

Pilgrim's Progress

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Money Matters

We go to schools to become equipped to earn it. Then we spend the rest of our lives getting it. We invest countless hours in thought and discussion on how we're going to handle it. We walk around shopping malls determining how we're going to spend it. We get caught up worrying that we won't have enough of it. We dream and scheme to figure out ways to acquire more of it. Arguments over it are the leading cause of marital disintegration, business partner breakups, and government shutdowns.

The obsession with getting more of it destroys many lives. Its absence causes endless nightmares. Some call it the root of all evil. Others call it the means for great good. But we cannot afford to ignore the reality or the importance of money.

Neither does St. Paul. The apostle's most thorough teaching about money is in 2 Corinthians 8 and 9. So, it is fitting that our stewardship emphasis this year is based upon these two chapters. We're calling the emphasis, "Money Matters."

The sermons will be:

1. "The Macedonian Model" (2 Corinthians 8.1-9) on October 7 & 10
2. "Hey, Big Spender" (1 Corinthians 9.1-7) on October 14 & 17
3. "Sowing and Harvesting" (2 Corinthians 9.8-15) on October 21 & 24

Along with these sermons, you will receive a stewardship letter when you come to worship on Sunday, October 7 or Wednesday, October 10. If you are not able to attend worship either of those days, you will receive the letter by mail. Those letters will include a commitment form that you may return on either Sunday, October 21 or Wednesday, October 24. In addition, the Stewardship Committee is highlighting ways of giving electronically this year. You will find a piece about that later in this newsletter. There will also be bulletin inserts specifically on that topic throughout the emphasis.

For Christian stewards who believe that everything is owned by God (Psalm 24.1), we receive *everything* as a good gift of God. He owns it all, but He graciously gives it to us to use to His glory and the benefit of our neighbors. While "everything" includes money, we tend

to view money as our own, something we have earned and deserve. Because of this and because of the important part money plays in our lives, we will do well to look to the Lord and listen to His Word through St. Paul to the end that we be found faithful even "Money Matters" (Matthew 25.14-30).

In Christ, our Redeemer,
Pastor Rusnak



"How beautiful on the mountain are the feet that bring good news . . ."
Isaiah 52 v.7

Our next meeting is Friday, October 12th at 7pm. We will have a devotion, national mite report and a time for fellowship as we prepare for the Zone 4 rally on Saturday.

OCT 13th Pilgrim Lutheran Church
2664 N 68th St. Wauwatosa, WI

FALL

Rally

Breakfast served at 8:30 a.m.
Program starts at 9:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Carol Burns, Postsecondary Director
Bethesda College at Concordia University Wisconsin

Zone 4
LWML
South Wisconsin District

Zone 4 is made up of women from Benediction, Covenant, Immanuel Brookfield, Mt. Olive, Our Redeemer, Pilgrim and Zion.

During the months of **October and November** we are asking members of Pilgrim to donate items for LWML to assemble Birthday Boxes for Bethesda at our December meeting.

The Birthday Box Project will help staff plan birthday events for those supported by Bethesda. The focus of this ministry is to involve congregations and youth in disability ministry.

Donations needed: birthday cards, paper plates and napkins, balloons, streamers and other decorations, a small gift – such as a devotion or prayer book, Christian CD, gift card or movie tickets.

ANNIVERSARIES

Paul and Nancy Janowski	10/11
Andrew and Jessica Staff	10/18

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

Gracelyn Moritz	10/03
Randy Geipel	10/12
Steven Sullivan	10/14
Lisa Phillips	10/17
Warren Schmidt	10/17
John Bognar	10/18
Elaine Guetz	10/24
Mike Zawacki	10/25
Andy Doebele	10/25
Andrew Bristow	10/30
Betty Brye	10/31

SCRIP offers money to our PCDC without charging us **anything!** It works by selling to us at a discount. We resell the items at face value and get to keep the discounted amount. So, if you shop at **Pick’N Save, Bunzel’s, Meier’s,** go to **Kohl’s, Macy’s** or the many **restaurants** just use **SCRIP** from these stores, the PCDC gets between 3% and 7% for every dollar you spend.

Check out our inventory for restaurants – we may have your favorite or be able to order it. Stop downstairs Sunday and pick up a list of our inventory or at the PCDC Tuesday through Friday.

Questions –Sue!



Along with our annual Stewardship emphasis this year we are introducing a new and easier way to support our church. At the same time we are going to remind you of a couple of old ways that are underutilized.

New is the ‘Give+Church’ app that can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play for free. Use your smart phone or tablet and a credit/debit card. This allows you to make a onetime donation or to set up a regular monthly or bimonthly donation. You can set up any amount – minimum is \$5.00. This app is super secure. It is powered by Vanco, which Pilgrim and the So. WI District have used for years. A report is sent to Pilgrim and it will show up on your annual statement. An added plus for you—if you have a “cash back” card you will get rewarded for your donation!

The two older methods are: 1) Fill out a form available in the church office. You decide the amount of your gift and what time of the month you want it deducted, beginning or middle. Again, a report is sent to Pilgrim and will be on your statement. 2) Set up a ‘bill pay’ with your own bank. This can be done by visiting your local branch or going online to the bank’s website. Again you are in charge of setting up the amount and timing of the deduction. On these last two - don’t forget to subtract the amount in your checkbook!

By using any of these methods we can cover ourselves when on vacation or if inclement weather keeps us at home. Church expenses do not go on vacation!

Anchored in Christ Sunday School 2018-1019

Our Sunday School Program is off to an exciting start! Rally Day was September 9th and we had a wonderful morning. We were thankful for the opportunity to visit with the Ferry family, and we will be supporting them with our offerings this semester. Ice cream sundaes were enjoyed by all, followed by a lesson about our theme for the year, "Anchored in Christ." We then headed outside to decorate T-shirts and squirt gun paint a banner! This year, along with our lessons, we are focusing more on learning memory work each week. Look for the children to sing in worship in the coming months.

We say good-bye to the Ferry family and look forward to exchanging letters and maybe even face timing them this quarter



Celebrating Joan Phillips



On September 16th Pilgrim celebrated Joan's service to the families of the congregation. Throughout the years Joan served her Lord in many ways, the most memorable of which was the Director of the Child Care. She also was the Care Provider of Pilgrim's After-School Program, helped with Hot Lunch and the Refreshment Stand at Tournaments, as well as a member of the Board of Education, Ladies Guild, and Evening Circle. Joan is remembered for her many Fundraising Projects, such as the Popcorn Sale, Auction, and Rummage Sale. She helped with the Easter Breakfast, Senior Dinner, and Christmas Decorating.



Following the service a reception was held in the Church Parlor in her honor. Many old friends of Pilgrim, as well as current members gathered to thank Joan. Pastor Peckman took us down Memory Lane to the beginnings of the Pilgrim Child Development Center, highlighting Joan's role in its development. We pray that God grants Joan a happy and fulfilled Retirement.



The PCDC Board wishes to thank all who helped with this event.