

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

National Marriage Week

Did you know that February 7-14 has been designated “National Marriage Week”? Here’s some information from the website [nationalmarriageweekusa.org](http://www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org):

National Marriage Week is the brainchild of Richard Kane who started it in the UK in 1996. It has now spread to The Czech Republic, Hungary, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium, Ireland, Northern Ireland, and Australia. See - <http://www.marriage-weekinternational.com>. Marriage Week was adopted in the U.S. in 2002 by co-founders Brent Barlow and Diane Sollee of Smart Marriages. In 2009, a group led by Chuck Stetson and Sheila Weber of the Let’s Strengthen Marriage Campaign, working with dozens of organizations in the U.S. and many leaders in the marriage movement, have developed the National Marriage Week USA site to bring together the many activities that organizations all around the country, including churches and houses of worship, are already doing to strengthen marriage during National Marriage Week USA— February 7th to 14th each year. We recognize in particular that social science is clear that children are best served when they grow up with both a mother and father. It is critical to strengthen the bonds of marriage to best support children so that they can thrive and flourish.

I’m not familiar with many of the people and organizations mentioned in that information so I’m not ready to give an unconditional endorsement to everything they teach and stand for. But I do believe this is a movement worth noting.

Marriage is a great blessing from God, the very first institution that he established when he created Adam and Eve. Government and even the church aren't established until much later in the Scriptures. Those who call marriage the basic building block of our society are echoing biblical truth. The national marriage week website lists a number of studies that indicate marriage has a positive impact on financial stability, better health, less troubled kids and better happiness. In other words, many of today's sociologists are catching up to godly wisdom on this most ancient of societal building blocks.

Marriage still works. Oh, I know it isn't always easy. And I know that every day we hear anti-marriage messages from our culture and from our own selfish and foolish hearts. I also realize that some of us have had marriages destroyed, either by a former spouse's selfishness or our own or both. But none of those facts change the truth that God gave marriage to his people as a gift, and that he still intends to bless us through it. The challenge for us is to look at marriage along with all of the problems that people drag into it, and look at our spouses along with all of their shortcomings and see God's hand of blessing behind it all.

If you're married:

- *How long has it been since you've thanked God for your marriage? Maybe today would be a good day for that!*
- *How long has it been since you've thanked your spouse for putting up with you? Maybe today would be a good day for that!*
- *What are you doing to avoid the temptation to stray from your vows?*
- *If you know somebody in a troubled marriage, what can you do to encourage him or her? ("Encouragement" doesn't mean that we insist a spouse stay in an abusive or dangerous situation!)*
- *If there is difficulty in your marriage, what are you doing to improve the situation? Is it time to seek outside help from the pastor or a qualified marriage counselor?*

If you're not married:

- *If a previous marriage ended in divorce, have you forgiven and let go of bitterness against your ex? Have you accepted your own responsibility and forgiveness for it? If you have questions about these concepts or their value, it might be a good time to speak to your pastor.*
- *What are you doing to avoid the temptation to sexual immorality?*
- *If you hope to be married someday, have you thought about the qualities you seek in a spouse? Have you thought what kind of a spouse you'll be?*

"Haven't you read," Jesus replied, "that at the beginning the Creator made them male and female, and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one. Therefore, what God has joined together, let man not separate."

Ash Wednesday is February 17th

Jesus of Nazareth is Passing By

As usual, during Lent we'll gather for worship at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday. Soup suppers will be served from 5:00 to 6:30.

Our theme for Lenten worship will be "Jesus of Nazareth is Passing By." We'll be looking at the events leading up to Jesus death from the perspective of some of the people who saw him in those last days. Those people had opportunities as Jesus passed by—how did they use them? Or did they lose them? We pray that their stories will give us opportunities as well—to repent, to reflect, to worship.

The people and themes include:

- *Judas in Upper Room - He Knows Your Heart, John 13:18-30*
- *Disciples in Gethsemane - What Prophets & Kings Longed to See, Luke 22:39-47*
- *Arrest & Denial - Facing the Enemy, John 18:1-18, 25-27*
- *He is Your King, Matthew 27:27-31*
- *Simon of Cyrene - Why Me? Luke 23:26-31*
- *Pilate & Barabbas - We Go Free, Mark 15:1-15*
-

Lenten Dinner February 17th



Time: 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (Lunchroom)

Cost is \$5.00 for Adults
\$3.00 for Children (Grade school age)

Chili w/ fixin's (Rena & Shannon)
Grilled Cheese (Breadsmith Bread)
Salad
Dessert
Drink

Lenten Dinner February 24th



Time: 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (Lunchroom)

Cost is \$5.00 for Adults
\$3.00 for Children (Grade school age)
Black History Month Meal

Chicken Strips
Macaroni & Cheese
Green Beans
Dessert
Drink

Announcements!

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS



Please pray for the United States military and the following enlisted and/or deployed service men: **Paul Bandelin, Jacob and Errol Belanger, Thomas Bonde, Samuel Hass, Brent Hassler, Andrew Leyrer, John Manthe, and Andrew Rolston**



The flower calendar will be posted in the narthex with requests already made for 2010. If there are any dates available that flowers would be desired, please give me a call - 952-544-1072 - or put a note in my mailbox in the office. Thank you for your continued interest in adding floral beauty to the altar.

God Bless,
Lila Aske

CARDS, CARDS, CARDS

Did you Know?

Greeting cards: Birthday, Sympathy, Get Well, Baby Congratulations, etc. are available from the Ladies Guild on Sundays during Coffee Hour for 50 cents each (that's also 2 for \$1.00 😊.)

Many of the cards from Day Spring contain Christian messages. Also available are the handcrafted cards for all occasions for the same bargain price. Valentines will be available as long as the supply lasts – get them while they are hot. Look for the display near the coffee serving table.

PLEASE HELP RESTOCK FOOD SHELF

The food shelf is in need of **cereal, fruit, meat, and soup**. Any other food items that are useful to families are greatly appreciated! Thank you for your kindness and generosity! **A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor. Proverbs 22:9**

Announcements!

Networking/Job Transition Group

Are you in a job transition and looking for a way to step-up your job search efforts? A networking group can help and offer support during your search. Join us at the St. Michael's Networking Group. Our meetings are held at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Bloomington (address: 9201 Normandale Blvd; 952-831-5276). We normally meet twice a month from 6 to 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, however, we recommend that you check our group site on LinkedIn (as shown below) for specific meeting dates and times. The group is open to anyone seeking job search help, you do not have to be a member of St. Michael's 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 Lutheran member). For more information, contact Ruth Arves at 612-869-0393 / ranna630@gmail.com or Geri at 612-822-2318 / geiselhart27@msn.com. Also, if you are currently employed and your company has job openings, please let us know and we can post them on the LinkedIn group site.

Help Wanted

Herzig Cleaning is looking for a person or persons who could be their back up in the event of an emergency and occasionally due to other appointments they have after work. If interested in applying please contact Zoe Herzig @ 763-360-6150 to set up a time to meet and go over the training.

February Birthdays



Joseph Kjornes	6	Mary Elwood	15
William Olsen	6	Carolyn Lyons	16
Kormasa Jallah	8	Donna Ditzel	17
Aubrey Minea	10	Koleen Piske	17
Steve Owens	12	Karla Sampson	17
Brian Hanson	14	Jeffrey Ditzel	18
Isaac Monson	14	Rachel Homan	18
		Violet Lowry	19
		Sarah Homan	22
		Norma Seebach	23
		Silas McAgthon	26
		Larry McGowan	26

Wedding Anniversary



Pastor and Tammy Leyrer
February 14

Pilgrim Lutheran School News



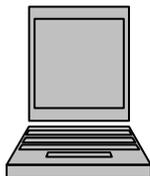
Basket Ball

Congratulations to the Girls A-Team for taking 2nd place and the Boys A-Team for taking 4th place in the tournament which was held on St. Croix on January 23rd, Way to Go Guys!!!!

Up Coming Tournament

The top 8 teams in the boys and girls A divisions will play in the "AA" tournament at St. Croix on February 12th-14th. The remaining 6 teams will play in the "A" tournament at West on February 12th-14th.

COMPUTER LAB DONATIONS



Dear fellow members and friends of Pilgrim:

*You can help by donating your old Laptop computers. We are taking only Laptops at this time. I accept them in any condition or age, whether they work or not. Please attach your name and address to your donations. Just leave the laptops in the church office and I will pick them up.
Thanks for your help.*

Joe Sorensen

St. Croix Lutheran High School News

OPEN HOUSE - Saturday, February 13, 10 am - 4 pm

Freshman Registration

Monday, February 1, 6-7:30 pm

Monday, February 8, 6 - 8 pm

Saturday, February 13, 10 am - 3 pm

Starlight Dinner & Variety Show



Sunday, February 28, 2010

Beginning promptly at 5:00 pm with the catered meal served by student volunteers and soothing dinner music performed by students, the evening will proceed with a variety of talents presented by students and friends of St. Croix.

Menu:

TBD - but guaranteed to be delicious! (Check back soon for details.)

*Tickets are \$20 each, **advance sales only**. Deadline for reservations is Monday, February 22.*

Tables may be reserved for 6-16 people per table. To purchase tickets, call 651-455-1521, ext. 351.

St. Croix Lutheran High School News



PLEASE JOIN US!

St. Croix Lutheran High School's 18th Annual Auction
Saturday March 6, 2010, 5:00 pm

Plan to attend this exciting dinner auction to benefit
Christian Education at St. Croix Lutheran High School.

5 pm: Doors Open (Silent Auction begins)
6:45 pm: Last section of silent auction closes
7 pm: Remarks, entertainment & dinner
7:45 pm: Live auction begins
9:30 pm: Event wrap-up

You CAN Make a Difference!

Here's How:

1. Donate Something
2. Invite Someone
3. Register for the Event
4. Volunteer!

Call the Mission Advancement Office
for more details: 651-455-1521 x 105

Get your tickets today!

(Includes admission, dinner and 2 drink tickets per person)

- \$50 per person (includes \$25 charitable donation)
- \$400 per table (seats 8—includes \$200 charitable donation)

Visit www.StCroixSchools.org/Auction or call
651-455-1521 x 105 to purchase tickets or inquire about
volunteer, donation & sponsorship opportunities.



St. Croix Lutheran High School • 1200 Oakdale Avenue • West St. Paul, MN 55118 • 651-455-1521 • www.StCroixSchools.org

St. Croix Lutheran High School News

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 420.00*
 - 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

Another First Place Performance for the Warrior Dance Team

1/16/2009

The Warrior Dance traveled to Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City High School on Saturday, January 16 to compete in the ACGC Invitational. Even with a field of three teams, the dancers performed well and placed first.

If you have missed the Warrior Dance team basketball game halftime performances, check out their wonderful dance [here](#).

Congratulations Again Warrior Dance Team!





Warrior Fastpitch Softball Clinic



Come join the West Lutheran Softball team!



Who: Youth grades 4-8 (Instruction by Head Coach Miss Anne Schroeder and Warrior Varsity players.)

What: A fastpitch clinic to practice skills, learn new ones in a Christian environment, and meet new friends.

Where: West Lutheran 3350 Harbor Lane Plymouth, MN 55447

When: Sunday, March 14th and Sunday, March 21st

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Cost: \$25 for two nights or \$15 for one night (covers T-shirt, softball, and instruction) (checks payable to West Lutheran)

- Each player will get to take home a T-shirt and a Fastpitch Softball.
- **Register by February 8th** to secure a spot and guarantee a T-shirt. (Accepting late registrations until March 8th.)
- We will cover the basic training skills including hitting, fielding, base running, pitching, catching and much more!
- Remember to bring along a glove, water bottle, and shoes for gym use. Optional: batting gloves, bat, catching gear, cleats, etc.

Send registration to Anne Schroeder 3350 Harbor Lane Plymouth, MN 55447 or call WLHS at 763-509-9378.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Grade: _____

Home Address: _____

Date(s) (circle the one(s) you choose): March 14th March 21st Total cost enclosed: _____

T-shirt Size (circle one): Youth: M L XL Adult: S M L XL

I agree that neither West Lutheran nor its coaches will be held liable for any injury, accident, or loss of property at Warriors Fastpitch Softball Clinic. I accept responsibility for medical costs incurred in case of injury while in attendance.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

CHILDRENS FUN TIME



**HAPPY
VALENTINES**



February 2010

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 School Committee 5:30	2 Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.	3 Ladies Guild 12:00 Bible Study 6 p.m. Worship 7 p.m. Girl Pioneers 6:30	4	5	6
7 Worship Services: 8:30 Traditional 9:45 Fellowship 10:30 Contemporary	8 Finance Meeting 7 p.m.	9 Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m. Council Meeting 7 p.m.	10 Bible Study 6 p.m. Worship 7 p.m.	11	12	13 Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.
14 Communion Services: 8:30 Traditional 9:45 Fellowship 10:30 Contemporary	15	16 Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.	17 Ash Wednesday 1:00 and 7:00 Lenten Dinner 5 to 6:30 Girl Pioneers 6:30	18	19 NO SCHOOL MLC Tournament	20 MLC Tournament
21 Worship Services: 8:30 Traditional 9:45 Fellowship 10:30 Contemporary MLC Tournament	22 NO SCHOOL	23 Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.	24 Lenten Worship 1:00 and 7:00 Lenten Dinner 5 to 6:30	25	26	27 Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.
28 Communion Services: 8:30 Traditional 9:45 Fellowship 10:30 Contemporary						