today because of your continuous support. I just wanted you to hear it from me. Thanks you.

Shannon Hoffman, Development Director

Dear Charlotte,
Last week the M.V. Federal Mattawa arrived after a three week anchorage—its' crew overdue for time on shore. Unfortunately, ten of the twenty did not have visas and therefore were unable to leave their ship. I'm so glad for the Wi-Fi hotspot and cell phones we provide them. Thank you for your support of these services.

I will be retiring on June 25th, so this is the last letter I am writing as director of Seafarers Ministry. Thank you so much for your friendship and support of this ministry over the years. I have been richly blessed to see God at work in the lives of international seafarers and in the hearts, hands and feet of all of our volunteers and supporters like you. In retirement I will be active with family, neighbors and congregation in Cloquet.

I am so pleased that our Board of Directors has found, in Rev. Douglas Paulson, a gifted and compassionate leader who will be the director of this ministry beginning June 26th. Thank you again for being so good to seafarers and for sharing God's grace.

Rev. Tom Anderson

Dear Friends at Pilgrim Congregational Church,
Thank you for pulling up a chair to the "welcome table" at United Theological Seminary with your quarterly gift of \$112.50. This year's class at United's "Welcome table" is more international and multi-racial than previous classes. Thank you very much for being part of United and supporting life-changing theological education.

Rev, Kathleen Redmund,
Director of Church Relations and Grants

PARISH PERSONALS

Congratulations to **Len and Bobbie Edwards** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 3.

Also congratulations to **Bob and Betty Josephs** in celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 20.

Welcome to the world **James Alan Kresha** born July 22 to proud parent **Rachael and Jonathan Kresha** and grandparents **Lauri and Steve Cushing**.

John Huebsch, whose family founded Common Hope, died July 21, 2014. A memorial service in Antigua, Guatemala was on July 24th. Plans are pending for a memorial in the USA.

EXTRAVAGANT WELCOME

This month's tip is: Intergenerational Introductions

Try and introduce yourself to someone outside your age group. Try talking to one of the children, ask what do they enjoy most about Sunday School, what do they like best about Pilgrim? We have some incredible seniors that have a lifetime of stories and interests, enjoy a chat with them. If you are a mid-generation you can reach out to almost anyone. Once you have introduced yourself, can you pair up your intergenerational partner to someone you know has some interest in common. By mixing up the groups of people conversing, you will create a change in the dynamics, creating a more welcoming and inclusive Pilgrim atmosphere.



WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

There is a new date for the August women's book group. We will meet at Lois Heller's home instead of at church. Please join us for a fun, relaxing evening up the shore!

Date: Monday, **August 25 at 6 PM**

Place: Lois Heller's home
9129 Congdon Blvd.
724-3510

Book: Orphan Train by Cristina Kline
Facilitator: Jenny

*Please bring a dish to share. Lois will provide beverages.

*We will meet at 5:30 at church to carpool. Please RSVP to Joan Setterlund by email (jsetterlund@msn.com) or phone (727-4986) if you have questions or if you would like to carpool.

PIES FOR THE RHUBARB FESTIVAL



Thanks to Ben and Josie Olson and Marge Fraser who baked 40 rhubarb pies for the CHUM Rhubarb Festival. They were among the 1048 baked by faith communities last week. All of them were sold by 1:00 pm.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Wednesday, September 3	6:00 pm	Bellissimo Rehearsals resume
Sunday, September 7		Gathering Sunday-Sunday School Begins
Wednesday, September 10	7:15 pm	Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal resume
Thursday, September 18	6:00 pm	Joyful Noise-
Friday, September 19	7:00 pm	25 th Anniversary Concert of the Jaeckel Organ featuring Dr. Jesse Eschbach.
Saturday, October 25	9:00 am	Pumpkin Carving
Sunday, October 26	5:00 pm	Hogwarts Halloween Party-Pilgrim Church is the site of a community-wide Harry Potter themed Halloween party. The party is FREE and open to the public.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

Thank you all so much for the \$200 in donations to Strengthen the Church, an offering which helps fund Stillspeaking Ministry, helps new and renewing churches and supports young adult ministries.

PILGRIM BUDGET INFORMATION

Year to date income continues to lag behind last year. This fact combined with the increase in budgeted expense leaves us with a deficit which is twice that of this time last year.

June2014	Year to Date
Income \$ 21,821.50	171,625.87
<u>Expenses \$ 32,673.41</u>	<u>205,496.43</u>
Difference (\$10,815.95)	(33,870.56)

Mortgage
Notes \$21,000
Loan \$25,749
\$46,749

Our many thanks to those whose pledges are up to date or even paid in full. It helps our cash flow tremendously.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPING TRIP

Sunday - Tuesday, August 17-19 Just a reminder to get signed up for the Middle School camping trip in August! Siiri Truckey, Brooke Hanlon and Annika Nielsen are interested in going. Cost is \$30, Ask Jackie Falk (724-7407), adult leader, for more information if you are interested.

PLAYA DE CUBA!!

Please join us at our annual summer fundraiser for **Witness for Peace-Upper Midwest**, on **Thursday, July 31st, 6 - 9 pm**, at the Lafayette Community Center, Minnesota Ave., 30th block, Park Point. Enjoy delicious Cuban food, provided by Koresh and Jill Lakhan and the Duluth Grill! Hear stories from Witness for Peace delegates who traveled to Cuba last winter. Tap your toes to the beat of Latin music. No admission fee, however your support for our ongoing solidarity work in Latin America is greatly appreciated! Contact Lyn Clark Pegg-218-348-3048 (cell).

FILM "EATING MERCIFULLY"

On Wednesday evening, July 30, there will be a screening and discussion of the movie "Eating Mercifully" at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, beginning at 7pm.

This 26-minute movie from the Humane Society of the United States considers a Christian response to the horrors of factory farming. Discussion will focus on identifying humane alternatives available locally, and practical steps in taking up this work of mercy and compassion as faith communities. Moderator Bonnie Ambrosi is hoping to have many local faith communities represented at this event. For more information, contact her at bonnieambrosi@gmail.com.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY 50 CENT SALE COMING IN SEPTEMBER

United Campus Ministry will again be having a 50 cent sale which will be in conjunction with Hope UMC's final book sale, on Saturday, September 27th! The sale will again benefit United Campus Ministry so that we may have a presence on campus at UMD.

Save your stuff for UMC! The 50 cent sale will include anything except clothing. **The FINAL book sale** needs your books to make it the best sale ever! You can bring books to Hope anytime and we will collect them through the day of the sale.

If you would like to volunteer for either sale, we would be most grateful! Just let Cynthia know! ucmduluth@gmail.com or 218-260-3114.

NEW ADDRESS FOR UCM

Please change your address for UCM. Hope United Methodist Church has agreed to be the mailing address. Here is our new mailing address:

United Campus Ministry
301 W. St. Marie St.
Duluth MN 55803

INDIAN DINNER FUNDRAISER

Each month, Gloria Dei Church hosts a free breakfast for around 200 people in their hillside neighborhood. On August 9th there will be an Indian dinner and a free will offering to raise money for this project. Koresh Lakhan will once again have a team of cooks helping to prepare this meal and our congregation was invited to reserve a table for 10. If you are interested in joining us and raising funds for this monthly breakfast at Gloria Dei, call Joan or Jack Setterlund at 728-4986 by August 2.

CHUM GIFT REGISTRY FOR STEVE O' NEIL APARTMENT FURNISHINGS

The gift registry is designed in the manner of a wedding or shower gift registry where anyone can access the website to select and purchase their gift. Go to chumduluth.org to access the gift registry.

"This is an effort to furnish all 50 units in the building, so when families move in they will have everything they need," explains Stuart. The process will take some time as CHUM will be looking for community members to donate lamps, tables, beds, flatware, and everything else a basic living situation provides.

There are a range of opportunities. One can choose to furnish an entire apartment or purchase an individual item. A commitment to purchase all the toasters has been made and a group of local craftsmen are building bed frames.

Families moving into the Steve O'Neil Apartments, or the CHUM Emergency Family Shelter apartments in the same building, will have a history of homelessness. And generally, moving from one place to another means loss of personal property. We want them to feel at home and have what they need when they walk in the door.

The gift registry has been set up in conjunction with Target Corporation, Loll and other businesses.

CHUM NEEDS

Street Outreach– Tarps, bug spray, sleeping bags and tents are needed as the weather warms. If you have new or used equipment to donate, call 720-6521. New chap stick is also needed.

LSYC'S SUMMER SING MUSIC CAMP

Summer Sing! is a four-day camp for singers entering grades 3-6 Fall 2014.

**Monday-Thursday, August 11-14
9:00am-4:00pm**

The College of Saint Scholastica
Tuition \$100

Make new friends while singing, moving, learning music fundamentals, and other fun activities. Students will receive an LSYC t-shirt, bag, and water bottle. Lunch and snacks provided daily. The week concludes with an informal concert.

To Register for the Camp visit:

www.lsyouthchorus.org

HIGHLIGHTS JULY 27-AUGUST 25

Sunday, July 27	10:00 am	Worship on the Lawn
	11:00 am	Coffee and Potluck Picnic
Monday, July 28	8:30 am	Cooking at Damiano's
Tuesday, July 29		Turkey's Playoffs
Wednesday, July 30	7:00 pm	Youth at Peace
Sunday, August 3	10:00 am	Worship and Holy Communion
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Tuesday, August 5	6:30 pm	Leadership Team
		Turkey's Playoffs
	6:00 pm	CHUM National Night Out
Wednesday, August 6	7:00 pm	Youth at Peace
Sunday, August 10	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	6:30 pm	Confirmation class
Tuesday, August 12		All Ministry Night
Wed., August 13	7:00 pm	Youth at Peace
Sunday, August 17	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Tuesday, August 19	7:00 pm	BeFriends
Wed., August 20	7:00 pm	Youth at Peace
Sunday, August 24	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Monday, August 25		Newsletter Deadline
	8:30 am	Cooking at Damiano Center
	6:00 pm	Women's Book Group at Heller's
Tuesday, August 26	6:00 pm	Church Council
Wed., August 27	7:00 pm	Youth at Peace
Thursday, August 28	1:00 pm	Newsletter Assembly

Next Newsletter Deadline is Monday, August 25

NEXT ALL MINISTRY NIGHT

August 12

Check the time of your Ministry meeting.

"It's very impressive when people actually accomplish something instead of just railing against corruption. As I get older, I tend to value people who actually work and try to get things done."

- John Cusack, Actor

—www.instituteforcivility.org

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

July 27-Ushers

Julie Drake and Tucker Hanlon

Greeters/Coffee

Huck and Karen Andresen

Lay Reader

Julie Drake

August 3-Ushers

Jack Kemp, Tammy Hensley and

Stacey Achterhoff

Greeters/Coffee

Mike and Sophie Hillmeyer

Lay Reader

Joseph Grant

August 10-Ushers

Jack Kemp and Jean Walters

Greeters/Coffee

Margo and Dave Zentner

Lay Reader

Charlotte Taylor

August 17-Ushers

Jack Kemp and Martin Grune

Greeters/Coffee

Jane and George Killough

Lay Reader

Julie Drake

August 24-Ushers

Jack Kemp and Avon Power

Greeters/Coffee

Bobbi and Len Edwards

Lay Reader

Jane Killough

August 31-Ushers

Jack Kemp and Julie Drake

Greeters/Coffee

Charles Walters and Denny Falk

Lay Reader

Jean Walters

Please arrive at church between 9:15 and 9:30 to allow enough time to get ready for worship. Thank you!

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Office hours are 9-4, Monday through Friday. You can reach us at:
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or www.pilgrimduluth.org

Upcoming Events

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- July 28 Volunteering at Damiano Center**
- August 3 Worship and Holy Communion**
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