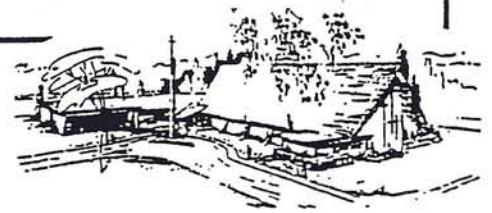




PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

APRIL 2012



FROM THE PASTOR - "VICTORY!"

Dear Fellow Pilgrims:

Every year the Christian Church celebrates Easter, to remind us of the most glorious victory in history.

The large stone at the entrance of Christ's tomb, officially sealed and carefully guarded, had been rolled away by an angel. The frightened guards rushed to report this shocking occurrence to their startled superiors.

Faithful, frightened women entered the open tomb and were told by an angel that their sorrow, their spices and perfumes were no longer necessary. Triumphant joy should now fill their hearts. The angel asked them – "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" And then he told them – "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead.'"

What a tremendous, jubilant message of victory! Jesus fulfilled the promise concerning His resurrection. This proves conclusively that He is the Son of God, that His Word and all His promises are true, that He has atoned for our sins, and that He will also raise us from the dead and give to us eternal life.

Easter fills our hearts with conquering joy. We sing songs of triumph and praise. Jesus Christ has redeemed us from sin, from death, and from the power of the devil. Let us receive this redemption, this victory in true faith, and then let us show our gratitude by living to and for Him, who died for us and rose again.

Yours, in the crucified and risen Savior,

Rev. Carl F. Trosien

MARCH VOTERS MEETING MINUTES: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with a prayer by Pastor Trosien. The minutes from the January meeting, financial secretary's and the treasurer's reports were presented. A motion made to accept the reports as presented, seconded and passed. **OLD BUSINESS:** Bob Setzer reported that the new mower is here and the old mower is gone. **BOARD OF ELDERS:** There was one release and the Holy Week schedule was completed. **BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** No report. **BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Enrollment is open for preschool and the new budget has been completed. Sandy Hines will lead VBS this summer. **NEW BUSINESS:** A new chair has been purchased for the church office. Meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 7:23 p.m.

PILGRIMS SERVING IN APRIL

Elders:

Sat – Tim Walraven
Sun – Don Jones

Altar Guild: Clarice Richards
Dolores Mast

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS APRIL 19th

WOMEN'S GUILD – The April meeting for Women's Guild is Thursday, April 12th at 7:00 p.m. Our hostesses are Dolores Mast and Mary Setzer.

THE RITE OF ADULT CONFIRMATION – The following people will be received into Communicant Membership on Sunday, April 1st at 10:30 a.m. by the Rite of Confirmation – Melissa Jones and Sarah Killey. Let us join them in rejoicing in God's blessing, and pray for His continuing guidance and love throughout their lives.

MEIJER COMMUNITY REWARDS – As a non-profit organization, we are always looking for ways to help fund our expenses without putting a large burden on our members. In December of 2003 we enrolled in the Community Rewards program at Meijer. Quite a few of our members have already signed up. We need more members to sign up and use their Meijer guest card each time they shop at the store or gas station. Please register on-line at Meijer.com/rewards. You must have our code #237905 to put on the registration form. Once you receive your guest card simply swipe it at the register whenever you shop at Meijer. Use it for food, clothing, toys, gas, home accessories, and more! Pilgrim will automatically receive a check for a percentage of your purchase totals. The program can make a wonderful difference in our budget! Best of all, the program automatically earns money whenever you shop, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The sooner you join, the sooner we will be receiving rewards.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – The Sunday School would like to thank everyone who donated candy to our Easter Egg Hunt. Reminder: there will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 8th.

QUILTERS IN NEED - The Quilters ask that while you are doing your spring cleaning this year, please set aside all your old sheets, blankets, mattress covers, drapes, leftover yard goods, thread and any other materials that you no longer need and bring them to the Blue Room. We also need a few more people to do some straight stitch sewing on machines either in their home or here at church. Please contact the church office if interested.

EASTER BREAKFAST – Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with the Easter Breakfast, and thanks for filling up the list for Easter Breakfast donations. Please have your donations to the church by Thursday, April 5th (except coffee cakes).

KEENAGERS – The Keenagers will meet on April 19th at 11:00 a.m. in the Blue Room. All retirees are invited to attend. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Coffee will be provided.

LWML SPRING RALLY – The Bay Area Zone LWML Spring Rally will be held on April 21st at Trinity-Monitor Lutheran Church. The guest speaker is from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. Cost is \$5.00 and a freewill offering will be gathered. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Please RSVP to Sandy Hines, 892-6675, by April 15th.

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTIONS

<u>SAT</u>	<u>SUN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>H.C.</u>	<u>GEN FUND</u>	<u>IMP FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>+ OR -</u>
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*Ash Wednesday, #Midweek Lenten Service

SPECIAL GIFTS: Food Pantry, \$26.69; Valley Memorial, \$165.00; Adopt-a-Student, \$20.00; Ash Wednesday, \$493.00; Lent, \$786.00; Lawn Mower Fund, \$430.00; Roof Fund, \$20.00; Gift from Tai Chi Dancers, \$30.00; Mom-to-Mom Sale, \$488.25

OUR STEWARDSHIP TO THE LORD AND TO PILGRIM

PILGRIM'S 2012 BUDGET	-	\$143,013.00
BUDGET THROUGH MARCH 21 st	-	33,003.00
CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH MARCH 21 st	-	29,049.89
CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER BUDGET NEEDS	-	\$ 3,953.11

PASTORAL ACTS -

Funeral : Richard Valley departed this life on Thursday, March 8th at 63 years of age. He was given a Christian funeral on Sunday, March 11th and laid to rest in Floral Gardens Cemetery.

Catherine Dillard departed this life on Tuesday, March 20th at 88 years of age. She was given a Christian funeral on Wednesday, March 21st from Trahan Funeral Home.

"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Released: Margaret, Allyson, and Erika Harley were released at their own request.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE AT PILGRIM

Palm Sunday	Sunday, April, 1 st , 10:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday	Thursday, April 5 th , 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday	Friday, April 6 th , 1:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Vigil of Easter	Saturday, April 7 th , 7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunrise Service	Sunday, April 8 th , 7:00 a.m.
Easter Festival Service	Sunday, April 8 th , 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Palm Sunday Sunday School, 9:15 Bible Class, 9:15 <u>HOLY COMMUNION</u> , 10:30	2 Elders, 6	3 Quilting, 9:30 Bible Class, 7	4 Bible Class, 9:30	5 Maundy Thursday <u>HOLY COMMUNION</u> , 7	6 Good Friday <u>HOLY COMMUNION</u> , 1:30 & 7	7 Easter Breakfast Set-Up, 10 <u>HOLY COMMUNION</u> , 7
8 Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunday <u>EASTER SUNRISE</u> , 7 Easter Breakfast, 8 <u>EASTER FESTIVAL</u> , 10:30	9 Office Closed	10 Quilting, 9:30 Bible Class, 7	11 Bible Class, 9:30 Prayer Network, 3 Choir, 6:30	12 Women's Guild, 7	13	14 <u>HOLY COMMUNION</u> , 7
15 2 nd Sunday of Easter Sunday School, 9:15 Bible Class, 9:15 <u>HOLY COMMUNION</u> , 10:30 Trustees, 11:30 Choir, 11:30	16 Food Pantry Week	17 Quilting, 9:30 Bible Class, 7	18 Bible Class, 9:30 Voters, 7	19 Keenagers, 11 Newsletter Deadline	20	21 <u>WORSHIP SERVICE</u> , 7
22 3 rd Sunday of Easter Sunday School, 9:15 Bible Class, 9:15 <u>WORSHIP SERVICE</u> , 10:30	23	24 Quilting, 9:30 Bible Class, 7 Stewardship, 7	25 Bible Class, 9:30 Prayer Network, 3 Choir, 6:30	26	27	28 Nann/VanWert, 3:30 <u>HOLY COMMUNION</u> , 7
29 4 th Sunday of Easter Sunday School, 9:15 Bible Class, 9:15 <u>HOLY COMMUNION</u> , 10:30 Choir, 11:30	30	Rev. Carl F. Trosien, Pastor Home: 893-5266 Office: 893-7224			MARCH S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	MAY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31