

ST. CROIX VALLEY CHAPTER

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WEEKLY NEWS

Emergency Number at Rehearsals - (651) 246-7257

Tuesday, August 25, 2009

Significant Dates

NOTE: The 2009 Calendar is located on our website under EVENTS it is frequently updated

Saturday	Sept 19, 2009	SCV Retreat @ St. Paul Lutheran 10am – 3pm
Fri - Sun	Oct 23-25, 2009	LOL District Convention in Rochester, MN
Tuesday	Nov 3, 2009	Xmas Show Joint Rehearsal @ St. Paul Lutheran Church
Sunday	Nov 8, 2009	Veterans Day Service @ Trinity Lutheran Church
Saturday	Nov 14, 2009	Xmas Show Joint Rehearsal @ St. Paul Lutheran Church
Monday	Nov 30, 2009	Xmas Show Joint Rehearsal @ St. Paul Lutheran Church
Friday	Dec 4, 2009	Xmas Show Dress Rehearsal @ Trinity Lutheran Church
Saturday	Dec 5, 2009	Xmas Show @ Trinity Lutheran & Guardian Angels Catholic
Tuesday	Dec 8, 2009	Officer Installation Party @ Grand Banquet Hall, Stillwater, MN
Tuesday	Dec 15, 2009	SCV Bowling Party @ Woodys-Bayport
Tuesday	Dec 22, 2009	No Meeting
Tuesday	Dec 29, 2009	No Meeting

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

NEXT WEEK'S REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 1, 2009

7:00	Old Songs
7:05	Warm-up
7:15	Christmas Show Music
7:30	Great Day
7:50	Longest Time, Shenandoah
8:00	Business Meeting – Bosmoe
8:10	Contest
8:30	Pole Cat Qualifying
9:00	Keep The Whole World Singing

SCV RETREAT

We have scheduled a retreat for our work leading up to the LOL District Fall Chorus Contest. The retreat will be held at our regular rehearsal location (St. Paul Lutheran Church) on Saturday, September 19th. The retreat hours will be from 10am to 3pm with a lunch being provided at noon. Our coach will be Jason Ryner – he was one of the judges at the Division Contest.

There is a signup sheet available so please sign up right away.

FALL DISTRICT CONVENTION

Review the signup sheet for the Fall Convention. The number of people going for you has been derived from the room reservation information you gave Carl Quist. We will be sending our required Convention “*All Contests*” ticket packages in early September. The cost is \$40 per person and your check should be made out to Croix Chordsmen and given to Tyler Smith. The ticket package we are buying does not include admission to the Friday night ADC show. The ADC tickets can be purchased at the door - no reserved seating for that show, all General Admission.

LIFE IN THE 1500'S

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be.

Here are some facts about the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water".

Houses had thatched roofs (thick straw piled high) with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs".

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying "Dirt poor".

The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway. Hence the saying "A thresh hold".

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, bring home the bacon. They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and "Chew the fat".

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the "Upper crust".

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of "Holding a wake".

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift.) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be, "Saved by the bell!".