

As redeemed children of God, our main motivation for giving is our desire to respond with grateful hearts to him for his marvelous gifts to us, especially the gift of his Son Jesus Christ who bought us forgiveness of sins and eternal life. We desire to give, not for reward, but to honor him with our lives and our time, our talents and our treasures. We will find that we cannot out give God. Speaking through the prophet Malachi God promised, "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." (Malachi 3:10)

Accept God's challenge: put him to the test. Prime the pump.

**He's risen He's risen indeed! Alleluia!
Invite a friend to worship this Easter!**



**Upcoming Worship at a glance
Worship: 8:30, 10:30, 6:00 S.O.N.**

Psalm 95:6

*Come; let us bow down in worship,
Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.*

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| April 1 | Sunday, Palm Sunday – MLC Choir @ both services
SON Worship @ 6 p.m. |
| April 5 | Maundy Thursday – Communion – 7 p.m. |
| April 6 | Good Friday – 1:00 & 7:00 |
| April 8 | Easter Sunday – Breakfast – Brass Quintet @ both services
NO SON Worship in the evening. Back to regular worship schedule April 15. |

Members and visitors alike are welcome at any and all of the above services. What a glorious time to invite your neighbors and/or relatives to come with you and hear the joyous message of the blessings we have in Jesus! Let us unite our voices in praise to our Savior King!

In the resurrection of Jesus Christ we have hope sustains us every day and in every stage of life. I thought this seldom read gem by Charles Dickens illustrates that. Enjoy.

--Pastor Pete

A Child's Dream of a Star

by Charles Dickens

There was once a child, and he strolled about a good deal, and thought of a number of things. He had a sister, who was a child, too, and his constant companion. These two used to wonder all day long. They wondered at the beauty of the flowers - they wondered at the height and blueness of the sky - they wondered at the depth of the bright water - they wondered at the goodness and the power of God who made the lovely world.

They used to say to one another, sometimes: "Supposing all the children upon earth were to die, would the flowers, and the water, and the sky be sorry?" They believed they would be sorry. "For," said they, "the buds are the children of the flowers, and the little playful streams that gambol down the hillsides are the children of the water - and the smallest, bright specks playing at hide and seek in the sky all night, must surely be the children of the stars - and they would all be grieved to see their playmates, the children of men, no more."

There was one clear, shining star that used to come out in the sky before the rest, near the church spire, above the graves. It was larger and more beautiful, they thought, than all the others, and every night they watched for it, standing hand in hand at a window. Whoever saw it first cried out: "I see the star!" And often they cried out both together, knowing so well when it would rise, and where. So they grew to be such friends with it, that, before lying down in their beds, they always looked out once again, to bid it good-night - and when they were turning round to sleep, they used to say: "God bless the star!"

But while she was still very young, oh, very, very young, the sister drooped, and came to be so weak that she could no longer stand in the window at night - and then the child looked sadly out by himself, and when he saw the star turned round and said to the patient, pale face on the bed: "I see the star!" and then a smile would come upon the face, and a little weak voice used to say: "God bless my brother and the star!"

And so the time came all too soon, when the child looked out alone, and when there was no face on the bed - and when there was a little grave among the graves, not there before - and when the star made long rays down towards him, as he saw it through his tears.

Now, these rays were so bright, and they seemed to make such a shining way from earth to heaven, that when the child went to his solitary bed he dreamed about the star - and dreamed that, lying where he was, he saw a train of people taken up that sparkling road by angels. And the star, opening, showed him a great world of light, where many more such angels waited to receive them.

All these angels, who were waiting, turned their beaming eyes upon the people who were carried up into the star - and some came out from the long rows in which they stood, and fell upon the people's necks, and kissed them tenderly, and went away with them down avenues of light, and were so happy in their company, that lying in his bed he wept for joy.

But there were many angels who did not go with them, and among them one he knew. The patient face, that once had lain upon the bed, was glorified and radiant, but his heart found out his sister among all the host.

His sister's angel lingered near the entrance of the star, and said to the leader among those who had brought the people thither:

"Is my brother come?"

And he said: "No."

She was turning hopefully away, when the child stretched out his arms, and cried: "O sister, I am here! Take me!" And then she turned her beaming eyes upon him, and it was night - and the star was shining into the room, making long rays down towards him, as he saw it through his tears.

From that hour forth, the child looked out upon the star as on the home he was to go to when his time should come - and he thought that he did not belong to the earth alone, but to the star, too, because of his sister's angel gone before.

There was a baby born to be a brother to the child - and while he was so little that he never yet had spoken word, he stretched his tiny form out on his bed, and died.

Again the child dreamed of the open star, and of the company of angels, and the train of people, and the rows of angels with their beaming eyes all turned upon those people's faces.

Said his sister's angel to the leader:

"Is my brother come?"

And he said: "Not that one, but another."

As the child beheld his brother's angel in her arms, he cried: "O sister, I am here! Take me!" And she turned and smiled upon him, and the star was shining.

He grew to be a young man, and was busy at his books, when an old servant came to him and said:

"Thy mother is no more. I bring her blessing on her darling son."

Again at night he saw the star, and all that former company. Said his sister's angel to the leader:

"Is my brother come?"

And he said: "Thy mother!"

A mighty cry of joy went forth through all the star, because the mother was reunited to her two children. And he stretched out his arms and cried: "O mother, sister, and brother, I am here! Take me!" And they answered him: "Not yet." And the star was shining.

He grew to be a man, whose hair was turning gray, and he was sitting in his chair by the fireside, heavy with grief, and with his face bedewed with tears, when the star opened once again.

Said his sister's angel to the leader:

"Is my brother come?"

And he said: "Nay, but his maiden daughter."

And the man, who had been the child, saw his daughter, newly lost to him, a celestial creature among those three, and he said: "My daughter's head is on my sister's bosom, and her arm is around my mother's neck, and at her feet there is the baby of old time, and I can bear the parting from her, God be praised!"

And the star was shining.

Thus the child came to be an old man, and his once smooth face was wrinkled, and his steps were slow and feeble, and his back was bent. And one night as he lay upon his bed, his children standing round, he cried, as he had cried so long ago:

"I see the star!"

They whispered one to another: "He is dying."

And he said: "I am. My age is falling from me like a garment, and I move towards the star as a child. And, O my Father, now I thank Thee that it has so often opened to receive those dear ones who await me!"

And the star was shining - and it shines upon his grave.



Articles from our Members



From the Pilgrim organist.....

On Wednesday evening, March 21st the Pilgrim Lenten gathering took in a special musical treat from our Pilgrim soloist Lori McGowan who chose to sing a wonderful story in words and music by the composer Michael Card called "Forgiving Eyes". Pastor Pete gave a meaningful preface to the song which was then sung acapella (without accompaniment) no less by Lori, except for initial tolling of the bells. The melody was haunting in a story where a woman in sin expected to be stoned to death and met the Savior's eyes of forgiveness(the words were printed up on the chancel screen for all to easily follow as Lori sang). Now, the lyrics have been reprinted here to help you recapture a wonderful performance from just one of our Lenten worships this season whether you were able to attend or not!

Forgiving Eyes - Music and Words by Michael Card and Norbert Putnam (1985).

Surrounded with shouts, the cruel accusations;
Dragged to the court, no hope of salvation
All hope was lost, for those who had caught me
Knew what I was; they knew all about me.

I thought it seemed strange as we entered in
They stopped a young rabbi to ask his opinion.
Caught in the act, their reason for hating;
My body could feel the stones that were waiting.

My judge, a man from Galilee;
In His eyes so gentle I could see
A father and a brother and a son.

Just as I saw Him, the hope I had lost became born
again; I was not hopeless. Though I'd been lost
now, I felt I was found when He looked at me
With His forgiving eyes.

The crowd gathered round, so angry and violent;
He stood beside me, peaceful and silent.
Then with a word, with one question, He showed
them That they too were guilty and could not
condemn.

The next thing I knew, He asked me, "Where are
they?" When I looked around the courtyard was
empty; The stones scattered 'round, the warm
morning sunlight He'd made the darkness perfectly
light.

In this new light now I understood
He would not condemn me though He could;
For He would be condemned someday for me.

Just as I saw Him, the hope I had lost became born
again; I was not hopeless, though I'd been lost
Now, I felt I was found when He looked at me
With His forgiving eyes. Forgiving eyes.



April Birthdays



Abram Johnson	1	Dedra Huggar	17	Mia Puterbaugh	22
Anita Kurth	3	Deja Huggar	17	Yeane Kiazolu	25
Justin McGowan	3	Benjamin Anderson	19	Christen Sorensen	25
Christopher Wasley	4	Caitlin Bandelin	19	Connie Bonde	26
Steve Cambrice	5	Dominique Huggar	19	Rose Hoppenrath	26
Linda Munson	8	John Kruse	19	Shirley Scroggins	26
Anne Aune	9	Blanche Odegard	19	Allen Geiselhart	27
Viola Jensen	9	Connie Wasley	19	Lois Knutson	27
Tarnue Jallah	10	Robert Gunderson	20	Michael Anderson	28
Ethel Goplen	12	Galen Sommer	20	Cynthia Sroga	28
Arleen Swanson	12	George Cattle	21	Leilla Penke	29
Robert Helmen	14	Elaine Weber	21	Adam Heilman	30
Michael Noonan	16	Timothy Holmgren	22		



April Wedding Anniversary



Thomas & Anita Kurth	1
Darrell & Karla Sampson	22
Herbert & Eunice Johnson	23

Hang it on the Cross

*If you have a secret sorrow. A burden or a loss. An aching need for healing... Hang it on the Cross
 If worry steals your sleep and makes you turn and toss, If your heart is feeling heavy... Hang it on the Cross
 Every obstacle to faith or doubt you come across. Every prayer unanswered... Hang it on the Cross
 For Christ has borne our brokenness and dearly paid the cost. To turn our trials to triumph..Hang it on the Cross*



Announcements/Prayers ...



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

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.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS



Please pray for the United States military and the following enlisted and/or deployed service men and women:

Paul Bandelin, Errol Belanger, Thomas Bonde, Justin Brandt, Jason Fahey, Brent Hassler, Jennifer James, Andrew Leyrer, Nicholas Neumann, Andrew Rolston, Cory Williams, 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.)

Gerald Belsaas; Connie, Bill, and Thomas Bonde; Mabel Emde; Brian Florin; Barry Gostchock; Rebecca Herzig; Joy Kilber; Jean Loescher; Rozetta Norman; Jim Petroske; and Pilgrim shut-ins.



Announcements



Networking/Job Transition Group

Step up your job search efforts in the 2012 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 pm to 7:30 pm on the 2nd Thursday of each 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.

Want to place an article in the News Letter?

If you want to place an article in the News Letter you may do so by handing it in to Zoe Herzig or email it to her at Zherzig@yahoo.com. All articles are due NO LATER than the 20th of each month.

EASTER CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Easter is just around the corner. The Pilgrim Ladies Guild's "card cart" has Easter Cards and cards for other occasions most Sundays during coffee hour. Everyone loves a bargain at 50¢ per card!



Announcements



Girl Pioneer Program

The Girl Pioneer Program is looking for a few good leaders. I have been in the program for 20 years and looking to phase myself out of it. Right now I am teaching both 5-6 graders and 7-8 grades and would like to find two leaders that would be willing to take over the responsibilities of these two grades. What is involved? Teaching the first and third Wednesday of each month during the school year. Also, there would be a few extra dates for wreath sales and Make N Bake sale around Christmas time. What would I be teaching? I have setup the two-year program for each of the groups that outlines what should be covered in the first year and second year. The pioneers are supported by a national organization and have great resources to help teaching.

If this sounds like something you would like to do or have more questions please contact Jodi Nelson at 612-861-1260.

Thank You

The Lord is the One and Only God who deserves all praise.

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever Ps 107:1

The Lords Special blessings to the one(s) who left the generous gift at our door. We give you thanks with a grateful heart. (Sharon Fisher)



Announcements



coffee hour servers needed

Hello Pilgrim Family! I am coming to you for help. I am looking for servers for COFFEE HOUR. If you feel the spirit move you to serve in this way, please sign the sign-up sheet. It is located in the lunch room by the serving counter. You can also call or email me. Thank you very much for your time and help. God Bless, Shannon Gostchock (952-220-0013/612-825-5375 ext 115)

Partnerz N Grime

2 women, inspired by their mothers, have chosen to do what they love....cleaning. We believe a clean home is a happy home. From cleaning floors to cleaning windows, we are here to fulfill your cleaning needs.

Call for a quote!

Call Joey 612-396-6430

partgrime@gmail.com

www.partnerzngime.org

Altar Flowers

Any requests for flowers can be directed to my e-mail address: lilaaske1072@msn.com during this month. We are currently out of town and will return early in May. At this time there are no requests for the month of May and there are other Sundays available during the year as identified in last month's newsletter. If you do not have access to internet, you may call Karen Sonnenburg, Ladies Guild president and she would be able to help.

Thanks to all who are contributing altar flowers.....as well as plants for Easter. They always are a bright spot on the altar.

A Blessed Easter to all,

Lila Aske

Donate your old laptop and desktop computers

Dear fellow members and friends of Pilgrim: We are taking donations of your old laptop and desktop computers (please remember to include the power cord). We accept them in any condition or age, whether they work or not. Proceeds from the sale of donated items go to obtaining LCD monitors and other equipment for the computer lab. Email us at website@pilgrimonline.net and we can arrange to have your computers picked up or just leave them in the church office or copy room (if the office isn't open). Cash donations are always accepted too. Thanks for your help.



Upcoming Events at a glance



Lenten Meal 2012

Lunch 12:00- 12:30pm Dinner 5:30- 6:30pm
\$5.00 Adults \$3.00 Age 10 & under
*All Proceeds will help fund the Washington D.C. Trip
for the 7th & 8th grade classroom*

Thursday, April 5, 2012 - Chicken Noodle Soup, Sandwich, Dessert, and Drink

Chapter/Volunteer Workshop - April 20-21, 2012

The Twin Cities Chapter and national office of Kingdom Workers invite you to a **Chapter/Volunteer Workshop** - April 20-21, 2012 at Bloomington Lutheran Church in Bloomington, MN

This workshop will help train volunteers to do mission work, and help establish a WKW chapter and volunteer opportunities in your local area. The workshop opens Friday (April 20) with registration at 5:30 p.m. The opening service follows, led by Rev. Scott Spaulding of Bloomington Lutheran. Bill Meier, WKW Executive Director, will then provide focus for the weekend. The evening closes with fellowship, refreshments, and a free concert by the Christian band, Proclamation.

The workshop continues on Saturday (April 21) with a continental breakfast and registration. District President Rev. Charles Degner provides the day's welcome. Rev. Peter Leyrer follows with devotion.

The remainder of the day's events include the following sessions:

- ♦ Partnering with your community – *Rev. Ed Schuppe*
- ♦ Youth center to nursing home ministry – *Rev. Jim Buske/Michael Klatt*
- ♦ Youth In Service/Travel Canvass Witness – *Revs. Clark Schultz/Joel Schultz*
- ♦ Fundraising – *Merlyn Kruse*
- ♦ So, you're going overseas – *Julie Wagenknecht*
- ♦ Volunteer recruitment – *Rev. Richard Warnecke*
- ♦ Call to action: Now what? – *Bill Meier*

Plan on joining us for this **free** event!

For more information or to register online go to <http://www.kingdomworkers.com/chaptervolunteer-workshop/>



Upcoming Events at a glance



Women in Transition

We hope to launch a new ministry of service to women who have recently lost husbands to death or divorce.

At this stage of life, women have a lot of needs: financial, emotional. Women in Transition seeks to address spiritual needs first and foremost. By reaching out to hurting people at a time of need, we hope to bring healing into their lives through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

If you are interested in this ministry for yourself or a friend, or would like to help please contact Pastor Pete or Christina Day.

Vacation Bible School - June 25-29, 2012

“Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.”

- 1 Corinthians 9:24-25

Pilgrim's Vacation Bible School for all ages will be June 25-29 this year. Watch for more information!

Right now we're looking for volunteers to help. If you'd like to teach, help with crafts, refreshments, art or activities please give Pastor Pete a call.

Camp Croix weekend set for august 17-19, 2012



Upcoming Events at a glance



An invitation from the Anoka County Chapter of Thrivent Financial to an Educational Workshop

The following educational workshop is being presented by Thrivent Financial, and hosted by Kevin Schwartz, Financial Consultant. Please, feel free to pass this along and invite family or friends to join you to take advantage of the information about pre-arranged funeral planning.

Pre-Arranged Funeral Planning - Wednesday, April 25

DESCRIPTION:

We will discuss the ins and outs of why it is important to prearrange your funeral, how pre-paying for a funeral is different than having life insurance, and how it relates to estate planning overall. Spots are limited, so registration is required. Coffee and snacks will be provided.

Jane Mellas is not affiliated with or endorsed by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The views expressed in this presentation by Jane Mellas are his/her own and not necessarily those of Thrivent Financial or its affiliates. Neither Thrivent Financial nor its affiliates or representatives provide legal or tax advice. You should consult with an attorney or tax advisor for specific advice.

Presented by: Jane Mellas, Funeral Director, Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels
Kevin Schwartz, Financial Consultant, FIC

Time: 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Location: TPC Twin Cities
11444 Tournament Players Pkwy
Blaine, MN

Contact: Kevin Schwartz, kevin.schwartz@thrivent.com

To register, follow the link below:

<https://service.thrivent.com/forms/events/registration.php?id=MN19551>



Upcoming Events at a glance



Our God Reigns!

“How beautiful on the mountaintops are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion,

‘Your God reigns!’”

-Isaiah 52:7

From the Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society:

You are cordially invited to visit the lovely North Carolina hills for the 49th annual LWMS convention, June 21-14, 2012 in Winston-Salem. Your Heritage Circuit sisters want your beautiful feet to stay with us as you relax, retreat and recharge in the midst of this scenic and historic area of this great nation.

If you’d like more information, contact Pastor Pete or go to www.lwms.org.

Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society Spring Rally

Saturday, April 14 2012
St. John’s Lutheran Church
765 Margaret St.
St. Paul, Minnesota

8:30 a.m. – Registration

9:00 a.m. – Devotions

9:15 a.m. – Presentation by a member of the International Board of Directors

9:45 a.m. – Rally speaker: Rev. Joe Johnson, True North Campus Ministry. “Guiding People to Jesus; the Way, the Truth and the Life”

10:45 a.m. – Business meeting

Election of officers and circuit mission projects as selected by the spiritual growth committee.

11:30 a.m. – Closing Devotion Lunch

Mission box offerings are due to treasurer, Ruth Westman, 4077 Heritage Lane SE. Prior Lake, MN 55372 by April 1, 2012. Offerings at this rally will go to Home: Canada Evangelist and Pastoral Studies; World: Dominican Republic Projects.



Rummage Sale Help Needed



We are in the planning stage for the Annual Rummage sale being held June 14th – 16th. In order to move forward we need to get volunteers who can help with setup, posting of signs, breakdown, and during the actual sale.

Once we get the volunteers lined up a notice will go out letting people know when items can be brought in.

The setup part takes the longest so we need at least 15 or more volunteers those days. If you are able to help please fill out the form below and **return it to Zoe Herzig by June 1st**. If you have any questions please call me @ 763-360-6150.

Lords Blessings
Zoe Herzig

Please indicate below which days/time you would be able to volunteer and return to Zoe Herzig by June 1st. Feel free to email this form back to me Zherzig@yahoo.com

Setup days to include posting of signs – doors will be open 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. but feel free to work past 6:00 p.m.

June 11th _____ **Time:** _____ **To:** _____
(Your name and phone number)

June 12th _____ **Time:** _____ **To:** _____
(Your name and phone number)

June 13th _____ **Time:** _____ **To:** _____
(Your name and phone number)

Sale days – Sale starts at 8:00 – 5 p.m. Thursday-Friday, and 8:00-3:00 on Saturday

June 14th _____ **Time** _____ **To:** _____
(Your name and phone number)

June 15th _____ **Time** _____ **To:** _____
(Your name and phone number)

June 16th , during sale _____ **Time** _____
(Your name and phone number)

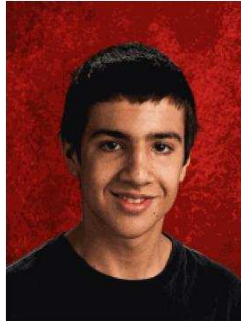
June 16th , after sale _____
(Your name and phone number)



Meet our Foreign Exchange Student West Lutheran....

3350 Harbor Lane North Plymouth, MN 55447 Phone: 763-509-9378, <http://www.wlhs.net/>

This is the fifth in a series of interviews with the eight foreign exchange student at West Lutheran for the 2011-2012 school year.



Tural Asadov comes to West Lutheran High School from Baku Azerbaijan where he attended Baku Oxford School. He is currently a junior at West Lutheran High School and plans to return for his senior year next fall. Tural is a very outgoing, friendly young man who makes friends easily and is well-liked by the students and faculty. He lives with his aunt, Sabina Asadova and his cousin Farah in Plymouth. Tural has a mother, father, and an older sister back home.

Q and A with Tural

Q: Why did you decide to come to the US?

A: For the education.

Q: What differences do you notice between your country and the US?

A: Everything seems different – there are not a lot of similarities. The people are similar – everything else is different.

Q: What differences do you see between your school and West?

A: At West, there is much more discipline and structure.

Q: What is your favorite thing in the US?

A: I don't really have one.

Q: What is your least favorite thing about the US?

A: There is not good public transportation. If you do not have a car, you cannot get around. In Baku I was able to call my friends and we would hop on the Metro and all meet at a café where we would visit and have tea. We would also go to the Internet Club where you can rent a computer to use by the hour and we would play games.

Q: What do you miss the most from home?

A: Being near the Caspian Sea.

Q: What is the major difference between the US and Azerbaijan?

A: The laws.

Q: What are you most looking forward to during your stay in the US?

A: Continuing my education. I plan to go to college in the US as well. I am not sure if I will stay after that or return home.

Tural also shared that March is a special month in Azerbaijan. On March 8th, they celebrate “International Women’s Day”. On this day the men give gifts to the women in their lives (mothers, wives, sisters, close friends). The tradition is to give a gift of flowers or perfume or something substantial to respect and show appreciation and love. Also in March (20-26) is the Novruz (A New Day) festival. It’s the most ancient holiday on the Earth, coming with the vernal equinox (March 21-22). The celebration marks the first day of spring and the New Year. Usually preparation for Novruz begins a month prior to the festival. Each of forthcoming 4 weeks is devoted to one of the four elements. Each Tuesday people celebrate the day of one of the four elements - water, fire, earth and wind. As a tribute to the element of fire every Tuesday during four weeks before the holiday children jump over small bonfires. They also place a hat on the neighbor’s door and knock and the neighbor puts a treat in the hat. There are also painted eggs – similar to Easter eggs. This is a family holiday with special meals and much celebration.



What's happening at West Lutheran....

3350 Harbor Lane North Plymouth, MN 55447 Phone: 763-509-9378, <http://www.wlhs.net/>

Save this date: West Lutheran Garage Sale is set for May 11th-12th, More to come later

Spring Production

"Cinderella"

***Produced by Special Arrangement with
Rodger's and Hammerstein***

Shows dates:

Apr 20, 21, 7 PM, doors open at 6:30

Apr 22, 2 PM, doors open at 1:30

Tickets available at the door:

\$7 - adults

\$5 - students and seniors

Kids age 5 and under are Free

Boys Basketball Team Section Academic Champions



Coming off another 20 win season, the West Lutheran boy's basketball team has recently been named the Minnesota Basketball Coaches Association Team Academic Section 4A Champions for the 2011-2012 season. Out of the 20 teams in the 4A section, the Warriors attained the highest academic achievement based on class rank. Publication of this award will be visible at the Target Center throughout the state basketball tournament.

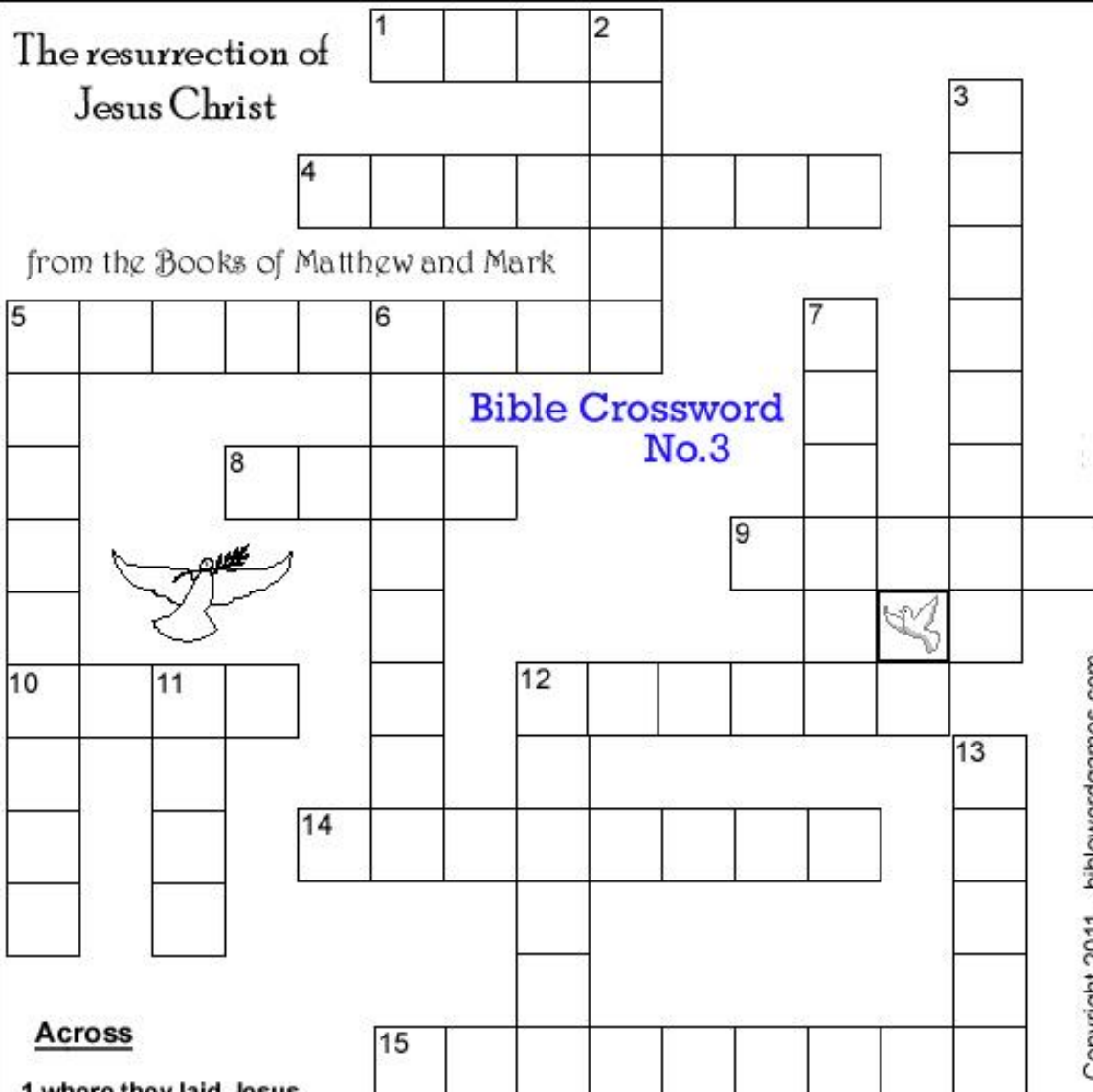
Congratulations Warriors on and off the court!

FAMILY FUN TIME

**The resurrection of
Jesus Christ**

from the Books of Matthew and Mark

**Bible Crossword
No.3**



Across

1 where they laid Jesus after He died (Matt.27:60)

4 the place where Jesus died (Matt.27:33)

5 Jesus and two thieves were _____ together (Matt.27:38)

8 mother of Jesus

9 The angel said "He is _____ He is not here" (Mark 16:6)

10 They made Jesus wear a scarlet _____ (Matt.27:28)

12 Jesus was betrayed for _____ pieces of silver (Matt.27:3)

14 Jesus was _____ of any crime (Matt.27:4)

15 The 12 companions of Jesus

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2 Jesus shed His _____ for our sins

3 Judas Iscariot _____ Jesus (Matt.27:4)

5 Roman commander of a hundred men (Matt.27:54)

6 Jesus said " My God, My God why hast thou _____ me" (Matt.27:46)

7 a title of Jesus (it means anointed one) (Matt.27:17)

11 They laid the _____ of Jesus in a tomb (Matt.27:59)

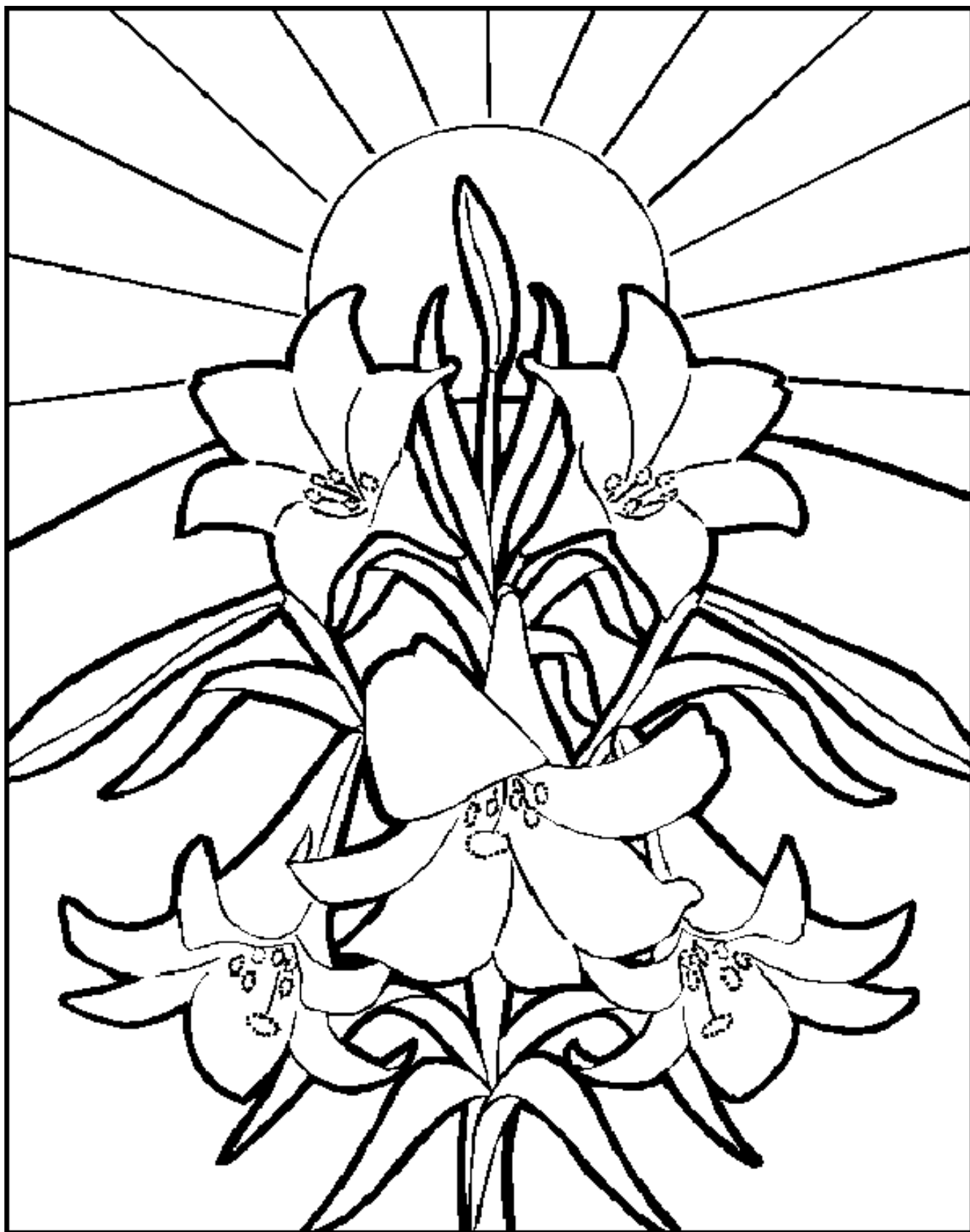
12 Jesus wore a "crown of _____"

13 our Lord and Saviour

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CHILDRENS FUN TIME





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Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Palm Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 & 10:30 Worship (MLC Choir) 9:00-10:00 Sunday School 9:45 Bible Study/Fellowship 5:00 Bible Study 6:00 S.O.N. Worship	2	3	4	4	6	7
		Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.	Ladies Guild 12::00 Girl Pioneers 6:30	NOON DISMISSAL Dinner: 5:30-6:30 Maundy Thursday Worship Communion 7 p.m.	NO SCHOOL Good Friday Worship 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.	
8 Easter Worship Services: 8:30 & 10:30 Worship (Brass Quintet) 8:00-10:30 Easter Breakfast 9:00-10:00 Sunday School NO Bible Study or S.O.N. Worship	9	10	11	12	13	14
	NO SCHOOL	SCHOOL RESUMES Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.	Bible Studies 6 p.m.			Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.
15 Worship Services: 8:30 & 10:30 Worship (Sing4Joy) 9:00-10:00 Sunday School 9:45 Bible Study/Fellowship 5:00 Bible Study 6:00 S.O.N. Worship	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.	Bible Studies 6 p.m. Girl Pioneers 6:30			
22 Worship Services: 8:30 & 10:30 (School Concert) 9:00-10:00 Sunday School 9:45 Bible Study/Fellowship 5:00 Bible Study 6:00 S.O.N. Worship	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.	Bible Studies 6 p.m.		Open House Science & Fine Arts Fair 6 p.m.	Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.
29 Communion Services: 8:30 & 10:30 Worship (Elaine Stindt) 9:00-10:00 Sunday School 9:45 Bible Study/Fellowship 5:00 Bible Study 6:00 S.O.N. Worship	30					