

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

BROADWAY AT FLOREY

KILGORE, TEXAS



March 2016
THE PILGRIMAGE

Mission Statement: Pilgrim Lutheran Church is to glorify God in proclaiming the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ with Word and deed in our midst, in our community, and throughout the world.

You can be sure of Jesus's Resurrection

Dear Members and Friends of Pilgrim Lutheran Church,

Recently a group from Pilgrim saw the new movie "Risen", which tells the story of Jesus's Resurrection from a fictional unbeliever's point of view. Many of us found the movie to be thought-provoking and a good discussion starter, even though (or perhaps because) it departed from the Bible's Resurrection accounts. The movie helpfully drove some of us to the Bible for comparison and contrast, although no doubt we all also could be hurt if the screenwriter's flights of fancy stay in our minds to any extent as the "true" story.

If you will permit me to "spoil" the plot for you, the main character of Clavius, a Roman military official, in the movie moves from unbelief to belief. Other characters, such as the disciples (and Pilate, to some extent), also wrestle with doubt and faith. We can appreciate their struggle, especially as something like Jesus's resurrection from the dead goes so against what our fallen human reason allows us to think of as true.

And, holding Jesus's resurrection (and so also our own resurrections, which His resurrection guarantees) to be true is critically important! As great as Jesus's birth was, His birth alone is insufficient to save us from our sins without His death on the cross for us and, at least implicitly, His resurrection. Jesus's resurrection, among other things, shows that God the Father accepted His sacrifice on our behalf and that Jesus conquered sin, death, and the power of the devil for us. If the God-man Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead, then we are still in our sins (1 Corinthians 15:17). If Jesus did not rise from the dead, then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished (1 Corinthians 15:18). If Jesus did not rise from the dead, then we have hope in this life only, at best, and are of all people most to be pitied (1 Corinthians 15:19).

To be sure, the Bible reports the facts about Jesus's Resurrection as certain. If we hold the Bible to be the inspired and therefore inerrant Word of God, we need not doubt Jesus's Resurrection (or our own resurrections) in any way. Yet, there are some who deny Holy Scripture's inspiration and therefore inerrancy precisely because of what they see as contradictions in the Bible's accounts of the Resurrection and other events.

An otherwise Bible-believing friend recently told me how his congregation and denomination held such a view of the Bible's "errancy" and how one of his pastors claimed that those with our view "ignore" the differences between the accounts. I replied that that claim was not fair, as we are well aware of the difficulties and seeming contradictions and do not ignore

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them but instead let the accounts sound in harmony. Remembering that the problem is with us and not with God's Word, "harmonizing" offers reasonable solutions to the difficulties and seeming contradictions. And, there is at least one reasonable solution for all the difficulties and seeming contradictions, including those related to the accounts of Jesus's Resurrection. (For more on such harmonizing, see <http://www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/easter-enigma>.)

In the movie "Risen", Clavius ends up seeing and talking to Jesus for himself, having his own direct experience with the resurrected Christ, apparently before he is fully convinced to believe in Jesus. Yet, the Bible reports Jesus's post-resurrection to ascension appearances only to believers (see 1 Corinthians 15:5-7, where the word "brothers" essentially means "believers"). Moreover, those of us who come to faith after Jesus's Resurrection are blessed as we believe without such seeing (John 20:29, which the movie muddled up for its own purposes). We directly experience the Resurrected Christ in His Word in all its forms, including the Water of Holy Baptism, His forgiveness from the pastor in individual Holy Absolution, and especially with bread that is His Body and wine that is His Blood in the Sacrament of the Altar. How unfortunate that other religious traditions do not believe that the Resurrected Christ is truly, physically present in such ways and so deny individuals such direct experiences, even as the movie eliminated references to such Sacraments from Jesus's own words that the movie otherwise reported (for example, Jesus's words recorded in Matthew 28:18-20).

This month of March we again go over the events of Jesus's Passion and Resurrection, with a number of special services at which the Sacrament of the Altar will be offered. All are always invited to hear God's Word, and those who are able to commune are welcomed at the Lord's Altar and its Rail. We may be tempted to doubt the Resurrection and its benefits for us, but the Lord there strengthens our faith. As we try to keep even our sanctified human reason in the back seat behind faith's "driving" us, this month and always, we can pray with the father of the boy with an unclean spirit in Mark 9:24: "I believe, help my unbelief!"

*His and your servant,
Pastor Galler*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

2 – Ross Land
5 – Olene Herricks
13 – Cooper Sansom
15 – Ansleigh Renae Heil
16 – Brady Gage
27 – Grace Morton

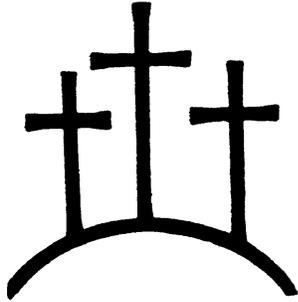


Blessed Anniversary!

19 – M/M George B. Heil
20 – M/M J.D. Sampson

March 2016 bridges Lent and Easter

This month the penitential season of Lent continues its solemnly preparing us for the joyous celebration of our Lord's Resurrection in its season, which also begins this month. Both seasons bring their own emphases and extra opportunities to hear God's Word and receive His gift of forgiveness in the Sacrament of the Altar, and the following discusses the two seasons in those two regards.



In addition to preparing for Easter, Lent is a time to reflect on our baptisms, a time for rebirth and renewal. To some extent, we can think of Lent as a tithe of the year (40 is about one-tenth of 365), and we might also beneficially recall the people of Israel who wandered in the wilderness for 40 years before entering the Promised Land and how God baptized and fed them with Christ (1 Corinthians 10:1-4). We do not want to test God as others of them did and were destroyed by serpents (Numbers 21:4-9; 1 Corinthians 10:9), but we want to look in faith to the Son of Man lifted up on the cross so that, believing in Him, we may have eternal life (John 3:14-15). The season's purple paraments symbolize penitence and self-discipline. The remaining Sundays in Lent and their Gospel Readings (appointed by *Lutheran Service Book's* three-year lectionary series C) are as follows:

- Fourth Sunday (3/6): Jesus tells a parable about a lost son (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)
- Fifth Sunday (3/13): Jesus tells a parable about vineyard tenants who kill the owner's son (Luke 20:9-20)
- Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion (3/20): Jesus is tried, crucified and buried (Luke 23:1-56)

You might note that on Palm/Passion Sunday those who are able begin the service outside and process into the Sanctuary to begin Holy Week. Pilgrim also is offering special Holy Week Divine Services on Maundy Thursday (03/24, with the Gospel Reading of Luke 22:7-20), and Good Friday (03/25, with the Gospel Reading of John 18:1-19:42), as well as midweek Lenten Vespers services on March 2, 9, and 16. This year in those midweek Lenten Vespers services we again are hearing sections of a narrative of our Lord's Passion as combined from the four Gospel accounts. And, in connection with a special sermon series that goes from Ash Wednesday through Maundy Thursday, we are praying and reflecting on the Seven Penitential Psalms long associated with and prayed in the penitential season of Lent.

To some extent the 40 days of Lent balance with the 40 days of Easter before our Lord's Ascension (the Easter Season continues another 10 days after that before Pentecost, the name of which relates to the number 50). Easter is the most significant day of the Church Year and was really the first major seasonal holy day to be celebrated by the New Testament Church, with the day being observed early in the second century and the season by the third century. The season's white paraments symbolize joy, celebration, gladness, light, purity, and innocence. This year Easter Sunday is the last Sunday of the month, March 27, and we have a number of activities planned. Easter Sunday begins with a "Sonrise" Matins Service at 7:30 a.m. (with the Third Reading of John 20:1-18), Easter Breakfast from 8:15-9:00 a.m., Easter



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Egg Hunt at 9:15 a.m., Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at from 9:30-10:30 a.m., and Easter Divine Service at 10:45 a.m. (with the Gospel Reading of Luke 24:1-12). The Easter Season obviously continues through April and into May.

If you cannot join us on site for Lent and Easter, you may read and usually also hear the sermons at Pilgrim online at www.pilgrimlc.org/sermons.

Pastor Galler

Recent Pilgrim Photos

(Left) On Sunday, January 31, after the Divine Service, Pilgrim's LWML Society threw a Baby Shower for the Watts family, which is expecting its latest addition on Thursday, April 7. The Watts' older son Jack anxiously waits for his slice of the cake.

(Photo: Angela Sampson.)

(Right) On Friday, February 12, workers pour the concrete from North Crete Services into the forms for the footings of the new Parish Hall's north wall and its corners. Laying concrete blocks on the footings is the next step.

(Photo: Pastor Galler.)



On Friday, February 5, the Wuthriches hosted a Game Night at their home in Longview for Pilgrim's Once-A-Month Social Gathering. (Left) Steven Sampson, Tyler Watts, David Navaille, and Edgar Wuthrich play dominoes in the kitchen. (Right) Emma Watts (barely visible), Pastor Galler, Jeanna Watts, Cooper Sampson, Remo Gualtieri, and Elaine Navaille play games in the living room. (Photos: Barbara Wuthrich.)

1	Isaiah 64:1-9
	Numb. 16-18
2	Psalm 85
	Numb. 19-21
3	Psalm 86
	Numb. 22-24
4	Psalm 87
	Numb. 25-27
5	Psalm 88
	Numb. 28-30
6	Psalm 89
	Numb. 31-33
7	Psalm 90
	Numb. 34-36
8	Psalm 91
	Deut. 1-3
9	Psalm 92
	Deut. 4-6
10	Psalm 93
	Deut. 7-9
11	Psalm 94
	Deut. 10-12
12	Psalm 95
	Deut. 13-15
13	Psalm 96
	Deut. 16-18
14	Psalm 97
	Deut. 19-21
15	Psalm 98
	Deut. 22-24
16	Psalm 99
	Deut. 25-27
17	Psalm 100
	Deut. 28-30
18	Psalm 101
	Deut. 31-34
19	Psalm 102
	Luke 1
20	Psalm 103
	Luke 2-3
21	Psalm 104
	Luke 4-5
22	Psalm 105
	Luke 6-7
23	Psalm 106
	Luke 8-9
24	Psalm 107
	Luke 10-11
25	Psalm 108
	Luke 12-13
26	Psalm 109
	Luke 14-15
27	Psalm 110
	Luke 16-17
28	Psalm 111
	Luke 18-19
29	Psalm 112
	Luke 20-21
30	Psalm 113
	Luke 22
31	Isaiah 64:1-9
	Luke 23-24

“Afterlife” Q&A is just in time for Lent, Easter

I rejoice and praise God that more people connected with Pilgrim are in God’s Word on a daily basis following the Daily Lectionary from our former hymnal, *Lutheran Worship* (pp.295-299). That reading plan calls for reading a Biblical canticle or Psalm and a few chapters of a book every day and gets us through the whole Bible in one year. We have reprinted the schedule for March at left, and it is available in larger-print in the Narthex. I am always glad to answer questions from the reading, such as the following question related to the “afterlife”, to which I previously gave a preliminary answer.

Q: In our recent reading of the Old Testament from the English Standard Version, we came across references to “Sheol”, and we thought it just meant “hell”. Then we heard a Christian talk-radio program say that “Sheol” is not necessarily the same thing as “hell”. What’s the story?

A: Different translations of the Hebrew Old Testament and the Greek New Testament, largely depending on the context, differently render the Hebrew word *sheol* and the Greek word *hades*, which generally renders *sheol* in the Greek translation of the Old Testament. For example, the King James Version translates the more than 60 uses of *sheol* as “hell” 31 times, as “grave” 31 times, and as “pit” 3 times; and the KJV translates the 11 uses of *hades* as “hell” 10 times and “grave” 1 time. (The New Testament also uses the Greek word *geenna* to refer to “hell”.) You can see that both *sheol* and *hades* can mean “hell” (for example, Deuteronomy 32:22 and Luke 16:23), as the place where *unbelievers* are tormented for eternity (initially in their souls only, and then, after the resurrection, in body and soul), and both words can also mean “grave” (for example, Psalm 89:48 and Acts 2:31), as the place where *the bodies of both unbelievers and believers* await the resurrection to either eternal life with God or to the torment of eternal death apart from God (believers’ souls are with God immediately after death). Some people, who do not hold Scripture to be Divinely-inspired and so without error, often will say that what the Bible teaches, both about the intermediate state of the soul and the eternal afterlife, changes over time, in part due to influence from other cultures such as those of the Greeks and Persians. However, holding Scripture to be Divinely-inspired and therefore inerrant, we recognize that both *sheol* and *hades* do not always mean the same things, depending on the context, and, properly translating them, we find that the Bible’s teaching regarding both the intermediate state of the soul and the eternal afterlife is consistent from the beginning of Genesis through the end of Revelation, even if perhaps those teachings are revealed in greater detail over time. Most importantly, Christians remember that Jesus descended to hell in triumph (1 Peter 3:19) and has authority over it (Revelation 1:18), exercised through His pastors (Matthew 16:18-19). You can hear more discussion about these words, especially related to Genesis 37:35 (where *sheol* means “grave”), in the February 14, 2016,

Bible Class at <http://www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/worship-and-lsb>.

Everyone’s questions about the Bible are always welcome; just ask however you like!

Pastor Galler

MARCH EVENTS

JUNIOR YOUTH CATECHESIS is currently scheduled for Tuesdays March 1st, 8th, 15th, and 29th at 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays March 5th, 12th, and 19th at 11:00 a.m., both in Pastor's Study (not on Tuesday March 22nd or Saturday March 26th due to Holy Week).

QUILTING BEE will NOT be held on Tuesday, March 1st. (see LWML announcement below).

LWML will meet Tuesday, March 1st, at 5:30 at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Longview (104 W. Loop 281), with a meal, short business meeting, and Bible study.

LENTEN VESPERS SERVICES: Wednesdays, March 2nd, 9th, and 16th at 7:00 p.m.

SENIOR YOUTH CATECHESIS is currently scheduled for Thursdays March 10th and 17th at 4:00 p.m. at Dr. Morton's office in Longview (not on March 3rd due to the Plano Study Group).

ELDERS will meet on Tuesday, March 8th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library (reading assignment Smalcald Articles II:I, pp.262-263).

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: Spring your clock one hour forward before coming to Sunday School and Adult Bible Class on Sunday, March 13th.

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY: We are planning the annual work day inside and out for Saturday, March 19th, beginning at 9:00 a.m., weather permitting (rain date is March 26th).

MAUNDY THURSDAY DIVINE SERVICE: Thursday, March 24th, at 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY DIVINE SERVICE: Friday, March 25th, at 7:00 p.m.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for April are due Easter Sunday, March 27th. Please submit your contributions for *your* newsletter by that time.

EASTER SUNDAY ACTIVITIES: We expect to have "Sonrise" Matins at 7:30 a.m., an Easter Breakfast of some sort from 8:15-9:00 a.m., an Egg Hunt at 9:15 a.m., Sunday School and Adult Bible Class from 9:30-10:30, and Divine Service at 10:45 a.m.

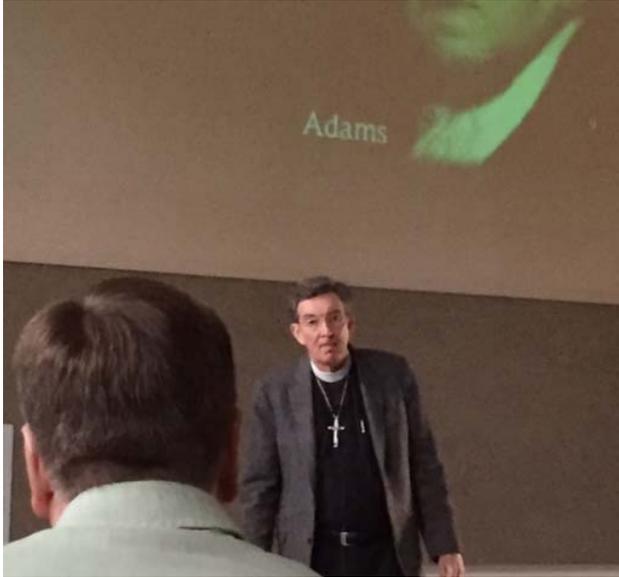
MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY will resume after Easter on Wednesday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library.

ONCE-A-MONTH-SOCIAL GATHERING: Give your ideas to Barbara Wuthrich.

You can help Kilgore's Helping Hands

For March, Helping Hands of Kilgore requests toilet paper, toothpaste, soap, men's socks for the homeless, and new or clean used plastic grocery bags, which they use to distribute the food. Donations of canned goods are always needed, as are more VOLUNTEERS to help with stocking shelves and filling food orders as the community's need for food increases as more households are affected by unemployment due to our depressed economy. A container for your donations is located in Pilgrim's Narthex. If you want to donate money above and beyond your regular church offering, you can send your check or money order to Helping Hands of Kilgore, PO Box 1576, Kilgore, TX 75662.





With his PowerPoint slide on the wall behind him, Rev. Dr. Murray listens intently to a question from one of the audience members at the 2015 Circuit #14 Retreat in Palestine February 6th. The more than 4 hours from Dr. Murray were broken up by breaks with refreshments and lunch served by the Bethlehem Lutheran Church LWML society.

(Photo: Barbara Wuthrich.)

Circuit #14 Retreat focuses on Church and State

The 2016 Circuit #14 Pastor-Layman Retreat titled “Render Unto Caesar” was presented by Rev. Dr. Scott R. Murray, Senior Pastor of Memorial Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas. He also is the Fourth Vice-President of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

The presentation began with a discussion of the Biblical and Lutheran teaching of two the kingdoms: the spiritual and the earthly kingdom. God is the ruler of both, but He differs in the way He rules each. The spiritual kingdom is ruled by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and grace, without the sword. The earthly kingdom is ruled by the Law and with the sword. Christians are citizens of both kingdoms. We, by God’s grace, belong in His spiritual kingdom through faith in Jesus Christ and what He has done for us on the cross.

In the earthly kingdom, we are citizens of a particular country, like the United States,

where we enjoy the many blessings God has given us, including government. God uses our secular authorities to provide law and order and so to punish wrongdoers. This authority is given by God. As Christians, we are commanded to be good citizens and to “do unto others” because the Law is written on our hearts. At times, these two kingdoms cause Christians tension, such as when the government passes laws contrary to the Word of God. The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees its citizens the freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom to assemble, and the right to petition the government. Today, our freedom of religion is under attack. For example, bakers (such as those in Longview), photographers, and even ministers are being asked to act against their conscience regarding so-called “gay marriage”. They are targeted by unjust laws, regulations and U.S. Supreme Court decisions. The LCMS is forming the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty in Washington, D.C. to help educate Christians to defend the sanctity of life, of one-man and one-woman marriage, and other aspects of our religious liberty.

Although there are those who want to silence us with these restrictions, God is in control. As our green-season banners remind us quoting Isaiah 55:11: God’s Word will accomplish what He desires. So try as they might to silence us, faithful Lutherans will continue to hear the Word of God preached, partake of the Sacraments, and to confess that by grace we are saved through faith in Jesus Christ.

Elaine Navaille

Editors’ Note: For more about Church and State, including a link to the LCMS website’s page on such issues, visit our website’s page related to Church and State at www.pilgrimlc.org/free-to-be-faithful.

Summer Camp opportunities abound

The Texas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod offers quite a number of special Summer Camp through Lutheran Outdoors Ministry of Texas, especially at its Camp Lone Star near La Grange, Texas.

Camp Lone Star is celebrating the Camp's 75th anniversary year in 2016, and the 2016 Bible study theme verse is John 1:14:

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of

grace and truth” (ESV). Summer camps will give campers opportunities to be in God's Word and see its revelation of Jesus Christ. Camps also provide a safe Christian community, set apart from daily routines and distractions. Camp Lone Star's summer programs run for nine weeks beginning June 5th and ending August 5th, and there are separate programs for weekdays and for weekends. Costs vary but are less expensive the sooner you register (for example, before March 15th or May 1st). Camp Lone Star serves youth aged 5-18 in seven different age groups, and Camp Shiloh near Pittsburg serves youth aged 8-18.

Camp Lone Star also offers other retreats throughout the year for various groups, such as a Women's Renewal Retreat March 4-6, a “Lutherhostel” Senior Getaway March 14-18, and a Lifequest Confirmation-age retreat April 22-24.

For more information, see the brochure in the Church Office or visit www.lomt.com.



A summer camp experience at Camp Lone Star is said to create an intentional Christian community submersing participants in Christian values facilitated by a Christ-centered staff. (Photo:

<http://www.lomt.com/christcenteredcamping.html>.)

Stewardship Board considers offering envelope expenses



When the 2015 Budget Committee met last fall to prepare Pilgrim's 2016 budget, Budget Committee members raised questions about the cost of the offering envelopes that the congregation purchases for most members' households, only a portion of which ends up being offset by initial offerings to cover the envelopes, *Lutheran Witness*, and *Portals of Prayer*. At that time, the envelope order for Calendar Year 2016 had already been placed, but the Budget Committee asked

the Stewardship Board to consider the envelope expense for Calendar Year 2017, which the Board's members are now doing, with an early order deadline of March 31st looming.

Some members do not use envelopes at all; others end up discarding more than half of their envelopes; still others regularly use theirs; and still others reportedly desire blank envelopes to be available in the pew. People who make their offerings in the form of cash and want an official record for tax purposes especially need envelopes, while those who make their offerings in the form of checks arguably need envelopes less. What do you think about offering envelopes? The Stewardship Board would be happy to hear from you: please contact chair Sarah Land, Treasurer Tyler Watts, interim Financial Secretary Shannon Gage, or other Board members Spencer Land or Carolyn Morton.

Please pray as our congregation has been requested to pray



The following are the petitions requested of our congregation that we usually include in the Prayer of the Church in the Divine Service, as well as encourage our members to make in their own personal prayers. If you are not presently receiving prayer updates by email or phone call and desire to do so, please let Pastor Galler know (likewise let Pastor Galler know if you are receiving them and wish not to receive them). If you initially made one of the requests below, please regularly keep Pastor Galler updated as to the status of the request so that he can update the congregation. Thank you!

CHRISTIANS BEING PERSECUTED WORLDWIDE LCMS, DISTRICT, AND CIRCUIT, PASTORS AND PEOPLE

Our Savior, Centerville; Trinity, Fairfield; First, Lufkin; and Bethlehem, Palestine
Our member Rev. Michael Monterastelli, serving elsewhere as needed

OUR PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH:

Increasing our people's faithful stewardship of God's gifts
Filling the open Financial Secretary position
Safe and speedy construction of the new Parish Hall

THOSE NOT YET INCLUDED IN OR WHO HAVE STRAYED FROM THE FAITH:

Jessa Key (Jerome and Sallye's granddaughter who has not yet been baptized)
Elizabeth & Ava Nicol (Don and Beth's niece and grand-niece)

THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH HOMOSEXUALITY

FOR AN END TO THE EVILS OF ABORTION

PEACE IN THE WORLD

MEN IN THE SERVICE:

Victor Guinn (Paul Guinn's son, back in the States)
George C. Heil (orders to report to Newport News to work on Virginia Class sub)
Brian Holcombe (Carolyn and Wendell Holcombe's son on a short-term deployment)

THOSE IN POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND THE MEDICAL PROFESSION

Sam Morton (Longview Fire Department)

THOSE WHO TRAVEL:

Brady Gage
Jerome and Sallye Key
David Navaille
Edgar and Barbara Wuthrich

SHUT-INS:

Bob Abraham (in an Alzheimer Center in Austin)
Gwen Heil (Carriage Inn Assisted Living in Katy)

THOSE WHO NEED HEALING:

Gary Adams (David Navaille's cousin, on the waiting list for a liver transplant)
Sawyer Anderson (Walkers' great-niece, recovering from pneumonia)
Candace Davis (George & Jeanette Heil's friend, working through chemotherapy)
Kimberly Dietz (Shannon's partner's sister, infections and regeneration issues)
Landon Hawkins (baby known to Watts Family, Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome)
Sherry Harris (Beth Nicol's friend, undergoing chemotherapy)
Kathy Hudson (recovering from a broken elbow)
Mel Isdale (Dan West's extended-family member, ICU at ETMC after a stroke)

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- Kathy Jennings (Remo and Kathy's friend, suffering from cancer)
- Andrew Kaufmann (teenage son of Pastor's former classmate and friend, cancer)
- Laura Key (Jerome's step-mother, continuing to decline in nursing home)
- Sallye Key (spiritual strengthening, peace, and joy)
- Emmett Koen IV (our member, doing therapy on a shoulder)
- Amanda Martin (Arcele's friend's granddaughter, possible melanoma recurrence)
- David McKeown (Remo and Kathy's Australia friend waiting for a kidney transplant)
- Tommy McPherson (former member recovering from brain surgery to remove tumor)
- Herb Michel (relative of Pastor's friends, in and out of hospital with various concerns)
- Betty Miller (recent diagnosis of an immune disorder that is increasing her pain)
- Beth Nicol (on antibiotics for respiratory difficulty)
- Gordon Reed (Rotarian, being treated for bladder cancer)
- Keith Rothra (Longview minister injured in car accident, hospitalized at Regional)
- Danny Sampson (at home recovering from successful shoulder surgery 1/27)
- Ronnie Sanchez (Elaine Navaille's cousin, undergoing second round of chemotherapy)
- Wenda Schwoch (Pastor's cousin, undergoing another stomach surgery 3/1)
- Leroy Thomas (at home now but would like to be more mobile)
- Kylee Vineyard (Walkers granddaughter, tonsils removed 2/12, need for healing)
- Rev. Harold and Joan Wageman (Pilgrim's former pastor and wife, at Brookdale)
- Jerry Wallace (Arcele Wilburn's friend, stage IV brain cancer)
- Robert Wiles (Betty Miller's nephew, untreatable cancer, still on a feeding tube)

ALL MOTHERS EXPECTING CHILDREN, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

- Dana Renae Freeman (our member, due in July)
- Jeanna Watts (our member, c-section scheduled for April 7)

FAMILIES IN CRISIS OR NEED AND ALL FAMILIES

- George B. Heil Family (Dana Renae, Julia, George C., and Bryn and their families)
- Miller Family (Jeanna's brother Jasper needs mental clarity)
- Myers Family (Indiana friends of the Watts, son Jordan imprisoned in North Carolina)
- Smith Family (various needs extended throughout Kansas, Texas, and Alabama)
- Thomas Family (Leroy's sons and grandchildren)



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<u>Investment</u>	<u>Fixed Rate</u> ⁽²⁾		<u>Floating Rate</u> ⁽²⁾	
	Rate	APY	Rate	APY
One Year Note ⁽¹⁾	1.000%	1.00%	0.750%	0.75%
Three Year Note ⁽¹⁾	1.750%	1.76%	1.375%	1.38%
Five Year Note ⁽¹⁾	2.250%	2.27%	1.750%	1.76%
Flex Savings			0.500%	0.50%
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Congregation Savings			1.000%	1.00%
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APRIL EVENTS

JUNIOR YOUTH CATECHESIS will meet Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 11:00 a.m., both in Pastor's Study.

SECRET SISTERS REVEAL SALAD LUNCH: All ladies of the congregation are invited to lunch after church on Sunday, April 3rd, when the Secret Sisters will be revealed.

QUILTING BEE will be held on Tuesday, April 5th at 5 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library.

LWML will meet Tuesday, April 5th, at 6 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library for a meal, short meeting, and Bible study.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesdays, at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library, when we will continue our study of Salvation History as our Story. All are welcome to join us at any time.

ELDERS will meet Tuesday, April 12th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library (Reading assignment TBA).

NEXT BLOOD DRIVE will be held Saturday, April 23rd, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Cater BloodCare bus in Pilgrim's parking lot.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for the May edition are due Sunday, April 24th. Please submit your contributions for *your* newsletter by that time.

LWML SPRING WORKSHOP: Saturday, April 30th, from 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Centerville.

SENIOR YOUTH CATECHESIS is completed for the term.

Pilgrim's to-date plate offerings reported

Following a request from Pilgrim's Board of Elders, Pilgrim's Treasurer reports the following figures for the period from January 1st through February 14th:

Undesignated Plate Offerings received:	\$19,474.56
Undesignated Plate Offerings projected:	\$18,890.58
Budgeted expenses projected:	\$19,892.14 (7/52 of the total for the year)

Church Directory Changes

Church Directories were distributed in February (contact the Church Office if you did not get one), and the following changes should be made:

- Gwen Heil: Apartment 221, 1400 Katy-Flewellen Road, Katy, Texas 77494-6414.
- John and Vicki Walker: no current email address.



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“Because the caterpillar goes into a cocoon (tomb) where it seemingly dies only to emerge as a butterfly, this insect has become a symbol of Christ’s Resurrection and the resurrection of all men.”
– John Bradner, *Symbols of Church Seasons & Days* Harrisburg, PA: Moorehouse Publishing, 1977), p.50.

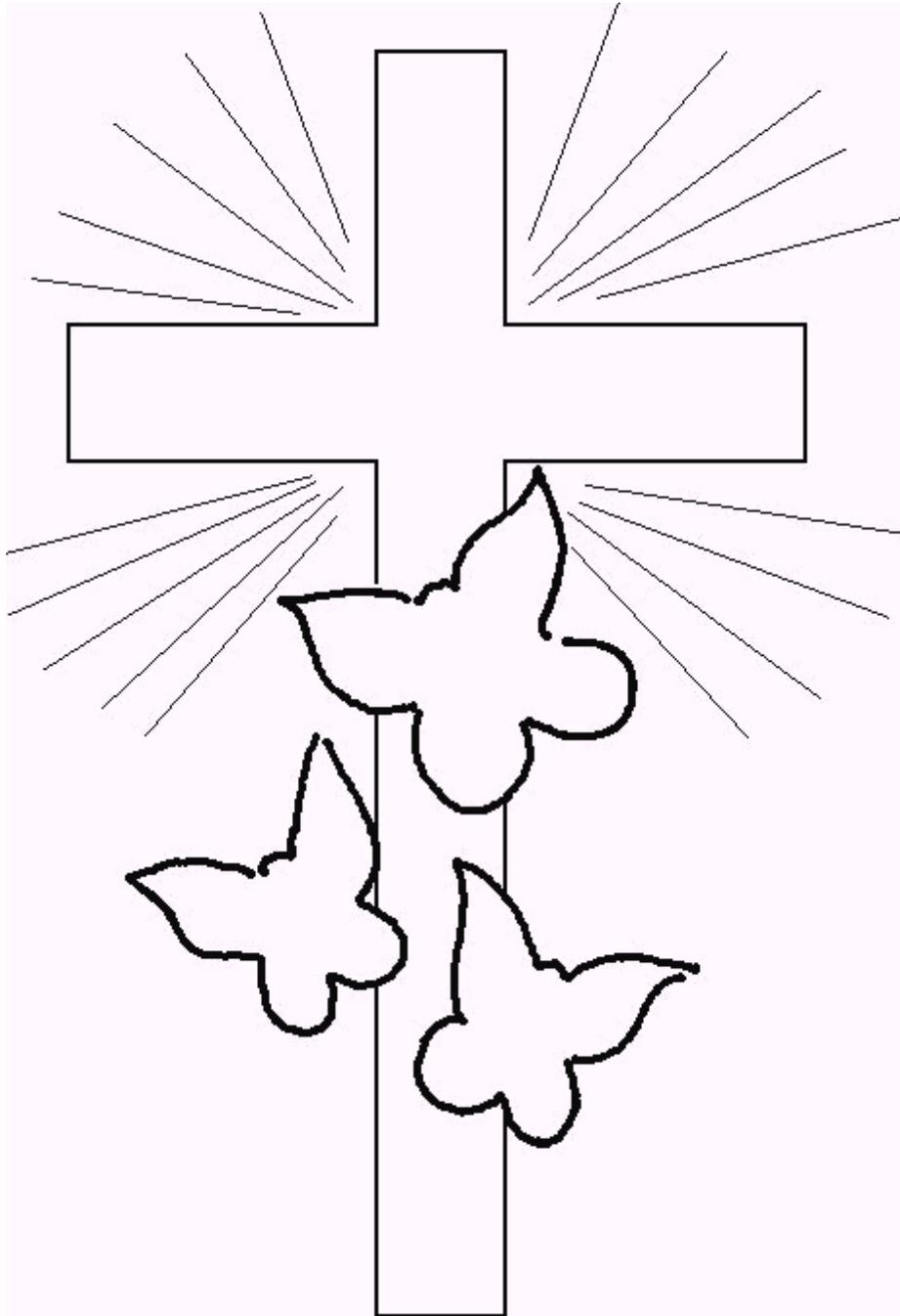


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Pastor's Regular Study Hours
 Tuesday 5:00–8:00 PM
 Wednesday–Friday 9:00 AM–Noon
 Saturday Noon–3:00 PM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Communion Assistant – Steven Sampson Acolyte – John Morton Cleaning Volunteers – Your Name Here?		1 Noon Minister's Fellowship Meeting 4:00 Jr. Catechesis 5:30 LWML at Olive Garden (Longview)	2 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Vespers Ross Land (B)	3 Pastor gone for Plano Study Group	4	5 11:00 AM Junior Youth Catechesis Olene Herricks (B)
6 4 TH SUNDAY IN LENT (P) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service	7	8 4:00 PM Junior Youth Catechesis 6:00 PM Elders	9 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Vespers	10 4:00-5:00 PM Senior Youth Catechesis	11	12 11:00 AM Junior Youth Catechesis
13 Daylight Saving Time Begins 5 TH SUNDAY IN LENT (P) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service Cooper Sampson (B)	14 1:00-6:00 PM Cleaning Ladies	15 4:00 PM Junior Youth Catechesis Ansleigh Renae Heil (B)	16 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Vespers Brady Gage (B)	17 Circuit Pastors meet in Tyler 4:00-5:00 PM Senior Youth Catechesis	18	19 9:00 AM Spring Clean-Up Day 11:00 AM Junior Youth Catechesis M/M George B. Heil (A)
20 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY (P) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service (Meet outside for the Palm Procession) M/M J.D. Sampson (A)	21	22 5:30 Pastor prays at Kilgore City Council	23	24 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Divine Service	25 7:00 PM Good Friday Divine Service	26 <i>Pilgrimage</i> articles due tomorrow
27 The Resurrection of Our Lord (W) 7:30 AM "Sonrise" Matins Service 8:15 – 9 AM Breakfast 9:15 AM Easter Egg Hunt 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service Grace Morton (B)	28	29 4:00 PM Junior Youth Catechesis	30 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	31		

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