

The Monthly Newsletter of Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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From the Desk of Pastor Pete

National Marriage Week

Every year an organization called National Marriage Week USA recommends that the week ending with February 14 be designated as National Marriage Week. Here are some thoughts from their website:

National Marriage Week USA—from February 7th to 14th every year

is a collaborative effort to encourage many diverse groups to strengthen individual marriages, reduce the divorce rate, and build a stronger marriage culture, which in turn helps curtail poverty and benefits children. (www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org)

It seems like a good time to review some of what the Bible teaches on marriage. In Genesis we read the story of Adam and Eve’s creation. As the story closes, Moses draws this conclusion: “Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.” (Genesis 2:24-25 English Standard Version)

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God lays down some important principles in these words:

Leaving. In marriage a new family unit is formed. While the husband and wife will always be their parents' children and will owe them respect, marriage means an important step forward in independence and maturity. The primary relationship and responsibility in their lives is now toward the spouse rather than the parent.

Cleaving. (It says "hold fast" in the more modern English quoted above, but sometimes we use this old English word because it rhymes with "leaving.") This new relationship is to be permanent. In the marriage vows we promise to be faithful, to cherish, support and help in sickness and in health as long as both shall live. When Jesus was asked about divorce he pointed back to the Genesis account and said, "What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." (Matthew 19:6)

Jesus allowed for (but did not demand) divorce in cases of infidelity, but he points out that this was not part of God's plan from the beginning. The Scripture also teaches that divorce may be inevitable when one partner deserts the other, but again, this was not part of God's design.

Intimacy. God designed marriage as the appropriate place for the intimate sexual union of man and woman. This boundary around sex is not there because sex is bad or evil, as some have misinterpreted the Bible to say, but because sex is good and precious. Marriage is God's way of providing protection to this precious gift, and giving it a place to flourish as the true intimate sharing of lives.

May God bless your life, work and worship this month, Pilgrims!

Pastor Pete

Stewardship Verse of the Month for February

Last month we heard a stern warning about God's judgement from Malachi. This month we hear a positive instruction from Jesus, himself on what is truly important;

Matthew 13:44 "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, then he went and sold all he had and bought that field."

It is so easy to get caught up in our sinful world and its challenges. It is easy indeed to concentrate so hard on these worldly problems that we do lose sight of why we are here and what we should be doing.

So too, our time, talent and treasure can be truly diverted to the world and away from the kingdom of God, where it is needed and expected. Let's step back and examine own stewardship, and make whatever corrections are needed.

Barry Gostchock, Stewardship

The Pilgrim Family

We have come through a very difficult chapter in the history of Pilgrim Congregation, the passing of our beloved Pastor Voss and Kathie. We are shocked and shaken and yet strengthened by the knowledge that God knows what is best for His children. Kathie and Pastor have reached their destination. Now we look forward to that sweet reunion of all saints in heaven. Amen!

Thank you Pastor Pete for quickly calling for a much needed prayer service on Wednesday, January 5 so that we could gather to express our emotions and grieve together. It was precious that we could be comforted by scripture, sing soothing hymns and hear friends of all ages speak of their memories and their love for both Pastor Voss and Kathie.

The Memorial Service in the gym on Saturday, January 8 was truly a celebration. To Mike Denn, Chairman of the Council, Scott Gostchock, Director of Christian Development, and all who were involved with organizing it, thank you. It was what we needed to bring peace to our hearts and minds and was a good reminder of how important our Pilgrim family is.

With gratitude,

Bob and Betty Helmen



February Birthdays



Katelyn Witte	1	Karla Sampson	17
William Olsen	6	Jeffrey Ditzel	18
Kormasa Jallah	8	Rachel Homan	18
Aubrey Minea	10	Violet Lowry	19
Steve Owens	12	Sarah Homan	22
Mary Elwood	15	Norma Seebach	23
Carolyn Lyons	16	Silas McAghon	26
Donna Ditzel	17	Larry McGowan	26
Koleen Piske	17		



February Wedding Anniversary



Pastor and Tammy Leyrer
February 14



Announcements ...



Email and home address update – let's keep in touch!

Pilgrim is updating its email and home address list once again. With the excitement of a new year approaching and its many activities, we would like to keep you informed and exchange ideas. Various members of the new church council would like to send out online questionnaires and surveys from time to time. By doing so, we will be able find our interests and talents as a congregation and see where we can best use those for God's glory.

If you are already receiving church communications via email and have not changed your email address/ home address, there is no need to reply. If you are new to Pilgrim or have recently changed your contact info, simply send us an email at: pilgrimsforjesus@gmail.com (If you have no access to email, please let us know. We need your input as well.

God's Blessings,

Church Council – Worship

Electronic News Letter

Did you sign up for the electronic version of our monthly news letter but are not receiving it? If you answered yes to this question please get in touch with me. It is due to the way you signed up so I would like to get that fixed for you. Zoe Herzig 763-360-6150

An Invitation to Women

A marvelous thing happens when small groups meet to study the scriptures. In addition to gaining more insight into God's Word, caring friendships emerge and flourish.

The **Women's Bible Study** group is currently studying the *Book of John* using the *People's Bible Commentary* with lessons prepared by Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod pastors.

We meet twice a month from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturday morning in the fireside room at Pilgrim

Ladies, you are invited and encouraged to join us. Come and see why this time in the Word is so precious to those who attend! Call Doris, 612-922-5058 or Betty, 612-823-4885 if you have questions.



Announcements/ ...



Networking/Job Transition Group

Step up your job search efforts in the 2011 by joining the St. Michael's Networking Group. We meet at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Bloomington (address: 9201 Normandale Blvd; 952-831-5276) normally from 6 to 7:30 pm in Room 32 on the lower level on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. We share information on contacts, support each other, work on networking skills, resumes, interviewing and other job search skills. You do not have to be a member of either Church to join this networking group. The group is listed on www.Linkedin.com under St. Michael's Networking Group. Paul Dahl is listed as the owner of the group. The Co-Managers of the group are Ruth Arves (St. Michael's member) and Geri Geiselhart (Pilgrim member). For more information, contact Geri at 612-822-2318 / geiselhart27@msn.com or Ruth Arves at 612-869-0393 / ranna630@gmail.com .

Got Job Openings?

If your company or companies you know of have position opportunities for individuals in the following areas, please contact either Ruth Arves or Geri Geiselhart so the positions can be posted on the St. Michael's Networking website. We have members looking for opportunities in these areas:

Human Resources	Graphic Arts	Computer Game Design
Accounting	Customer Service	Clerical
Graphic Motion Design	Project Management	Animal Care Assistant
Dental Assistant	Data Entry	Sales Management
Engineering	Finance	Sales Operations
Floral Design	Floral Design Instructor	Sales, General

Thank you in advance for your help and consideration

Year-end contributions AND SCRIP CARDS

Year-end contribution forms will be available to be picked up at the SCRIP table in the lunch room during fellowship hour today. Please consider purchasing SCRIP cards to help raise funds for Pilgrim church and school! You can now purchase Target and Rainbow SCRIP cards! (Contact Shannon Gostchock at 612-825-5375, ext. 115/mrsg531@gmail.com)



Announcements/Prayers ...



PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS



Please pray for the United States military and the following enlisted and/or deployed service men and women: **Paul Bandelin, Jacob and Errol Belanger, Thomas Bonde, Justin Brandt, Samuel Hass, Brent Hassler, Jennifer James, Andrew Leyrer, Nicholas Neumann, Andrew Rolston, Cory Williams, Isaac Wold, John Wolter, and John Zimmerman.**

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR MEMBERS

People to pray for (**Please call the church office if you would like a name added to this list.**)

Mike Anderson, Doris Belsaas, Ardelle Bloedel, Michael Dieter, Mary Jean Florin, Jim Johnson, Joy Kilber, Jean Loescher, Larry McGowan, Betty Wied, and Pilgrim shut-ins.

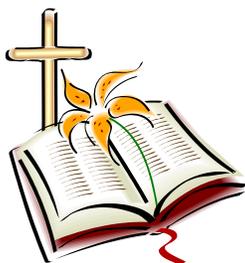
LOST AND FOUND

Lost and found items are in a basket by the tracts in the narthex (1st Avenue entrance) of the church. Call the church office at 612-825-5375 to inquire about lost and found items.

Lock doors and turn off lights

Pilgrim Church highly encourages the use of our facilities by groups: Pioneers, Ladies Guild, Bible Study, etc. We ask for each group, upon leaving, to verify all lights are turned off and doors are shut tight. Doors need to be checked by pulling on them as they may not lock unless forced shut. Numerous times staff members have arrived to find the doors not locked and lights left on. Not checking the doors puts our property in danger of vandalism, theft and a host of other issues. Leaving lights on causes additional funds to be sent to Xcel Energy that could have been used to spread the Gospel.

ALTAR FLOWERS – 2011



Anyone wishing to reserve a special Sunday to beautify our altar – honor a loved one or special occasion may do so. The following dates are available.

February 7 ...Feb 14.....Feb. 23....Feb. 28
March 14... Mar 21....Mar 28 (1)
April 11....Apr 18 (1)....
May 9,,,May16 (1) ...May 23....May 30
June 13....June 20....June 27 (1)
July 4 (1)....July 18....July 25 (1)
August 1....Aug 8....Aug 15....Aug. 22....Aug 29 (1)
Sept 5Sept 12....Sept 26
October 17....Oct 24....Oct 31
Nov 7....Nov 14 (1)....Nov 21.....Nov 28
Dec. 5Dec 12 (1)....Dec. 19 (1)

Please circle the date(s) you would like to reserve, as well as a second choice. Fill out below:

NAME _____

PHONE _____

1 ARRANGEMENT - \$17.50 _____

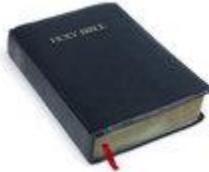
2 ARRANGEMENTS - \$35. _____

Please put this form in my mailbox in the copy room marked **Altar Flowers Lila Aske**, or it can be mailed. Please include your check payable to **Pilgrim Ladies Guild** with this form.

I will contact you a month before your date to determine the wording you'd like in bulletin the day your flowers are on the altar. Thanks so much for your continued support in adding colorful beauty to our Altar.

Lila Aske (952-544-1072)

BEFRIEND A MISSION



Lutheran Women's Missionary Society helps support those who serve in our mission field. Pilgrim has been assigned two home missionaries,

- Pastor Andrew Mueller of Clinton Twp., MI
- James Ewart of Oconomowoc, WI,
- David Rautenberg of Fort Apache, AZ. (foreign field)

Please remember them in your prayers and letters and assist where possible.

Pastor Andrew Mueller's information and prayer/wish list was in Pilgrim's December Newsletter.

Second Home Missionary :

James Ewart. Birthday 6/22/1976

Spouse's name: Kathy Ewart Birthday 3/28

Wedding Anniversary 12/29/2000

Address 1858 River Lakes Rd. S. Oconomowoc, WI 53066

Phone 262-443-2842 E-mail: pastorjason@hopeinjesus.org

Children's names and birthdates – Jonas 10/16, Alex 5/12 and Henry 7/16

Name of Mission: Hope Lutheran Church, 143 N. Main St. Dousman, WI 53118

“I think the most exciting statistic is that one third of our attendance this calendar year has been non-members. But the real story goes beyond that. Nearly every week we are hearing stories of how people's lives and eternities are being changed as they come into contact with the Gospel.”

- **Special prayer needs:** “That we find a larger facility. We have outgrown our current rented space and have not found the next space yet.”
- **Special project:** “We need to upgrade our audio system to increase listening clarity. The cost will be \$1,900.
- **Special family needs:** “For thankful hearts that we are privileged to be called children of God.”



Our “Foreign Mission” is at Fort Apache, AZ.

Pastor Daniel Rautenberg: Birthday 7/30/1974
Spouse Katie’s Birthday 12/27/1973 Wedding Anniversary. – 9/3/99,
Children – Emma 3/30/2001, Allyana 8/19/2002, Josiah 12/26/2005, Samuel 1/16/2007

Address; PO Box 1130, 4325 Ft. Apache Rd. #13, Fort Apache, AZ. 85926
Phone 928-594-4080 or 928-338-4496 office E-mail - revdjr@gmail.com

Name of Mission – Apache Christian Training School – WELS Native American Missions
PO Box 1130, 4325 Fort Apache Rd. Bldg. #15, Fort Apache, AZ 85926

“I’ve been a missionary here for a little over 10 years, and beginning my second year with the ACTS program. We have about 50 Apaches enrolled in the program taking classes. I teach them and mentor them as they use their skills to serve the Lord. I am training people to do everything from teach Sunday School and serve on the church Council to visiting hospitals and nursing home and training to be full-time evangelists, pastors, and teachers.”

Special prayer needs: “First – for our people in the program. They are often persecuted by family members, and in the community for leaving the pagan traditional Native religion to be Christians.”
Second – for our program. “WELS is able to pay my salary, but with budget cutbacks, we are on our own to come up with the funds to run the program. Since it is the most vital part of our mission field – training workers – the thinking on our mission board was that there would be enough donors in the WELS willing to support the program and we would try not to cut any more missionaries last year. It costs about \$25,000 each year to keep the heat and lights on and put gas in the car to drive up to 250 miles round trip to instruct our students. We are in the process of trying to put together a donor list.

Please pray that the Lord would bless those efforts as much as He is blessing our classroom and training efforts.”

Special projects: “We are trying to train Christian counselors to deal with the huge substance abuse issues in our congregations and community. To that end we opened a Christian bookstore. The store is non-profit and the mission is to get Christian materials into the hands of people in the community as well as pay for counseling services and training. We could use help with either funding for the counseling or if anyone has Christian books and materials they no longer need, anything donated to the store would help a great deal.”

Family prayer and wish list: “This is the first year we are home-schooling the girls (grades 3-4). It’s overwhelming! Prayers are appreciated.” “God has always been wonderful to us. Something we are always on the lookout for are kids’ clothes (we don’t have a lot of rummage sales in the area and used clothing is great) – Girls 10/12 and 7/8 and boys 4T and 5T.”



West Lutheran High School

REGISTRATIONS FOR CLASS OF 2015: If you have a student currently in eighth grade and would like to enroll them as freshmen at WLHS for the upcoming school year we are now accepting registrations. Please share this information with members of your congregation; people in your neighborhood, friends or family that you think would be interested in learning about West. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Meitner or call the school office for an information packet and registration form to be mailed to you. The school's number is 763-509-9378.



EXCHANGE CONCERT (NEW TO WEST THIS YEAR) –

The concert will be Sunday, February 6th at 2 pm. All are invited to attend. This year West is participating in a joint high school concert (similar to a band/choral festival). This year's concert is between West & St. Croix and is hosted at St. Croix. The concert will involve our Concert Band and Western Accents. A joint concert allows the students to sing and play some more challenging music as well as enjoy fellowship with other band/choir students.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT St. Croix

One Act Play Performance Condensed Theatre

Classics Presents: Lives in the Wind - Tuesday, February 1 7:00 p.m. (Auditorium)

SCL Open House & Information Day- Saturday, February 12 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Starlight Dinner & Variety Show - Sunday, February 27 5:00 p.m. (SCL Gymnasium)

SCL Annual Auction “Out of This World” - Saturday, April 2 5:00 p.m.

Dinner and Silent/Live Auction – tickets \$50/person

Family Fun Time

Valentine's Day Word Search

Find the hidden words associated with St. Valentine's Day.

K O C X X D L E C N H F F R I M T E
G D B A I V A U W S V A M O U R J W
W G W O P U P P A R R P U P V R B K
K F I S P I Y A D E S O C G U U B G
S U L F D X D S A W D D M B W O L X
S D F W T S C S R O R S F E G M B T
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CANDY
CARDS
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DARLING
DEAREST
FLOWERS
GIFTS
HEARTS
LOVE
PARAMOUR
PASSION
POEMS
ROMANCE
ROMEO
SWEETHEART
TRUELOVE
VALENTINE

CHILDRENS FUN TIME



HELLO KITTY



FEBRUARY 2011

Pilgrim Lutheran Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6 Worship Services: 8:30 Traditional 9:00-10:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship/Bible Study 10:30 Contemporary</p>	7	<p>1</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.</p> <p>8</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.</p>	<p>2 Ladies Guild 12:00 Bible Study 6 p.m. Girl Pioneers 6:30</p> <p>9</p> <p>Bible Study 6 p.m.</p>	3	4	5
<p>13 Communion Services: 8:30 Traditional 9:00-10:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship/Bible Study 10:30 Contemporary</p> <p>20 Worship Services: 8:30 Traditional 9:00-10:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship/Bible Study 10:30 Contemporary MLC Tournament</p> <p>27 Communion Services: 8:30 Traditional 9:00-10:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship/Bible Study 10:30 Contemporary</p>	14	<p>15</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.</p> <p>22</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.</p>	<p>16 Bible Study 6 p.m. Girl Pioneers 6:30</p> <p>23</p> <p>Bible Study 6 p.m.</p>	17	<p>18</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO SCHOOL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MLC Tournament</p> <p>25</p>	<p>19</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MLC Tournament</p> <p>26</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.</p>
28	21			24	25	26