

ST. CROIX VALLEY CHAPTER

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WEEKLY NEWS

Emergency Number at Rehearsals - (651) 246-7257

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

Significant Dates

NOTE: The 2010 Calendar is located on our website under EVENTS it is frequently updated

Tuesday	July 13, 2010	Como Park, St. Paul
Sunday	July 18, 2010	Church Sing Outs @ Woodbury/East St. Paul
Tuesday	July 20, 2010	Farm Fest, River Falls 3:15pm Warm-up 4pm Performance (NOTE: Tuesday night rehearsal is cancelled)
Sunday	Aug 15, 2010	Church Sing Outs @ Scandia/Lindstrom – Picnic After
Sunday	Aug 22, 2010	Sing @ Twins Game
Fri-Sun	Oct 22-24, 2010	LOL District Fall Convention @ Fargo, ND

*******We meet every Tuesday at St. Paul Lutheran, Stillwater unless noted above*******

LOL DISTRICT CONVENTION – FARGO, ND

October 22 – 24, 2010

You can check out the Convention info on the LOL District website:
<http://loldistrict.org/events/2010fallconvention/2010fallconvention.html>

We are staying at the Radisson Hotel in Fargo, ND. The Radisson is only 1 block away from the contest site, the Fargo Civic Center, with skyway access and a parking ramp attached to the hotel. Arrival date is Friday, October 22nd and departure date is Sunday, October 24th. The rooms have two double beds with some having two double queen size beds and one having a king size bed as requested. The room confirmations will be issued by the hotel soon and be handed out by Carl Quist.

Many thanks for Carl Quist for coordinating the housing for us.

The following members have room reservations as of June 28, 2010. If you are not listed and need a room see Carl Quist:

Rooms with two double beds -

Mac & Donna Barlass	Richard & Sherri Baumann	Mark & Sally Bergland
Paul & Joyce Boettcher	Ted & Karen Bolles	Roger & Karen Bosmoe
Wayne & Jean Elsenpeter	Wayne & Cathy Erickson	Ruwal & Mary Freese
Dennis & Linda Garner	Jerry & June Gibson (<i>Handicap</i>)	Duane & Fran Hall
Matt & Candace Hall	Jerry & Arlene Herbst	Ron & Char House
Dick & Georgia Kelm	Jeff & Libby Kolstad	Tom & Cheryl Kurkoski
Curt & Dee Larson	Jim & Tammy Mohn	Bill & Kay Montgomery
Jim & Jeanette Peterson	Ray & Pat Petry	Lorrel & Ruth Popp
Carl & Derene Quist	Don & Joyce Rodahl	Dale & Jan Schueffener
Gary Summner	Jack & Rosalie True	Cliff & Carol Turnbull
Bud & Emily Urtel	Warren & Sharon Wilson	Mark & Lynne Witmer
Duane & Diane Schuh	Tyler & Judy Smith	

Rooms with two queen size beds –

Ron Phillips/Tom Reiman	Alan Stewart/Adam Blegen
Loren & Lynda Paulson/Don & Phyllis Paulson	



Why Do We Celebrate the 4th of July?

Most people in the United States celebrate the 4th of July, but do you know exactly why the holiday is so important to our country? Imagine how you would feel if someone older than you (maybe an older sister or brother) kept telling you what to do all of the time and kept taking more and more of your allowance. That is how the colonists felt in the years leading up to 1776. Great Britain kept trying to make the colonists follow more rules and pay higher taxes. People started getting mad and began making plans to be able to make their own rules. They no longer wanted Great Britain to be able to tell them what to do, so they decided to tell Great Britain that they were becoming an independent country. (To be independent means to take care of yourself, making your own rules and providing for your own needs.)

The Congress met in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and they appointed a committee (a group of people working together to do a specific job) to write a formal document that would tell Great Britain that the Americans had decided to govern themselves. The committee asked Thomas Jefferson to write a draft (first try) of the document, so he worked for days, in absolute secret, until he had written a document that he thought said everything important that the committee had discussed. On June 28, 1776, the committee met to read Jefferson's "fair" copy (he put his best ideas together and wrote them neatly.) They revised (made some changes) the document and declared their independence on July 2, 1776. They officially adopted it (made it theirs) on July 4, 1776. That is why we call it "Independence Day." Congress ordered that all members must sign the Declaration of Independence and they all began signing the "official" copy on August 2, 1776. In January of the next year, Congress sent signed copies to all of the states.

The Declaration of Independence is more than just a piece of paper. It is a symbol of our country's independence and commitment to certain ideas. A symbol is something that stands for something else. Most people can look at a certain little "swoosh" and know that it stands for "Nike." Well, the signers of the Declaration of Independence wanted the citizens of the United States to have a document that spelled out what was important to our leaders and citizens. They wanted us to be able to look at the Declaration of Independence and immediately think of the goals we should always be working for, and about the people who have fought so hard to make these ideas possible. The people who signed the Declaration risked being hanged for treason by the leaders in Great Britain. They had to be very brave to sign something that would be considered a crime! So every time we look at the Declaration of Independence, we should think about all of the effort and ideas that went into the document, and about the courage it took for these people to stand up for what they knew was right -- independence!

