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"Let the little children
come to me ...

For the kingdom of
heaven belongs to
such as these."

Matthew 19:14



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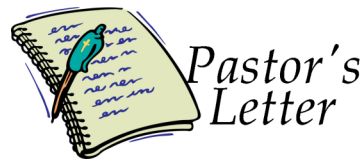
Youth Group News

End of Summer Celebration Lock-In! August 5-6th

The theme is "Living Waters" and we will be celebrating all the God has given us through water! We will be learning about the importance of water conservation, and keeping our water resources clean and unpolluted...we will also be talking about the water we receive in Baptism and the spiritual symbolism that water holds for us as Christians. Of course we will also be playing fun water related games: Outdoor Super Soaker Tag, Water Slip & Slide Olympics! So, bring your water proof clothes, towels, sleeping bag and of course your water squirter of choice...prize given to the most original homemade too! Be at the church by 5pm for a light supper and let the fun begin! Lock-in ends by 8:30am the next morning, August 6th.

PCL Youth Group Pool Party! August 26th at 6pm to 8pm Osborn's home

Let's launch the new Sunday School year and youth group for Fall with a great evening of fun. Bring your creative ideas for youth group activities, important dates and schedules to help us plan the year ahead. Snacks and refreshments will be on hand as we enjoy fellowship, fun and food! Please contact Tammy Jacobi if you have any questions or if you need directions! 362-6219



Dear Friends,

I am just back from vacation as I write for the August "We've Got Mail" and my thoughts are still swirling around some of the wonderful experiences I had. Top of the list was a visit to the West Wing of the White House - surely a once-in-a-life time experience. My husband and I went to visit friends in Washington D.C. George (our friend) is staffing the National Security Council at the moment and arranged for a tour of the West Wing for Mike, Terry and me.

Although the Rose Garden was certainly exquisite, nothing compared to standing at the door of the Oval Office. President Obama has it decorated in warm, subdued tones of beige and muted green. It is elegant in its simplicity. We were awed by the intricate carving of the 1880 Resolute desk given to President Rutherford Hayes. You may remember a picture of a young Kennedy boy peering out from behind the door of that desk. The rug made for the President's office is beautiful with its five inspiring quotes running around the circumference. I was delighted to see that the President had a wooden playground constructed outside his office window so he could see his daughters at play. Most impressive to me, however, were the two busts in the room, Lincoln and Martin Luther King Jr. Behind King's bust was the framed Emancipation Proclamation signed by President Lincoln. George told us it was the first time the Emancipation and the King bust had ever been displayed in the Oval Office.

I have to tell you, I was moved to stand at the door of that office, perhaps in part because George was able to share firsthand some of the work and responsibility that weighs on the President. I was also impressed by the smallness and the simplicity of the White House. It struck me as I entered the West Wing that the carpet could do with replacing. The halls are quite narrow. The doors are short and the offices small. In the aftermath of the resplendent royal wedding that attracted so much attention, it occurred to me that Democracy looks very different. To be sure, the West Wing is lovely, but I was reminded that the people who came daily to that building, came to work and worked long, stressful days.

Whatever your politics and however much you may be frustrated with government or particular servants there in, I hope you will remember to pray for our elected officials who give of themselves daily and who carry the weight of the world on their shoulders.

Peace,
Sally



8/01	Wilgus Smith	8/13	Brian Bowman
8/01	John Link	8/16	Tom Taylor
8/02	DeEtta Coe	8/16	Marilyn Burrows
8/02	Mark Jacobi	8/16	Jim Aaron
8/03	Jim Smith	8/16	Christopher Bangs
8/03	June Brown	8/17	John Weiss
8/03	Sandy Justice	8/19	Shirley Duerr
8/05	Martha Fraser	8/20	Jo Brugos
8/05	Nancy Nibert	8/22	Sue Heller
8/07	Carolyn Friend	8/23	Mike Graf
8/08	Yvonne Elshout	8/24	Ty Gill
8/08	Mari-helen Justice	8/25	Nancy Emmons
8/09	Linda Browder	8/27	Linda Todd
8/09	Samantha Cygan	8/28	Daniel Johnson
8/11	Jason Helms	8/29	Jeremy Mareska
8/13	Glen Richardson	8/30	Bill Keller
		8/30	Debra Birkholz
		8/31	Randy Dorman
		8/31	James Vowell



From your Evangelism Committee:

Our Jail Ministry continues at the LaPorte Jail, however, we are still looking for others to share in this ministry. Some of the duties are to deliver books to the inmates and file books in the library.

If you are interested, please see Walt Leszcyszyn. Walt plans on retiring from this ministry no later than the end of this year, sooner if possible. Thank



Have you ever wanted to sing in the choir but didn't because:

- A. You had another commitment on Wednesday nights
- B. You were just too busy
- C. Those red robes just weren't your thing

Well, now's your chance!! The summer family choir was made just for you!! On August 7, all interested parties are invited to gather in the choir loft at 10 a.m. We will sing "I Come with Joy" (Presbyterian Hymnal #. 507) Come join us in making music for our Lord!!!

CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS

Families are now preparing for the new school year and we have two books that might assist in that task.

For older youth: **“Dr. Ruth’s Guide to College Life”** by Dr. Ruth Westheimer c. 2000; found in Parenting section to left of desk with a pink rectangle “We” on the spine.

For Mid-highs: **“Too Old for This, Too Young for That; Survival Guide for the Middle School Years”** by Harriet Mosatche c. 2000; found in Parenting section to left of desk with a pink rectangle “Mo” on the spine.

“I count him braver who overcomes his desires than him who conquers his enemies; for the hardest victory is over self.” Aristotle

Deacon's Desk

Bill Link is a man of many musical talents. Most recently he directed the Men’s Choir in a wonderful piece for the July 10th worship service. During Vacation Bible School (in Rome and in costume) he played his guitar and the flute. Bill also plays in the Genesis Hand Bell Choir and the Worship Band. Thanks, Bill, for using your God-given talents in so many areas.

We are happy to welcome back John Gouwens for the last recital in our 2011 series on Sunday, August 28. Mr. Gouwens was the carillonneur for the dedication of the Children’s Carillon.

He has been the Organist and Carillonneur of The Culver Academies since 1980. He has studied carillon at Indiana University, The University of Michigan, and The University of Kansas, and holds music degrees from the latter two schools. He has played recitals on many important carillons throughout the United States and Canada, and has made six European recital tours. He serves in an adjunct capacity as carillonneur for Ball State University and as carillon instructor and carillonneur for Indiana University, Bloomington.

Mr. Gouwens composes music for the carillon and some of his compositions have won prizes and been published both in the U.S. and Europe. He has been a guest recitalist at Carillon Festivals at Bok Tower (Lake Wales, Florida), Springfield, Illinois, and in Dayton, Ohio. He is also the author of the first American carillon instruction book.

He is an accomplished organist and has won many honors in the organ field, notably winning First Prize in the International Organ Performance Competition, sponsored by the University of Michigan, in 1990. His organ and carillon playing have been included in four programs of *Pipedreams*, broadcast nationally on American Public Radio.

He has released four CD recordings of The Organ and Carillon of Culver, which are available on Amazon.com and from him directly

Plan to spend a delightful afternoon 4:00 p.m. Sunday, August 28 listening to this amazing artist from your blankets, lawn chairs, etc.

