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So Free to Serve

Looking for some light summer reading? How about the Bible's book of Philemon? At 25 verses it's almost the shortest book of the Bible (3 John is a bit shorter).

This brief letter gives us a glimpse into the life of Paul and some of the events of the day. A slave named Onesimus ran away from his master Philemon and found refuge in Paul's home. Paul describes himself as an "old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus." Paul describes Onesimus as "my son" and "my very heart." During this lonely and difficult season of Paul's life, Onesimus was a great help to the apostle.

But the letter was written to accompany Onesimus on the trip back to his master. He was still Philemon's slave, and the right thing to do under the laws of the time was to return to that life of slavery. In the letter Paul asks Philemon for a big favor: give Onesimus his freedom. Paul writes, "Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back for good—no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a man and a brother in the Lord." (verse 15-16)

I thought about the story of Philemon, Onesimus and Paul because we talk about freedom in our country this month. It's one of our most cherished values, and we're proud to say that we're willing to fight for it. This short letter encourages us to think about what we will do with that freedom. Paul believed that the service of a free brother was more valuable than that of a slave. He wanted Onesimus to have the opportunity to serve motivated by love, and not compelled by fear and chains.

As we celebrate our freedom this month, we Christians will probably also turn our thoughts to the freedom that Christ won for us on the cross. Because of his sacrifice we live now without fear of punishment, but rather confident of God's love and forgiveness. That freedom is ours because Jesus used his freedom to pay for ours. Now we're free to follow in his footsteps and serve.

Opportunities to serve are all around us. Certainly our congregation has many of them. Your new neighbor who struggles with English is also an opportunity, and so is the friend who struggles with the guilt of sin. We could look at any of those situations as inconveniences or burdens, but Christ didn't look at us that way. He saw our need and saw an opportunity to serve. And when he did he set us free to serve.

"Whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." —Matthew 20:27

Pastor Pete

Celebrations & Congratulations



PLEASE HELP RESTOCK FOOD SHELF

The food shelf is in need of **food!** Any food items that are useful to families, such as tuna, soup, peanut butter, canned fruit, canned vegetables, cereal, etc. are greatly appreciated! Please—no expired items! Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor. Proverbs 22:9

Got News??

I am always looking for contents for this newsletter. Pilgrim has such an amazing website thanks to Joe Sorensen that it is easy to forget how nice it is to sit down and read a newsletter. Plus many of us are limited or have no access to the Internet. Just write up, hand in, or E-mail any items to Zoe Herzig – Zherzig@yahoo.com

Thank you for your patience and support in my efforts to bring this to you each month.

*** **Important information** about the News Letter. As you may or may not have heard we are no longer mailing out the monthly News Letter. If you have email we are strongly encouraging you to sign up to receive the Monthly News Letter electronically. If you do not have email you can still pick up your copy which will be located at all the entrance doors of the Church. If you have any questions please free to get in touch with me. To OPT-In to receiving the Newsletter electronically go to the Pilgrim website (<http://www.pilgrimonline.net/>) and click on the link titled Pilgrim Newsletter. This will direct you to the OPT-In form.

July Birthdays

Herbert Johnson	2	Douglas Johnson	15	Norm Rogers	27
Thomas Geiselhart	3	Rachel Ndekwe	15	Trisa Fischer	30
Shannon Gostchock	4	Jane Neumann	15	Michelle Cambrice	31
Jonas Jennrich	4	Doris Belsaas	16	Andrew Leyrer	31
Harlan Johnson	5	Virgil Engelke	16		
Rebecca Kramer	5	Jacqueline Bonde	17		
Carol Grundl	6	Karen Sonnenburg	17		
Bethel Ehlenfeldt	7	Anthony Holmgren	19		
David Josephitis	7	Isabelle Lecy	19		
Melissa Kerber	7	Rachel Josephitis	20		
Kathy Vrieze	7	Cheyenne Petroske	20		
Ione Holmgren	8	Lorraine Ahlberg	21		
Richard Brust	9	Matthew Tucker, Jr.	22		
Ross Edwardsen	9	Danica Cambrice	23		
Lauren Loescher	9	Alison McAghon	25		
Karel Lyngstad	10	Amaya Robinson	25		
Chuck Nelson	10	Loretta Tucker	25		
Christine Bedor	11	Temple Fischer	27		
James Johnson	11	Jennifer Kjornes	27		
Stanley Wasley	11	Dolores Polivany	27		
Allison Loescher	14	Rick Puterbaugh	27		

Wedding Anniversaries

Timothy & Ione Holmgren	13
Silas & Heather McAghon	22
Cory & Tammy Bandelin	24
Larry & Lori McGowan	30

Announcements / Thank you notes



Rummage Sale

I would like to thank all of those who helped make the 2009 Rummage Sale a success. We raised \$1100 in sales, and another \$102 in the SA gift card raffle. The winner of the raffle was Yvonne Cosgrove of Minneapolis. The money raised will be used to purchase much needed larger cheerleading uniforms.

Lords Blessings
Zoe Herzig

Blood Drive

I would like to thank all the donors, volunteers and those deferred for helping to make the blood drive on May 30 a success. We had 4 first time donors and collected 41 units which surpassed our goal! Our next blood drive is Nov. 7 so put it on your calendar. Thanks again Laurie Sorensen and the American Red Cross

Trinity Banner

The beautiful Trinity banner displayed in the front of the church was crafted by Pilgrim members Carol Christensen and Lue Rogers. Thank you for your excellent workmanship!

WORSHIP SERVICES NOW IN VIDEO FORM

Thanks to the artistic efforts of our own Larry McGowan, the Pilgrim worship services are now in video form on the Pilgrim website at www.pilgrimonline.net. They are under the side menu heading of Worship Recordings.

Once you go onto this page you have the option of several worship services, all posted by date with the most recent at the top. Just click on the large play arrow to start the video.

If you want to expand the screen to full size, just click on the icon that shows 4 arrows pointing to the 4 corners. You can also jump to various parts of the service by clicking on the progress slide bar.

Also, as long as you are on the website, why not **sign up for the Pilgrim newsletter to be delivered to you electronically**. It saves the Church printing and postage costs and gets the newsletter to you a lot faster and in color. The heading for Pilgrim Newsletter is right under the Worship Recordings heading on the side menu.
Joe Sorensen

Invitations/Upcoming Events for July



Upcoming Opportunities

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HABIT FOR HUMANITY SEPTEMBER 5, 2009

Volunteers are needed to work at the Habit for Humanity booth at the State Fair on Saturday, September 5, 2009. We have secured four 3 1/2 hour shifts, and nine to ten volunteers are needed per shift. We will receive \$500/shift x 4 = \$2,000 for the Pilgrim School Parent Group fund. If you would like to be a volunteer for this event, please contact Dr. Scott Gostchock at 612-825-5375 or Stephani LeFlore at 612-239-6243. Thank you!

Planning a fundraiser?

Reminder: If you are planning any fundraisers this year please let Mark Heilman know as soon as possible, There is currently \$1250.00 to spend for Pilgrim Fundraisers.

A New Beginning for Women 's Bible Study

Is studying the Gospel of John using the People's Bible with study questions compiled by WELS pastors. We have a supply of the People's Bible available for \$15. If this sounds interesting to you, come and check it out at no obligation. We meet from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month in the fireside room. Please call Doris Belsaas, 612-922-5058 or Betty Helmen, 612-823-4885 if you have questions.

Quarterly Meeting Dates

For your information, the next two Quarterly Meeting Sundays in 2009 are July 19 and Oct 18.

BENEFIT FOR JAMES GERBER

A benefit is being planned for James Gerber, who is a member of the Board of Regents at St. Croix Lutheran High School. Jim has been diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia and is awaiting a bone marrow transplant. The benefit will be held on Saturday, July 25, at St. Croix and will include a spaghetti dinner, a silent auction and three raffle items. Volunteers are needed to help with the event and/or donations of new items for the auction. To volunteer, please contact Liz Oldfield at 651-455-4483 or joldfield@usfamily.net or Donna Schwerin at 651-235-4683 or maschwerin@live.com.

Pace Summer Program July 6th-24th

Thrivent Financial Family Day at the Zoo

When: 4:00–8:30 p.m., Sunday, July 12 (rain or shine)

Where: 13000 Zoo Blvd., Apple Valley, Minnesota
Cost: Thrivent Financial members - \$5 per person (cash only)

Bring postcard invitation to receive discount admission
Visit the returning AFRICA! exhibit and the brand-new Woodland Adventure play area. Enjoy free beverages at the Thrivent Financial Tent (until 6:30 p.m.), monorail rides, musical entertainment, and a bird show. Also, \$12 (reg. \$15) IMAX movie **Transformers 2** tickets available – by calling Zoo Hotline.

A portion of ticket proceeds from this event will benefit Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity.

For more information call Zoo Hotline: 763-746-3280 or visit

www.thrivent.com/memberperks

Invitations/Upcoming Events for August



Upcoming events at Pilgrim for the month of August

National Night Out
August 4th

Camp Croix Retreat
August 21st-23rd
For more information about Camp Croix Bible Camp, please contact Ryan Conlon at ryanconlon78@msn.com or Walt Zimmerman at waltzimm@comcast.net

School Picnic - August 26th, at 6:00 p.m.

School Begins K-8, Aug 31st
Opening Service at 8:30 a.m.
(Pilgrim School) 8:00 am

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

By the grace of God, St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Montrose, Minnesota, will be celebrating its 100th anniversary on Sunday, August 30, 2009. The morning service will be at 10 a.m., followed by a dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The afternoon service will be at 2 p.m. Coffee and cake will be served after the service. If you wish to attend the dinner, please RSVP to 763-675-3201 or sptrinch@lakedalelink.net
Pastor Robert Hellmann

Job Transition S.O.S. Workshop

Strategies, Opportunities & Support

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans invites anyone who has recently experienced a job loss or transition to this free S.O.S. workshop. Alleviate your distresses by learning simple, actionable strategies from industry expert **Catherine Breet-Byers** (www.changeyourstripes.net) on how to:
Differentiate yourself in a tight job market.
Network for success and interview to win.
Overcome the obstacles and knock your financial fears out of the way.

Tuesday, July 7 6:30-8:30 pm
Holy Nativity Lutheran Church

3900 Winnetka Ave. N., New Hope, MN 55427

R.S.V.P.: Please visit <http://thriventsosholynativity.eventbrite.com> or call Rev. Jason Wahlstrom at 763-545-1647.

Tuesday, July 14 6:30-8:30 pm
Zion Lutheran Church

1200 Highway 25 S, Buffalo MN

R.S.V.P.: Please visit <http://thriventsosbuffalo.eventbrite.com> or 763-682-1234 or heartofthelakesgroup@thrivent.com

16th Annual Lutheran Night at the Twins

Wednesday, August 26, 2009 (Dollar-a-Dog Night!)
Thrivent Activity Tent: 5-7 p.m.
Game: 7:10 p.m.

Join us for a night of big league fun and excitement! Since 1994, over 84,000 Lutherans of all ages have enjoyed this evening of fun and fellowship at the ballpark. Wednesdays are Hormel Dollar-a-Dog Night!

\$1 from every tickets sold will benefit Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity. PLUS...one member of each group of 25 or more can become a member of the Twins' "Lutheran Night Choir" and perform the National Anthem.

Tickets: Lower Reserved - \$22 (reg. \$31), Upper Club - \$17 (reg. 22), Upper General Admission - \$7 (reg. \$8).

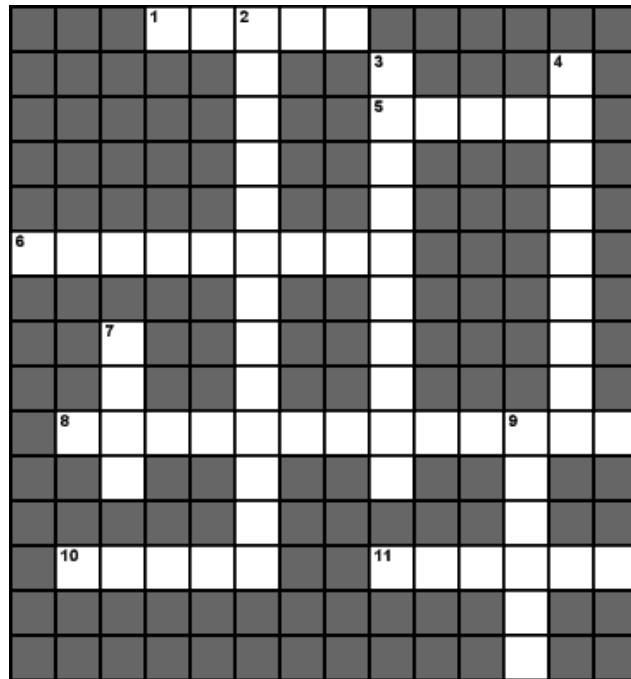
Groups of 25+: visit www.thrivent.com/memberperks to download order form. The deadline to receive tickets by mail is Aug. 5, 2009.

Individuals or Groups of 24 or fewer: Simply call 1-800-33-TWINS (338-9467) to order your discounted tickets over the phone. Offer valid on August 26, 2009 only.

Chapters can support this event by hosting a park & ride bus program, sponsoring activities or sending volunteers for the Thrivent Financial Activity Tent (face painting, dunk-tank, or ice cream social), and sending a chapter postcard mailing. Contact Luke.Reynebeau@thrivent.com or call 763-746-3175 for more details.

FAMILY FUN TIME

Romans Chapter 10



Across

- 1 Their words have gone to the ends of the what?
- 5 What will you never be put to if you trust in Jesus?
- 6 What was the Israelites zeal not based on?
- 8 What is there no difference between? (3,3,7)
- 10 Who said "The man who does these things will live by them"?
- 11 Who is the end of the law?

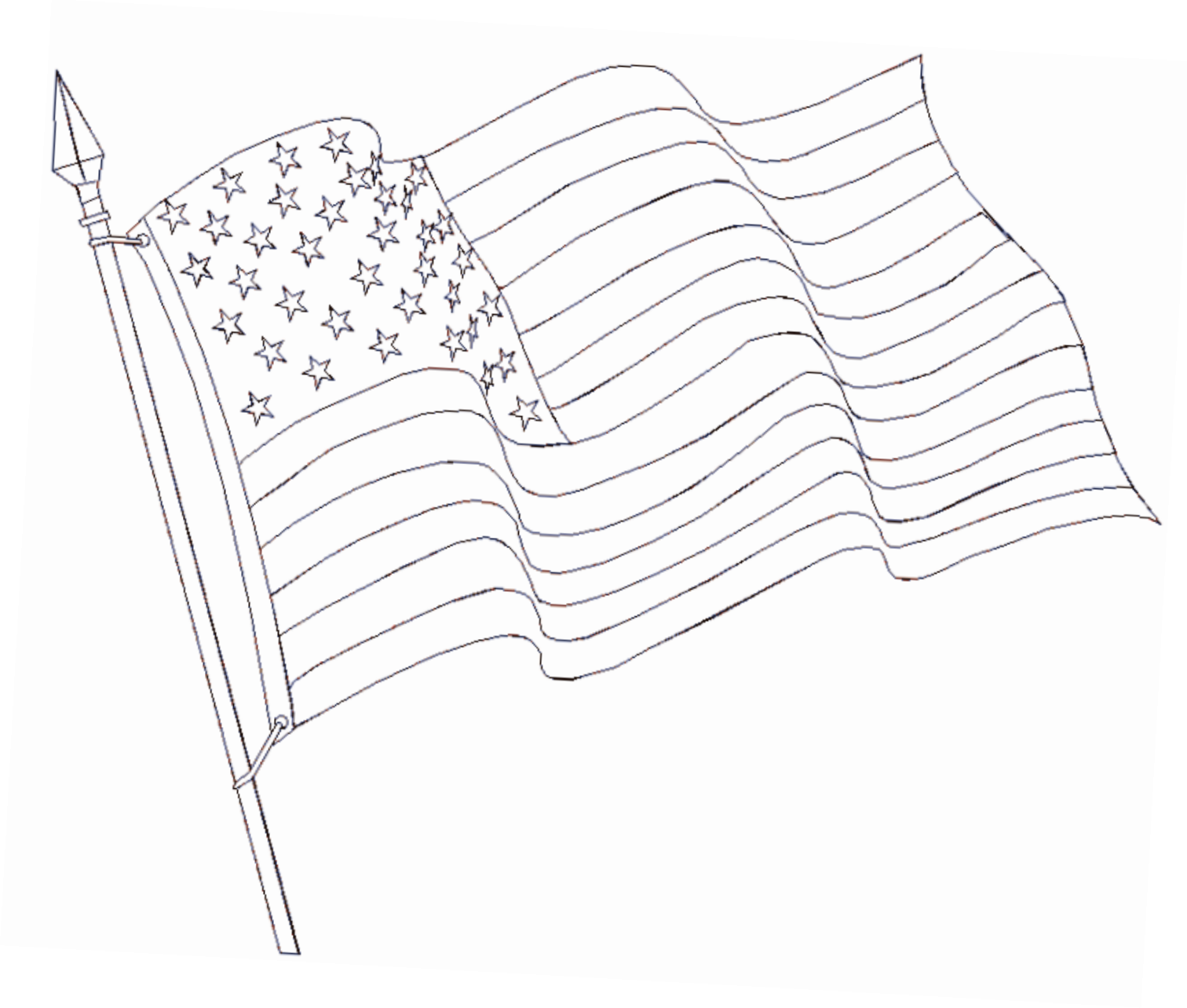
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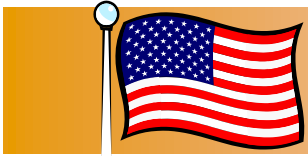
- 2 What did the Israelites not know came from God?
- 3 Which group was it Paul's heart's desire that they be saved?
- 4 What are the feet of those who bring good news?
- 7 Who will descend into the what?
- 9 Who was found by those who did not seek him?

Handy Little Chart

YOU SAY	GOD SAYS	BIBLE VERSES
<i>It's Impossible</i>	<i>All things are possible</i>	<i>Luke 18:27</i>
<i>I'm too tired</i>	<i>I will give you rest</i>	<i>Matthew 11:28-30</i>
<i>Nobody really loves me</i>	<i>I love you</i>	<i>John 3:16 & John 3:34</i>
<i>I can't go on</i>	<i>My grace is sufficient</i>	<i>II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15</i>
<i>I can't figure things out</i>	<i>I will direct your steps</i>	<i>Proverbs 3:5-6</i>
<i>I can't do it</i>	<i>You can do all things</i>	<i>Philippians 4:14</i>
<i>I'm not able</i>	<i>I am able</i>	<i>II Corinthians 9:8</i>
<i>It's not worth it</i>	<i>It will be worth it</i>	<i>Romans 8:28</i>
<i>I can't forgive myself</i>	<i>I forgive you</i>	<i>I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1</i>
<i>I can't manage</i>	<i>I will supply all your needs</i>	<i>Philippians 4:19</i>
<i>I'm afraid</i>	<i>I have not given you a spirit of fear</i>	<i>II Timothy 1:7</i>
<i>I'm always worried and frustrated</i>	<i>Cast all your cares on ME</i>	<i>I Peter 5:7</i>
<i>I'm not smart enough</i>	<i>I give you wisdom</i>	<i>I Corinthians 1:30</i>
<i>I feel all alone</i>	<i>I will never leave you or forsake you</i>	<i>Hebrews 13:5</i>

CILDRENS FUN TIME





July 2009

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

<i>Sun</i>	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> Bible Study 6 p.m. Worship 7 p.m.	<i>2</i> Pastor shut-in visits	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> <i>Independence Day!</i>
<i>5</i> Worship Services: 8:30 Traditional 9:45 Fellowship 10:30 Contemporary	<i>6</i> PACE Monday-Thursday 8:00-Noon	<i>7</i> Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m. School Committee 6:00 p.m.	<i>8</i> Bible Study 6 p.m. Worship 7 p.m.	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.
<i>12</i> Communion Services: 8:30 Traditional 9:45 Fellowship 10:30 Contemporary	<i>13</i> PACE Monday-Thursday 8:00-Noon Finance Meeting 7 p.m.	<i>14</i> Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m. Council Meeting 7 p.m.	<i>15</i> Bible Study 6 p.m. Worship 7 p.m.	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> Worship Service: 9:30 Worship 11:00 Quarterly Meeting 12:00 Potluck	<i>20</i> PACE Monday-Thursday 8:00-Noon	<i>21</i> Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.	<i>22</i> Bible Study 6 p.m. Worship 7 p.m. Evangelism Meeting 7:45	<i>23</i> Last Day of PACE	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.
<i>26</i> Communion Services: 8:30 Traditional 9:45 Fellowship 10:30 Contemporary	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.	<i>29</i> Bible Study 6 p.m. Worship 7 p.m.	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	