

The Monthly Newsletter of Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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From the Desk of Pastor Pete

Children matter

It's easy to lose him against the backdrop of one Jesus' greatest miracles. But there he is: a young boy in John 6:9, playing a minor role in the feeding of the five thousand. "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" asks Andrew. The boy doesn't even have a speaking role, but Jesus uses his food to provide for the huge hungry crowd. Since the Scripture doesn't say anything else about this boy there's little we can say about him. But I can't help but wonder: why was he the only one who thought to bring food into the wilderness?

Could Jesus have performed this great miracle without the boy's contribution? I suppose he could have, but he chose to use the boy's bread and fish as the springboard for this miraculous sign.

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It shouldn't surprise us to see a child in such a supporting role. Another well loved story from Jesus' life has him blessing children with the words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." (Luke 18:16-17) Jesus gave himself for children just as he gave himself for all of us. Little children, no less than anybody else need his saving love. No less than anybody else, children have the assurance of eternal life in his resurrection from the grave.

Children matter to Jesus. And because they matter to him, they matter to us. This month we begin a new school year at Pilgrim, dedicated, as always to the education of the children that Jesus loves. The many ways that people like you support our school—with offerings, prayers and work—flow from the love that Jesus has for children. Thank you!

Summer Sermons 2012 at Pilgrim

The Lies We Believe: The #1 Cause of Our Unhappiness is the title of a book by Dr. Chris Thurman. For our summer sermon series we'll be looking at some of the main points in the book and the Scripture behind them. Our first three sermons will look at some influential lies and address them with the truth of Scripture. In the last four sermons we'll look at different characteristics of the truth. Some copies of the book will be available for purchase if you'd like to read more.

Jesus said, "If you hold to my teachings, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32)

Aug 5: Truth: revealed slowly
12: Truth: may lead to pain
19: Truth: sometimes not as interesting as a lie
26: Truth: bringing it into our lives.

Sep 2: Labor Day. God honors work. Work honors God



August Birthdays



Kirsi Fischer	1	Pastor Peter Leyrer	22
Levi Fischer	6	Matthew Helmen	24
Lincoln Fischer	6	Tiffany Keys	24
Joy Kilber	6	Calvin Hugger	25
Jeff Bauman	8	Pauline Jorgenson	25
Carol Anderson	9	Kobi Keys	25
Grace Katan	9	Kris Keys	25
Amanda Beilke	11	Joyce Eilers	27
Marcus Cross	13	Jessika Knutson	27
Lori Heilman	13	Savannah Hilde Grundl	29
Margaret Johnson	15	Luke Hartzell	30
Aaron Benson	16	Viola Gagnon	31
Gerald Belsaas	17	Douglas Kelm	31
Ramon Belanger	22		
Rena Knutson	22		



August Wedding Anniversary



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



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, Errol Belanger, Thomas Bonde, Justin Brandt, Jason Fahey, Brent Hassler, Jennifer James, Andrew Leyrer, Nicholas Neumann, Andrew Rolston, Cory Williams, 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.)
Gerald Belsaas; Ardelle Bloedel; Connie and Bill Bonde; Mary Ellwood; Mabel Emde; Bob Gunderson; Brian Florin; Rebecca Herzig; Joy Kilber; Jean Loescher; Rozetta Norman; Jim Petroske; and Pilgrim shut-ins.



Announcements



Want to place an article in the News Letter?

If you want to place an article in the News Letter you may do so by handing it in to Zoe Herzig or email it to her at Zherzig@yahoo.com. All articles are due NO LATER than the 20th of each month.

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Networking group

St. Michael's Networking group has been on hiatus this summer. We'd like to start off our fall with a networking group get together on Thursday August 9th. Meet at Chilli's in Bloomington (just north of 494 on Highway 100, Industrial Blvd exit) at 5:00PM or when you can get there. Let's find out how everyone's been over the summer and what we can focus on to help everyone find that next opportunity. Our first regular meeting at St. Michael's in the library will be Thursday September 13th from 6-7PM.

Questions? Please send an email to both Ruth ranna630@gmail.com and Geri geiselhart27@msn.com.

Sixteen day tour of "The Best of China

Pastor James Humann, retired WELS pastor, and part-time teacher at Evergreen Lutheran High School in Des Moines , WA , invites you to join him and fellow WELS members on a sixteen day tour of "The Best of China , including a 4-day Yangtse River Cruise." The tour leaves from the West Coast on June 24, 2013 and returns July 9, 2013. We'll visit Beijing , Xian, Wuhan , Yichang, Chongqing, Canton and Hong Kong . In China you'll see the Great Wall , explore the Forbidden City, see some of the thousands of life-size terra cotta warriors and horses, enjoy a four day cruise on the Yangtse River, taste fabulous food, and experience some of the best shopping in the world in Hong Kong. For a colorful brochure describing the daily itinerary, tour conditions and cost, please e-mail Pastor Humann at JHumann383@aol.com or call 253-839-9055. Be sure to include your name and mailing address.



Announcements



Financial Peace University

Pilgrim Graduates & Prospective Students Potluck Picnic

August 23, 2012

5 pm social hour - 6 pm food service begins

Pilgrim FPU graduates are invited to a potluck picnic held on the church/school property to encourage & be encouraged as we journey, using gazelle intensity, to financial peace.

Anyone wishing to attain information regarding the FPU course is invited to attend. A short introductory video previewing the FPU program will be viewed in the fireside room at 7 pm. The next session begins Thursday September 13, 2012.

Brats, buns, sauerkraut, onions, ketchup/catsup, mustard, plates & cutlery will be provided. Other items needed: Lemonade, coleslaw, potato salad, fruit salad, watermelon, bars, cake, ice cream & root beer for floats, etc. Please see list on bulletin board to sign up so duplicate items are minimized.

Senior Dining/congregate dining at holy cross

Come for good nutritious meals served Monday-Friday at 1:15 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church , located at 1720 east Minnehaha Parkway one block from Cedar Avenue and the SuperAmerica. There is also off street parking. Cost is only \$3.50 per meal and is served with 1% milk. Coffee is also available. A three-day advance reservation is required. Call 612-729-6668 and talk to Juni to make your reservation. Dining is open from 12:30 until 2 p.m. so you can socialize and meet new friends, too. Please come and join the Holy Cross senior dining family.

Alter Flowers

Summer time brings an abundance of beautiful flowers and we will have lots of color for the altar in August. Jim and Bernie are celebrating an anniversary and will have an arrangement on August 5. The Bonde family have requested flowers on Aug 19 and Pauline Jorgenson is celebrating her 90th birthday on Aug 26 with flowers.

Sept 2 has been requested by Chuck and Jodie Nelson as they celebrate another anniversary.

If anyone wishes to reserve a special Sunday to provide flowers for the altar, please let me know....either with a note in my box in the church office, or a phone call (952-544-1072) or by e-mail. (lilaaske1072@msn.com) Michael Dieter's special talents are appreciated and he enjoys providing new creations. There are many Sundays available in Sept, two in October, and all of November and December.

Thanks to all who have provided flowers during the past months.

God Bless, Lila

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Upcoming Events at a glance



Youth Group event – Monday, August 6

- + Wild Mountain in Taylor Falls (an area youth gathering)
- + We will be doing the following:
 - ~ Canoeing
 - ~ Tug of war event
 - ~ Waterslides at Wild Mountain
- + Bring your own bag lunch for the day and any snacks you might want
- + Cost: \$18.50 per person (includes canoeing, water slides, and alpine slide)
- + Drivers are needed
- + We will meet at Pilgrim at 7:30 a.m. to get ready to leave
- + We will be back at Pilgrim by 6 p.m. for pick up.

If there are any questions, please call Scott Gostchock @ 612-825-5375 ext. 106. See you all soon!
Lord's blessings always!

National night out – Tuesday, August 7 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Camp Croix weekend set for august 17-19, 2012

Ron Glock – Former Teacher at Pilgrim - celebrating the 40th anniversary in the ministry

On Sunday, August 19, 2012, the members of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church in Lake Mills are celebrating the 40th anniversary in the ministry of Mr. Ronald Glock; the 30th anniversary in the ministry of Mrs. Ginny Glock; and the 25th anniversary in the ministry of Mrs. Bonnie Pufahl. The service will be at 3 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. A reception and light supper will be served in the school gymnasium after the service. Cards and well-wishes may be sent to St. Paul Lutheran Church (1530 South Main Street, Lake Mills, WI 53551) in care of the celebrant or sent via email to the church's webpage at www.stpaullakemills.org. If you have any pictures of Ron while he was a teacher at Pilgrim please email them to Casie Pufahl at cpufahl@StCroixSchools.org

FAMILY FUN TIME

Back-to-School



It's time to get back to the books

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CHILDRENS FUN TIME



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Pilgrim Lutheran Church



August 2012

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			1 Bible Study 6 p.m.	2 Shut-ins	3	4
5 Worship Services: 8:30 & 10:30 Worship 9:45 Coffee Plus 5 4:00-5:30 Youth Group 5:00 S.O.N. Bible Study 6:00 S.O.N. Worship (Pizza & Fellowship)	6 Youth Group Meet at Pilgrim 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wild Mountain Taylor Falls, MN	7 Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m. National Night Out 6-8:30 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Other hours/days by appt.)	8 Bible Study 6 p.m. Worship Meeting @ Noon Pastor's Office Hours 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. (Other hours/days by appt.)	9 Friends of China Instruction Pastor Pete	10 Prepare & Enrich Pastor Pete	11
12 Communion Services: 8:30 & 10:30 Worship Julie & Connor Christensen @ 10:30 9:45 Coffee Plus 5 5:00 S.O.N. Bible Study 6:00 S.O.N. Worship	13 Friends of China Instruction Pastor Pete	14 Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m. Pastor's Office Hours 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Other hours/days by appt.)	15 Bible Study 6 p.m. Worship Meeting @ Noon Pastor's Office Hours 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. (Other hours/days by appt.)	16 Shut-ins	17 Camp Croix	18 Camp Croix
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26 Communion Services: 8:30 & 10:30 Worship Installation of Teachers and Staff @ 8:30 9:45 Coffee Plus 5 5:00 S.O.N. Bible Study 6:00 S.O.N. Worship	27 School Begins 8 a.m. Opening Service 8:30 a.m.	28 Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m. Pastor's Office Hours 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Other hours/days by appt.)	29 Bible Study 6 p.m. Worship Meeting @ Noon Pastor's Office Hours 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. (Other hours/days by appt.)	30	31	