

# June Calendar of Events

**June 1st    Semi-annual Congregational meeting  
11:00 am**

**The church directory has been updated. It is a small version—not the pictorial directory. Please pick up a copy at church.**

**Please sign up for Vacation Bible School registration is included in this *LEAF*.**

- **Please bring non-perishable food for Hope House on any Sunday.**
- **Please bring your aluminum cans and Campbell labels on the second Sunday, June 8th, ONLY.**
- **Dorcas Circle meets the second Tuesday of the month during June, July and August at 9:00 am.**
- **Sunday School at 10:00 am—will meet again Sunday, September, 7th—please meet in church .**
- **God’s Young Voices—meets Wednesday, September 10 .**
- **Senior Choir meets again Wednesday, September 10 at 7:30 pm.**
- **Health and Wellness meeting, Thursday, June 4th, 7:00 pm**
- **Sit & Be Fit exercise classes on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm.**
- **Knitting and Crocheting classes on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm**
- **Worship & Music meeting TBA**
- **Ladies Aid meets again in September, Wednesday, September 11th at 11:30 am.**
- **OWLS meet on Thursday, June 11th , at 8:30 am at Forum Restaurant**
- **Property committee meeting Tuesday, June 10th at 6:30 pm.**
- **Christian Education meeting Tuesday, June 10th at 6:30 pm**
- **Women’s Bible Study meets Thursday, June 19th, 7:00 pm.**
- **Friends meet Tuesday, September 30th at 9:30 am.**
- **Parish Nurse, Barb Estrada is here on Wednesday mornings but not Wednesday, June 18th. She will be here on the Friday, June 20th of that week.**





## 10 Things to Know for an Emergency

If you had a medical emergency, who would be able to provide the information doctors would need to know to care for you? Does someone know the names of your doctors? What medications are you currently taking, do you have pertinent medical conditions? Have you had prior surgeries, your list of allergies, or insurance information?

Hopefully we will never have to rely on other people to give out this information. From recent experience, I found out how little my husband knew or remembered about my own medical information, especially the medications/supplements that I take. Since then, I have this information (for both of us) listed in a booklet that is labeled "Health History" so that he or I can give accurate answers when asked. Also important Healthcare Power of Attorney documents are included in the information. My husband and my adult daughters have a copy or know where it is kept in our home. It only takes a few minutes to collect and write down all of this vital information. Be sure to update it as needed. It will save precious time in an emergency.

Below is a list of 10 things you may be asked in a medical emergency.

1. **Names of their doctors.** Current physicians can provide details of care or specific health history information.
2. **Birth dates and social security number.** Often medical records and insurance information are cataloged according to these numbers. This can improve communication in an emergency or a crisis.
3. **List of allergies.** This is especially important if someone is allergic to medication –penicillin, for example.
4. **Advance directives.** Health Care Power or Attorney or a Living Will outlines a person's decisions regarding resuscitation or life-support machines.
5. **Major medical problems.** It is especially important for ER personnel to know about diabetes, heart, or kidney disease.
6. **List of medications and supplements.**
7. **Religious beliefs.** This is particularly important in case blood transfusions are needed.
8. **Insurance information.** Know the name and policy numbers. Making a photo copy of the front and back of the insurance card and keep it with this document.
9. **Prior surgeries and major medical procedures.** List past medical procedures including implanted medical devices such as pacemakers.
10. **Lifestyle information.** Does the person drink or use tobacco?

During conversations with medical staff, the issue of privacy may come up. Staff may want to make sure they're allowed to speak with you regarding health care. HIPPA does NOT prevent a doctor, nurse, or health plan employee for discussing care if it's in the best interest of the person. Most institutions would consider an emergency situation just this.

I have downloaded an "**Emergency Medical Form**" from the MayoClinic.com website. Copies are on the kiosk in Hornberg Hall. Please help yourself to one.

Barb Estrada, Parish Nurse, RN

**Births:** Madison Cheryl Bainbridge, Hannah Le Cotey and Tanner Jeffrey Shesler

**Deaths:** Ralph Charles Hillman, Charles Bernard Larkin and Evelyn Ann Prescott

## Condensed Council minutes from April 29th, 2008

The first half hour of the evening was a panel discussion with the confirmation class. The next half hour was spent discussing the final four chapters of "Healthy Congregations".

### Agenda Items for 6-1-08 Semi-Annual Meeting

- 1) Propose increasing the monetary amount council can approve without congregational vote from \$5,000 to \$10,000. This would require an amendment to the Constitution. (See page 10, Line Item C17.01 of Constitution for guidelines.)
- 2) Propose amending the Constitution to revise the dates of our Annual Meeting to take place between 2/15 and 3/31 and for the Semi-Annual Meeting to take place between 8/15 and 9/30. Bylaws of the Constitution must be amended.
- 3) Vote for capital fund drive, and if we should hire the James Company to lead the drive.
- 4) Minutes from January 2008 Annual Meeting need to be approved – they have been posted on the kiosk in Hornburg Hall.
- 5) Advise congregation of new insurance coverages recently added.
- 6) Ask for volunteers serve on Church Council.

### Council Members

Names of possible new council members were discussed. Volunteers are needed to serve on council!

### Outcome of Insurance Review

Church Mutual's recent premium quote of \$194 per year for \$500,000 of Employment Practices Liability coverage included one full-time employee and six part-time employees. Motion made and seconded to add this coverage to our policy. MOTION CARRIED. Motion made and seconded to also add \$1,000,000 of Directors, Officers and Trustees Liability coverage at an annual cost of \$275. MOTION CARRIED.

### Recognition of gifts for tax purposes

Pastor read a letter currently being used to acknowledge memorials from funerals. It was agreed an acknowledgement should be sent out for all gifts received which are not submitted in an offering envelope. Kyle also shared a copy of a brief letter he composed acknowledging receipt of gifts for tax purposes and advised that the church secretary has been taking care of these letters. A personal note could also be

sent if desired. It was agreed Kyle's letter would be used to acknowledge all future gifts not related to funerals. A letter should now be sent to the Altar Guild, as they have submitted a check in the amount of \$1,500 to be applied towards the principal of the mortgage.

### Pastor's Report

Pastor Fazio submitted a breakdown of all pastoral acts for 2/27/08 through 4/29/08. His statistical report indicates three recently deceased members (Emily Meinerz, Ralph Hillman and Chuck Larkin) have been removed from the church membership roles, and one member (Tanner Shesler) has been added by baptism. Pastor has also submitted a vacation request for the period of 6/25 through 7/9.

### Treasurer's Report – Ralph Llanas

Ralph shared the following information received from Brent Rice:

#### Operating Funds

- March income over \$22,000 due to Easter.
- March expenses over \$22,000 and included Snowplowing (\$2,206), Gas/Electric (\$1,644) and insurance package (\$3,913). Insurance premium is paid in March of every year, and was lower than budget by \$300.
- March showed positive income of \$656.
- Year-to-date showed negative income of \$3,394.

#### Building Fund

- Income for March is \$5,055 which is good since it exceeds payment of \$4,386.
- Year-to-date is down \$1,000.
- Current fund balance at 3/31 is \$9,367.

#### Memorial

- No income or expenses in March. Current balance is \$6,863.

### Mutual Ministry – Kris Laposki

All job descriptions must be updated. Also, the Executive Committee must meet with Mutual Ministry prior to the next council meeting.

Committee Reports - All committee reports were tabled due the lateness of the hour.

### Agendas for Future Council Meetings

Members of the Executive Committee should consult with each other for items to be added to the agenda for monthly council meetings. This should be done a week prior to council meetings and can be done by phone or e-mail.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ruth Rice, Church Council Secretary*

## **ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS**

On behalf of the members of the Whitnall Park Lutheran Endowment's Senior High Scholarship Committee, we are pleased to announce that two young adult members of WPLC who are graduating from high school in 2008 will receive scholarships from the Whitnall Park Lutheran Endowment Scholarship Fund.

They are:

**Caitlin Larson** is graduating from Whitnall High School. She has been accepted at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse. Her goal is to finish a four year degree in Biology and to obtain a doctorate in Physical Therapy. Caitlin is very active in school and extracurricular activities including community projects, volunteering and working with groups of her ethnic background. Caitlin is the daughter of Susan and Duane Larson.

**Karl Vierthaler** will be graduating from Whitnall High School and has set high goals for himself to improve people's everyday lives by becoming a mechanical or civil engineer. Karl excels in science and mathematics but also has a strong passion for music. He is involved in community projects including Habitat for Humanity. He has been accepted at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. Karl is the son of Janine and Jon King

The Scholarship committee is very impressed with their letters of recommendation, their scholastic achievements, their family values, work ethics and personal goals. We are sure that they will do very well and continue to achieve the many goals they set for themselves.

Sharon L. Hause

Secretary WPLC Endowment Committee

## **Spring Clean Up Was a Great Day!!!**

The weather didn't cooperate but we were able to get most of the outside work completed. Both inside and outside crews did a fabulous job. We couldn't have done it without you. A big thank you to the Youth Group and Kathy Graef. Terry Sparacino, Sandy and Randy Sannes, Charles Schoenleber, Dorothy Nurse, Kris Laposki, Pastor Michael, Jim Lorenz, Ron Noeske, Kyle Sorvick, Crystal Fedran and Jessica Fedran. And last but not least the Property Committee—Jim Gaffney, Duane Hause, Ron Hause, Ron Sonntag, John Just and Pat Suderland.

## *Mother – Daughter Dinner*



It was an evening for the “girls” at WPLC. They were asked to bring their dolls to show. . .and the dolls came. . .small, large, new, old, barely touched, lovingly-worn. An expert in the field of doll collecting, making and restoration provided us with the history of dolls and answered questions. The adult ladies returned to their childhood when they were given paper stand-up dolls to cut out and dress up. Ladies in the choir sang a tribute to moms and everyone enjoyed a delicious meal along with beautiful tulips decorating the tables. *We're sure to do this again next year!*

—Sharon Hause

## Birthdays

2	Elizabeth Katschke
	Dorothy Nurse
3	Philip Krajewski
	Anne Magyera
4	Betty Flower
	Tammy Johnson
5	Amiya Baginski
	Carli Hause
	Leta Klute
	Melissa Romans
7	Donald Jensen
	Tegan Loebel
8	Priscilla Brugger
	James Gaffney
9	Michael Olson
10	Christine Umnus
11	Heather Duensing
	Alyssa Kaboskey
	Melinda Ross
12	Genevieve Bleibaum
	William Steinke
14	Krysta Buss
	Jeffrey Johnson
	JoAnne Kiefer
15	Chad Loebel
16	Daniel Buss
	Lee Pfeil
17	Donald Hause
18	Lori Edmundson
	Jack King
	Evelyn Schubert
19	Kimberley Graef
	Trevor Henneberry
20	Mildred Reidenbach
22	Mark Morrill
23	Edna Hillman
	Richard Katschke, Sr.
24	Lawrence Gaffney
25	Barb Gollash
	Sara Untiet
26	Alice Breese
	Scott Sorenson
27	Becky Horcos
28	Jennifer Breese
	Shirle Holt
28	Randolph Reiter
30	Abigail Brown

## Anniversaries

2	Ronald & Katherine Graef
	Reginald & Marilyn Simpson
5	John & Skylar Cousert
	David & Johanna Koralewski
8	Todd & Joann King
	Bradley & Tanya Metzger
9	Brady & Kimberly Aderman
10	Glenn & Nancy Winger
11	John & Shirley Meyer <b>59</b>
12	William & June Steinke <b>56</b>
15	Douglas & Sheryl Tikkanen
16	Raymond & Betty Flower <b>63</b>
	Thomas & Kristine Laposki
	Greg & Dorothy Saari
18	Brian & Heidi Martin
	Ronald & Kathleen Sonntag
	Mark & Suzie Sorvick
19	Warren & Joann Wollmer
21	Daniel & Susan Hareng
	Thomas & Lorene Nelson
24	Edward & Sandra Krause
25	Randolph & Mildred Reiter
	Terry & Patricia Sparacino
27	Mark & Vanessa Thompson
29	Charles Fredrickson & Beth Borstad
	Gary & Dawn Stein

## Youth Group



Give this unusual message to a family member or friend to announce summer's arrival — and invite them to join you in some summertime fun!

### What you need:

- Summer treasures and trinkets (see ideas below)
- Empty plastic bottle with cap
- Paper and pencil
- Ribbon or tape

### What you do:

1. With your parents, think of summertime activities and destinations. Then find, make or buy related items that will fit inside the bottle. (Note that you can also use stickers, magazine pictures or your own drawings.)

### Examples include:

- Beach day: sand or shells
  - Camping: ingredients for s'mores
  - Vacation Bible School: biblical bookmark or VBS trinket
  - Making Popsicles: wooden craft stick
  - Going to a movie: popcorn
2. Place all your objects in the bottle.
  3. Write a letter asking someone to guess your summer plans — and inviting them to join you.
  4. Roll up your letter tightly with ribbon or tape it closed. Then place the letter inside the bottle and close with cap.
  5. Deliver your message.

## Social Ministry Update:

### Social Ministry Committee's Fresh Garden Produce Table

The Social Ministry Committee is again sponsoring the Fresh Garden Produce Table this summer. As crops ripen, everyone is encouraged to bring in garden produce. Produce can be taken home for a donation that will benefit the Hunger Task Force, Second Harvest, and the CROP Walk. Enjoy fresh garden produce and help raise funds to fight hunger in the Milwaukee area and the world.

### Walk A Mile In Her Shoes

The walk took place on May 4th. The weather was beautiful, and the enthusiasm of the walkers was contagious. A special thanks to everyone at Whitnall Park who contributed money. Also thanks to the Social Ministry Committee and Youth Group who helped in this community service project. Money is still coming in while the June Leaf is in preparation so watch for the final totals in the July Leaf. Thanks are also due to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans which is matching all the money that Whitnall Park raises at the rate of fifty cents on a dollar.

Why did the walk take place? Why did men walk a mile in high heels? It does get publicity. It does show men, in all-be-it a very small way, what women have to go through on a daily basis. But most importantly it raises awareness of the sad truth that family violence is a major problem. It also raises money for the vital programs of Jewish Family Services, Sojourner Truth House, and the Task Force on Family Violence. The statistics are sobering: One in three women has experienced domestic violence in her lifetime, and more than ten million children witness family violence in their homes. Funds raised by the walk will help keep open the largest and oldest shelter for women and their children in the Milwaukee area, keep in operation the 24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline, fund the Domestic Abuse Victim Advocates in the Milwaukee District Attorney's Office, keep going the Task Force on Family Violence's Courthouse Restraining Order Clinic, and help men and women through Batterers Anonymous--Beyond Abuse. *"Put your foot down and help us end the cycle of violence."*

Again thanks to everyone who was a part of making a difference in the lives of those who experience family violence. —Charles Schoenleber

## The Results of the Feinsein Challenge

This March and April WPLC members were asked to help the South Side Food Pantry at Hope House meet the second "*Feinsein Challenge*" to collect extra non-perishable food items for needy families. Each pound of food delivered would be matched with a \$1.00 donation from the "*Feinsein Challenge*" to the Food Pantry.

Generous donations in March and April enabled Social Ministry to fill 21 grocery bags with much needed food. These 21 bags were delivered before April 28th.

A hearty thank you to everyone who helped provide this extra food for hungry persons. These donations are greatly appreciated by Hope House and the patrons of the Food Pantry!!

—Marilyn Schoenleber

## Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

To all those who helped to make this year's *Whitnall Friendship Circle's Rummage and Bake Sale* another success.

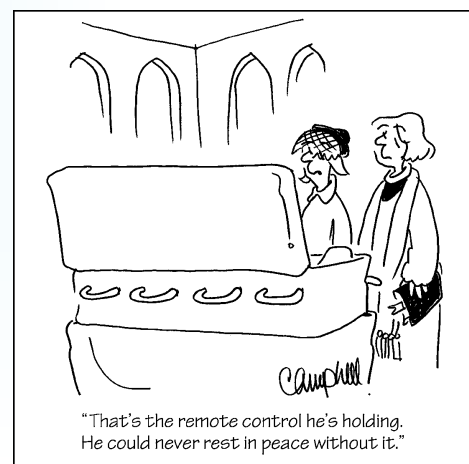
To those who donated items to sell, those who made the delicious bakery items, those who did the shopping and of course those who helped with pricing, setting up and packing up, our cashiers and other helpers. We couldn't have done it without you!

We don't have an exact amount as yet, but we do know we went over last year's profit. We made over \$1,000 for bakery alone. That's a record!

Thank you all again.

Julane Gaffney

Whitnall Friendship Circle



<b>June 1</b>	<b>SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 11:00 AM</b>	
<b>8:30</b>	<b>Assisting Minister</b> Lou Graef <b>Ushers</b> Ron Hause, Al Schubert, Carl Hanson <b>Greeter</b> Dorothy Perkl <b>Altar Guild</b> Betty Mattice	<b>Acolyte</b> Samantha Llanas
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Assisting Minister</b> Ron Labott <b>Ushers</b> Sid Arthur, Steve Mason, Ron Noeske <b>Greeter</b> Gary & Dawn Stein <b>Altar Guild</b> Marilyn King	<b>Acolyte</b> Michelle Fedran <b>Nursery</b> Jennifer Just
<b>June 8</b>	<b>SERVICES WITH HEALING</b>	
<b>8:30</b>	<b>Assisting Minister</b> Ron Sonntag <b>Ushers</b> John Hembrook, Dorothy Perkl, Don Jensen <b>Greeter</b> Jane Dillon-Perkl	<b>Acolyte</b> Sarah Martin
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Assisting Minister</b> Ruth Rice <b>Ushers</b> Tom Laposki, Brian and Kristi Peyer <b>Greeter</b> Jerome Thome	<b>Acolyte</b> Daniel Peyer <b>Nursery</b> Heidi Martin
<b>June 15</b>	<b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	
<b>8:30</b>	<b>Assisting Minister</b> Marjorie Pagel <b>Ushers</b> Jim and Linda Shea <b>Greeter</b> Dolores Porath <b>Altar Guild</b> Evelyn Schubert & Krista Bainbridge	<b>Acolyte</b> Christopher Sorenson
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Assisting Minister</b> Tom Laposki <b>Ushers</b> Jack King, Brian Martin, Larry Pfeil <b>Greeter</b> Grace Vukich <b>Altar Guild</b> Dolores Vorphal	<b>Acolyte</b> Paul Saari <b>Nursery</b> Kathy Ross
<b>June 22</b>		
<b>8:30</b>	<b>Assisting Minister</b> Linda Shea <b>Ushers</b> Jim Gaffney, Duane Hause, Lyle Lance <b>Greeter</b> Evelyn Schubert	<b>Acolyte</b> Danielle Sorenson
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Assisting Minister</b> Mike Sparacino <b>Ushers</b> Jerry Pagel, Jerome Thome, Walter Sievert <b>Greeter</b> Rosemary Richter	<b>Acolyte</b> Ryan Sparacino <b>Nursery</b> Susan Schlueter
<b>June 29</b>		
<b>8:30</b>	<b>Assisting Minister</b> Jane Dillon-Perkl <b>Ushers</b> Ron Hause, Al Schubert, Carl Hanson <b>Greeter</b> Kathy Sonntag	<b>Acolyte</b> Samantha Cowman
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Assisting Minister</b> Kim Mason <b>Ushers</b> Sid Arthur, Ron Noeske, Steve Mason <b>Greeter</b> Jing Jing Fedran	<b>Acolyte</b> Melissa Hoffmann <b>Nursery</b> Heidi Martin

**From M.E., Kelly Brown  
Minister of Education**

**Summertime is finally here!**

I know that everyone is enjoying the sights and sounds of summer. . .but be sure to mark your calendars for —

**God's Big Backyard!!!**

Vacation Bible School's theme this year and the dates are July 28th—July 31st, 5:45 pm—8:00 pm. It's fun for the whole family!!

On a much lower note, our Sunday school year ended with very low attendance. Not only are the children missed but this is wasteful for our curriculum.

Our teachers enjoy teaching and they prepare materials for their class. It can be very disappointing when so few children attend.

We are looking forward to a new year. We have many new ideas to put in place for the fall.

If anyone should have any questions comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

*Have a great summer!*

Please continue to save your egg cartons. We will be using them for our Lenten Project in 2009.



**Watch for the WPLC Float in the  
Hales Corners' Parade on the 4th**

If you have an opportunity to attend the Hales Corners 4th of July Parade, be sure to watch for WPLC's float. The Youth Group is building a float for the parade to advertise our Vacation Bible School.



*The Youth Group will continue to sponsor the second coffee fellowship of the month during June, July and August.*

**Attention all youth!**—watch you e-mail for updates on where and when to work on the 4th of July float. If you want to participate and are not on the list please call Kathy Graef at 414-525-2811.



# June 2008

## Whitnall Park Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Office hours	<b>3</b> 11:00 AM Pastor's Study 1:00 PM Knitting & Crocheting class	<b>4</b> 9:30 AM Parish Nurse is here 1:00 PM Sit 'n Be Fit	<b>5</b> 7:00 PM Health & Wellness	<b>6</b> 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Office hours Pastor's day off	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Worship Blessing of the Prayer Shawls Services with Healing	<b>9</b> 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Office hours	<b>10</b> 9:00 AM Dorcas 11:00 AM Pastor's Study 1:00 PM Knitting & Crocheting class 6:30 PM Property	<b>11</b> 9:30 AM Parish Nurse is here 1:00 PM Sit 'n Be Fit	<b>12</b> 8:30 AM OWLS meet at the Forum Restaurant	<b>13</b> 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Office hours Pastor's day off	 <b>Flag Day</b>
<b>15</b> 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Ridder Baptism FATHER'S DAY 	<b>16</b> 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Office hours	<b>17</b> 11:00 AM Pastor's Study 1:00 PM Knitting & Crocheting class	<b>18</b> 1:00 PM Sit 'n Be Fit	<b>19</b> 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study	<b>20</b> 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Office hours 9:30 AM Parish Nurse Pastor's day off	<b>21</b> 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Luther Manor Symposium
<b>22</b> 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Loebel Baptism	<b>23</b> 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Office hours	<b>24</b> 11:00 AM Pastor's Study 1:00 PM Knitting & Crocheting class 7:00 PM Council meeting	<b>25</b> 9:30 AM Parish Nurse is here 1:00 PM Sit 'n Be Fit	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Office hours Pastor's day off	<b>28</b>
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<b>29</b> 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Worship	<b>30</b> 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Office hours					
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*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

Today is one of those rare moments in ministry where there's actually a lull in the action. So, I decided to go through some of the boxes and folders that lined the back wall of my office (some of you have commented on the presence of a "Banker's Club Vodka" box that held a number of theology books yet to be unpacked, so I thought it would be a good time to get rid of this seemingly-controversial eye-sore).

As I was going through some of my folders, I came across a story called, *Is Your Hut Burning* written by an anonymous author. This is a wonderful and inspirational piece that really speaks to the mystery of God's activity in our lives and the fact that just when we think we have things figured out, God never ceases to surprise us with His grace and the promise of unfaltering hope. Enjoy!

*The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming.*

*Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect him from the elements, and to store his few possessions.*

*But then one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened; everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger. "God, how could you do this to me!" he cried.*

*Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied.*

*It is easy to get discouraged when things are going bad. But we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering. Remember, next time your little hut is burning to the ground it just may be a smoke signal that summons the grace of God.*

May God continue to bless you with a faith that defies the world's logic and the appearance of how things seem to be.

*In Christ,*

Pr. Michael