

News from The Point

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Oh What a Wonderful Summer!



It has been a terrific summer on the shores of Lake Ida. As I write, August Family Camp is in the middle of their week and we're looking forward to a new weekend group that has taken off. The Young Adult Weekend has 32 persons signed up to come and relax and explore "Everyday Spirituality" as their theme. Senior High Camp is past and July Family was, well... back in July. Both weeks, we were busting at the seams with large numbers. Folks were so excited to be at camp again and meeting new friends and making new ones. Coming up next week Aug 9—14 is our new Minister's Camp. You can read all about it on the Pilgrim Point Web site. There is still room and registrations will be taken up to the day before you arrive. We're making this as easy as possible for anyone who works for the church to come and be a part of this wonderful sacred space. The price is right—\$30 for every 3 meals and an overnight. Seminarians and in-care students come for half price! See you there?

Woman's Retreat September 18—20

Creating Space for Spirituality

Join friends, old and new, for a wonderful weekend of fun, fellowship, and relaxation!

Join us as we explore ways to make room for spirituality in our busy lives. This fun filled weekend will include time for rejuvenation, opportunities to try new meditations, artistic expressions, and Taize worship.

Rev. Barb Martin, one of the retreat leaders shares this: "Creativity for me is a gateway to the sacred garden of my soul where I commune with God. Creating time and space for the sacred requires some intentionality and I hope we can share that with each other during our retreat time."



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50 Years of Changing Lives



Rev Christopher Ross shared his thoughts on Sacred Space at Pilgrim Point Camp's celebration in July

More than 120 people were in attendance at worship service during the July 19th celebration of 50 years of Changing Lives at Pilgrim Point Camp. The staff were a little worried about having enough Brats and burgers and Sheila's famous potato salad on hand but the last person through the line took the

last scoop of salad. Other visitors kept arriving throughout the day for pontoon rides, swimming, walking the trail, visiting the point and just sitting around and talking about their experiences at camp over the years. You're all invited to the 100th anniversary celebration in 2059!

Dear friends and Family of PPC,

Hopefully the mosquitoes have not carried you away. I just spent a week at PPC and am heading there again tomorrow. What a beautiful and sacred place! A loon floated by one evening as we were enjoying the vestper service put on by Tenderfoot Campers. What an awesome site. The sunsets were magnificent! Even the dark clouds of the severe thunderstorm added their own music to the symphony of nature I experienced at PPC. All of this makes me so thankful. I only wish I could find the words to describe how this moves me.

I was asked by Dee to write a "blurb" about a special event that occurred in our lives. My husband, Mark, and I had a **BAG** party. We each celebrated a monumental **B**irthday, our **A**nniversary, and his college **G**raduation. On our invitations we requested "no gifts please", but knowing the Minnesota Nice that our friends and family are, we asked that Pilgrim Point Camp be one of the places that people could donate to, if they felt so inclined. We were overwhelmed by their generosity to PPC! We requested that the gifts be used as scholarships to enable campers to experience PPC.

This has since motivated us to donate money we receive from dog sitting to PPC. Please don't tell them, but I am going to give to PPC in honor of certain people for Christmas. Isn't there someone on your list who would love to be a part of the Pilgrim Point Camp honor society?

Gracious God, I thank you for the beautiful symphonies of nature Amen.

LaVonne Young, member of the Outdoor Ministries Team.