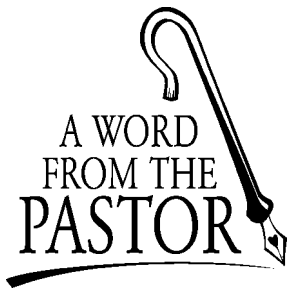




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Beloved in Christ,

Greetings. As we enter into the month of August we know that school is about to resume and life in this college-town of ours is about to pick up again. This summer has stretched our congregation in many ways. Learning to respond to the aftermath of the Joplin tornado, taking a mission trip to The Lady Bug House at Wichita, following through on the Good Samaritan Saturday ministry, Wacky Wednesdays, Bridges to worship, session retreat and opportunities for continuing education have all been part of this summer. Some traveled far and wide. Others stayed close to home.

There are always more activities. As the summer comes to a close I want to invite you to read *Life of the Beloved* by Henri Nouwen. It's pretty easy to get

lost in all the activities. The central message though is that each person on the face of the earth is God's beloved. Being aware of that love, responding to it and living into that truth, I believe is the central message of the Christian faith. So if you have not had some downtime this summer, it's pretty clear you probably will not have any during the school year. It seems we manage to find things to keep ourselves busy. Being busy is not bad and it is also essential we make time to reflect on our lives, busy as they are. If we don't we might be surprised to get to the top of the ladder only to discover that it is leaning against the wrong wall.

All I'm saying is find a way to look back on your life regularly. I few weeks ago I mentioned the Prayer of Examen to our congregation in one of my messages. This simple exercise, if practiced regularly, can increase our awareness of God's leading and more importantly, how we respond. Do you tend to resist or follow God's leadings. How do you know God is in fact leading and inviting? Is it worth anything to you to find out how the Spirit is at work in your own life? Handouts for Examen are on the Resource Table at the back of the sanctuary.

Of course, one of the reasons for looking back is so that we might look forward to the future God is unfolding before us and play our parts with discernment. What is God doing? To what is God inviting each us? School is about ready to resume. May each of us be found ready to respond in freedom to God's leading in all things.

Grace and Peace,
K.O.

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**The October/November
Newsletter Deadline is
Wednesday, September 21st,
2011.**



PSU International Student Dinner

The Mission Committee would like you to know that our church will once again host a PSU International Student Dinner **Wednesday, August 17** at 5:30 PM in the Leffler Life Center. This will be the first Wednesday Connection Dinner. We would like to invite you to attend the dinner, visit with our guests, and make them feel welcome. We would also like to ask your help in providing homecooked side dishes to go with the main course which will be fried chicken from Chicken Annie's Annex. We need meatless vegetable sides and salads, fresh fruit, and desserts (brownies and cookies are especially popular.) Donated food would need to be at the church by 3:00 on the 17th. This has become an important function for incoming PSU international students and it is a wonderful outreach program for our church. Please call or email Carolyn Robison if you are able to help, at carobison53@gmail.com or call 235-0448.

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Financial Peace University

What: This is a thirteen-week course on personal finances. Topics such as relating about money, debt and debt-free living, mortgages and real estate, paying for college, developing a spending plan, preparing for emergencies and more will be covered. If you miss a class, it can be made up on-line or by borrowing the DVD to watch at home.

How: Dave Ramsey will teach Financial Piece University via DVD presentations. Each lesson is about an hour long. Then participants will break into small groups to discuss lesson content and work on what Dave calls *baby steps*. There are seven baby steps in all. Most people accomplish baby steps 1, 2 and 3 in about 18 to 24 months. Clearly, this is not a get rich quick scheme. It is a long term approach to

financial planning in which your most important ally is **time**. Which is why you don't want to miss this class.

Cost: \$100.00 per household. So start saving right now. Research shows that those who pay for the class get more out it. Cash or check only. The class comes with a work book, Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace Revisited*, audio disks for the DVDs that will be watched in class, and an envelope system for cash-based planned spending.

Childcare: Free childcare will be provided.

When and Where: The class will be held in the Upper Room as part of Wednesday Connection, beginning on **Aug. 24th**. As usual, Connection meal starts at 5:45pm. Class begins at 6:30pm in the Upper Room. You will need to preregister by calling the church office and getting your name on the class list (231-2920). Please pay the registration fee of \$100.00 by August 16th so that the materials can be ordered and delivered before class starts.

Who is this class for? This could be real outreach to our community so PLEASE invite others. Who could benefit from this class? Anyone in college, or recently graduated, newly married, young families, those planning on marriage or children, those taking care of aging parents, those in debt and want to get out, those thinking about buying or building a house, everyone who wants tell their money where to go so they don't wonder where it went, those wanting to learn how to make wise purchases and good financial investments.... In order words, just about everyone can gain a lot from this class. Let's get started now. Start saving for the registration fee now. Financial Peace is on its way.

A new day is dawning!!!! Don't miss this class. Invite others!

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Thank You!

Thank you to the members, children, and the Mission Committee for your generosity to the Joplin tornado victims and the Red Cross. We will put the funds to use right away.

Janet Pittman, American Red Cross

Thank you to all our church family for your prayers and support during the difficult time when our son, Neil, passed away. Special thanks to Susan Laushman and all the choir members and to those who put together and served the bereavement dinner. Finally, there aren't enough words to express our thanks to Pastor K.O who put everything else aside that day to be with and comfort us.

Mark and Cyndi Moore

I deeply appreciate your support and best wishes. Thank you for your monetary gift. It will make college life that much easier. Once again, thank you for all your support.

Alex McNay



From the Mission Committee

Tim and Betsy Kubacki are missionaries whose work has taken them to the Amazon River, and now to the Lubango region of southwest Angola in Africa. Betsy is the daughter of Esther Daneke. She and Tim have served in Brazil for the last six years, and are preparing to make the transition to Angola in the fall. They have four children, Luke, Ellie, Ben and Meredith.

The family's work in Brazil involved providing medical help and education to the people of Porto de Moz, as well as delivering large water filters for use in homes. The filters are heavy pipes filled with several layers of filtration that take water from the Amazon and make it suitable for drinking. The filters are so heavy that, in some cases, they broke through the

floor of the houses they were delivered to! The work for the Kubackis in Angola may take a different form, but they plan to continue providing medical services to the people there. They will be working with the Centro Evangelico de Medicina do Lubango (ceml.net), a regional medical center, as part of the international missions organization SIM (Serving in Mission). Currently, Tim, Betsy and their family are working on raising money and obtaining visas to go to Angola. Their goal is to arrive in the country by October 1. To find out more about their work, or how you can help support the Kubackis in their mission, visit their blog at <http://kubacki6.wordpress.com>.

Chinese missionary to visit Pittsburg

After serving as a missionary in China for three years, Pastor Dorcas Wang will visit St. John Lutheran Church on **Sunday, August 14**. Her schedule that day includes: 9:00 a.m. Preaching at Sunday Worship; 10:15 a.m. Potluck Brunch; 3:00 p.m. Power Point Presentation on Mission, Life, and Culture in China, followed by refreshments. The members of St. John invite their friends in Christ to attend any or all of these events.



I must say that this summer has been packed full of opportunities for the young disciples of the church! Over the summer, 39 elementary school aged kids have been at the church doing all kinds of things to learn more about the bible and to know more about God's love. There is no way any of these special occasions would have been so awesome without the help from our adult volunteers Christel Benson, Terran Camren, Jim Harris, Cheryl Mayo, Anna Noonoo and Gina Pinamonti. These people are a big part of why our youth ministry is working so well. Oh yeah, I can't forget about Makayla Bockover. She has been like the middle school helper of the summer. She came to 8 of our elementary events and

helped with everything from skits to clean-up, what a girl!

Bill and Lori Atkinson hosted an open gym for our middle and high school aged kids with the help of Aaron Hurt and Trey Wadell on July 17th that was so much fun, we just might have to do that again sometime soon! We just wouldn't be the same if we didn't have leaders such as these that make a big difference in the life of our teens. Thanks everybody!

I hope that before school begins the middle/high school kids get to have retreats at the church....we'll have to see. I'm taking off for Austin for a visit with my daughter Kaylie. I'll be back around the 1st of August, hopefully ready to roll to the new school year.

Let me know if any of you need anything, please. I can only read the minds of some kids!

Grace and Peace,
Julie

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PAPER RECYCLING

Paper Recycling will be the 3rd Thursday of each month. Paper pick-up in August will be the 18th and in September on the 15th. Please call the church office by Wednesday afternoon, the day before the recycling date.

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Recycle

"Everybody can do something." The Good Samaritan Ministry along with the Peacemaking Committee would like to give everybody a chance to participate in Good Samaritan Saturdays. We would like to see the entire congregation recycling items that would otherwise go into the landfill. Even those who have no way of transporting items to South East Kansas Recycling located at 615 S Joplin in Pittsburg can participate. John Robb and Bruce Remsberg of the Peace committee have been doing the recycling for several years. John picks up recyclable materials from the church every Tuesday and Bruce picked up items from congregants homes. Bruce will continue his routine and John would like to see everyone from

administrators to those organizing church activities be more aware of items that can be recycled. These items should be placed in containers near the North door off the kitchen. For those who do not have transportation to SEKR please call Debra at the church and we will arrange to pick up your items on Good Samaritan Saturdays between 9 and 11:30 a.m. For those who have transportation you are encouraged to join the other Good Samaritans who recycle routinely. Good Samaritans Saturdays are the 4th Saturdays of any month that has 5 Sundays. The next Service Saturday is Saturday, October 22, 2011. If you would like to get started either now or in the future call Debra and someone will contact you. For more information about South East Kansas Recycle and items that can be recycle use the link in the church bulletin or go to: www.sekr.org. The phone number for SEKR is: 620.231.8930.

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NOTES FROM THE CHOIR MASTER

Choir practice will begin on Wednesday, August 24 at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. New members are always welcome! If you like to sing, love to laugh, and wish to find a new way to serve in the church, please give us a try.

Susan Laushman,
laush88keys@hotmail.com

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Who Is My Neighbor?

"Love your neighbor as yourself" the Gospel says (Matthew 22:38). But who is my neighbor? We often respond to that question by saying, "My neighbors are all the people I am living with on this earth, especially the sick, the hungry, the dying, and all who are in need." But this is not what Jesus says. When Jesus tells the story of the good Samaritan (see Luke 10:29-37) to answer the question "Who is my neighbor?" he ends by asking, "Which...do you think, proved himself a neighbor to the man who fell into the bandits' hands?" The neighbor, Jesus makes clear, is not the poor man lying on the side of the road, stripped, beaten, and half dead, but the Samaritan who crossed the road, "bandaged his wounds,

pouring oil and wine on them,...lifted him onto his own mount and took him to an inn and looked after him." My neighbor is the one who crosses the road for me!

Henri J. M. Nouwen
(Bread for the Journey, July 20)

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SUNSHINE LIST

Mary Jane Hood, 502A Canterbury Rd.,
231-5710 – NO VISITS OR CALLS!

Barbara Tims, 1320 S. Homer, 231-5228

Colleen Tolle, 815 Elmwood Lane,
231-4973

CARRINGTON PLACE, 1911 E. 4th

Betty Burgert , A1, 704-0344

SUNSET MANOR, 206 S. Dittmann, Frontenac

Glenn Tolle, South 16

Chris Johnson, South 6

VIA CHRISTI - CORNERSTONE VILLAGE, 1502 E. Centennial Dr.

K. I. (Ike) Loy, Room 220

GUEST HOMES ESTATES, 1910 E. Centennial Dr.

R. J. Taylor, Room 110

OAKVIEW ESTATES - 316 Wickware Dr.,

Frontenac, KS

Emily Bailey, Room 29

Maurine Lowe, Room 12

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Altar Flowers

It's time to sign up for Altar Flowers for 2011!
Please call Debra at the church office, 231-2920, to find out what dates are open.

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Sympathy and prayers to Cyndi and Mark Moore and family in the death of her father, Tom Sandlin, on June 17th, 2011.

Sympathy and prayers to the family of Mildred Goble. Mildred died June 11th at Sunset Manor Nursing Home.

Sympathy and prayers to the family of Max Struble. Max died June 15th, at Via Christi Hospital.

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Upcoming Peacemaking Opportunities

October 2nd: Annual Peacemaking Offering in Service. 25% of funds stay In Pittsburg, 25% to John Calvin Peacemakers Working Group, 50% to PCUSA Peaceful projects.

October 3-10: International Peacemaker in John Calvin Presbytery. Sponsored by Presbytery Peacemakers Working Group. Peacemaker is from Middle East and will be available to speak that week. For info write Elder Bill Kumbier at kumbier_w@mssu.edu. Application will be coming in August JCP News Letter.

From your Peacemaking People

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Community invited to "PUSH" against cancer

Pittsburg—Help push against cancer and experience the journey of those diagnosed through the performing arts as you help cancer patients at a local and regional level. "PUSH" consists of a dinner, show, and dessert social that will benefit Angels Among Us, Inc. of the southeast Kansas area and the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge of Kansas City. The benefit is scheduled to begin 5:30 p.m. **Saturday, August 13** at Pittsburg High School with a buffet style dinner and entertainment provided by local band, The Essentials. The show "PUSH" will follow the dinner at 7 p.m. as an artistic representation of the thoughts and feelings cancer patients and their

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loved ones endure through dance, vocal music, and narration. A dessert social will conclude the evening. Dinner tickets are \$10 and are available at Ron's Supermarket and Jock's Nitch. Tickets can also be purchased at the Angel Café at the Crawford County Fair August 3-6. Show and dessert social admission will be by donation. Guests are invited to attend any or all of the evening. For more information regarding "PUSH", please visit wix.com/maggiestephens/PUSH or call Maggie Stephens at 620-249-9240.

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Small Groups

If you would like to participate in a Small Group, please contact Chuck Olcese at 231-6149 and/or colcese@pittstate.edu.

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Sunshine Delivery

Call on Thursday (231-2920), 10:00-11:00 a.m. with your grocery order. A Deacon will deliver your groceries on Friday.

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The Sower

If you would like to receive weekly church announcements via E-mail, sign-up by simply sending your E-mail address to sower@pittpres.org

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Prayer Card

Please call Debra at the church office if you have someone's name on the prayer card that can now be taken off.

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REGULAR HOURS

Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship following Worship on Sunday

Dates to Remember

- July 31 Extraordinary 5th Sunday & Potluck following Worship
- August 7 Roger McCune preaching – Pastor and family on vacation.
- August 16 6:00 p.m. SPM meets at the church.
7:00 p.m. Committees meet at the church.
- August 17 5:30 p.m. PSU International Student Dinner in the Leffler Life Center
- August 24 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University begins
- September 6 7:00 p.m. Deborah Circle meets
- September 12 Pitt Pres hosts John Calvin Presbytery Meeting
- September 18 Consecration Sunday
- September 20 6:30 p.m. Board of Deacons meet at the church.
6:30 p.m. Session meets at the church.
- September 25 1:30-4:00 p.m. Horn of Plenty Community Food Drive

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Church website: www.pittpres.org

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**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO
AUGUST**

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| Linda Evans (3) | Dorothy Johnson (15) |
| Charlene Schoenfeldt (3) | Martha Murphy (20) |
| Hayden Stephens (4) | Dean Papp (21) |
| Tammy Warford (4) | R. J. Taylor (23) |
| Ron Rhodes (5) | Naomi Brueggemann (24) |
| Marelu Graham (7) | K. I. Loy (24) |
| Glen McLaren (8) | Beth Manrique (28) |
| Susie Tims (9) | Doris Bradley (29) |
| Phyllis Dixon (12) | Audrey Tewell (30) |
| Bill Gore (13) | |

SEPTEMBER

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| Cooper Neil (4) | Steve Murphy (11) |
| Shirley Thomas (5) | Allen Jameson (12) |
| Sabrina Murphy (6) | Mary Mummert (14) |
| Betty Vequist (6) | George Graham (27) |
| Lori Southern (10) | Cynthia Christiansen (28) |

If your name is missing from this birthday listing, please call the church office at 231-2920. We would like to be able to wish you "Happy Birthday."



Pitt Pres Youth @ Third Day Concert



Pitt Pres Youth helping Joplin



Pitt Pres Youth Gathering @ Bill & Lori's



Pitt Pres Youth Gathering @ Bill & Lori's



Pitt Pres Youth Open Gym Game Night