

PW Renewal News

A Monthly Devotion written by a WELS/ELS pastor's wife with some encouraging updates, prayers & news.

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"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who makes things grow."
I Corinthians 3: 6 -7

On a recent spring morning, after what seemed like a never-ending winter, I spotted a patch of bright yellow in my backyard. Daffodils! Spring had arrived! That was my first thought. I had nothing to do with that; was my second. Since buying our home 4 years ago, my husband and I (especially him!) have certainly done our fair share of yard work. But we never planted any daffodils, not a one. Yet, here they were, wishing me a good morning and encouraging me that warmer days were coming.

In recent weeks that small burst of color has served as a reminder to me that God has it all under control. Just as I didn't plant those daffodils in my backyard, I didn't plant the seed of my own faith. God used others to do that through the Means of Grace. Through the water God provides, the flowers grow. The water source didn't come from me, without Him there would be nothing. Through the Word of God, my faith grows. Again, without Him there would be nothing.

God loves us and wants us in His family. He sent His Son who carried out the plan for my salvation and yours perfectly. He sent His Holy Spirit to work faith in our hearts AND He's got work for us to do—in HIS kingdom, for HIS glory. I pray God opens our eyes to the opportunities that come our way every day to plant the seeds of the gospel. We can water those seeds through the encouraging Word of God and gospel-motivated actions that reflect God's love. Sometimes He gives us a front-row seat as we witness how those seeds grow. At other times, when we might feel we labor in vain, God gently reminds us through His Word that only He makes things grow.

There is much "gardening" to be done! I better stop staring at my backyard and get busy!

Mrs. Jennifer Kolander



PLEASE SHARE!

If you have prayer requests, news you'd like to share, or would like to help by writing a devotion for the newsletter, please let Valerie know.

Hope You Can Join Us

Saturday, July 23, 2011
Cross of Christ, Coon Rapids, MN

Sweet Are Your Words



A Cup Overflowing

Mrs. Christy Geiger

Life can be a mix of activity that leaves us a bit overbaked! Come, explore the attitude and perspective you have on life and how to find contentment and joy in every stage. If your cup is empty, low or overflowing, be filled with a scoop of thanksgiving, contentment, perspective and motivation as we search Solomon's words in Ecclesiastes. Find encouragement to be filled with joy as you approach your life regardless of what is on the menu!

Schedule, Break outs, Speakers and Registration online.

www.PWRenewal.org

Earlybird Registration before July 1st, 2011 - \$25.00

Final Registration July 2-13, 2011 - \$30.00

Invite your PW friends to join you.

Registration Now Online!

September 25-27, 2011

Sunday - Tuesday

Elkwater Lake Lodge, Cypress Hills, Alberta, Canada

Renewing Our Vows



Being His Bride – by Naomi Schmidt

God's Word calls you the Bride of Christ! What comfort and encouragement to know that you have been given unconditional love and the unfailing commitment of a perfect Groom! His love also equips and motivates you to be a loving bride to your husband, and an understanding wife as he serves the great Bride of Christ, the Church. Come hear about God's beautiful plan for you as the Bride of Christ and a beloved bride of your husband.

Schedule and other Details online.

Earlybird Registration before August 28th, 2011

Join us at this beautiful lodge. If you're up for a road trip with the girls, come join us in Canada. What a fun time and encouragement for the ladies "up there!"