

The Monthly Newsletter of Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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From the Desk of Pastor Pete

Back to School

I feel like I blinked—that’s all it takes to miss a Minnesota summer, right? Can it be September already? It is, and September means back to school. Pilgrim Lutheran School, like most schools these days, actually starts in late August but I think most of us associate September with the new school year.

Our school continues to be a major ministry for us at Pilgrim. Over the years many students have learned their basics here and then moved on to high school and beyond. I’m constantly running into people who tell me they went to Pilgrim Lutheran School or they know somebody who did. Through the school the Lord is allowing us to make incredible numbers of connections in our community and beyond. As far as we can tell, all of our Pilgrim graduates for the last 15-20 years have graduated from high school. Many of our students also excel in academics at the high schools and colleges they attend. When we compare our school to the averages for the city of Minneapolis it is clear that Pilgrim students get a great educational foundation for life.

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It has been a great privilege and honor to work with the dedicated staff at Pilgrim Lutheran School. They're a great team, love the kids and love helping the kids to excel. They're dedicated to improving themselves through continuing education that benefits the students. Most of all, they do what they do because they know the love of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our teachers see every day as an opportunity to teach Jesus and let his light shine through them. As our teachers reflect Jesus, their students go on to be lights in their families, in our community and our world.

Could I ask you to take a moment this month to thank our teachers? Maybe you or your children haven't been in school for years, but these faithful workers are still pouring their time and hearts into the work they've been called to do. Let them know they're loved and supported.

God grant us a great school year!

"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 does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

--Jesus (Mark 10:14-15)



September Birthdays



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| <i>Robert Aske</i> | <i>1</i> | <i>Jennifer Kerber</i> | <i>14</i> |
| <i>Jackson Jallah</i> | <i>1</i> | <i>Nicholas Neumann</i> | <i>15</i> |
| <i>Jon Herzig</i> | <i>2</i> | <i>Dominic Cambrice</i> | <i>20</i> |
| <i>C.W. "Red" Herzig</i> | <i>3</i> | <i>Nancy Schauff</i> | <i>20</i> |
| <i>Evelyn Melin</i> | <i>3</i> | <i>Joshua Brown</i> | <i>22</i> |
| <i>Dan Steffen</i> | <i>3</i> | <i>Andrew Ndekwe</i> | <i>22</i> |
| <i>Gina Kruse</i> | <i>4</i> | <i>Caleb Sorensen</i> | <i>23</i> |
| <i>Seth Gostchock</i> | <i>5</i> | <i>Sharon Emde</i> | <i>24</i> |
| <i>William Nordby</i> | <i>5</i> | <i>Paul Ledin</i> | <i>25</i> |
| <i>Andrew Kruse</i> | <i>7</i> | <i>Mike Maki</i> | <i>25</i> |
| <i>Cadeshia Kamara</i> | <i>9</i> | <i>Dorothy Pawlcyn</i> | <i>25</i> |
| <i>Merle Knutson</i> | <i>11</i> | <i>Betty Helmen</i> | <i>27</i> |
| <i>Elmer Janisch</i> | <i>12</i> | <i>Jessica Denn</i> | <i>29</i> |
| <i>Samuel Katan</i> | <i>12</i> | <i>Jean Loescher</i> | <i>30</i> |
| <i>Joseph Schauff</i> | <i>12</i> | | |



September Wedding Anniversary



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| <i>Jon & Zoe Herzig</i> | <i>12</i> |
| <i>Mike & Amy Denn</i> | <i>24</i> |

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 ...



Networking/Job Transition Group

Are you in a job transition and looking for a way to step-up your job search efforts? A networking group can help and offer support during your search. Join us at the St. Michael's Networking Group. Our meetings are held at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Bloomington (address: 9201 Normandale Blvd; 952-831-5276). In September, we will meet September 22nd from 6 to 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss future meetings at that time. The group is open to anyone seeking job search help, you do not have to be a member of St. Michael's Church to join this networking group. The group is listed on www.Linkedin.com under St. Michael's Networking Group. Paul Dahl is listed as the owner of the group. The Co-Managers of the group are Ruth Arves (St. Michael's member) and Geri Geiselhart (Pilgrim Lutheran member). For more information, contact Ruth Arves at 612-869-0393 / ranna630@gmail.com or Geri at 612-822-2318 / geiselhart27@msn.com . Also, if you are currently employed and your company has job openings, please let us know and we can post them on the LinkedIn group site.

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:

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| 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



Pilgrim Ladies Guild

Our first meeting for the 2011/2012 year is this coming Wednesday, September 6th beginning at 12:00 noon. All Pilgrim women are invited. We each bring a sandwich (or whatever you want, some just eat before they come) then dessert and coffee is served. We are looking for new members to join our organization. The number of ladies that are able to help with our money raising projects is dwindling so we are looking to grow our membership. Our goal is to raise funds so we can continue to support our WELS missions that we have selected and also help in other areas of our church and school. Hope to see you the 6th!

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!

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)

Upcoming Worship at a glance
Worship: 8:30, 10:30, 6:00 S.O.N.

September

- 04 Sunday
- 11 Communion Sunday
- 18 Sunday, Guest Preacher Jonathan Leach, St. Croix Lutheran High School
Open Forum - Congregational Meeting - 9:30 a.m.

Missions Sunday: September 25

Jesus told his disciples to carry the message of salvation to all corners of the world. Ever since he spoke those words, followers of Jesus have been proclaiming the gospel all over the globe. On September 25 we have the opportunity to hear from one of our world missionaries. He'll be speaking in the 8:30 and 10:30 service and between services will conduct an informal question and answer session. After the second service we'll host a potluck dinner. It will be a great day for learning about the work of the gospel and enjoying fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ.

October

- 02 Sunday
- 09 Communion Sunday
- 16 Sunday
- 23 Sunday
- 30 Reformation Sunday – Communion

November

- 06 Sunday
- 13 Saints Triumphant Sunday - Communion
- 20 Christ the King Education Sunday – School Children @ 10:30
- 23 Thanksgiving Eve Service TBD
- 27 Sunday, Advent 1 - Communion

December

- 04 Sunday, Advent 2
- 11 Sunday, Advent 3 – Communion
- 18 Sunday, Advent 4
- 24 Saturday, Christmas Eve TBD (Christmas Event in planning stages)
- 25 Sunday, Christmas Day Service @ 9:30 a.m. (Communion TBD)
- 31 Saturday, New Year's Eve Service with Communion @ 6 p.m.

Stewardship Verse of the Month

When God was done with his creating work, everything was perfect because God is perfect. Was there ever a time when "church" was perfect? WE know that all men are sinful due to their inherited sin from Adam and Eve, and, therefore, anything man creates is imperfect. Since man created "church", it too must be imperfect. However, there was a time when the Christian church was pretty close to perfect. Luke wrote about it in Acts 2:42-47;

They devoted themselves to the Apostle's teachings and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the Apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their goods and possessions, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who being saved.

Times have sure changed since then! Can you imagine each of us putting all our money and earthly treasure in a place where anyone could use them if they needed? I just don't see that happening any time soon. Imagine the trust, respect and love for their fellow believers that each of these early Christians had. Certainly God provides enough earthly blessings for everyone. All we need to do is to share. No wonder outsiders looked at that "church" and wanted to become part of it. What about Pilgrim? What do non-members see when they look at us? Do they see sharing, love for our fellow members, for people in general? Do they see the Holy Spirit at work here in our midst? Do they want to become part of Pilgrim? We certainly hope so, and we ask God to help us.

Barry Gostchock

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)

The Simply Giving[®] Program endorsed by Thrivent Financial Bank

Would you find it helpful to have your offerings drawn from your bank account as you do other monthly drafts? The **Simply Giving** Program endorsed by Thrivent Financial Bank is for people who wish to have offerings transferred electronically to their church's account.

This is especially helpful for people who travel and want to keep their intended offerings up-to-date, rather than making up the difference later. Pilgrim's Council of Elders has approved this new, convenient giving opportunity. If you'd like to register to make a one time or recurring gift go to www.pilgrimonline.net and click on the "tithes and offerings" tab.



Pilgrim Lutheran School



Upcoming Events

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| Installation Service | Today | 8:30am | |
| Car Wash* | Today | 9:30am to 1pm | |
| *(Proceeds will help defray the cost of grades 7 & 8 field trip to Washington, DC) | | | |
| First Day of School | 8/29 | 8am | |
| Opening Service | 8/29 | 8:30am | |
| Preschool Begins | 9/6 & 7 | 9am | |
| Parent Group | 9/7 | 6pm | |
| HOME Volleyball Game | 9/13 | 4pm | |
| Soccer @ Bethany | 9/13 | 4pm | |
| Volleyball @ Holy Trinity | 9/15 | 4pm | |
| Soccer @ Good Shepherd | 9/15 | 4pm | |
| Marathon | 9/17 | 9:30am | |
| K-8 Field Trip | 9/19 | | |
| Volleyball @ King of Grace | 9/20 | 4pm | |
| Soccer @ King of Grace | 9/20 | 4pm | |
| Principal's Conference | 9/22 | | |
| Volleyball @ Mt. Olive | 9/22 | 4pm | |
| Soccer @ Mt. Olive | 9/22 | 4pm | |
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| Hot Dog Stand Fundraiser @ Cub Foods* | 9/23-25 | | 11am-6pm |
| *(Proceeds will help defray the cost of grades 7 & 8 field trip to Washington, DC) | | | |
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| Sustainability of our WELS Schools Conference | 9/24 | 9am | |
| HOME Volleyball Game | 9/27 | 4pm | |
| Soccer @ Bloomington | 9/27 | 4pm | |

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



NEW FACES, NEW PLACES...



West Lutheran Goes International!

3350 Harbor Lane North Plymouth, MN 55447 Phone: 763-509-9378, <http://www.wlhs.net/>

This school year, we look forward to welcoming seven (7) international students to our school. Most have not yet arrived in the US and are awaiting final approval of their visa. Scheduled to arrive are two students from China, two students from South Korea, one student from Azerbaijan, one student from Ghana and our student from Mexico has already arrived. Three of our international students will stay with host families from West Lutheran High School that are working through an agency “Ambassador Youth Exchange Services”, two students will stay with family members, and two are being hosted through another agency “Across the Borders Cultural Education” and will be staying with a family that hosted them last year. We hope to learn more about our various students’ cultures and share our culture with them. We also hope to share our faith and love of Christ with them. As we get to know our students, look for articles highlighting them. We look forward to sharing them with our congregations and supporters.



St. Croix Lutheran High School



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

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.

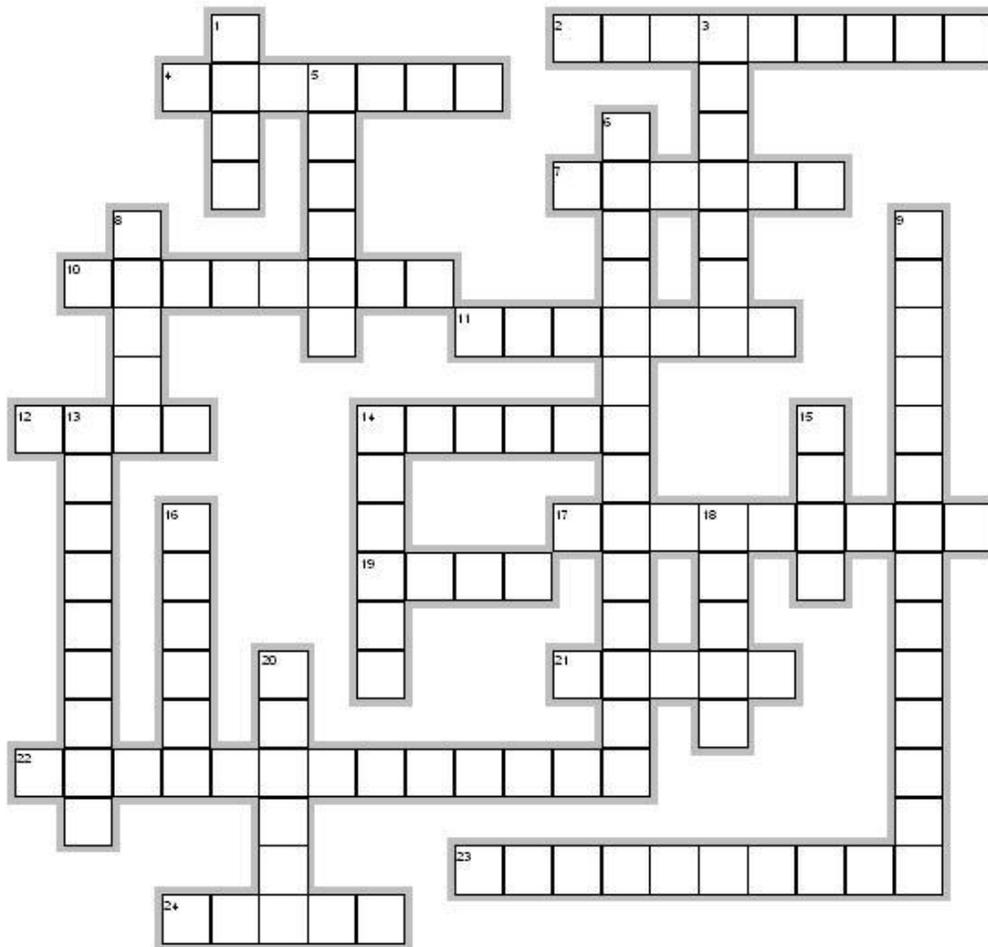
St. Croix Lutheran High School and Middle School

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

Characters In the Gospels from the New Testament



EclipseCrossword.com

Across:

2. Mother of John the Baptist
4. Man whom Jesus raised from the dead
7. The earthly father of Jesus
10. Short tax collector
11. Tax collector who wrote became a disciple
12. Temple prophetess
14. He found no guilt in Jesus, yet sentenced him to death
17. Father of John the Baptist
19. Doctor and New Testament writer
21. The disciple who was also called Peter
22. Betrayer of Jesus (2 wds)
23. Blind beggar healed by Jesus
24. The Way, the Truth, and the Life

Down:

1. The mother of Jesus
3. Father of disciples James and John
5. Peter's brother
6. The forerunner of Jesus (3 wds)
8. The tempter
9. Man who issued decree for census (2 wds)
13. He asked, "How can a man be born again?"
14. The disciple who called Nathanael to follow Jesus
15. Writer of the second gospel
16. Mary's very busy sister
18. He had John the Baptist beheaded
20. Official whose daughter was healed by Jesus

CHILDRENS FUN TIME

Back-to-School



It's time to get back to the books

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

BACKPACK
BOOKS
BUS
CLASSROOM
FRIENDS
GRADES
HISTORY
HOMEWORK

LOCKERS
LUNCH
MATHEMATICS
NOTEBOOK
PAPER
PENCILS
READING
RECESS

SCHOOL
SCIENCE
SCISSORS
SOCIAL STUDIES
STUDENTS
TEACHERS
TEST



September 2011 Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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| <p>4</p> <p>Worship Services: 8:30 & 10:30 Worship 9:45 Bible Study/Fellowship 6:00 S.O.N. Worship</p> <p>11 Communion Services: 8:30 & 10:30 Worship 9:00-10:00 Sunday School 9:45 Bible Study/Fellowship 6:00 S.O.N. Worship</p> | <p>5</p> <p>NO SCHOOL No Bible Study</p> <p>12</p> <p>Christmas in July 5 p.m. FPU Bible Study 6 p.m.</p> | <p>6</p> <p>School Resumes Tuesday/Thursday Preschool 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m. Ladies Guild - Noon</p> <p>13</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.</p> | <p>7</p> <p>Monday/Wednesday/ Friday Preschool 9:00 -Noon</p> <p>Bible Study 6 p.m.</p> <p>14</p> <p>Bible Study 6 p.m.</p> | <p>8</p> <p>Lapidary Club 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>15</p> | <p>9</p> <p>Klein Wedding Rehearsal 5 p.m.</p> <p>16</p> | <p>10</p> <p>Klein Wedding 4 p.m.</p> <p>17</p> <p>School Marathon 9:30-11:00 Lunch @11:30</p> |
| <p>18</p> <p>Worship Services: Guest Pastor Jonathan Leach 8:30 & 10:30 Worship 9:00-10:00 Sunday School 9:30 Congregational Meeting 6:00 S.O.N. Worship</p> | <p>19</p> <p>FPU Bible Study 6 p.m.</p> | <p>20</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.</p> | <p>21</p> <p>Bible Study 6 p.m.</p> | <p>22</p> <p>Lapidary Club 6:30 p.m.</p> | <p>23</p> | <p>24</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.</p> |
| <p>25</p> <p>Communion Services: Mission Festival Missionary Pastor Pieter Reid 8:30 & 10:30 Worship 9:00-10:00 Sunday School 9:45 Bible Study/Fellowship 11:30 Lunch 6:00 S.O.N. Worship</p> | <p>26</p> <p>FPU Bible Study 6 p.m.</p> | <p>27</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.</p> | <p>28</p> <p>Bible Study 6 p.m.</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> | |