

Pilgrim Congregational Church

DULUTH, MINNESOTA

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND ORGANIZATIONS

presented at

THE ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 17, 1968

OUR COVENANT

We are united in striving to know the will of God as taught in the Holy Scriptures, and in our purpose to walk in the ways of the Lord made known or to be made known to us. We therefore join and covenant with each other to worship, work and serve together as loyal disciples of Jesus, to live among our fellow men a life of righteousness and brotherly love, and to do all within our power to promote the reign of God's will in all human relations.

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Respectfully submitted,

Ruth C. Pell, Clerk

REPORT OF THE CLERK

The reported membership of Pilgrim Church January 1, 1967

645

New members added during 1967:

On Confession of Faith	19
Transferred from other churches	26
Reaffirmation of Faith	1
Returned to active status	1
Total additions in 1967	<u>47</u>

Members lost during 1967:

Removed by death	4
Transferred to other churches	16
Transferred to inactive roll	<u>55*</u>
Total lost in 1967	75

Net loss in active membership during 1967

28

Total Active Membership as of January 1, 1968

617**

*By vote of the Board of Deacons May 22, 1967

**Of this total 53 are non-resident. The total active resident membership as of January 1, 1968 was 564.

During the year 3 births were recorded and 7 children and young people were baptized.

Members lost by death were:

Mr. Douglas S. Farnam
Mrs. Arthur T. Laird
Mr. Walter G. Amundson
Mrs. Harold J. Matteson

Letters of Transfer were issued to the following persons:

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Applequist to Duluth Congregational
Mr. and Mrs. E. Lloyd Burg to Duluth Congregational
Edward L. Burg, Jr. to Duluth Congregational
Miss Ruth Dahl to Duluth Congregational
Dr. and Mrs. William S. Pollard to Duluth Congregational
Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy W. Moore to First Methodist, Duluth
Miss Corah Colbrath to United Church of Sun City, Arizona
Miss Viola Porter to United Church of Sun City, Arizona
Miss Alison Clarke to Hennepin Avenue Methodist, Minneapolis
Hubert U. Moore to Longboat Island Chapel, a Community Church, Longboat Key, Florida
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bachman to The Associated Church of Owatonna, Minnesota

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth O'Dell, Clerk

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED DURING 1967

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March 23

Mrs. Manard Anderson
3144 Greysolon Place

Mrs. Helen K. Bogen
1030 Grandview Avenue

Mrs. Patrick J. McCabe
2020 Woodland Avenue

Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Meyer
515 N. 12th Avenue East

Mrs. Patrick D. O'Brien
2204 East First Street

Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Plummer
29 South 30th Avenue East

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth M. Tonkin
1822 East 8th Street

Mr. William P. Van Evera
1907 Waverly Avenue

Confirmation Class

Patricia Buchanan
Margaret Dryer
Margaret Griffith
Laurel Grindy
Karen Hieb
Thomas Jacobson
Cynthia Kunz
Nancy Lee
Thomas Mellin

Rodney Mutz
Peder Nelson
William Seitz
Richard Shefchik
Molly Southworth
Marshall Spencer
Karen Tonkin
Gretchen Van Evera
Richard Wandmaker

April 9

Rev. and Mrs. Robert W. Anderson
1920 Waverly Avenue

May 28

Lt. and Mrs. Gary E. Baxter
2130 Miller Trunk Highway

Richard L. Heimbach
214 North 34th Avenue East

Dr. and Mrs. Merideth E. Helm
2001 East First Street

Mrs. Harry Sutherland
2306 East Superior Street

Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. VerWey
4008 Pitt Street

October 1

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Kloek
5415 Tioga Street

December 3

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Kent and Steven
1016 Berwick Court

Dr. and Mrs. E. Paul Sylvester
2925 Greysolon Road

REPORT OF THE TREASURER - 1967

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RECEIPTS

Individual Contributions		\$68,035.04
Loose Offerings		1,525.87
Church School Offerings		318.77
Women's Fellowship for General Fund		500.00
Women's Fellowship for Benevolences		500.00
Rentals		462.50
Memorial Fund		417.26
Special Offerings		
Easter		
Thanksgiving	1,015.00	
Christmas	791.64	
Middle East Relief	822.68	
Special Projects	692.10	
Other Unbudgeted Income		3,321.42
		150.00
		<u>30,388.37</u>

105,619.23

DISBURSEMENTS

Ministry		
Salary of the minister, annuity fund dues, car expense, health and accident insurance, minister's discretionary fund, guest speakers.		13,473.43
Church Office		
Salaries of secretary and part-time financial secretary, office supplies, postage and printing, and office equipment.		7,076.82
Music		
Salaries of organist and choir director and youth choir director, sheet music, care of the organ, choir fees and miscellaneous.		5,957.38
Christian Education		
Salary of the Church School Director, salary of the assistant minister, annuity fund dues, car expense, health and accident insurance, conference expense, church school curriculum materials, equipment, Bibles for third-graders, Pilgrim Fellowship expense, leadership training, and library books and supplies.		8,485.79
Property Maintenance and Operating Expense		
Salary of the caretaker, caretaker's supplies, utilities, fuel, repairs, insurance, house-keeping expense.		18,323.10
General Expense		
Printing bulletins, literature, publicity and advertising, contribution envelopes, delegates expenses, per capita dues, Duluth Council of Churches, coffee hour, minister's education fund, and miscellaneous.		2,486.13
Depreciation Fund		
To provide a fund to care for major repairs and replacements when such need arises.		2,000.00

Memorial Fund

Special Projects

16.78

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216.56

Other unbudgeted disbursements

Waverly Avenue Parsonage	21,569.40
Assistant Minister expense	1,720.05
Roofing (Third St. parsonage)	1,000.00
Painting (Church, Third St. and Hearing House)	2,541.05
Replacement of pipes (Church)	660.01
Combination storm windows for Third St. parsonage and Hearing House	993.05
Assessments	278.35
Miscellaneous	982.83

29,744.74

Benevolences

Minnesota State Conference	4,900.00
Board for World Ministries	2,200.00
Board for Homeland Ministries	2,200.00
Pension Boards	500.00
Chicago Theological Seminary	500.00
United Campus Christian Fellowship	500.00
Union Gospel Mission	100.00
National Council of Churches	100.00
World Council of Churches	50.00
Congregational Historical Society	25.00
World Service (Easter, Thanksgiving)	1,321.74
Northland College (Easter)	500.00
Ministerial Relief (Christmas)	807.58
Middle East Relief	692.10
Extra Sunday Offering for OCWM	66.84

14,463.26

102,243.99

SUMMARY CASH STATEMENT

Balances January 1, 1967

General Fund	1,214.13
Special Projects Fund	499.25
Deacons Fund	103.24
	1,816.62

Receipts in 1967

Advance payments on 1968 pledges	105,619.23
	13,410.00

Total Cash

120,845.85

Disbursements in 1967

102,243.99

Balance December 31, 1967

18,601.86

Balances December 31, 1967

General Fund	880.49
Special Projects Fund	430.68
Memorial Fund	505.73
Waverly Parsonage Fund	3,374.96
Advance payments on 1968	13,410.00
	18,601.86

SEGREGATED FUNDS

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The following funds are in savings accounts or certificates of deposit.

Depreciation Fund

Balance January 1, 1967		
Receipts		11,861.41
Allocation for 1967	2,000.00	
Interest	<u>561.14</u>	<u>2,561.14</u>
Disbursements		14,422.55
Transfer to General Fund for		
Roofing at Third St. Parsonage		
Painting church and two houses		
Plumbing repairs in the church		<u>5,248.06</u>
Balance December 31, 1967		<u>9,174.49</u>

Church Vocations Scholarship Fund

Balance January 1, 1967		705.51
Receipts		
Interest		<u>32.26</u>
No disbursements		737.77
Balance December 31, 1967		<u>737.77</u>

Clark Fund

Balance January 1, 1967		517.06
Receipts		
Interest		<u>26.34</u>
Disbursements		543.40
To Waverly Parsonage Fund		<u>543.40</u>
Balance December 31, 1967		<u>0.00</u>

Thoirs Fund

Balance January 1, 1967		500.00
Receipts		
Interest		<u>24.83</u>
Disbursements		524.83
To Waverly Parsonage Fund		<u>524.83</u>
Balance December 31, 1967		<u>0.00</u>

Batte Fund

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Balance January 1, 1967	
Receipts	101.96
Interest	
	5.06
Disbursements	107.02
To Waverly Parsonage Fund	
	107.02
Balance December 31, 1967	
	<u>0.00</u>

Russell Fund

Balance January 1, 1967	
	1,054.59
Receipts	
Interest	
	53.72
Disbursements	1,108.31
To Waverly Parsonage Fund	
	1,108.31
Balance December 31, 1967*	
	<u>0.00</u>

Memorial Fund

Balance January 1, 1967	
	2,169.07
Receipts	
Interest	
Gifts in memory of	104.70
Katherine Matter Roberts	
Virginia Frick Manley	
Douglas S. Farnam	
Elizabeth Porter Laird	
Walter G. Amundson	
Dr. Carl Kohlbry	240.00
From Special Projects	2.01
From the Deacons Fund	103.24
	<u>449.95</u>
Disbursements	2,619.02
Tables for Handbell Choirs	62.98
Balance December 31, 1967	
	<u>2,556.04 *</u>

* \$2,050.31 in savings certificate
 505.73 in checking account

Special Projects Fund (segregated in checking account)

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Balance January 1, 1967

Receipts

499.25

Disbursements

150.00

Ping Pong Table

649.25

Tables for first and third grades

Taxes on UCCF property

218.57

Balance December 31, 1967

430.68

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse D. Bradley, Treasurer

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Members of the Board of Trustees were Raymond H. Bonnell, Jr., Edward T. Fride, Jr., Clifford H. Grindy, Walter W. Matzke, Ray G. Palmer, Samuel G. Radford, George H. Spencer, Jr., A. W. Taylor, Jr., and Mrs. W. P. Van Evera. Mrs. Van Evera is retiring after her term of office due to the pressure of other activities and we express our appreciation to her for her stimulating outlook.

We can report that Pilgrim Church is in excellent financial condition with all obligations paid and a substantial balance in the General Fund despite the added responsibility of an assistant minister and a new parsonage. Final contributions exceeded the total pledged.

Our church properties are in good repair. An emergency replacement of leaking pipes was taken care of and painting of the Third Street parsonage, Hearing House, and the church was accomplished. There are no immediate maintenance projects planned.

During 1967 special contributions from members toward the Waverly Avenue parsonage amounted to \$4,203.90. This has enabled payment of \$7,680.00. As of January 8, 1968 the final payments were made, an excellent accomplishment.

The Loyalty Day campaign was successful again under the leadership of Edward T. Fride. Over 300 pledges were received for a total of \$71,361.10. Mr. Fride will give the details of this fine performance. Our pledges combined with anticipated income from loose offering, Women's Fellowship, and special offerings will be adequate to underwrite the proposed budget.

The Trustees express their deep appreciation to the congregation for their steadily increasing financial support and interest in the church. That Mr. Fride and his assistants were successful is due largely to the unsolicited generosity of you as members. Mr. Fride is given a unanimous thanks for his leadership in the recent campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

George Spencer, Chairman

REPORT OF THE LOYALTY DAY COMMITTEE

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The Loyalty Day Committee completed its work and made a final report at the January 12 meeting of the Board of Trustees. As of this date 303 pledges have been received for a total of \$71,631. There are several pledges we still hope to receive which may well bring our total near to \$72,000. It has been estimated that to fully underwrite the proposed budget for 1968 pledges totaling \$71,000 would be needed. We have exceeded this goal.

Of the 303 pledges received, 32 were new pledges totaling \$2,111 and 120 were increased a total of \$7,631, making a total increase of \$9,742. This gain is offset in part by losses from death and removal so that our net gain is \$7,483. This is an excellent response. The members of the committee and the trustees express their appreciation for the loyalty and cooperation which made this possible.

Members of the Loyalty Day Committee were S. F. Atkins, J. D. Bradley, Bruce Buchanan, John Dickerson, Kenneth Duncan, Robert F. Eaton, Clifford Grindy, and George Spencer.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward T. Fride, Chairman
The Loyalty Day Committee

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REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

The Benevolence Committee met this past Fall prior to the budget study of the Trustees, and made recommendations to the Trustees for the benevolence giving to be suggested in the budget. Attendance at the meeting was good, and there was discussion and comment from everyone attending.

Much of the discussions centered around the increasing needs of the Church instrumentalities in order to accomplish the substantial work being pursued. At the same time, the Committee members recognized that there had been an increase in benevolence giving last year because of the shift of the pledge from the Minnesota Council Building Fund to the Christian World Mission.

Again, a considerable number of members of the Committee felt that the Church should do whatever it can to increase its participation in the Christian World Mission, and the Committee indicated that it wished to review this matter again seriously in the discussions for the 1969 budget.

The comments and suggestions and attention of the members of the Committee is much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Eaton, Chairman

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Duluth, Minnesota

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Proposed 1968 Budget for Local Expenses

		<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
MINISTRY			
Salary of the minister, annuity fund dues, car expense, minister's discretionary fund, health and accident insurance, guest speakers.		\$13,581	\$13,803
CHURCH OFFICE			
Salaries of secretary, part-time financial secretary, extra secretarial help, office supplies, postage and printing, and office equipment.		8,555	8,335
MUSIC			
Salaries of organist and choir director and youth choir director, sheet music, care of the organ, choir fees, pension for Miss Rogers, and miscellaneous.		6,200	6,200
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION			
Church school curriculum materials, church school supplies, audio-visual materials, equipment, Bibles for the third graders, youth ministry expense, leadership training, salary of the assistant minister, annuity fund dues, car expense, health and accident insurance.		9,049	10,216
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION			
Salary of the caretaker, caretaker's supplies, utilities, fuel, repairs, insurance, housekeeping expense, and parsonage utilities and services.		20,920	21,320
GENERAL EXPENSE			
Printing bulletins, literature, publicity and advertising, contribution envelopes, delegate expense, per capita dues, Duluth Council of Churches, and miscellaneous.		3,200	3,200
DEPRECIATION FUND			
To provide a fund to care for major repairs and replacements when such needs exceed current budgeted allocations for repairs.		2,000	2,000
CONTINGENCY FUND			
To provide for payments on the contract for purchase of the Waverly Avenue parsonage.		--	2,000
Total for Local Expenses		<u>\$63,505</u>	<u>\$67,074</u>

PROPOSED 1968 BUDGET FOR BENEVOLENCES

Through Pledged Giving

	1967	1968
OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION Our share in basic support of the missionary agencies of the United Church: the State Conference, Board for World Ministries, Board for Homeland Ministries, and Pension Boards.	\$ 9,800	\$ 9,800
CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY A contribution to the budget of our seminary in Chicago.	500	500
UNITED CAMPUS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP A campus ministry program which we sponsor jointly with other local churches, denominational and interdenominational bodies in Duluth and Superior.	500	500
UNION GOSPEL MISSION A program of evangelism and emergency assistance, Christian counsel and guidance in downtown Duluth.	100	100
INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION Contributions to the National Council of Churches and World Council of Churches.	100	100
MISCELLANEOUS BENEVOLENCES Congregational Historical Society and special appeals.	150	150
Total benevolences through pledged giving	\$11,150	\$11,150

Through Special Offerings

EASTER - World Service - One Great Hour of Sharing	1,000	1,000
THANKSGIVING - Northland College, Ashland, Wisconsin	500	500
Homeland Ministries - Neighbors in Need	500	500
CHRISTMAS - Christmas Fund for Ministerial Relief	750	750
Total benevolences through special offerings	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750
Total of all Benevolences	\$13,900	\$13,900

SUMMARY

For Local Expenses	\$63,505	\$67,074
For Benevolences through pledged giving	11,150	11,150
For Benevolences through special offerings	2,750	2,750
Total Proposed Budget for 1967	\$77,405	\$80,974

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS

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During the year 1967 the following members of the church were privileged to serve on the Board of Deacons: John T. Adams, Dr. Gordon C. Amundson, David S. Bouschor, Dr. Warren J. Brooker, John Z. Dahl, John M. Dickerson, Percy G. Dunbar, Robert F. Eaton, Robert H. Engstrom, Leonard E. Griffith, Robert L. Heller, George S. Holgate, Thomas S. Kohlbry, Dr. Joseph H. Leek, Robert M. Owens, Milton H. Prince, Robert B. Rhode, and Joseph L. Saver. Three of the Deacons are retiring from the Board: John Adams, Dr. Warren Brooker and Robert Rhode and to these we express special appreciation for their services to Pilgrim Church.

During the year your Board of Deacons assisted the minister in the conduct of five communion services, coordinated the activities of the Board of Ushers, and assisted the minister in the conduct of baptismal services, helped to extend a warm and friendly welcome to visitors and new members of Pilgrim Church.

By authority of the Church Council the Board of Deacons initiated procedure for formulating organization to promote and encourage free and open discussion by the church membership of all problems and issues, religious, social or otherwise, which affect the membership of the church in their daily lives. To implement this involvement in social action a Program Planning Committee consisting of three Deacons is to be appointed by the chairman of the Board of Deacons. Stated purpose of this committee: "to consider suggestions and recommend programs to appropriate groups within the church, relating to problems and issues affecting the membership of Pilgrim Church in their daily lives."

The Board of Deacons is most appreciative of Dr. Halfaker's most capable guidance of the spiritual life of the church. The Chairman of the Board of Deacons wishes to express special appreciation to all Board members, the minister and the church staff for their cooperation and helpfulness during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard E. Griffith, Chairman

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Members of the Board of Christian Education for 1967 were: Miss Martha Wallace, Mrs. F. C. Jacobson, John D. Morrison, Dr. E. I. Parson, Mrs. Percy G. Dunbar, Mrs. Robert H. Engstrom, Mrs. John I. Thomas, Roy T. Magney, Dr. William A. van Druten, Norman Cole, and Richard J. Kunz as advisor for Pilgrim Fellowship.

The church school classes have responded well to the responsible and able direction of a dedicated staff. The curriculum material continues to be a stimulating challenge to both teachers and classes.

A well-attended teachers' retreat was held at the Campbell's cabin at Schultz Lake on a September Sunday afternoon.

Family dinners were held in the Spring and at Christmas.

The Board has had thought-provoking discussions regarding adult education.

The Church School Library is being revamped under the capable direction of Miss Martha Wallace, assisted by Mrs. Ellsworth Jones, an experienced librarian.

The Board is most appreciative of the practical assistance provided by our
Reverend Robert Anderson. 11

Respectfully submitted,

Vera Dunbar, Chairman

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REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT MINISTER

For nine months now, I have been serving with Pilgrim Church in its ministries of Christian education. Christian education deals with the growth of persons. Damp dirt and sunlight suffice for plants, but people require more. They require the warmth of trust that will let them unfold. They require the love of others that will make growth itself seem worthwhile. Love and tending care: these are the basic ingredients for Christian education.

Here is what has happened in Christian education this year:

In the church school we have a staff of persons who want to teach. This desire, forgetting for a moment their other considerable qualifications, enables our teachers to begin to provide the warmth and trust that growth and maturity demands. Christian education for children is not the "making" of perfect people, like cramming pla-dough through a "fun-factory." It is allowing them to mature as individuals. The presence and preparation of teachers is vital to this process.

The church school is in good hands. I hope that the directions shown by this year's staff will be taken up by a similarly-motivated staff next year. To this year's staff, my sincere thanks. And I thank you, too, on behalf of the kids for your honesty, warmth, and constancy.

In the youth ministry, there has been a similar growth. The Pilgrim Fellowship is becoming more a fellowship of persons rather than a mere gathering of individuals. Personal growth and relationships are uppermost in the minds of those who are working with the youth. Programs as such may come and go, succeed or fail, but the importance of being together and learning from each other will provide the foundation for future years.

In adult education and family life, there has been a small but encouraging response. The evening study group involved a dozen of us who can never be the same again. Again, a prime goal in this area too is the growth of the individual in his personal faith and in his ability to relate honestly and openly to others. Of course, there is lots of room for relaxed fun.

Looking ahead, I see few dramatic changes.

There may be more opportunities for church school families to get to know each other. There will definitely be a broader spectrum of study groups. The couples of the church will be involved in several kinds of group activities.

The church offers a community in which a peculiar kind of education takes place. We seek this growth not only for our children and friends, but also for ourselves. May it come in even greater measure in the months just ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Anderson

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

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On January 29, Youth Sunday, the following young people of the church participated in the service: Kathleen Rhode, Jonathan Spencer and Craft Dryer.

In January a copy of the Bible in Cree syllabic script was presented to the church by Mr. Arthur Roberts.

On February 7 Lenten Seminars were initiated by Dr. Halfaker. Subjects: Basic Christian Beliefs, Our Covenant, and the Statement of Faith of the United Church of Christ.

On March 12 the cantata, "God's Time Is the Best", by Bach was presented by the choir under the direction of Donald H. Andrews in observance of Lent.

On April 22 Interment Services for Dr. and Mrs. Ray E. Phillips were held at Forest Hill Cemetery.

On May 7 a special business meeting was held wherein the Board of Trustees were authorized and directed to sell the Tioga Street parsonage and purchase the house at 1920 Waverly Avenue for a parsonage for the Assistant Minister.

On May 14 the Service of Installation of the Reverend Robert W. Anderson as Assistant Minister was held at Pilgrim Congregational Church at 7:30 P.M.

On October 12 the Retreat Group sponsored by the Men's Club met at the Hearing House. The discussion theme, "What's Unique about Christianity?" This group has continued to meet on Thursday nights.

On November 22 an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service was held at Pilgrim Congregational Church with Glen Avon Presbyterian Church, Holy Rosary Cathedral, St. Paul's Episcopal and University Methodist Churches participating.

In early December word was received of the death of Dr. John M. Phillips at Cedar Lake, Wisconsin on November 13th. Dr. Phillips was minister of Pilgrim Church November 1945 through December 1951.

On Sunday, December 3 the following Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Mr. John Dalton in recognition of 25 years of service with the ushers:

"In appreciation of consecrated service this certificate is awarded to John Dalton for services rendered as usher and Assistant Head Usher from 1942 to 1967. Pilgrim Congregational Church, Duluth, Minnesota."

On December 10 the "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi was presented by the choir under the direction of Donald H. Andrews in observance of the second Sunday in Advent.

On December 24, the traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Services were presented at 7:30 P.M. and 11:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

William G. Currier, Historian

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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Monthly meetings of the Fellowship were held for all months with the exception of July and August. The six groups of the Fellowship met these same months. The individual groups were hostesses for the monthly Coffee Hours following the church services.

Special events held at the church in which we participated were: the Annual Dinner in January; the Maundy Thursday evening reception honoring new members in March; the special Coffee Hour honoring our new assistant minister and his family, the Robert W. Andersons, in April; in May the Church Women United our guests for their meeting and refreshments; the Mother-daughter luncheon, put on by Group VIII (a first, and a most successful one); a supper for about 25 representatives of participating churches preceding the installation of the Reverend Mr. Robert Anderson, and a reception for all guests following this service; in November the Women's Thank-Offering Service, the Loyalty Day dinner, and the reception following the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service.

Our budget of \$2805 is divided for use by the Friendly Service, Community Interests, and general church use. About 33% of our budget goes for benevolences, local and national. Some of those to whom benevolences were extended were: Northwood Home; USO; Franklinton Center, Inc. (Bricks, North Carolina); Church Women United; Winnebago Children's Home (Neilsville, Wisconsin); Casa Mia Home (Naples, Italy); Delmo, Missouri; and Fort Berthold, North Dakota.

Money-making projects were: the Matinee Musicale breakfast; lunches served to the teachers and leaders of the Head-Start Project for four days; one wedding reception; the purchase of flower bulbs; the Food Fair; and the Christmas guest luncheon.

Minor revisions to our constitution were made in February.

Events away from church at which we were represented were: the state United Church meeting at Carleton College in June; the Northeast Association meeting at Walker in September; World Community Day at our Savior's Lutheran Church; and the Church Women United Christmas Tea at First Lutheran Church.

Used white materials were given to the American Cancer Society for bandages. The women gave time the month of October to assist with the mending at Northwood. We donated generously to the Clothing Drive in November, when the clothing was picked up at Peace Church. The lovely contributions of the Sewing Group of Friendly Service continue. Christmas plates for Shut-ins were prepared and delivered, giving us a chance to visit a bit with our friends who can't come to see us at church activities.

Though an annual report gives the appearance of many duties "checked off" during the year, much pleasure and companionship (just plain fun?) have been enjoyed by all of us in our associations during 1967.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Bray, President

REPORT OF THE MEN'S CLUB

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The Men's Club has sponsored one evening meeting, jointly with wives, with the guest speaker Stewart Meacham on the subject of Vietnam.

The Men's Retreat has expanded its activities from one or two weekends a year to frequent Thursday evening meetings at the Harding House. Currently they are involved in a study of comparative religions.

Respectfully submitted,

John Z. Dahl, President

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REPORT OF THE COUPLES CLUB

Since last January Couples Club has met twice. In February a Sunday night skating party at the Arena was attended by three couples who afterward stopped at the Dick Harkey's home for refreshments.

On a Saturday evening in late April, twenty-five to thirty club members and other parishioners gathered informally at the Roy Magney's to meet and welcome Bob and Laura Anderson.

The present cochairmen have served two years organizing the activities of Couples Club and would like to pass these duties to another couple. Forthcoming inquiries by letter from the cochairmen and Bob Anderson will seek to find out what interest there is at present in our kind of social activity. Hopefully, enough interest will be found to continue Couples Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy and Virginia Magney, Cochairmen

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REPORT OF PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

1967 has been a most successful and educational year for Pilgrim Fellowship. The group has been very enthusiastic and anxious to participate in activities varying from educational experiences to enjoyable pastimes.

This year's activities were started by a weekend summer retreat at the Campbell's summer home on Schultz Lake. Though the P.F. meetings are usually planned by the group as a whole, we also have a cabinet including Mr. Anderson, advisors Mr. Richard Kunz and Mr. Edward McParlan, the president, and six members. The schedule we planned included both educational and recreational activities.

At the beginning of the year, Mr. Anderson gave a series of films and discussions on "A Basis for Sex Morality". We held a Film Festival on Peace, with youth groups from other churches. P.F. also attended an Ecumenical Youth Rally at Cathedral High School, in which Mr. Anderson and other P.F. members worked hard in planning. However, along with our more serious work has come a good share of enjoyable experiences.

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Pilgrim Fellowship sincerely thanks and appreciates the interest and guidance that has been shown by our advisors, Bob Anderson, Richard Kunz, and Edward McParlan, and also members of the congregation who have been invited to participate with us in our meetings. Young people are important in the role of the church, and youth appreciates recognition of this.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Lee, President

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REPORT OF THE UNITED CAMPUS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

There is no single event or group sponsored by our cooperating churches which carries the complete image of our campus ministry in the Twin Ports.

At one time it may be the campus Christian fellowship, UCCF, gathered for study and discussion in a room at Kirby Student Center at UMD or in the Newman Center at WSUS.

At another time it could be students attending conferences in the Twin Cities, Stevens Point, Cleveland, Chicago, Washington, D.C., on canoe trips off the Sawbill Trail or on a summer service project in New Mexico.

It may be the sponsorship of a state-wide Seminar on Leisure with a field trip on the Brule River, a film festival on peace, a panel of Negro students discussing "Summer 1967," a fine arts tour, a group at the hospitality center for Job Corps young men, a new group organized for ecumenical ministry, or a group cooperating in a coffee house venture.

It could be faculty, high school students, university students, and adults viewing and discussing TV programs in local churches on a Sunday morning.

It could be members of the advisory board meeting and writing campus ministry study reports or forming committees for discussion and action in metropolitan campus ministry.

It could be entertaining national and regional campus visitors from Wisconsin, Illinois and Ohio.

It could be a campus minister who is a pastor, an evangelist, a counsellor, a man for others and for God, intentionally involved in campus and community affairs.

In the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-seven it has been all of this -- and more -- the work of UCCF and the Advisory Board for United Campus Ministry, Duluth-Superior.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Nelson
Campus Minister

REPORT OF THE MUSIC COMMITTEE

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During this past year the music of our services has continued to carry on the traditions of high quality and inspiration to which we have become accustomed for many, many years.

We are grateful

to Mr. Don Andrews, Organist and Director of our Chancel Choir,
to Mrs. Margaret McGillivray, Director of the Junior Choir,
to Mrs. Richard J. Kunz, Director of the Handbell Choirs,
to the members of all these choirs.
All have contributed much time and talent. We hope that each of them has enjoyed doing his or her share as much as we have been inspired by their music.

One of the most unusual and thrilling events of the year was the Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service held in our church. Members of the choirs of Glen Avon Presbyterian, Holy Rosary Cathedral, St. Paul's Episcopal and University Methodist Churches joined Pilgrim Chancel Choir. They, with Don Andrews as Director and Organist, gave us inspiration which we will remember for a long time.

Members of the Music Committee were hosts in the small dining room at a delightful and friendly coffee hour for members of the combined choirs on their rehearsal night. Everyone enjoyed the get-together.

A special note -- have you noticed that more and more of our church members remain in their seats after Sunday morning service to listen to the postlude which Don Andrews plays?

Respectfully submitted,

Jean M. Matter, Chairman

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REPORT OF THE COMMUNION GUILD

The Communion Committee has functioned as two groups, each performing its duties faithfully.

The Saturday Committee is composed of the following people, who prepare the Communion table:

Mrs. G. A. Dinham

Mrs. Thomas Gemuenden

Miss Edna Jenks

Mrs. Wilbur Fox

Mrs. L. E. Griffith

The Sunday Committee, which washes the service and polishes the silver on Sunday after church, includes:

Mrs. T. A. Brain

Mrs. Ruth Cavanaugh

Miss Mira Childs

Mrs. Axel Herbert

Mrs. C. L. Grindy

Mrs. Roy Howard

Mrs. G. M. Macaulay

Mrs. Milton Prince

Mrs. C. T. Sponsel

We wish to take this opportunity to thank these members for their faithful service.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. W. J. Brooker, Chairman

Mrs. J. A. Robb, Co-chairman

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF USHERS

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The membership of Pilgrim Church owes a large measure of thanks to our ushers and captains for 1967. Team captains were Ted Appelquest, William Currier, and Wilbur Fox.

Special recognition was given to Mr. John Dalton at a Church service in early December for his many, many years of devoted service as assistant head usher.

Our sincere thanks is also given to the young men from Pilgrim Fellowship who ushered at the early Family Service Christmas Eve.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas S. Kohlbry, Head Usher

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REPORT OF THE FLOWER COMMITTEE

It has been the pleasure of the Flower Committee to arrange for flowers to be on the Communion table each Sunday during the year except for Communion Sundays when no flowers are used, and to decorate the church for Palm Sunday, Easter and Christmas.

Flowers were given as memorial gifts on 40 Sundays and by the Women's Fellowship on 7 Sundays. There were 45 memorial plants on Easter Sunday. The large wreath, garlands and poinsettias for Christmas were provided by the Women's Fellowship.

The Flower Committee wishes to express its sincere appreciation to all those who have contributed to the beauty and worshipful atmosphere of our church and to Mr. Lloyd Peterson of Peterson-Anderson Flowers who is so helpful in the selection of flowers and generous in the amount given to us for the minimal charge of \$6.00.

There are dates available for 1968. If you would like to provide memorial flowers, please call the church office. The cost is \$6.00; the flowers will be selected and arranged by the Flower Committee and the bill will be mailed to the donor by the florist.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. F. H. Magney, Mrs. J. A. Robb,
Beatrice Halfaker, Chairman

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REPORT OF THE LOOKOUT COMMITTEE

Members of the Lookout Committee each Sunday wrap and deliver the flowers from the vases on the Communion Table to shut-in or hospitalized members as directed by Dr. Halfaker. A card from the church and the current Sunday bulletin accompany each bouquet. Members of the committee serve for a month at a time and the whole committee helps on Easter.

The Lookout Committee during 1967 consisted of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Brain, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Currier, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur M. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Matzke, Mr. and Mrs. Archie W. Rappana, and Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Tengquist. Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Jacobson also helped one month. The assistance of Mr. Ray Bonnell and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Matter on Easter was greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. W. G. Currier, Chairman

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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The Nominating Committee submits the following nominations for officers and committee memberships:

CLERK: Mrs. Harold O'Dell

TREASURER: Jesse D. Bradley

HISTORIAN: William G. Currier

BOARD OF DEACONS: (for three years) John M. Dickerson, Robert H. Engstrom, Richard B. Heimbach, Robert L. Heller, Roy T. Osterland, Lawrence D. Stratton.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: (for three years) Edward T. Fride, Jr., Mrs. Frederick M. Harlow, George H. Spencer, Jr.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: (for three years) Mrs. F. C. Jacobson, John D. Morrison, Dr. E. I. Parson.
(for one year) Richard J. Kunz.

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Mrs. Walter W. Matzke, Chairman, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Brain, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Currier, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur M. Fox, Mr. Walter W. Matzke, Mr. and Mrs. Archie W. Rappana, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Tengquist.

MUSIC COMMITTEE: Dr. Keith R. Fawcett, Chairman, R. B. Buchanan, Mrs. F. H. Cash, Mrs. Kenneth Duncan, C. L. Edson, Mrs. M. M. Fifield, Wilbur M. Fox, Mrs. Karl F. Honigman, Mrs. Richard J. Kunz, Mrs. Joseph H. Leek, Mrs. Ellis N. Livingston, William P. Van Evera, Mrs. Kenneth C. Weyl.

STANDING COMMITTEE: Mrs. Warren J. Brooker, Mrs. T. A. Brain, Mrs. Ruth Cavanaugh, Miss Mira Childs, Mrs. Wilbur M. Fox, Mrs. George M. Macaulay.

Respectfully submitted,

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dr. Gordon C. Amundson
Mrs. M. M. Fifield
Mrs. Wilbur M. Fox
Dr. Joseph H. Leek
Ray G. Palmer

Dr. E. I. Parson
Mrs. G. H. Spencer, Jr.
A. W. Taylor, Jr.
Mrs. C. L. Thomas
Martha Wallace

Bruce Buchanan, Chairman

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF PILGRIM CHURCH

To be presented at the Annual Meeting, January 17, 1968

The following amendments are proposed by the Board of Deacons. The purpose of these amendments is to provide for the establishment of an elected Board of Deaconesses which would fulfill the responsibilities presently assigned to the Communion Guild and the six women elected each year to serve with the Deacons on the Standing Committee dealing with matters of church membership standing.

It is anticipated that the Board of Deaconesses might occasionally meet jointly with the Board of Deacons. Most of the time the Deaconesses would meet separately as necessary to plan and carry out their work. When the Deacons and Deaconesses meet jointly they will be referred to as the Diaconate.

Proposed Amendments

Article IV, Sections 1, 2, 3 and 5.

Amend by deleting the words "Standing Committee" wherever they appear and inserting the words "Board of Deacons".

Article V, Section 1. (first paragraph) The officers of this church shall be a Minister, a Director of Religious Education, eighteen active Deacons, not more than four Life Deacons, nine Trustees, a Clerk, a Treasurer, and a Standing Committee. ;

Amend by inserting, following the words "Life Deacons", "nine Deaconesses", and deleting the words "and a Standing Committee."

The amended section would read: "The officers of this church shall be a Minister, a Director of Religious Education, eighteen active Deacons, not more than four Life Deacons, nine Deaconesses, nine Trustees, a Clerk, and a Treasurer.

Article V, Section 1. Following the second paragraph insert

"Each Deaconess shall be elected for a term of three years, three being elected at each annual meeting. After serving two full terms no Deaconess shall be eligible for re-election until after the lapse of one year.

Article V, Section 1. The last paragraph to be amended by deleting the second sentence. The paragraph will then read:

"The Clerk and Treasurer shall each be elected annually.

Article V. Following section 5 insert the following section 6 and renumber sections 6, 7 and 8 to read 7, 8 and 9.

Article V, Section 6. The Deaconesses shall visit the sick and needy, especially of their own sex, call upon new members, introduce new families into the life of the church and cooperate with the pastor in promoting the spiritual interests of the church. They shall have responsibility for preparation for the communion services and the care of the communion equipment.

The Deaconesses shall hold an organization meeting during the week following the annual meeting of the church to elect a chairman and secretary and plan their work for the year. Subsequent meetings shall be held as needed at the call of the chairman. Joint meetings of the Deacons and Deaconesses may be arranged and when acting jointly they shall be called the Diaconate.