

The Monthly Newsletter of Pilgrim Lutheran Church

3901 First Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55409 (612) 825-5375

Ministry Staff

Pastor

Rev. Peter J. Leyrer (612) 827-2723

<mailto:pastor@pilgrimonline.net>

Director

Dr. Scott Gostchock (763) 205-4405

[Mailto:scott@pilgrimonline.net](mailto:scott@pilgrimonline.net)

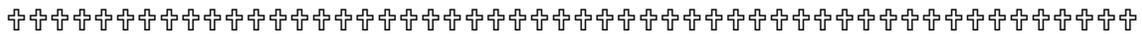
Dean of Students

Ms Michele Cambrice, (612) 825-5375

michelle@pilgrimonline.net

Pilgrim Website

<http://www.pilgrimonline.net>



From the Desk of Pastor Pete

Easter means it's all true!

What a sad and confusing day it must have been for the disciples, at least at first. They had seen Jesus die on Friday afternoon. Some of them had assisted in the burial. Then they rested on Saturday, in keeping with Old Testament law. They went back to the grave on Sunday morning to finish paying respect to the body of their Teacher and found an empty tomb. Early reports were that Jesus was alive again! Impossible! But then. . .he appears.

Jesus reminded them of all he had taught them, about the fact that he had to die, and he had to rise again. Everything he had told them was true, verified by the fact that the Savior is alive.

A living Savior means the same for us today. His life verifies that all of God's promises are true. If God can raise Jesus, then it's all true. What's true? Here's a partial list:

Forgiveness of sins (Romans 4:25 "Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.")

New life through baptism (Romans 6:4 “We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead to the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”)

Our own resurrection (John 14:19 “Because I live, you also will live.”)

The miracle of Easter means that we no longer live in fear and confusion. Our salvation is sure, our eternal inheritance is sure. Because Jesus has been raised, we walk each day in confidence. Brothers and sisters, let us encourage one another!

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Lord has blessed our congregation for many years and in many ways. Only He knows what the future holds for Pilgrim, but it’s exciting to think about where we’ve been and where we may be heading.

On Saturday, April 17 your church council will host a strategic planning meeting. Please join us. Catch a vision for the future of our congregation! Get filled in and excited about opportunities to serve your Lord and your brothers and sisters!

- *We’ll spend some time talking about stewardship and financial plans for the congregation. These have been challenging times for our church family. What can be done to address our deficit and debt?*
- *We’ll work together to set some short and long term goals for the congregation, including projects to give everybody an opportunity to get involved.*

We’ll meet April 17 9:00 to 12:00. Lunch will be provided—come and rejoice in God’s blessings, get excited about the work, and share in the excitement with your Pilgrim family!

+ *The "Risen Christ Ascending" Cross* +



Many churches are well renowned for their in-house artisans whom with their talent in the arts glorify their sanctuary within and without. Pilgrim since its inception in the early 20th century has not been short on talented members who have glorified God's house! Specifically today we are celebrating the glorious return of the Risen Christ Ascending Cross that was carved and molded with the hands and hearts of two dedicated men: Mr. Jim Flavin and Mr. Carl Bloedel.

The cross has been absent during the Lenten period-Passion of Christ, a time of dark reflection on Christ's journey to the crucifying cross. But it is this Easter Sunday, our glorious day in Jesus, that the Christ Ascending All Victorious Cross RETURNS to its rightful place in our Pilgrim House of God!!

Carl(Ardelle)Bloedel, our longtime choir director and active soloist, created the actual cross behind the Christ wooden sculpture. In designing the mounting he wanted to especially portray a cross in a sunburst with flared ends to show a backdrop for the sculpture of an exalted Christ. Carl remembers Malachai 4:2 "But for you who fear My name the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings". With this inspiration, Carl mounted the Jesus carving away from the cross, for indeed Christ's work was finished!!

Jim(Louella)Flavin, our beloved longtime member whom served in so many church capacities, carved the risen arms uplifted Christ. Mr. Flavin was well known for his gift of wood craft and he achieved a new benchmark with his talent in the making of this Christ ascending piece. He also made many crosses, one of which our Pastor wears every Sunday. Jim was a Christian example to us all, a kind man who lived in the shadow of our Savior. He was taken to his beloved Savior a few years ago but the beauty of his art lives on every day in Pilgrim church!

And so it is that this cross carried on Sundays by young acolytes casts its beauty and Message to all in Pilgrim's environs as it resides above the pulpit. A golden flag rich in tapestry hangs from the cross carving as well to accentuate the royalty of this ascended King Jesus!

Examine up close the workmanship during the coffee hour in between services this Easter Sunday down in the church dining room and know that God has blessed us with an inspiration in wood.....and gold.....and FAITH in the risen Christ!



***Dead Sea Scrolls Update – A Pilgrim Church Promotion
July 18th 2010***

Dear Pilgrimites!

Thank you for your support in anticipation of this pilgrimage promotion that we will be making on Sunday, July 18th, 2010 with Pastor Pete and Dr Voss.

I am very pleased to announce that we are almost reached our goal of 52 souls!

We only need 8 more names to complete the tour !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Yes, that is right 43 have signed up for the wonderful luncheon, bus ride and Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at the Science Museum of Minnesota in St Paul.

It should be a wonderful day for 52 Pilgrimites making the pilgrimage as ONE in Christ to see this 2000 year old treasure that serves as a testimonial to our faith-salvation!

If you are interested, please contact Arthur Wessels by leaving a note in my church mailbox or calling me at (612) 205 4919.

*Never mistake knowledge for wisdom.
One helps you buy a car. The other
buys you a life.*

April Events

Easter breakfast at pilgrim!

All are invited to share in fellowship and a "free" pancake breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 4. A free will offering will be taken, with all proceeds going to support Pilgrim Lutheran School second grader Amina Bushey and her family as she battles ocular cancer. Breakfast will be served from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the church basement. Late service attendees are encouraged to arrive early to get in line before the end of first service.

Interested in helping? . . .

Additional volunteers to set up, cook, serve, or clean up are needed. Also, contributions of hard boiled eggs, fruit, or other items would be welcomed. No RSVP is needed for breakfast, but if you would like to help out or contribute items, please email or call Eric & Catie Michaelson at michaelson52@hotmail.com or 612-695-2505. Thank you!

Spring Cleaning!

M.O.V.E., the youth group that has been coming for the past few years to clean, will again come to Pilgrim on Saturday, April 10 from 9:30 - 12:30. There will be 50 teens and 5 adults to assist us with cleaning. Please add this date to your calendar and plan to attend. Thanks!

Life rally

If you have a heart to listen, encourage, and mentor pregnant women and new moms, this is the opportunity you've been looking for! Learn approaches for addressing life decisions women face with an unplanned pregnancy and post-abortion challenges. Get practical support tools and tips to help welcome the new baby and support the mom. The Life Volunteer Rally is Saturday, April 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is open to anyone interested in possibly volunteering with Christian Life ministries, as well as individuals interested in learning how to support and promote life-affirming decisions in their church, lives, and communities. Free lunch and educational materials will be provided. Call Christian Life Ministries at 651-649-3538 for more information and/or to register. Exact location TBD, but will be held at one of our WELS metro churches.

"If you have Christ you have everything that's worth anything."

Up Coming Events



All ladies in the congregation are welcome, invited, and encouraged to attend a TOTALLY AWESOME experience this summer. The LWMS Annual Convention will take place in central location of St. Louis, Missouri June 24 – 27. The time there promises to be very uplifting! There will be worship and communion and singing; workshops and fellowship and food. The missionaries will light your hearts on fire as they share how God is working in the hearts of people all over the world. It is our prayer that you will leave with a renewed zeal for sharing Jesus everywhere.

Check out www.2010lwms.org for more information on the convention.

Mark your calendar
Camp croix weekend IS August 20-22, 2010

TOGETHER WE PREPARE



Blood Drive

Attention Blood Donors !!!

March 26, 2010 is the last day you can donate blood if you are planning to donate for the Pilgrim Blood Drive on May 22, 2010.

Red Cross states that donors can give blood once every 56 days up to 6 times a year.

If you have any questions or you would like to make an appointment, please call 612-861-6182.

*Laurie Sorensen
Blood Drive Coordinator*

*May 22, 2010
8:00 am - 12:00 pm*

Pilgrim Lutheran School News



COMPUTER LAB DONATIONS

Dear fellow members and friends of Pilgrim:

You can help by donating your old Laptop and Desktop computers (please remember to include the power chord). I accept them in any condition or age, whether they work or not. The keyboard, mouse, and LCD monitors are accepted but not necessary (only LCD monitors are accepted at this time). Please attach your name and address to your donations. Just leave the laptops or desktops in the church office and I will pick them up. Thanks for your help. Joe Sorensen

PARENT NIGHT OUT AT PILGRIM **FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2010 - 5:30 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.**

Here are the details for Parent Night Out:

- *Drop off your child(ren) for 3 ½ hours of daycare as you enjoy the night to do something enjoyable for yourself.*
- *\$15 (1-2 children) and \$20 (3 children or more), which includes dinner and a small snack.*
- *Adult will need to escort your child(ren) into the building, sign in, and pay.*
- *Adult will need to come into the building to sign out and pick up your child(ren).*
- *RSVPS are encouraged, but drop offs are welcome.*
- *If you have any board games for children of all ages, bring them along!*

Linda Roberts has volunteered to be the leader of this event. If you can help, please contact "Roberts, Linda J." >Linda.Roberts@ci.minneapolis.mn.us>

This fundraiser will help fund the Foreign Language Program at Pilgrim

April Birthdays



<i>Abram Johnson</i>	1	<i>Benjamin Anderson</i>	19
<i>Jon Voss</i>	2	<i>Caitlin Bandelin</i>	19
<i>Anita Kurth</i>	3	<i>Dominique Huggar</i>	19
<i>Justin McGowan</i>	3	<i>Blanche Odegard</i>	19
<i>Ryanna Owens</i>	3	<i>Rodney Owens</i>	19
<i>Christopher Wasley</i>	4	<i>Connie Wasley</i>	19
<i>Geraldine Belanger</i>	5	<i>Robert Gunderson</i>	20
<i>Steve Cambrice</i>	5	<i>Galen Sommer</i>	20
<i>Janice Kiecker</i>	6	<i>George Cattle</i>	21
<i>Linda Munson</i>	8	<i>Elaine Weber</i>	21
<i>Anne Aune</i>	9	<i>Timothy Holmgren</i>	22
<i>Viola Jensen</i>	9	<i>Carolyn Johnson</i>	22
<i>Tarnue Jallah</i>	10	<i>Mia Puterbaugh</i>	22
<i>Ethel Goplen</i>	12	<i>Martha Miller</i>	23
<i>Arleen Swanson</i>	12	<i>Yeane Kiazolu</i>	25
<i>Marilyn Anderson</i>	13	<i>Christen Sorensen</i>	25
<i>Robert Helmen</i>	14	<i>Connie Bonde</i>	26
<i>Aaron Robinson</i>	15	<i>Rose Hoppenrath</i>	26
<i>Esther Robinson</i>	15	<i>Shirley Scroggins</i>	26
<i>Walter Zimmermann</i>	15	<i>Allen Geiselhart</i>	27
<i>Randall Danner</i>	16	<i>Lois Knutson</i>	27
<i>Agatha Ledin</i>	16	<i>Michael Anderson</i>	28
<i>Michael Noonan</i>	16	<i>Cynthia Sroga</i>	28
<i>Theresa Wolter</i>	16	<i>LuVerne Jacobson</i>	29
<i>Dedra Huggar</i>	17	<i>Leilla Penke</i>	29
<i>Deja Huggar</i>	17	<i>Adam Heilman</i>	30
<i>Cory Huggar</i>	18		

April Wedding Anniversaries



<i>Thomas & Anita Kurth</i>	1
<i>Darrell & Karla Sampson</i>	22
<i>Herbert & Eunice Johnson</i>	23

Thank You



"Thanks to everyone who provided live plants for our Easter service. Altar flowers for the remainder of the year are always welcomed....check the Flower calendar in the narthax for availability of times."

*God Bless,
Lila*

St. Croix Lutheran High School News

ST. CROIX LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTOR OF MISSION ADVANCEMENT SEARCH

Mr. Jim Pasbrig, current Director of Mission Advancement at St. Croix Lutheran High School, has accepted a new position at St. Croix to be director for elementary and middle school bands and assist with the high school band program. Therefore, St. Croix LHS is looking to hire a Director of Mission Advancement who will oversee the entire mission advancement program. This is a full-time salaried position with benefits to begin on or about July 1, 2010. A qualified candidate should be a communicant, voting member of WELS/ELS, and possess a background in organizational development and sales practices. For a complete list of qualifications and duties, visit www.StCroixSchools.org/hs. For consideration for this position, please submit a letter of inquiry with resume and references by April 30, 2010, to bleier@StCroixSchools.org, or mail to: Mrs. Beverly Leier, Assistant to the President, St. Croix Lutheran High School, 1200 Oakdale Avenue, West St. Paul, MN 55118.

FULL-TIME SEASONAL GROUNDS KEEPER

Full-time Seasonal Grounds Keeper position open at St. Croix Lutheran High School April 5 through October 29, 2010. Lawn mowing, trimming, trash clean up, etc. is needed on the campus at 1200 Oakdale Ave., West St. Paul. Applications are available in the school office.

Give the Gift of Music



The St. Croix Lutheran High school Croixaliers
Will record in February 2010

Our Gift: Songs and Praise

How To Order:

1. Order from any member of the Croixaliers. Please have money ready upon ordering.
2. Order online www.legacyfundraiser.com/2009.htm
Click on St. Croix Lutheran High School under 'Coming in 2010.' Fill out the order form .
CD's will be mailed to you in mid-March
 - Cost per CD is \$20.00
 - CD will contain selections from concerts, Sunday Worship services, and other favorites.
 - Please contact the school office for more information

St. Croix Lutheran High School 651-455-1521 Info@StcroixSchools.org

West Lutheran High school News

The Annual West Lutheran Garage & Bake Sale

is scheduled for April 30 and May 1. Garage sale times are 4-9pm Friday and 9am-4pm Saturday. Admission on Friday is \$2 per family, Saturday there is no charge for admission.

Spring Play

*The West Lutheran Players will present, “**Just Another High School Play**”*

- *Friday & Saturday, April 16th & 17th at 7 PM*
- *Sunday, April 18th at 2 PM*
- *Location WLHS gym 3350 Harbor Lane North, Plymouth MN.*
- *Tickets available at the door: \$5-adults, \$3-students and seniors.*

This comedy by Bryan Starchman is produced by special arrangement with the Eldridge Publishing Company.

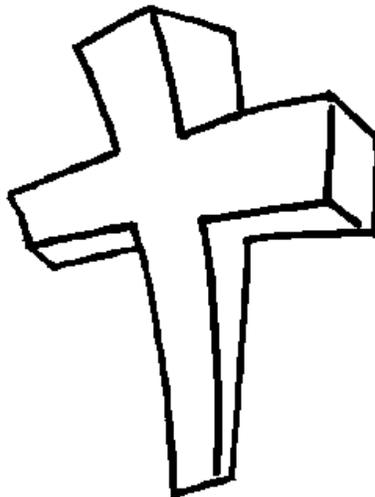
The plot: *A group of high school actors, who apparently have been abandoned by their drama teacher, have to fend for themselves opening night in front of an impatient audience. Their teacher has left them hanging because no one has been showing up to rehearsals and no one is really quite sure what they are supposed to do. The student assistant director and the stage manager step in, find a box of scripts, which they pass out to the cast, and try to throw something together. What follows is a rollicking show full of physical comedy, gags, and satirical re-writings of many plays from Shakespeare to Albee.*

FAMILY FUN TIME

Easter Word Search

B M A L M H B B K I N G R N R
N O I T C E R R U S E R E O O
A P O S T L E S E Y S C D I O
S E C I F I R C A S H J E T S
N S N A M O R O O R R E M A T
R C D S G T T R I I K S P V E
O Y R A M B C S S V Z U T L R
H L O V E L T E M M A S I A Y
T C R O W N N Y L O H S O S Z
X C R U C I F I X I O N N K Q

APOSTLES
CHRIST
CROSS
CROWN
CRUCIFIXION
HOLY
JESUS
KING
LAMB
LOVE



MARY
REDEMPTION
RESURRECTION
RISEN
ROMANS
ROOSTER
SACRIFICE
SALVATION
SAVIOR
THORNS

CHILDRENS FUN TIME





April 2010

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Noon Dismissal Maundy Thursday Worship/Communion 7 p.m.	2 Good Friday Worship 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Spring Break April 2-11	3
4 easter Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 Traditional 9:00-11:00 Breakfast 9:00-10:00 Sunday School 10:30 Contemporary	5	6 Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.	7 Ladies Guild 11:00 a.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Worship 7 p.m. Girl Pioneers 6:30 p.m.	8	9	10 Women's Bible Study 9 a.m. Spring Cleaning with MOVE 9:30-12:30
11 Communion Services: 8:30 Traditional 9:00-10:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship/Bible Study 10:30 Contemporary	12 School Resumes Finance Meeting 7 p.m.	13 Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m. Council Meeting 7 p.m.	14 Bible Study 6 p.m. Worship 7 p.m.	15	16	17
18 Worship Services: 8:30 Traditional 9:00-10:00 Sunday School 9:30 Congregational Meeting 10:30 Contemporary	19	20 Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.	21 Bible Study 6 p.m. Worship 7 p.m.	22	23	24 Women's Bible Study 9 a.m. Touche Flemings Banquet(5 p.m. Grand Hotel)
25 Communion Services: 8:30 Traditional 9:00-10:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship/Bible Study 10:30 Contemporary	26	27 Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.	28 Bible Study 6 p.m. Worship 7 p.m.	29 Science and Arts Fair 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	30	