

The Monthly Newsletter of Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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From the Desk of Pastor Pete

Home Again

At the time of this writing, I have just returned from a week in Watertown, Wisconsin. The event was our synod's convention which happens every other year. I served as a delegate for the Minnesota District, the first time that I've been chosen for this responsibility. My father-in-law also happened to serve as a delegate this year. It was his first time as well, and we traveled together.

The Synod constitution calls for 400 delegates to gather at the convention, a mix of pastors, teachers, and laypeople from all over the nation. In addition, we received greetings from the president of our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We also heard a moving presentation from Rev. Dr. Vyacheslav Horpynchuk, bishop of the Lutheran Church of Ukraine. As part of convention business we formally declared fellowship with the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Church of Puerto Rico. We heard presentations from missionaries to Africa, Asia and Latin America.

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There's much more to tell about, and I look forward to sharing with you. For now, let me make a few observations:

I enjoyed traveling with my father-in-law. The time we spent in the car was probably the longest stretch of time I've spent alone with him.

- Watertown hasn't changed much. I spent the first eight years of my life there, and then returned for high school and college so I know the town pretty well.
- The Luther Prep campus has changed quite a bit since I went to school there. The buildings I remember are still there, but some annexes have been built and some landscaping has changed.
- We belong to a church body that loves the Word of God and works hard to uphold and proclaim it.
- We belong to a church body that genuinely enjoys the fellowship that we have. As at all conventions, there were some points of disagreement among us, but we all noticed a spirit of brotherly love prevailed.
- We have a fellowship worth preserving, not because we're so great in and of ourselves, but because we're building on the foundation of Jesus Christ as Savior of nations.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful-Colossians 3:15

Financial Peace University Many of you have asked about this course on money management from a Christian perspective. It's been a lot of fun and class members have learned a lot.

Because it's been so popular, we'll offer the class again in the Fall, starting **August 29**. Cost for the class is about \$100.00 (exact prices vary because of shipping costs for the materials) and the first session is always free. Class participants agree that the money is well spent.

If you'd like to know more about the class, contact Pastor Pete or one of the current class members or go to daveramsey.com. You can also register for the class online. You can buy class materials online as well, but you'll probably save a few dollars by buying through the class at church.



August Birthdays



<i>Kirsi Fischer</i>	1	<i>Rena Knutson</i>	22
<i>Levi Fischer</i>	6	<i>Pastor Peter Leyrer</i>	22
<i>Lincoln Fischer</i>	6	<i>Matthew Helmen</i>	24
<i>Joy Kilber</i>	6	<i>Tiffany Keys</i>	24
<i>Jeff Bauman</i>	8	<i>Calvin Hugger</i>	25
<i>Carol Anderson</i>	9	<i>Pauline Jorgenson</i>	25
<i>Grace Katan</i>	9	<i>Kobi Keys</i>	25
<i>Laurie Gunderson</i>	12	<i>Kris Keys</i>	25
<i>Lori Heilman</i>	13	<i>Jessika Knutson</i>	27
<i>Margaret Johnson</i>	15	<i>Savannah Hilde Grundl</i>	29
<i>Aaron Benson</i>	16	<i>Luke Hartzell</i>	30
<i>Gerald Belsaas</i>	17	<i>Viola Gagnon</i>	31
<i>Ramon Belanger</i>	22	<i>Douglas Kelm</i>	31



August Wedding Anniversary



James & Burnadean Johnson	2
Carl & Ardelle Bloedel	5
Mark & Lori Heilman	7
Scott & Shannon Gostchock	10
Seth & Katelyn Witte	13
Gerald & Doris Belsaas	24
Arnold & Judy Fick	27
Jackson & Williameta Jallah	27

Announcements/Prayers ...



Electronic News Letter

Did you sign up for the electronic version of our monthly news letter but are not receiving it? If you answered yes to this question please get in touch with me. It is due to the way you signed up so I would like to get that fixed for you. Zoe Herzig 763-360-6150

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and found items are in a basket by the tracts in the narthex (1st Avenue entrance) of the church. Call the church office at 612-825-5375 to inquire about lost and found items.

Lock doors and turn off lights

Pilgrim Church highly encourages the use of our facilities by groups: Pioneers, Ladies Guild, Bible Study, etc. We ask for each group, upon leaving, to verify all lights are turned off and doors are shut tight. Doors need to be checked by pulling on them as they may not lock unless forced shut. Numerous times staff members have arrived to find the doors not locked and lights left on. Not checking the doors puts our property in danger of vandalism, theft and a host of other issues. Leaving lights on causes additional funds to be sent to Xcel Energy that could have been used to spread the Gospel.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS



Please pray for the United States military and the following enlisted and/or deployed service men and women: **Paul Bandelin, Jacob and Errol Belanger, Thomas Bonde, Justin Brandt, Samuel Hass, Brent Hassler, Jennifer James, Andrew Leyrer, Nicholas Neumann, Andrew Rolston, Cory Williams, Isaac Wold, John Wolter, and John Zimmerman.**

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR MEMBERS

People to pray for (Please call the church office if you would like a name added to this list.)
Thomas Bonde, Joel Dahlberg, Joy Kilber, Jean Loescher, Daniel Martin, Rozetta Norman, and Pilgrim shut-ins.



Announcements ...



Job Transition Group

The Job Transition group that meets at St. Michael's Job will be taking a break during the summer months of June, July and August. We will schedule our next meeting for September and send out notices at that time. However, if anyone would like to meet for coffee or to discuss their job search Ruth and Geri will be avail throughout the summer. To get more information about the group or to contact Ruth or Geri: contact Geri at 612-822-2318 / geiselhart27@msn.com or Ruth Arves at 612-869-0393 / ranna630@gmail.com. If you want to join our group in Linked In, go to www.Linkedin.com under St. Michael's Networking Group. Have a great summer!

Got Job Openings?

If your company or companies you know of have position opportunities for individuals in the following areas, please contact either Ruth Arves or Geri Geiselhart so the positions can be posted on the St. Michael's Networking website. We have members looking for opportunities in these areas:

Human Resources	Graphic Arts	Computer Game Design
Accounting	Customer Service	Clerical
Graphic Motion Design	Project Management	Animal Care Assistant
Dental Assistant	Data Entry	Sales Management
Engineering	Finance	Sales Operations
Floral Design	Floral Design Instructor	Sales, General

Thank you in advance for your help and consideration

PLEASE HELP RESTOCK FOOD SHELF

The food shelf is in need of **cereal and fruit**. Any other food items that are useful to families are greatly appreciated! 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**



Announcements



Laptops & Desktop Computers Needed

Dear fellow members and friends of Pilgrim:

Help keep your Pilgrim Computer Lab open by donating your old **Laptop or Desktop** computers (please remember to include the power cord). I accept them in any condition or age, whether they work or not. Please attach your name and address to your donations so we can email you your receipt. Donations will be appraised by comparative value. Just leave the computers in the church office or copy room (if office isn't open) and I will pick them up. Cash donations are also and always accepted too. Thanks for your help.

Joe Sorensen

Fire at House in church neighborhood

Please keep the family of the residence at 3926 Stevens Avenue South in your prayers. Their house was damaged by a fire and it appears it is a total loss. If you would like to help the family, please purchase a SCRIP card for Cub, Rainbow, Target, etc. Please give these cards to Tam, Pastor Pete, or Scott, and we will have them delivered. Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

Pilgrim logo wear at our online store!

Educational Outfitters has been supplying our school with athletic logo wear for several years. Now they have helped us set up an online store where anybody can purchase hats, shirts, jackets and more with the Pilgrim Lutheran Church logo. You'll find the link to the online store on the front page of the [Pilgrim website](#). Check it out!

Camp croix – August 19-21, 2011

Now through August 19th, it's time to reserve your favorite cabin or lodge room for Camp Croix weekend. Contact Darrell Sampson at 612-724-7551.

Stewardship Verse of the Month

Ananias and Sapphira

Last month we heard about a small offering that impressed our Lord Jesus so much. This month we hear about a large offering that is rejected. Remember that giving is all about the motivation. Here is the story; Acts 5:1-10

Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. With his wife's full knowledge he kept part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the Apostles' feet. Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men, but to God. When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. Then the young men came forward, wrapped the body, and carried him out and buried him. About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?" "Yes," she said, "that is the price." Peter said to her, "How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also." At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.

Wow!! I guess the rest of the congregation would be scared! Scripture doesn't really tell us, but I get a picture that Ananias and Sapphira were respected "church people"; real pillars of the congregation. I also get the feeling that they enjoyed their status too much, and, maybe that's where they went wrong. They really didn't have to give anything from the sale of their land, but they were right to feel that something should be given. However, their deception that this was "all" of the money that they were giving, was meant to bring honor and glory to them, not to God. They had motivation problems. I can imagine Ananias proudly grinning and showing off to everyone as he dumped his substantial gift at Peter's feet. I can also imagine the shocked look on his face when Peter publicly called him, and later his wife, to account. So, let us remember the poor widow and Ananias and Sapphira as we bring our gifts to the Lord. Let's bring appropriate offerings, and let's be properly motivated when we do. Let us humbly be the best stewards we can be.

Barry Gostchock, Stewardship

**NORTHWESTERN PUBLISHING
HOUSE STORE IN TWIN CITY AREA THIS September**

Northwestern Publishing House will be at Salem Lutheran Church in Stillwater on Friday Sept. 9th starting at 8:30AM going through Sunday Sept. 11th at noon.

They are giving a 20% discount on all NPH published merchandise.

Items for sale include: Books for all ages, Clothing, Jewelry, Sheet Music, CD's, DVD's, Toys, Confirmation gifts – paper goods - invitations, etc.

Special store hours include Friday 8:30AM - 4:30 PM and throughout the weekend during the Women's Enrichment Retreat. (Friday 6-9PM, Saturday 8:30AM-7PM, Sunday 9AM-Noon)

NPH will be set up in the **Family Center (Gym)** just inside the doors, so feel free to stop in to shop anytime! Feel free to contact Tom Kuehl at NPH with any per-orders.

Tom Cell: 1-414-698-9245 or NPH: 1-800-662-6022 (ask for Tom)

LWMS CONVENTION

Mabel and Sherry Emde and Doris Belsaas joined over 1200 others June 23-26, 2011 to attend the 48th Annual LWMS convention in Milwaukee, WI. Members from almost 900 WELS and ELS congregations meet annually for mission support, spiritual renewal, motivation, and fellowship. LWMS is women dedicated to serving Jesus by increasing awareness of, interest in, and support of the mission outreach of Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

The weekend convention, June 23-26, 2011, using the theme "*The Great Commission on a Great Lake*" provided opportunities to meet missionaries and hear first-hand about the work being done in Mexico, Pakistan, and Nepal. We also heard from Pastor Seth Haakenson. He is the missionary assigned to Risen Savior in Milwaukee working with the Hispanic Ministry there. Other presenters were Pastor Luke and Jennifer Wolfgramm, Russia; Pastor Joshua Yu, Chinese Ministry, St. John's Wauwatosa, WI; Mr. James Enderle on Vicars in Mission Settings. He will be ordained in China.; Pastor Bill Limmer – Point of Grace- on Campus Ministry; Central Africa Medical Mission (Celebrating 50 years); a presentation on our mission in Japan highlighting experiences in the aftermath of the Tsunami.

Other highlights of the convention included Bible Studies, and the presentation of \$34,959.56 for Vicars in Mission Settings for Home Missions, and \$34,959,56 to Japan for World Missions. Under the Kids c.a.r.e. Home Missions Project Caribbean Missions - \$80,232.01 was presented. The offerings from the opening and closing services was split between Cross-Cultural Mission Conferences and Training and Brazil Projects with each receiving \$22,740.67 for a total of \$45,481.34 for the two services. There were also a variety of displays from different missions around the world.

The 49th Annual LWMS Convention will be held in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on June 21-24, 2012, hosted by the Heritage Circuit. The theme will be "*Our God Reigns*".

Women's enrichment weekend

Women's Enrichment Weekend will be held in Stillwater, Minnesota, on September 9-11, 2011. For detailed information, please check out Salem's website at salemlutheran.org/wew or direct questions to Karen at diethert@sbcglobal.net and pastorbrohn@salemlutheran.org (telephone 651-439-7831)



St. Croix Lutheran High School



1200 Oakdale Avenue, West St. Paul 55118, P.651.455.1521, www.StCroixSchools.org



Mark the date and register soon!

19th Annual St. Croix Lutheran High School Golf Classic

**** Monday, August 8, 2011 ****

Oak Glen Golf Course in Stillwater, MN

\$125 admission includes:

- \$40 charitable donation
- Green fees, cart rental, and driving range
- Dinner and prizes

You can also register for great event challenges like *50/50*, *Beat the Prez*, and the *Cooler Challenge*.

For more information, including registration forms,
visit www.StCroixSchools.org/golfclassic
or contact Robyn in the Mission Advancement Office
at **651-455-1521 x 106**
or by e-mail at rswiderski@stcroixschools.org

*Registration deadline is **August 1.***

All skill levels are welcome to enjoy the fun and fellowship at the Golf Classic and support St. Croix Lutheran High School students!



St. Croix Lutheran High School



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Job opening - cook

St. Croix Lutheran High School in West St. Paul has an opening for a part-time cook in the dorm kitchen. Hours: Thursday-Friday 1-8pm; Saturday-Sunday 8am-1:30pm; every other Wednesday 1-8pm. Experience with cooking for large groups and Asian foods is preferred. For more information and to apply, please call 651.455.1521, x146.

Dance team coach needed

St. Croix Lutheran High School is in need of a dance team coach for Varsity/JV and a cheerleading coach. There is a stipend for these positions. Please contact Carl Lemke at clemke@stcroixschools.org or 651.455.1521, x104 for more information.

St. Croix Lutheran High School and Middle School

Opening School Service – Monday, August 29, 8:05 a.m. – St. Croix Chapel

Includes installation of new faculty – Mr. Jay Wendland, Mrs. Emily Krause, Ms. Emily Friend, Mr. Marc Shambeau

FAMILY FUN TIME

Weather Words

Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions.
Words may overlap and share 1 or more letters

Z M N T R W V I R G A E P P S Y C H R O M E T E R R
K F H Z J F L M R T N O W F X T N L Z W K Y Y X T I
L I G H T N I N G O M T Y H O A R F R O S T R T N D
M A W C M L L N L M Q L N O O S N O M N X T M L O G
N V M K L Q P C B K W A J H L K C G W S D B A N R E
L U J I T K Y W A T O P N O I T A R U T A S E M F D
B R B N G C R B R C L K H H K H C Z Z L H M R F T M
X A P L I T L W O S F L Y U S Q U A L G L R T O S I
R N S T K I M I M U T V T R T X M M D Z Y K S E U D
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C J A T Z M D E E M V L W C N X R T E I I L J W G G
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T M H T L B N N K P L F B E D V Y D T N K S N D P S
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T E R Q T A M D E A O H N M D J Y G N N M R N N D L
M R T B H E Y H N S L A T S Y R C E C I Q L T N O T
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G D M E B A E E R E H P S O P O R T D C J T K X K L
X B R C P V Y D H D W G D O W N B U R S T S Q X W B

Alto	Frost	Midnight Sun	Squal
Anticyclone	Glaze	Millibar	Thermal
Arctic Screamer	Gust Front	Monsoon	Thunder
Autumn	Halo	Nimbus	Tornado
Barometer	Hoar Frost	Outflow	Troposphere
Blizzard	Humidity	Parhelion	Trough
Cirrus	Hurricane	Psychrometer	Uva
Cloud	Hygrometer	Rain Shadow	Vernal
Cumulus	Ice Crystals	Ridge	Virga
Diamond Dust	Isobar	Rime	Wind
Downbursts	Jet Stream	Saturation	Winter
Equinox	Khamsin	Sleet	Zephyr
Foehn Winds	Lightning	Snow	Zonal Flow
Fog	Mesoscale	Snowbelt	

CHILDRENS FUN TIME





August 2011 Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m. National Night Out 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> Worship Services: 8:30 Traditional 10:30 Outdoor Worship 6:00 S.O.N. Worship	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> Lapidary Club 6:30 p.m.	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> Communion Services: 8:30 Traditional 10:30 Outdoor Worship 6:00 S.O.N. Worship	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> School Orientation 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	<i>19</i> Camp Croix	<i>20</i> Camp Croix
<i>21</i> Worship Services: 8:30 Traditional 10:30 Outdoor Worship 6:00 S.O.N. Worship	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m. School Orientation 5 p.m. School Picnic 6 p.m.	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> Lapidary Club 6:30 p.m.	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> Communion Services: 8:30 Traditional 10:30 Outdoor Worship 6:00 S.O.N. Worship	<i>29</i> School Begins 8 a.m. Opening Service 8 :30 a.m. Financial Peace University Bible Study 6 p.m.	<i>30</i> Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.	 Bible Study 6 p.m.			