

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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El Salvador Mission Trip 2013

Renee Stuedemann & Pastor Kristian

Thank you to Pilgrim for supporting this year's mission trip to El Salvador through your prayers, offerings, and encouragement! Pilgrim was part of a mission team of 38 people from Wisconsin, Illinois, Washington, and California who partnered with one of the most inspiring churches in the world: The Lutheran Church of El Salvador.

Working together with our Salvadoran colleagues, we:

- Helped bring solar electricity to six homes, a school, and a church in the Loma de Ramos community
- Served food and gave out clothes at the Hope House Homeless Shelter
- Helped in Medical campaigns in six different communities, serving over 350 people
- Led a dental ministry that gave treatment and dental supplies to over 200 children
- Supported the Pastoral Team led by Pastor Matias Bonilla, celebrated the anniversary of Miracle of God Lutheran Church in Guaycume
- Witnessed the ministry of Maria Trinidad and the Casa Concordia, which houses international guests and gives shelter to orphans rescued from the street
- Marched in a parade with over 4,000 people lifting up peace and human rights

Renee writes:

While in San Salvador, we stayed at the Casa Concordia, a Lutheran orphanage. We brought money into the home by paying to stay there, and the orphans put their bedrolls on the floor. Maria Trinidad operates this for about a dozen needy children who she rescues from the streets before the gangs recruit them. The UN also uses this home for displaced people, although I did not see that while we were there. These orphan children have beautiful hearts and the biggest smiles you have ever seen. One of them, now in Cuba, is getting a medical doctor's degree! He was back home helping with medical needs while we were there, and plans to establish a full time clinic for the homeless when he completes his degree. You can imagine the expenses to run the home, with food, water and electrical bills, and Mama Trini (as we called her) has no income. We now have the opportunity to partner with her and the work of the Casa Concordia.



**Pilgrim Member Renee Stuedemann
with Maria Trinidad, Director of the
Casa Concordia Guest House and Orphanage**

We also received an invitation to have our school partner with the Lutheran school, Colegio Luterano. We spent an afternoon with them, and they are like children everywhere, except some of them live in Shanty Town. They realize the importance of an education to move ahead in life. I look forward to the ways we at Pilgrim might develop a relationship with this school. It would be an awesome inspiration for children from both places!

Plan to Go to El Salvador. These people are so thankful and happy that we visit and learn about them, and what they went through during the Civil War, and what life is like now. They are so prayerful and joyous. They say our presence (just being there) is worth a million dollars. We heard this over and over. Please consider the possibility of joining our contingent next year, July 31-August 10, 2014. It is unbelievably rewarding. God blesses those who open their hearts to others!

Pastor Christian Chavarria — “Build Resurrection”

Please join us in welcoming Pastor Christian Chavarria from the Lutheran Church in El Salvador! Pastor Christian is a world-renowned inspirational speaker and artist. His artwork is displayed in galleries throughout North America, Central America, and Europe. He is coming to tell us about an inspiring campaign named “Build Resurrection.” Please come meet him at one of the following opportunities:



- ◆ Tuesday, October 8th at 7 PM Reception for Pastor Christian Chavarria at the Parsonage, 4332 N. Winchester Avenue.
- ◆ Wednesday, October 9th at 10:10 AM at Pilgrim Chapel Service, with reception to follow.

Chaplain Karl To Afghanistan



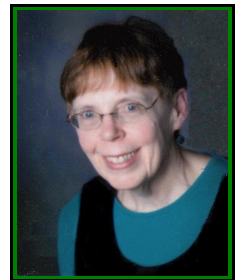
Army **Chaplain Karl Redelsheimer** has traveled through Kandahar and is now at his base in Afghanistan, with the 2nd Cavalry Regiment. He travels around the area visiting different platoons; mail can be sent to this address and will be held if he's not there:

CH (CPT) Redelsheimer, Karl N.
2/2 CR, HHD, Staff Platoon
FOB Frontenac
APO AE 09380 USA

As a chaplain, he gives things out to soldiers, like candy, so if anyone wants to send wrapped candy or cards from kids “thanking a soldier,” Chaplain Karl will be able to pass that out to other soldiers as he visits them. Anyone who sends a package would need to fill out a customs form, and there are limits on what can be sent—no pork products, for example! And of course, he will also enjoy hearing from the folks at Pilgrim! His wife Kim has requested the prayers of the Pilgrim community for him and for his family during this time.

Barbara DeGraff Retirement

It is with sadness that we announce that our beloved Administrative Secretary **Barbara DeGraff** has announced her decision to retire, effective November 1st, 2013. Barbara has served on staff at Pilgrim since 2006, and her work has greatly advanced the mission and ministry of Pilgrim Lutheran Church and School. We are grateful for her superb work in the areas of bookkeeping, communications, bulletins and announcements, and so much more. Please mark your calendars... we will be honoring Barbara with words and prayers of gratitude on Sunday, October 13th, to give thanks for her seven years of exemplary service.



Every Sunday Is Special!

- October 6th**- We'll take a special offering to eliminate hunger in our community
- October 13th**- Barbara DeGraff Appreciation Sunday
- October 20th**- Dedication of New Children/Youth Space in Parsonage Basement
- October 27th**- Celebration of the MYT Challenge (Multiply your Talents), Commitment Sunday

Our New Principal

(photos by Robert Knapp)

Maring Hall: Chris Comella speaks to parents at PTL's All Parent Open House on September 12, 2013



Installation Sunday: Pastor Kristian installs new Principal Chris Comella on September 15, 2013.



**Pilgrim Lutheran Church and School
7th Grade Parents (Class of 2015) Present:**



Saturday, November 2, 6-10 pm

\$500 CASH PRIZE

Grab your friends, form a team - buy a table and get your trivia on!

\$160 per Table • Maring Hall

[Click here](#) or visit the office for a Registration Form | Contact Don Zegler bigdesign@ameritech.net

*Craft Beer/Wine/Soda • Pizza • Snacks
will be available for purchase*

All proceeds to benefit the 8th grade Washington D.C. class trip

Block Party Memories

(photos by Rich Mazzuca)

Pilgrim's very spectacular Block Party was held after worship on Sunday, September 15th. Special features included this year were The Miracle Center Youth Ensemble dancers, The Jesse White Tumblers, and Farm in Chicago Petting Zoo! (additional photos on next page)





Family Fun



Parsonage Basement Dedication

On Sunday, October 20th, you are invited to join us for coffee hour at the Parsonage as we dedicate the new multi-purpose room in the basement. We will be unveiling the new room on that day with a special blessing and shared celebration following the service. This will be in place of the normal coffee hour held downstairs following church services. Please help us celebrate this new accomplishment and addition to the parsonage!



Raising Fund\$

Anne Barsano

The food at the **Block Party** was enjoyed by all but we have some frozen items for sale. Please contact Anne Barsano cbarsano@aol.com if you are interested in purchasing:

- 3 boxes Market Day Hamburger 1/4 lb Patties (box of 10): \$12.70
- 1 box Market Day All-Beef Franks (box of 12): \$10.90



Check out the new **Gift Cards** we have on our list. Order forms are located on the table in the back of church.



Market Day orders are due by Monday, October 7th for pickup on Thursday, October 10th. New items are Bacon, Egg and Cheese Wrap (8- 4oz/\$14.29), Supreme Thin Crust Pizza (2-10"/\$13.49) and Cinnamon Coffeecake Slices (8/\$10.79). Why not order some Giant Goldfish Grahams (25- .9oz pouches/\$6.49) or Quaker Chewy Granola Bars (24/\$7.79) to pass out for Halloween treats!! You will receive a free 1# bag of Broccoli Florets with a \$40 order and both the florets and a free 4 pack of Chickensteaks with a \$90 order. Please contact **Anne Barsano** with any questions. Are you a first-time Market Day buyer? Enter NEWFIVE in the promo box on your payment page and save \$5 on a \$25 order!!



Please turn in your **Dominick's** register receipts to Anne Barsano before October 10th so that they may be submitted for redemption of points. You can also submit friends, relatives and neighbors receipts if they are not committed to another school. Thank you for participating in the Dominick's "10% Back to School" Campaign.



The **Flea Market** is happening on November 9th, 9 AM to 3 PM in Maring Hall. We need people to either purchase tables (\$25) or spaces (\$20) or to donate items to the Pilgrim tables. We also need helpers for a variety of jobs- both Friday and Saturday. The concession stand will benefit the Pilgrim Volleyball Team. Please contact **Valerie Carlson** or **Araceli Brandon** chelibeanz@hotmail.com with donations of items or time for the stand. Please let Anne Barsano cbarsano@aol.com know by October 25th if you are interested. Applications are available in the school office. Thank you.



Deadline to submit items for the November issue of this newsletter is October 15th. Email items to jmvalencia@comcast.net or leave in my church mailbox. Thank you :)



Pilgrim Groups And Committees

CHURCH COUNCIL Oversees the business of the church, but delegates committee work to the committees. They meet the last Tuesday of the month in the School Library at 7:30 PM. Council positions are elected, but anyone interested is encouraged to attend. Contact **Marian Azzaro** marianazza@aol.com or 989-172 for info.

DINING GROUP A group for all ages which dines out once a month, usually on the 3rd Sunday, and patronizes restaurants with varied ethnic cuisines. We would love to have you join us!! Contact **Julie Lea** 764-3140.

GIRL SCOUTS Pilgrim Church is the home of four troops of Girl Scouts: Cadettes, Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Seniors, and Ambassadors. Contact **Judy Daniel** 588-2101.

HOT MEALS Successful outreach program working in teams to prepare and serve Saturday noon meals for area homeless. Each team commits to a 3-hr shift (10 AM-1 PM) about four times a year. Interested in helping? Contact **Janet Taylor** 777-4052 or jkstay@aol.com.

MOMS IN TOUCH Part of an international organization. All Pilgrim School mothers are invited to join us in the church parlor on Wednesdays, 9-10:30 AM, to pray for our children and school (childcare provided). Contact **Cathy Basler** 509-0988.

PARISH LIFE BOARD This group meets monthly on the first Tuesday at 7:30 PM, and is responsible for most of the hospitality, assimilation and outreach activities and projects that go on within the church. If you are interested in joining, please talk to **Anne Barsano, Shellie Volkens, Jim Volkens, Emily Haite, or Gloria Schwarz.**

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE Oversees the property of the congregation and coordinates its repair and general upkeep, including church, school, teacherages and parsonage. They meet the first Sunday of the month in the School Office at 9:30 AM (8:30 in the summer). For more information, contact **Angela Cardo** 244-0160 or acardo@pilgrimchurchandschool.org.

PTL The Parent Teacher League is a very active organization that supports the staff and families of Pilgrim Lutheran School. The PTL hosts many events for the families and staff through the year. Contact PTL President, **Bob Knapp** rkimages@me.com 612-3563.

QUILTERS The group welcomes anyone interested in fellowship and quilting (or other needlecraft). Gatherings are informal and do not adhere to a set schedule. For dates and locations of meetings, please contact **Gail Mendiola** 725-8028 or **Chris Wallis** 561-5419.

SCHOOL BOARD Oversees our Christian education programs, including Preschool, K-8, Before School Program, After-School Program (PAS) and sports programs, as well as other programs helpful for youth. Board positions and committees are elected, but anyone interested is encouraged to attend. They meet the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM in the school Library. For more information, contact **Nancy Liljedahl** 271-9290.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Thursday from 6:30-8:00 PM in the church annex. Please join us for a friendly support program with helpful hints and discussions of current information regarding personal health. Contacts: **Millie Ostrander** 281-5762 or **Anne Barsano** 472-6037.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY An organization of women that meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12:30 PM. All women are invited to join this group for fellowship and fund raising activities.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE Plans and creates meaningful worship for the needs of the congregation. They coordinate the activities of the choirs, ushers, acolytes, Altar Guild, organist, worship and communion assistants. They are also responsible for the creation, purchase and display of seasonal decorations in the church. They meet as necessary after the late church service in the Parlor. For more information, contact **Chris Wallis** 561-5419 or cewallis1949@yahoo.com.



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- 06** D Erdbeer; The Dooleys
- 13** J Lea; G Egebrecht
- 20** K Cares & N Luman; T & C Dickerson
- 27** G Schwarz; S Volkens; D Dierking



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 8:50 am Moms in Prayer 10:10 am School Chapel - Holy Communion Service 6:30 pm Confirmation Class (7&8) Kickoff	3 Quilters Retreat at Camp Dewan 9:00 am MOPS - "Joy for the Journey" 6:30 pm T.O.P.S.	4 Quilters Retreat at Camp Dewan 8:30 am - 10:00 am Certificates 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:30 pm - 11:30 pm Crazy for Karaoke	5 Quilters Retreat at Camp Dewan 7:00 am - 8:00 am Prayer Team 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Hot Meal Team #7
6 Quilters Retreat at Camp Dewan 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Generations in Faith Together 10:30 am Worship Service 11:30 am Coffee Hour Team #13 Erdbeer/Dooley	7 Market Day orders due 8:30 am - 10:00 am Certificates	8 7:00 pm Reception for Pastor Christian Chavarria	9 8:50 am Moms in Prayer 10:10 am School Chapel - Pastor Christian Chavarria 12:30 pm Woman's Society 4:00 pm Confirmation Class (7&8) 6:30 pm 9th Grade Confirmation Class 7:30 pm Executive Committee	10 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Market Day pick-up 6:30 pm T.O.P.S. 7:00 pm MOMSnext	11 8:30 am - 10:00 am Certificates 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	12 7:00 am - 8:00 am Prayer Team 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Hot Meal Team #8
13 8:00am Worship Service 9:15am Generations in Faith Together 10:30 am Worship Service 11:30 am Coffee Hour Team #1 Lea/Egebrecht	14 Columbus Day 8:30 am - 10:00 am Certificates	15 7:30 pm Board of Education	16 8:50 am Moms in Prayer 10:10 am School Chapel 4:00 pm Confirmation Class (7&8)	17 9:00 am MOPS 6:30 pm - 8:45 pm New Member Class 6:30 pm T.O.P.S.	18 8:30 am - 10:00 am Certificates 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	19 7:00 am - 8:00 am Prayer Team 8:30 am Prayer Breakfast 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Hot Meal Team #9
20 8:00am Worship Service 9:15am Generations in Faith Together 10:30 am Worship Service 11:30 am Coffee Hour Team #2 Cares & Luman/Dickerson	21 8:30 am - 10:00 am Certificates 6:00 pm 9th Grade Confirmation - Luther memorial Visit	22 6:30 pm PTL Board Meeting	23 School Photo Day 8:50 am Moms in Prayer 10:10 am School Chapel 4:00 pm Confirmation Class (7&8)	24 Retakes for School Photos 6:30 pm PTL Halloween Party setup - Maring Hall and Annex 6:30 pm T.O.P.S.	25 PTL Halloween Party - Maring Hall and Annex 8:30 am - 10:00 am Certificates 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	26 Pilgrim Kids Care 5K and Fun Run 7:00 am - 8:00 am Prayer Team 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Hot Meal Team #1
27 8:00am Worship Service 9:15am Generations in Faith Together & Explore the Bible Class 10:30 am Confirmation Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am Worship Service 11:30 am Coffee Hour Team #3 Schwarz/Volkens/Dierking	28 8:30 am - 10:00 am Certificates	29 6:30 pm Worship Committee 7:30 pm Church Council	30 8:50 am Moms in Prayer 10:10 am School Chapel 4:00 pm Confirmation Class (7&8) 6:30 pm 9th Grade Confirmation Class	31 6:30 pm T.O.P.S.		