



JESUS IN THE CITY FELLOWSHIP

information and news update

Starting Our Seventeenth Year of Ministry in South Minneapolis

Fulfilling the great commission through outreach and spiritual restoration one soul at a time.

Faith and Charity and the Real Reason For Christmas

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The Prophecy

Isaiah 9:6 "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace".

The Announcement

Luke 1:34-35 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

The Birth

Luke 2:11-14 "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

The prophecy of the birth of Jesus was made about 700 years before the event. The historical evidence is there to prove that this event took place. At Jesus in the City we minister in an area of the Twin Cities where knowing what Christmas really means is a matter of debate for some people.

That is one of the main reasons that we do what we do.

Did you know?

By the way did you know that in the first century when the church fathers wrote the scriptures they spelled Christ in the Greek with a simple "X", which meant Christos in Greek? When you see people using X instead of Christ when writing Christmas, just use that as an opportunity to talk about how the Bible has survived the test of time.

Christmas In The City with Jesus In The City. Our 12th Year of Christmas In The City

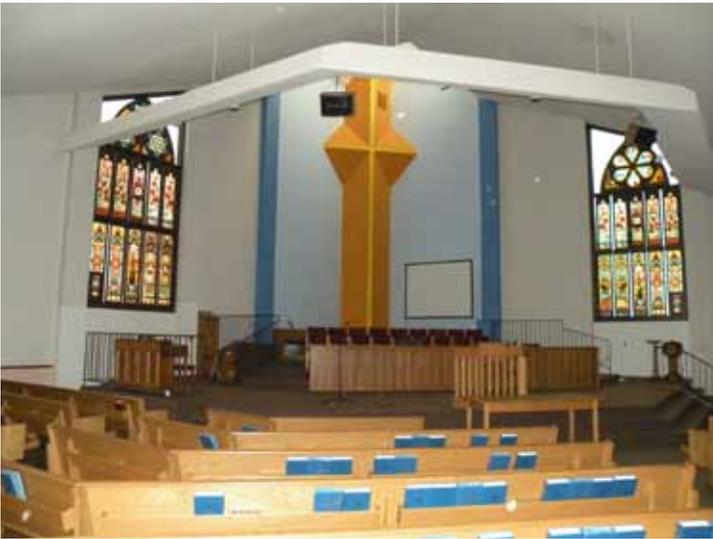
As I write this newsletter our Christmas outreach is in full swing this season. Currently we have adopted 20 families this season. Though many of the needs are being met we still are short on funds for the food portions of this program. All the families will be receiving their deliveries.

In this exciting outreach to families in poverty living in South and North Minneapolis, we are able to show people the love of God in a real and authentic way. You can help sponsor a family for as little as \$300.00.

If you would care to participate or donate to this, please contact us.

Thanks for all of your past support and I want to wish you a blessed Christmas.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Michael A Pilla



Angle view of the sanctuary.



Small gymnasium with stage.



The north side, (classroom side) of the building.



Southwest corner of the building.



This room will be remodeled as a second sanctuary with an "urban sound studio" look.



Full commercial kitchen.

A GOD-TUNITY

I had an uncle that used to say there is no such thing as luck, that luck is when opportunity and perseverance cross. In God's kingdom our steps are ordered. As a Christian I have come to learn there is no such thing as luck, only God's blessings on our hard work, on our hearts, and when we seek Him for direction. The seed that we sow into God's kingdom he will honor and bring back a harvest (spiritual and financial).

Over the past 9 months God has brought Jesus in the City Fellowship into a unique opportunity to acquire our own building. This building is located approximately 10 blocks from where we presently worship on Sundays. It is located in the heart of the Phillips Neighborhood, and is in great shape. There are two sanctuaries, twelve classrooms, a full gymnasium and a heavy-duty, relatively new kitchen. Currently there are several ministries functioning out of it, including a day care. They would continue to operate there and pay rent if we should purchase it.

The cost of this building is \$750,000. We are prayerfully considering this opportunity to purchase this building by sharing the cost with another church, City View Church and Pastor Walt McFadden. We both could hold Sunday Services at the same time, and feel it would be a great blend of ministries. We would keep our own special uniqueness, yet run many of our programs out of the building at the same time. You can see pictures of this building on the inside of this newsletter.

We will not go into debt:

For our part in this, JICF needs \$450,000 in cash to go into this venture. JICF will not go into debt. That has been my commitment to ministry since the beginning, and I feel the Lord has honored us for avoiding that burden. I believe in my heart that the resources are out there and God wants us to move on this building and purchase it.

Would you prayerfully consider being involved with JICF in helping us to acquire this building and be a part of what God is doing in South Minneapolis? Perhaps consider a one-time gift or a monthly commitment to help us with this.





Christmas delivery teams from 2010 at Bachmans.

Coming up this winter,

Christmas in The City With Jesus In The City, Would you like to adopt a family?
Also we are looking for mentors.

DONATE ONLINE You can donate on line to Jesus In The City at our web site,
www.jesusinthecityfellowship.org. Thanks so much again for all your support.

Would you like your newsletter emailed to you? Contact me at: Michaelangelo@pclink.com

LOCATION We are now holding services at Trinity Lutheran Church on
11th Ave So. and 19th Street in South Minneapolis at 11am. Go to our website for directions.

Thank you so much for your support! Pastor Michael Pilla <><

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