

The Monthly Newsletter of Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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From the Desk of Pastor Pete The Gift of the Spirit

It's been called the birthday of the Christian Church, and we celebrate it this year on May 23rd: Pentecost. Back in Jesus' time Pentecost was one of the three great festivals on the Jewish calendar, a day of thanksgiving for the completed harvest. (In Minnesota, it's difficult to think about a harvest festival in late spring or early summer, but Israel's climate is not like ours!) The city was full of worshipers, many of whom had traveled great distances to be there.

And so, in front of that audience of people from all over the Mediterranean world, the Holy Spirit pours out a remarkable blessing. The disciples suddenly have the ability to speak in other languages. And how do they use this miracle—to ask visitors from Italy for good pasta recipes, or talk about the weather in Libya? No. The gathered crowd was amazed to “hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues.” ([Acts 2:11](#)) And the centerpiece of those wonders was, of course, Jesus Christ, the man who had been crucified and who had risen again in that very city less than two months before. About three thousand people came to faith that day. You can read the whole story in the Bible's book of [Acts, chapter 2](#).

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It's fitting that this year on "the birthday of the Christian Church" we celebrate the rite of confirmation at Pilgrim. The Holy Spirit is at work in the lives of four of our young people, and on that day they will confess their faith in Jesus and make their vows to remain faithful to him. We could say it's a birthday for us, too, as these young people become part of the life of our congregation. Please pray for them and join us on their special day. It's a special day for all of us!

As has become our practice, there will be a confirmation theme in both of the worship services that morning. In the early service each of the confirmands will answer a question that I've given them as an assignment. In the second service they'll speak again, this time sharing the Bible verse that the class has chosen to be a blessing to each of them. In that second service we'll also have the actual rite of confirmation, in which the young people make their promises and we receive them into membership of the congregation.

God willing, it will be a special day of blessing in the lives of these young people and the life of our congregation. Be there and be blessed!

"The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."
-Acts 2:39

Thoughts of a blood Donor

Submitted from Sandra Brust

I gave my blood; Christ gave his.
 I gave a pint; He gave all.
 The needle is small, sharp;
 The nails were large, dull;
 The table is soft, restful;
 The cross rough, painful.
 The nurses kind, gentle;
 The soldiers cruel, mean.
 The crowd applauds my sacrifice;
 "They that passed by reviled him."
 Mine is for O Positive;
 His for positively all.
 Mine, at best, will prolong live for awhile;
 His, without daubt, can save all.

-Unknown



Mark Your Calendar...



May 22,

The American Red Cross Blood Drive

Sat. from 800am-1200 noon. Most of the appointment times are still empty! Would you consider giving to this life-saving cause by donating? Please call Laurie Sorensen at 612-861-6182 or e-mail me at SorenLoren@comcast.net for an appointment. Thanks you so much.

Mother Daughter Brunch Saturday May 8th

See insert for details.

Born Champions Wrestling Presents "Wrestling With Hunger" Saturday May 8th

Pilgrim Lutheran School Gym
Saturday, May 8
6:30 to 10:00 pm
Doors open at 6:00 pm

This will be a benefit to feed the hungry in the city of Minneapolis.

Admission is \$12 for front row and \$10 General admission. \$2 off with 2 or more non-perishable food items brought. Proceeds for this event will be donated to the school.

Camp croix weekend IS August 20-22

Parent Night Out @ Pilgrim May 14th

5:30p-9:00p Drop off your child(ren) for 3 ½ hours of daycare as you enjoy the night to do something enjoyable for yourselves. \$10.00 (1 child); \$15 (2-3 Children); \$20 (4 children or more)

Will include a dinner and small snack

Adult will need to escort your child(ren) into the building, sign in, and pay

Adult will need to come into the building to sign-out and pick up your child(ren)

Anyone have any fun board games for children of all ages to play, please bring along

If you can help or lead this, please contact Deb Ndekwe - 612-810-4650.

For an accurate head-count for food please RSVP to Deb Ndekwe - 612-810-4650 by May 12th

Summer Carnival

Saturday, June 26 @ Pilgrim

More details to follow later

Annual Rummage Sale hosted by the Ladies Guild

The annual rummage sale is set for June 10th-12th if you have anything you want to donate please do **not drop** them off until after the end of May. All Items must be clean, in working order. Items not allowed are computers, monitors, microwaves, and TV's. We are also looking for volunteers to help before and during the sale. If interested please contact Zoe Herzig at 763-360-6150



Birthdays



Wedding Anniversary



Curtis Geiselhart	1
Zandra Johnson	1
Helen Bronson	2
Mary Kjornes	2
Thelma Friton	6
Evelyn Hudrlik	6
Marion Paulson	7
Darrell Sampson	7
Margaret Heilman	8
Margaret Rodmyre	8
Luella Rogers	9
Orville Delano	10
George Scott	11
Sara Sroga	13
John Martin	15
Richard Bullemer	16
Kendra Bonde/Sivanich	17
Mark Heilman	19
Sherman Goplen	20
Carolyn Vaughan	22
Danny Edwardson	23
Jacqueline Pruitt-Jones	23
Tina Norman	25
Kenneth Anderson	26
Carl Bloedel	26
Diane Hartwig	26
Jessica Holmgren	26
Angela Jennrich	26
Keenan Lewis	29
Julian Loescher	29
David Menk	29
Jennifer Combs	30
Samuel Gostchock	31
Michael Heilman	31
Sharon Ledin	31

Richard & Sandra Puterbaugh	1
Brian & Cynthia Sroga	17
Gerald & Diane Hartwig	19
Christopher & Connie Wasley	27

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Seth Witte
Katelyn Cuppy
Philip Thumann
Nissa Matuseski

Pilgrim is blessed and excited that each of you has made a commitment to become a member of our congregation. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened and encouraged through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and that your life will be enriched with new friendships and opportunities.

May flowers -----Thanks to requests there will be flowers on the altar May 2, 9 and on the 16th one at this time. If anyone wishes to celebrate a special occasion there is an availability for both May 23 and May 30. Michael has been providing some lovely arrangements and hope they are being enjoyed by everyone. God's Blessing,
 Lila



Mother-Daughter Brunch

Saturday, May 8, 2010

10:30 AM

Bloomington Lutheran Church

Come celebrate life and enjoy an egg bake & quiche brunch catered by Aesop's Table of St. Paul. Bring your daughter, mother, mother-in-law, step mother, or any mother or daughter you choose! One day before Mother's Day, this will be a special day for women to celebrate life and support those with an unplanned pregnancy who need help.

Please bring a new, unwrapped baby item that will be donated to New-Day Pregnancy Counseling Center at Christian Life Ministries.



The cost is \$10 per person. Proceeds to benefit New-Day Pregnancy Counseling Center at Christian Life Ministries. To purchase tickets, see Julie Christensen or mail your check to:

Christian Life Ministries
2756 Lakeshore Avenue
Little Canada, MN 55117



Seating is limited, so be sure to reserve your seats early! ***There will NOT be any tickets sold at the door.***

Are you and your mother or daughter musicians? Would you like to share your gift of song during this event? Call Julie Christensen at (612)558-3687 to schedule your song during this event.



FAMILY FUN TIME

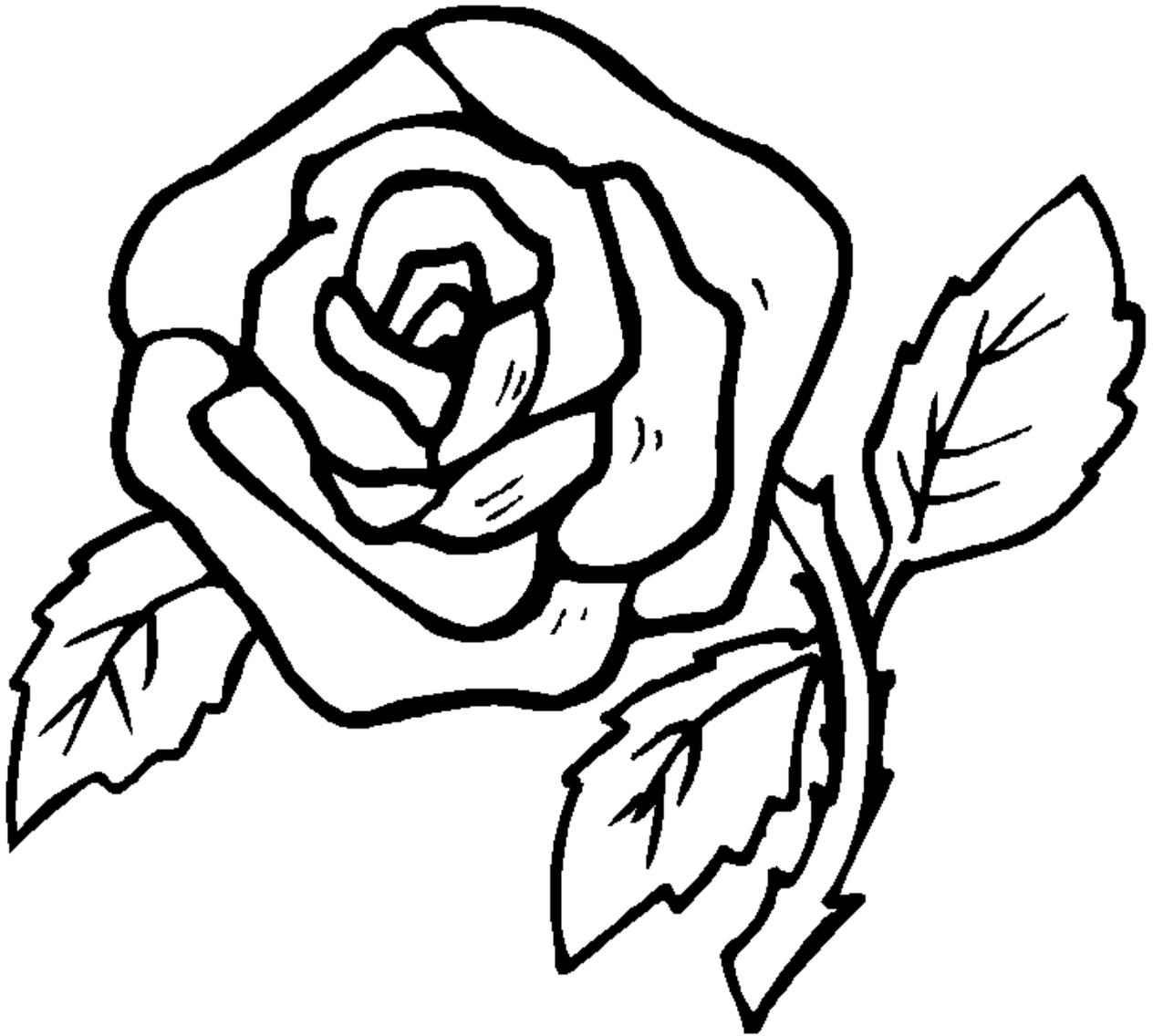
Things That Mom Does



ADVISES
 ARRANGES
 BELIEVES
 CLEANS
 COOKS
 DRIVES
 EVALUATES
 HELPS
 HUGS
 KISSES
 LAUGHS
 LISTENS
 LOVES
 PAYS BILLS
 PRAISES
 PRETENDS
 READS
 REMINDS
 SMILES
 TEACHES
 TRAVELS
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CHILDREN FUN TIME



Happy
Mother's Day!

Pilgrim Lutheran Church



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship Services: 8:30 Traditional 9:00-10:00 Sunday School 9:45-Fellowship/Bible Study 10:30 Contemporary	3	4 Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.	5 Ladies Guild Noon Bible Study 6 p.m.	6	7	8 Women's Bible Study 9 a.m. Wrestling with Hunger 6:30 p.m.
9 Communion Services: 8:30 Traditional 9:00-10:00 Sunday School 8:30-10:30 Pancake Breakfast 9:45 Fellowship/Bible Study 10:30 Contemporary	10 Finance Meeting 7 p.m.	11 Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m. Council Meeting 7 p.m.	12 Bible Study 6 p.m. Girl Pioneer's Awards Night 6:30 p.m.	13	14 Parent Night Out 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.	15
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23 Confirmation/Pentecost Worship Services: 8:30 Traditional 9:00-10:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:30 Contemporary	24	25 Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.	26 Awards and Graduation Service 6:30 p.m.	27 Field Day Last Day of School Noon Dismissal	28	29
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