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Dog Days

Every year about this time, the ancient Romans would sacrifice a brown dog in their temples. They believed that when the “dog star” or Sirius appeared at dawn it ushered in the hottest weather of the year. The sacrifice was necessary because these were thought to be evil days when food spoiled, wine soured and people as well as animals became ill. We still call these the “dog days” of summer.

When we lived in Taiwan, there was a similar tradition about this time of year. During “Ghost Month” it was believed that the gates of hell opened and spirits roamed the earth causing mischief or injury in the households of all who did not offer the appropriate sacrifices. There are certain things that one doesn't do during Ghost Month, like get married or buy a house or start a business because all of those ventures are doomed to failure.

We Christians view the world differently. Things may happen that we don't understand. Things may happen that we don't like. But whatever calamity comes our way we know that all things are in the hand of the Creator of the universe. And this Creator is not an impersonal force like a star, or malevolent like a ghost, but constant in his love. I know that we doubt sometimes. When things don't go our way, we wonder where God's love is. Let's help each other trust that God knows all and is not limited to our point of view.

What's more, our Creator proved his love for us by entering this fallen world in the person of Jesus Christ. He suffered hunger, thirst, fatigue and even temptation just as we do. He knew the joy of friendship, the sorrow of loss and physical pain. Jesus even died. He did all that to redeem us so that we are not forever at the mercy of “bad luck” or evil forces that have no mercy. Because he entered this world we know that no matter what our present circumstances, our eternal future is secure.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified he also glorified.

-Romans 8:28-30

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It may be the “dog days” but there are some exciting things happening in August at Pilgrim.

- I'll be on vacation the first week in August (I'm looking forward to it—it's been a long time since we've taken a real family vacation!)
- National Night Out on August 4 is always a great opportunity for us to meet the neighborhood.
- School orientation is August 20
- Camp Croix weekend starts August 21
- School picnic is August 26
- Installation of teaching staff (three new teachers this year!) is August 30
- The new school year begins August 31

It's going to be a great month, pilgrims! I'm looking forward to praying, working and worshiping with you!

Pastor Pete



Celebrations / Congratulations

August Birthdays

Kirsi Fischer	1
Bryan Puterbaugh	1
Rachel Kuske	5
Levi Fischer	6
Lincoln Fischer	6
Joy Kilber	6
Jeff Bauman	8
Carol Anderson	9
Grace Katan	9
Laurie Gunderson	12
Kyle Huggar	12
Cari Fladager	13
Lori Heilman	13
Kathie Voss	13
Lokiani King	14
Margaret Johnson	15
Aaron Benson	16
Gerald Belsaas	17
Ramon Belanger	22
Rena Knutson	22
Pastor Peter Leyrer	22
Shirley Delano	23
Matthew Helmen	24
Calvin Huggar	25
Pauline Jorgenson	25
Jessika Knutson	27
Savannah Hilde Grundl	29
Viola Gagnon	31
Douglas Kelm	31

Wedding Anniversaries

James & Burnadean Johnson	2
Carl & Ardelle Bloedel	5
Mark & Lori Heilman	7
Scott & Shamon Gostchock	10
Gerald & Doris Belsaas	24
Arnold & Judy Fick	27
Jackson & Williameta Jallah	27

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. 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.

Announcements / Thank you notes



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.

KITCHEN CLEANING AUGUST 15

Cyndi Sroga, Pilgrim School's cook, **invites and encourages all Pilgrim committee members who utilize the kitchen to participate** in a thorough kitchen cleaning on Saturday, August 15, beginning at 9 a.m. Cleaning supplies will be provided.

Please make sure that your committee is represented! Thank you! If you have any questions, contact Cyndi at 651-766-8407

Open house – Send off party August 8 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (?)

You are invited to stop in at the Bandelin house with cheers and best wishes for our senior graduate, Hannah, as she adventures to the University of Minnesota for the next four years. Congratulations Hannah! Go Gophers!

Cory and Tam Bandelin
5024 16th Avenue South, Minneapolis

IN NEED OF YOUR/OUR HELP:

OUR SAVIOR'S OUTREACH MINISTRIES – HOMELESS SHELTER

Our Savior's Outreach Ministries – Homeless Shelter is in need of our help! They are looking to purchase more beds for the people they serve from the Stillwater Prison and need \$150-\$200 in donations in order to make these purchases. Other items needed are:

- + flip/flop sandals for use in showers
- + new bed linens (twin size)
- + small oven/stove for small dwelling (portable, if there is such a thing)

If you are able and willing to help, **please contact Dr. Scott Gostchock at 612-825-5375 ext. 106.** Thanks for your consideration of reaching out to this very important population who not only needs help, but more importantly, needs Jesus!

Women's Bible Study

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.



Upcoming Events for August

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 sprinch@lakedalelink.net Pastor Robert Hellmann

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.

Thrivent Financial to host free informational workshop on economy and markets at Berea and Bethlehem Churches

Chris Larson, a Managing Partner with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, will lead a free informational workshop about the economy and the current state of the financial markets. Workshops will take place from 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 6 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4100 Lyndale Ave. So. Minneapolis, and also on Tuesday, Aug. 11 at Berea Lutheran Church, 7538 Emerson Ave. So., Richfield.

During the workshops, Larson will provide updates on important economic and investment news, strategies for coping with market and economic conditions, and perspectives on the markets and suggested actions.

"People have many questions about where to turn given today's economic conditions," said Charles Crowley of the Central Minneapolis Chapter of Thrivent Financial, the organizing that is sponsoring these events. "We believe that this seminar will answer many common questions and provide other useful insights."

As seating is limited for this event, interested individuals are asked to register to reserve a place. For the Bethlehem workshop, register at bethlehempluth.eventbrite.com and for the Berea workshop, register at bera.eventbrite.com. Dessert and other refreshments will be served.

Upcoming events for the month of August

17th ANNUAL ST. CROIX LHS GOLF CLASSIC

Calling all golfers! On **Monday, August 10, 2009**, St. Croix will host its 17th Annual Golf Classic at Oak Glen Golf Course in Stillwater. Shotgun start is at 1 p.m.; check-in and warm-up begin at 11:15 a.m.; and dinner and awards ceremony follow the event at 5:30 p.m. There are several fun events with prizes throughout the day! For more information, including registration fees and forms, visit, www.StCroixSchools.org or contact Marie Tuhy at 651-455-1521 ext. 105 or mtuhy@stcroixschools.org. Registration deadline is August 1, 2009. Proceeds will benefit tuition assistance. Come and join the fun, fellowship, and support your high school!

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 Upcoming Events for August

Upcoming events at Pilgrim for the month of September

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!

Quarterly Meeting Dates

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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AT PILGRIM LUTHERAN SCHOOL



- + Orientation August 20 at 6 p.m.
- + School Picnic August 26 at 6 p.m.
- + Installation/Recommitment August 30 10:30 a.m.
- + School Begins August 31 at 8 a.m.
- + Opening Chapel August 31 at 8:30 a.m.

School Upcoming Events for September

PLEASE JOIN US FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AT PILGRIM LUTHERAN SCHOOL



- + State Fair September 5 at 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- + Marathon September 12 at 9:30 a.m.
- + Grades K-4 Sing September 20 at 8:30 a.m.
- + Parent Group Kick Off September 23 at 5:30 p.m.

FAMILY FUN TIME



Very hard

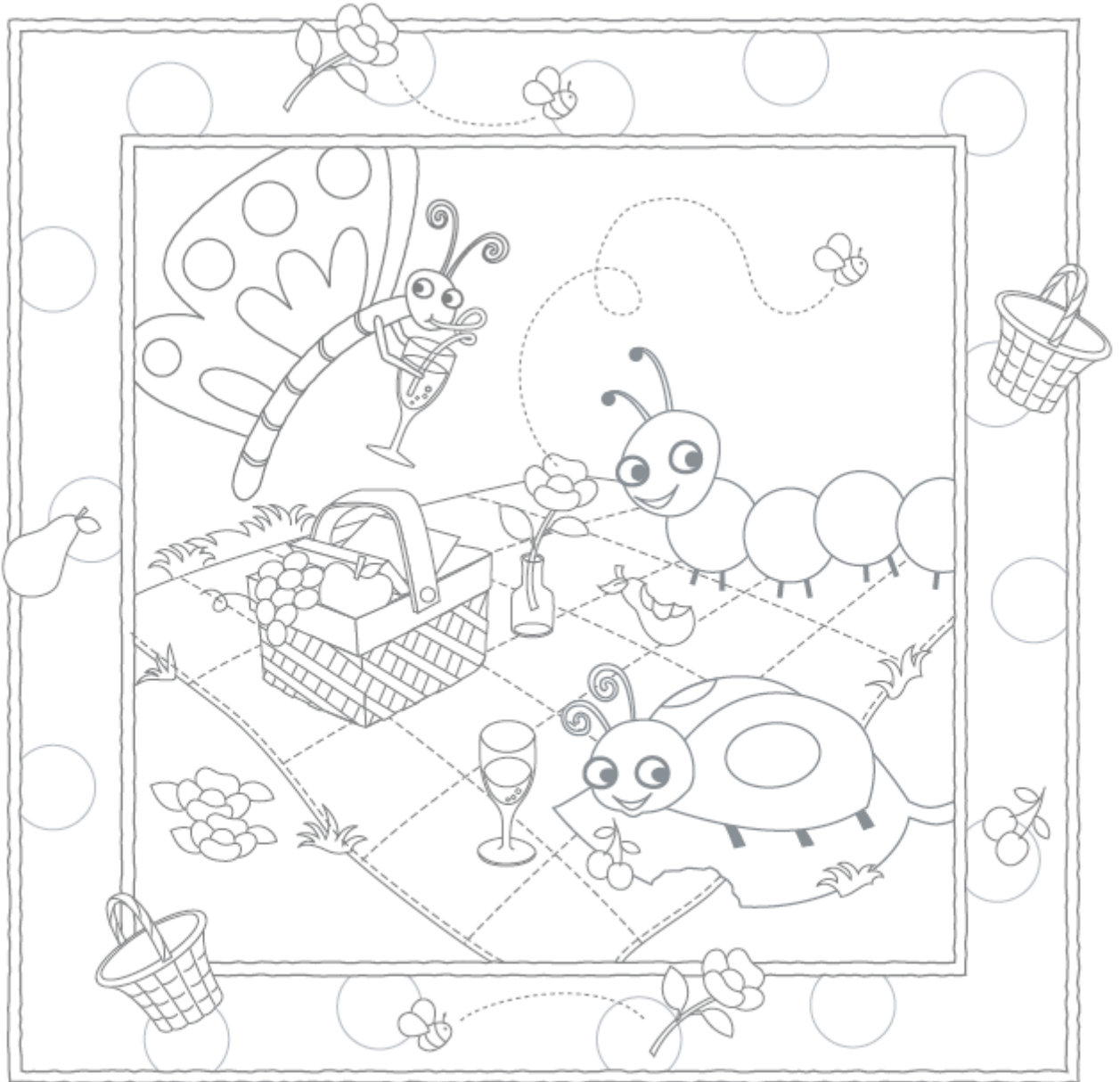
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Puzzle #270078

More Puzzles:

www.sudoku-puzzles.net

CHILDRENS FUN TIME





August 2009

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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<i>2</i> Worship Services: 8:30 Traditional 10:30 Contemporary	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m. National Night Out 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.	<i>5</i> Bible Study 6 p.m. Worship Service 7 p.m.	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.
<i>9</i> Communion Services: 8:30 Traditional 10:30 Contemporary	<i>10</i> Finance Meeting 7 p.m.	<i>11</i> Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m. Council 7 p.m.	<i>12</i> Bible Study 6 p.m. Worship Service 7 p.m.	<i>13</i> Pastor Shut-inVisits	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>16</i> Worship Services: 8:30 Traditional 10:30 Contemporary	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.	<i>19</i> Bible Study 6 p.m. Worship Service 7 p.m.	<i>20</i> Pastor Shut-inVisits	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.
<i>23</i> Worship Services: 8:30 Traditional 10:30 Contemporary	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.	<i>26</i> School Picnic 6 p.m.	<i>27</i> Pastor Shut-inVisits	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>30</i> Communion Services: 8:30 Traditional 10:30 Contemporary	<i>31</i> School Begins 8 a.m. Chapel Service 8:30 a.m.					