

The Monthly Newsletter of Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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From the Desk of Pastor Pete

Welcome, in Christ

My grandfather came to this country from Germany in the late 1800's. He was boy at the time, traveling with his family and settling in Michigan. They were part of a great wave of immigration that has shaped this country. We're in the midst of another great wave of immigration in the United States right now. Most of us have noticed it—your new neighbors might struggle with English, the person who rings up your purchase at Home Depot doesn't dress the way that you do. Just as my grandfather's wave of immigration shaped the nation that we are today, the current wave of immigration will have long lasting and far-reaching impact on our country.

As Christians, the immigrant or refugee will always have a special place in our hearts. Movement fills our spiritual history: Abraham and Sarah moved throughout their lives. Joseph came to Egypt the way that many of our ancestors came to this country: unwillingly sold into slavery. The rest of his people also experienced slavery and the Lord's deliverance is one of the central stories of the Old Testament. Even the child Jesus spent time as a refugee when his family fled the country to escape Herod's murderous plot.

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The immigration that we see around us today reminds us also that our faith shows itself in acts of love and service. Jesus told his disciples that when we help the hungry, the naked, the sick, the stranger we are serving him (Matthew 25:34-40). Besides that, it's estimated that 90% of the recent immigrants to the U.S. have never heard the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our acts of service show the love of Christ and build relationships so that we can share the message of Christ. Immigration has a profound impact on families—isn't it exciting to think that the Lord is bringing people into our neighborhoods so that they can hear, believe and be saved forever?

This Fourth of July while we celebrate our freedom as Americans, let's also remember the freedom that we have in Jesus Christ. We are heirs of heaven! We are free to share the good news and bring others into heaven with us.

When an alien lives with you in your land, do not mistreat him. The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love him as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus 19:33-34

Financial Peace University will come to a close this month. 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.

Pastor's Prayer Walk

On **Friday July 8 starting at 4:00 p.m.** Pastor Pete invites you to take a prayer walk in the city of Minneapolis. We'll walk from Minneapolis City Hall to Pilgrim: about 3.4 miles.

The purpose of the prayer walk is

- to observe the challenges and opportunities that are ours as a church in this great city.
- To pray for our city's needs
- To pray for our congregation to find a vision and sense of purpose in the city.
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Interested? Questions? Contact Pastor Pete



The Lee Family Memorial

In June 1931 Arthur and Edith Lee purchased a two bedroom bungalow at 4600 Columbus Ave. in south Minneapolis. The Lee's were black; the neighborhood white. Despite threats from the neighborhood association, they moved into the home in July along with their six-year-old daughter. In mid July a crowd of perhaps 4000 neighbors gathered to protest and pressure the Lee family into leaving. The Lee's stayed.

This summer all are invited to the Lee Family Commemorative Event on July 16 starting at 6:45 p.m. at Field Community School 4645 4th Ave. S. The recounting of the family experience will begin at the school, continue with a procession east on 46th St., a memorial dedication at the Lee home, and closing at McRae Park.

The purpose of the event is not to shame or embarrass anyone, but to acknowledge this part of our community's past as we make our way into the future.

This memorial event is not a program of Pilgrim or any other church. The Field/Regina/Northrop Neighborhood Group asked us to publicize it.

Summer Program

School Age

JUNE 6TH - AUGUST 4TH 7:30AM-5PM, Weekly Monday-Thursday

Closed the week of July 4th, re-open July 11th

Field Trips

**Reading Math Games
Bible Stories science**

Completed Grade K through 6th grade

Limited space available

Call to reserve your spot today!

FAMILY CIRCLE CHILDCARE CENTER

3910 Stevens Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55409

612-825-5375 x114 Mrs. Dahl



July Birthdays



<i>Herb Johbson</i>	2	<i>Doris Belsaas</i>	16
<i>Thomas Geiselhart</i>	3	<i>Jacqueline Bonde</i>	17
<i>Shannon Gostchock</i>	4	<i>Karen Sonnenburg</i>	17
<i>Jonas Jennrich</i>	4	<i>Shaun Bandelin</i>	18
<i>Harlan Johnson</i>	5	<i>Anthony Holmgren</i>	19
<i>Carol Grundl</i>	6	<i>Isabelle Lecy</i>	19
<i>Bethel Ehlenfeldt</i>	7	<i>Rachel Josephitis</i>	20
<i>David Josephitis</i>	7	<i>Cheyenne Petroske</i>	20
<i>Melissa Kerber</i>	7	<i>Lorraine Ahlberg</i>	21
<i>Kathy Vrieze</i>	7	<i>Matthew Tucker Jr.</i>	22
<i>Ione Holmgren</i>	8	<i>Danica Cambrice</i>	23
<i>Lauren Loescher</i>	9	<i>Alison McAghon</i>	25
<i>Chuck Nelson</i>	10	<i>Jennifer Anderson</i>	27
<i>Christine Bedor</i>	11	<i>Temple Fischer</i>	27
<i>James Johnson</i>	11	<i>Dolores Polivany</i>	27
<i>Stanley Wasley</i>	11	<i>Richard Puterbaugh</i>	27
<i>Amy Denn</i>	13	<i>Norm Rogers</i>	27
<i>Allison Loescher</i>	14	<i>Heather McAghon</i>	28
<i>Douglas Johnson</i>	15	<i>Trisa Fischer</i>	30
<i>Rachel Ndekwe</i>	15	<i>Willette Cambrice</i>	31
<i>Jane Neumann</i>	15	<i>Andrew Leyrer</i>	31



July Wedding Anniversary



<i>Ione & Timothy Holmgren</i>	13
<i>Silas and Heather McAghon</i>	22
<i>Cornel & Tamara Bandelin</i>	24
<i>Larry & Lori McGowan</i>	30
<i>Luke & Jennifer Hartzell</i>	31

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.)
Mike Anderson, 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

Impact Japan in a Personal Way

Japanese university students will be coming to study at Bethel University for 3-4 weeks during late summer. The St. Paul Intercultural Institute at Bethel is looking for believers to welcome them into their homes. Japan is experiencing a crisis of historic proportions. Your kindness and hospitality can have a great impact. By sharing your love and faith with your student, you'll plant a seed. Hosting dates: 8/2 – 8/23. Your student takes classes during the day and spends the evenings with you. A stipend and transportation help is provided. For information contact Deb Anderson at djamwa@aol.com or 763-522-5051. www.spii3.com

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!

Bitter ridge

If you enjoy the blue grass band Bitter Ridge, come and worship and here them play in the outdoor service again on Sunday, July 24, 2011.

Camp croix – August 19-21, 2011

Start planning your weekend getaway at Camp Croix. Watch the bulletin for more



Thank You ...

Thank you to everyone who donated items, organized, cleaned up, and volunteered their time to help make the rummage sale a success. The total amount raised was \$2,023.75!

Stewardship Verse of the Month

Last year we looked at 12 Bible verses that we called our Stewardship Verses of the Month. This year we will look at whole stories, and we will begin with the "Widow's Offering". We read in Mark 12: 41-44,

Jesus sat down opposite where the the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money in the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts of money. (42) But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. (43) Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. (44) They gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything-- all she had to live on."

In Jesus' own words, we hear Him sanctioning even the smallest amount of money as an offering. It is true that smaller gifts are welcome at God's altar. Jesus states clearly in these verses that larger gifts were given, but He chooses to single out the gift of the widow to teach His disciples, us, about giving. The key to giving and stewardship is motivation. Jesus could see the widow's heart, and we can only imagine the love for her savior that Jesus saw there. This love moved her to give "everything she had." Imagine, putting your last \$20 into the offering plate on Sunday! Do any of us have that kind of love and trust?

Let's not get confused by this story. Yes, all gifts, both large and small, are treasured by our Lord, but only when they come from the heart. If one of the "rich" people in our story had dropped in the same two copper coins that the widow did, we might have heard a completely different lesson from Jesus. Let's be clear, to "whom much is given, much is expected." None of us need ever feel that our dear Lord Jesus doesn't care for our "little" gifts. He knows our heart, and appreciates all gifts given out of our love for Him. May our love and our gifts be always great !

Barry Gostchock



Thanks to all who have provided flowers on the altar this year



Anyone wishing to reserve a special Sunday to beautify our altar – honor a loved one or special occasion may do so. The following dates are still available.

Aug ...21
Sept 4...11...25
Oct ...23
Nov 6...24 (Thanksgiving)...27
Dec 18

Please circle the date(s) you would like to reserve, as well as a second choice. Fill out below:

NAME _____ PHONE _____

1 ARRANGEMENT - \$17.50 _____ 2 ARRANGEMENTS - \$35. _____

Please put this form in my mailbox in the copy room marked Altar Flowers Lila Aske, or it can be mailed. Please include your check payable to Pilgrim Ladies Guild with this form.

I will contact you a month before your date to determine the wording you'd like in bulletin the day your flowers are on the altar. Thanks so much for your continued support in adding colorful beauty to our Altar.

Lila Aske (952-544-1072)



St. Croix Lutheran High School



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 rswidorski@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!

Family Fun Time

Fourth of July Word Search

Q I N E M X R T F O E E D D U P E B K S
J X D M Y N G T O W D P B D G Y L U J O
D K O G A R C S U T A S E R I A S Q M I
E E E A T M O Z R R Y O E B N D N T N X
G D R C U H E E T E Q C X E N E Q S E S
E A P T N U P R H O I H Q O E B G C M B
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AMERICA
BARBECUE
BELL
BETSY
BLUE
CONSTITUTION
DAY
DECLARATION
FIRECRACKERS

FIREWORKS
FLAG
FOURTH
INDEPENDENCE
JULY
LIBERTY
PATRIOTIC
RED
ROSS

SAM
STARS
STATES
STATUE
STRIPES
UNCLE
UNITED
WATERMELON
WHITE



CHILDRENS FUN TIME



Hurray for the Fourth of July!



July 2011

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Worship Services: 8:30 Traditional 10:30 Outdoor Worship 6:00 S.O.N. Worship	4	5 Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.	6 <i>National Night Out Meeting 5 p.m.</i> Financial Peace University 6:00-8:00 p.m. Jesus Loves You: Our Response 6:00-7:00 p.m.	7	8 Prayer Walk 4 p.m.	9
10 Communion Services: 8:30 Traditional 10:30 Outdoor Worship 6:00 S.O.N. Worship	11	12 Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.	13 Financial Peace University 6:00-8:00 p.m. Jesus Loves You: Our Response 6:00-7:00 p.m.	14	15	16
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24 Worship Services: 8:30 Traditional 10:30 Outdoor Worship (Bitter Ridge) 6:00 S.O.N. Worship	25	26 Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.	27	28	29	30
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