

# News from The Point

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## God is Still Camping!!



The Outdoor Ministry Team (OMT) met on Sunday afternoon at Peace Church in St. Cloud with Mark Kuether, Moderator and Chair of the Minnesota Conference Board, as their guest. It was a very positive meeting looking to the future and how to keep Pilgrim Point a vital ministry of the Minnesota Conference.

At one point of particular inspiration the OMT came up with a new catch phrase for the 50th anniversary celebration and the future of PPC. Scott Keehn is working on a logo but the phrase will be ... drum roll.... God is still camping!!

Those of you who have been campers, counselors, program directors, staff, health officers, music leaders, etc, etc, know that God's presence has always been very near to our guests and campers here at the Point. God is still here and still camping at Pilgrim Point Camp. Come and join us for the summer of 2009 and experience God's presence at the Point!!!

## Help Wanted

We need workers for our two work weeks this summer. We'll have projects for you in the mornings but the afternoons and evenings are your's to enjoy. Bring your bikes, fishing poles, and swim suits. July 5—9 and August 9—14

## Volunteer Program Directors and Counselors

Desire to do good as you provide fun, fellowship, Bible study, worship etc. for youth across the Minnesota Conference at Pilgrim Point Camp. Call the PPC office at 320-763-6549 for more information



A larger map and turn by turn directions with pictures is available on the PPC website

## Road Construction in Alex

The road out of Alexandria on the north side (Route 42) is getting a facelift and some much needed repairs over the next three summers. Construction has already begun and the county has informed us that the road will be closed for most of the summer. Not to fear, there is a way to get around the mess and you can still get to camp. There will be updates on the [Pilgrim Point](#) web site with maps and turn by turn directions. There is also a downloadable pdf file to print out and take with you on the day you drive to camp. It will probably add less than 2 or 3 minutes to your drive. [The direct link to the detour directions page on the web site is here.](#)

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*Pilgrim Point Camp is located on beautiful Lake Ida, just 15 minutes north of Alexandria, Minnesota.—Alexandria, easy to get to and hard to leave. PPC is a ministry of the Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ. For more information please go to our website at [www.pilgrimpoint.org](http://www.pilgrimpoint.org)*



## The Ice is Going Out on Ida!!!



From a colder day than today!! Looking back at the point from the frozen surface of Lake Ida

It has been fun learning the ways of the north for this southern Midwesterner. Last year I was asked many times, “Has the ice gone off the lake?” I only answered one time with, “huh” and was promptly taught one of the traditions of Minnesota of ice watching. Another phenomena I learned about last spring was ice heave. We had a windy day last week and Jennifer and I rushed out to camp to see if the ice was heaving. Not yet! I saw the after effects of some moderate heaving last spring and was hoping to see it in action. Maybe Thursday? Other signs of spring are the loons on North Union Lake near our home and Pelicans showing up in town. Both happened early last week. And oh yes, the water has been turned on in the dining hall and the lodge—a sure sign that summer is on its way. I hope to move back into my office at camp next week. Mornings, arriving at work, and hearing loons, seeing eagles, and remembering campfires, camp songs, and campers running to and fro are blessings indeed. I can’t wait for you all to come on up to your Pilgrim Point Camp to join me!!! — Dee Ellen Dressler, Managing Director, Pilgrim Point Camp

## 50th Anniversary DVD Coming soon to an Annual Meeting Near You!!

We will have a special treat for you this year during our 50th Anniversary celebration of Pilgrim Point Camp. Scott Keehn, vice chair or the Outdoor Ministry Team is putting together a commemorative DVD of the first 50 years of ministry at Pilgrim Point Camp. Scott has been producing videos as a hobby/ministry/almost second career for quite a while and has gotten quite good. He promises to have it ready for it’s grand premier at the Minnesota Conference Annual Meeting at St. Benedicts in St. Cloud the weekend of June 5,6 and 7. Your will be able to purchase one to support the continuing ministries of Pilgrim Point.

And, of course everyone is invited to come on up to camp on July 19th for the official celebration. Swimming, softball, plunger ball, pontoon rides, brats and dogs and burgers and cowboy beans will be all part of the celebration from 12:00 noon until 7 that evening.