

# Pilgrim Lutheran Church

BROADWAY AT FLOREY

KILGORE, TEXAS



MARCH 2014 "PILGRIMAGE"

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*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.*

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## The path to glory

Dear Members and Friends of Pilgrim Lutheran Church,

The displays in the stores tell a story. Before the overflowing shopping carts have cleared out the red-cardboard hearts full of chocolates, fluffy white bears, and other assorted Valentine's Day merchandise, the shelves are being stocked with lavender-straw baskets full of chocolates, fluffy white bunnies, and other assorted Easter merchandise. One can in some way understand retailers' need to move on to the next holiday, though one almost expects intervening green-plastic shamrocks full of chocolates, fluffy red-haired leprechauns, and other assorted St. Patrick's Day merchandise. Nevertheless, the retailers seemingly are fast-forwarding on right to Easter.

Not so the Church. Before she rushes on to the glory of the Lord's resurrection, she appropriately spends 40 days in penitential preparation. Between Epiphany and Easter comes Lent and Holy Week. If not also in Lent, at least in Holy Week we meditate on our Lord's suffering and death for us and for our salvation. His path to the glory of His resurrection, ascension, session at the Father's right hand, and return to judge the living and the dead included being crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, suffering, and being buried.

Especially in St. John's divinely-inspired Gospel account, Jesus's glorification and the glorification of the Father's Name (all that the Father has and is) is so closely linked to suffering as to be virtually identical with it. Read John 12:20-45! The glorification of Jesus, the Son of Man, and the glorification the Father's Name is Jesus's death by being lifted up on the cross. Jew and Gentile are intended to be drawn to Him in the process, but they must also be willing to lose their lives in this world and so keep it for eternal life. Few then were willing to accept that teaching and so believe in Him, and so also few today are willing to accept that teaching and so believe in Him.

Like the retailers fast-forwarding on right to Easter, many brands of "Christianity" attempt to eliminate, sin, suffering, and death, in part by focusing almost exclusively on God's glory and majesty. You can hear it in their music! A beaten and bloody man hanging naked on the cross does not appeal to people today anymore than it did to people back then. Apart from the Holy Spirit's enlightenment, Jesus Christ crucified is a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles (1 Corinthians 1:23). Yet, the God-man Jesus is the only way to access the Father (John 14:6). We sinners cannot otherwise stand in the glorious and majestic presence of the Holy God. As Jesus's path to glory included suffering, so also our path to glory includes suffering.

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(Is there a single example of a faithful biblical figure whose life did not include suffering?) We cannot simply “name and claim” blessings that we expect from God and receive them in this lifetime without afflictions, if we receive them in this lifetime at all. If you believe in God, *good things are going to happen to you*, at least eventually in eternity with a resurrected and glorified body that lives an endless day in the presence of our glorious and majestic God. But, if you believe in God, what appears to the world to be *bad things are most likely going to happen to you here and now*. Family and friends may ridicule and disown you for believing in such things as creation in six literal 24-hour days, original sin passed from common ancestors, the immorality of homosexual and heterosexual sins, a worldwide flood, a Savior Who for the sin of the whole world was crucified and three days later bodily resurrected, a day of final judgment, and the resulting eternal bliss in heaven or eternal torment in hell. Such ridicule and disowning are just part of the suffering we can expect as people who hold to what The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther called “the theology of the cross”, under which things are not as they appear. For example, suffering is glory, for Christ and so also for us.

Like our previous hymnals, *Lutheran Service Book* is replete with hymns that teach the theology of the cross and provide comfort for those suffering under the crosses God has permitted them to face in their own individual lives. The name of the section that includes many such hymns may have changed from “Cross and Comfort” in *The Lutheran Hymnal* and *Lutheran Worship* to “Hope and Comfort” in *Lutheran Service Book*, but the hymns and the Holy Spirit’s work through them are unchanged. Through His Word in all its forms, our Triune God preserves us through all the suffering He permits us to face. We do not skip from Valentine’s Day to Easter, and we know that in suffering we are in good company on the path to glory.

*His and your servant,  
Pastor Galler*

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## *HAPPY ANNIVERSARY*

M/M George B. Heil – March 19

M/M J. D. Sampson – March 20



## *HAPPY BIRTHDAY!*

Ross Land – March 2

Olene Herricks – March 5

Cooper Sampson – March 13

Brady Gage – March 16

Grace Morton – March 27

## **The liturgical calendar in March spans two seasons and offers extra opportunities for worship**

March on our secular calendars brings the beginning of Spring and St. Patrick's Day, but March on the Church's liturgical calendar brings the end of Epiphany and the beginning of Lent, which also means extra opportunities for worship, namely, Midweek Lenten Vespers services.

Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> this year is the last Sunday after the Epiphany, and the last Sunday after the Epiphany is The Sunday of the Transfiguration, following a Lutheran practice that dates back to the Reformation (some other religious traditions observe Transfiguration on August 6<sup>th</sup>). Throughout the Epiphany season, we have realized that the Babe born in Bethlehem was and revealed Himself as God of God, Light of Light, giving various glimpses of the glory of God throughout His state of humiliation. But, the greatest glimpse of His glory came on the Mount of Transfiguration. The Transfiguration also highlights His fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets (Matthew 17:1-9), and, with the return of white paraments and the Father's voice again echoing down from heaven, it ties back to The First Sunday after the Epiphany (see Matthew 3:17 and 17:5).

Ash Wednesday, with its emphasis on repentance, quickly follows and begins Lent. The imposition of ashes is offered for all those who wish to receive them. Ashes are a rich Biblical symbol of judgment and condemnation of sin, frailty, our total dependence upon God for life, humiliation, repentance, cleansing, and renewal. We were created from dust and, on account of sin, return to dust, and so we repent in dust and ashes. The ashes also remind us of our need for cleansing, scrubbing, and purifying, and the season of Lent provides such a time for renewal.

The 40-day season of Lent is based in part on special 40-day periods we know from the Bible, such as Jesus's 40 days in the wilderness after His baptism resisting the devil's temptation (for example, Matthew 4:2, part of the Gospel Reading for The First Sunday in Lent). Lent is often said to be a time to reflect on baptism, a time for rebirth and renewal, for the discipline of learning and growing in faith, and for repentance and prayer. (The purple paraments in part symbolize penitence and self-discipline.) More than anything, however, Lent prepares us for the Holy Week and Easter celebrations of the mystery of our redemption by the death and resurrection of the God-man Jesus Christ.



Many of us grew up with midweek Lenten services that focused on our Lord's Passion and so prefer that the Passion narrative be read and meditated on during such midweek services, despite other more-recent emphases. This year Pilgrim's Midweek Lenten Vespers services will include the reading of the Passion narrative and sermons on Passion prophecies and their fulfillment, a sermon theme that will "spillover" to the Easter "Sonrise" Matins service.

The following are the Sundays in Lent 2014 and their Gospel Readings (appointed by *Lutheran Service Book's* three-year lectionary series A, which largely uses the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, though not so evident this month).

- First Sunday (3/9): Jesus resists the devil's three-fold temptation (Matthew 4:1-11)
- Second Sunday (3/16): Jesus tells Nicodemus about the need for Baptism (John 3:1-17)
- Third Sunday (3/23): Jesus gives a Samaritan woman living water (John 4:5-26)
- Fourth Sunday (3/30): Jesus is the Light of the World (John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39)

April will have one more Sunday in Lent, followed by Holy Week and Easter.

Read and hear the sermons at Pilgrim at <http://www.pilgrimlc.org/sermons>.

*Pastor Jayson S. Galler*

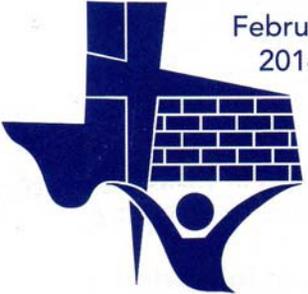
## Meet Pilgrim's new acolytes

Our brand-new acolytes pose in their server's robe after practicing for their important role in our Divine Service. (For more on the background and role of acolytes, see the February *Pilgrimage*.) Please encourage them as they serve us on a monthly rotation in our receiving God's gift of forgiveness. From left to right, they are Benjamin Morton, John Morton, and Luke Land.



## You can save money and potentially help Pilgrim borrow

Like many districts, the Texas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod operates a Church Extension Fund (CEF). By linking investors and borrowers, CEF helps congregations acquire land and build or remodel buildings. At present, more than 8,000 people are said to be investors in the Texas District's CEF, with some \$130 million invested. Church Extension Fund investment rates often offer a higher return on investment than other banks or credit unions, and, likewise, CEF loan rates are often lower. Investors can designate a congregation to receive credit for their invested dollars, and a borrowing congregation's level of supporting investments plays a role in how much that congregation ends up paying in interest. For example, if a borrowing congregation has supporting investments of 0-28% of its borrowed amount, then the borrowing congregation pays more than CEF's index rate (currently 3%). Or, if a borrowing congregation has supporting investments of 50-100% of its borrowed amount, then CEF pays the borrowing congregation an annual cash rebate on its loan balance. If Pilgrim in the future borrows from the Texas District's CEF, we would benefit from as high of a level of supporting investments as possible. Investment rates as February 2014 and CEF contact information are in the figure below.

 <b>February 2014</b>	Investment	Fixed Rate <sup>Δ</sup>		Floating Rate <sup>Δ</sup>		
		Rate	APY	Rate	APY	
	One Year Note <sup>◆</sup>	.750%	.75%	0.250%	0.25%	
	Three Year Note <sup>◆</sup>	1.250%	1.26%	0.750%	0.75%	
	Five Year Note <sup>◆</sup>	1.750%	1.76%	1.625%	1.63%	
	Flex Savings			0.500%	0.50%	
	<u>Accounts For Congregations</u>					
	Congregation Savings			1.000%	1.00%	
	Building Fund Savings			1.750%	1.76%	

Δ- Rates subject to change. ◆- Subject to penalty for early withdrawal. Rates reviewed monthly. Texas District Church Extension Fund is a nonprofit religious organization; therefore, CEF investments are not SIPC- or FDIC-insured bank deposit accounts. This does not constitute an offer to sell or a request to buy. The offer is made solely by CEF's Offering Circular.

Texas Church Extension Fund  
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## Couples enjoy Dinner and Bible Study February 15th



Pilgrim ladies visit in the Lands' kitchen the night of the Couples' Valentine's Day Dinner and Bible Study. From left to right are Sharon Sampson, Josey Land, Sarah Land, and Kathy Hudson. Photo: Angela Sampson.

Four Pilgrim couples—the Gualtieris, Lands, Danny Sampsons, and Steven Sampsons—and Pastor Galler met at the Land home the evening of February 15<sup>th</sup> for a Valentine's Day Dinner and Bible Study. After some time to mingle and enjoy appetizers and beverages, everyone sat down to the meal of tossed salad, roast pork, parmesan potatoes, green beans, and rolls. Dessert selections included several kinds of brownies, cake, and cake balls. After, Josey Land kept an eye on her brother Luke and Cooper Sampson while the adults sat down for the Bible study. Based on Ephesians

5:22-33, Pastor Galler shared insights and led discussion about human marriage and Christ's relationship with His Church. The study concluded with the singing of *Lutheran Service Book* #860, a new hymn text about marriage set to a familiar hymn tune. A blessed and enjoyable time was had by all. (Copies of the handout from the Bible Study are available from Pastor Galler.)

## MARCH EVENTS

**CIRCUIT #14 RETREAT** Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Palestine. (Video or audio should be available afterwards online.)

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY** is on hiatus until April 23<sup>rd</sup>, due to the Lenten season.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**, March 5<sup>th</sup>, Divine Service with imposition of ashes begins at 7:00 p.m.

**YOUTH CATECHESIS** each Thursday from 3:45-5:00 p.m., at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Longview for the catechumens', their families', and Pastor's convenience.

**DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME** begins Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 a.m.

**LWML** Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.

**ELDERS** Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**LENTEN VESPERS SERVICES** Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We will hear the Passion narrative and reflect on Passion Prophecies fulfilled for us.

**LENTEN MEAL** before each midweek Lenten Vespers Service at 6:00 p.m. Sign-up in the Narthex to help provide the meals, if you wish.

**FESTIVAL CHOIR REHEARSAL** after each Lenten meal and before the service.

**ONCE-A-MONTH-SOCIAL GATHERING** In March we want to attend a game where one of our youths is participating or perhaps attend the new movie "God's not dead" (see the story on the movie in this newsletter). Watch the Sunday bulletin for details on which, where, and when.

## News from Pilgrim's military men

*Editors' Note: Two Pilgrim members are away serving in the U.S. armed forces. George C. Heil is in Navy school in Charleston, SC, and Ross Land is completing Army basic training at Ft. Benning in Georgia. As we are able, we will include photos and updates from them and their families.*

### From George C. Heil:

I am grateful that Pastor Galler and my loving church family keep up with me, and I'm pleased to inform you that my grades are going up and that our workload seems to be leveling out. I've been making efforts to get to church with a local Lutheran community, but so far I've only been able to find solace with the command chaplain and a few Christian shipmates. Sundays are usually resting mornings, followed by 8-12 hours of school work in the afternoon. We have daily time requirements that usually keep me on base, especially on Sundays. Our class leader is a Christian, and he and his wife are looking for a church as well. I'm planning to go with them to the nearest Lutheran church as soon as we can. Also, I'm getting a chance to pick up my violin again, and I am being joined by a few fellow musicians, including my cousin, Nick Modisette, who will be arriving on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup>. I recently signed up to volunteer with the USS Yorktown, the decommissioned Carrier that is moored outside of Charleston as a museum, where I will get to educate civilians while they tour the ship. As for academics, we are finishing basic Electricity and moving on to the next part of our curriculum shortly. The math is insane, and the science makes me pray to the good Lord a lot more often now.



George C. Heil

*With regards,  
SN George Heil, U.S. Navy*



Ross Land (#247) and comrades in arms

### About Ross Land:

We know that Ross is doing well. He has learned and experienced lots of new things, such as rappelling, gas chamber, rifle range, and land navigation. He said they get started each day around 5 a.m. with physical training. We hope to go to Fort Benning to see him at the end of March, when he has a weekend off, and on May 2<sup>nd</sup> for his graduation. Right now he can be reached at the following address:

PFC Ross Land, Roster #247,  
C Company, 2-58 IN REGT  
198th Infantry Brigade  
5550 Leonard Drive  
Fort Benning, GA 31905

*Spencer and Sarah Land*

## Prayer for The Armed Forces of Our Nation

Lord God of Hosts, stretch forth Your almighty arm to strengthen and protect those who serve in the armed forces of our country. Support them in times of war, and in times of peace keep them from all evil, giving them courage and loyalty. Grant that in all things they may serve with integrity and with honor; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (*Lutheran Service Book Collect #233*)

## “God’s not dead” hits East Texas theaters March 21

This month holds the release of a new movie with a significant religious storyline. “God’s not dead” is the story of “college freshman and devout Christian Josh Wheaton”, played by actor Shane Harper (reportedly popularly known for his role as Spencer on The Disney Channel’s “Good Luck Charlie”), as he attempts “to disprove” a belief that there is no God, which is held by his “dogmatic” Philosophy teacher, Professor Radisson, played by Kevin Sorbo (whom some may know from the 1990s’ syndicated TV series “Hercules: The Legendary Journeys”).



Professor Radisson (Kevin Sorbo) and Josh Wheaton (Shane Harper) are the central characters in the new movie “God’s not dead”, which is said to weave together “multiple stories of faith, doubt, and disbelief” and to culminate in “a dramatic call to action”. (Photo from <http://godsnotdeadthemovie.com/photosvideos>.)

The movie also features Dean Cain (who played Superman in the 1990s’ network TV series “Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman”) as “Mark” and includes special appearances by Duck Dynasty’s Willie and Korie Robertson as themselves and the musical group Newsboys, singing their hit song with the same title as the movie.

As this article goes to print, I obviously have not seen the movie, nor have I read any meaningful reviews of the theology the movie presents. Promotional material for the movie claims, “The film will educate, entertain, and inspire moviegoers to explore what they really believe about God, igniting important conversations and life-changing decisions.” That statement and others make me a little skeptical of the theology the movie will present, as the movie appears to have a Reformed bias, and its producers appear to think one can be “argued” into salvation.

We can certainly better judge for ourselves when the movie comes out. The Regal Hollywood 14 in Longview is scheduled to show the movie beginning Friday, March 21, as are the Carmike 14 and Times Square 6 in Tyler. Maybe we could go as a group to see the movie and then discuss it together somewhere afterwards? (You might note that the movie is rated PG for “thematic material, brief violence, and an accident scene”.)

In the meantime, if you are interested in more information, the movie’s website is <http://godsnotdeadthemovie.com/>, and you can watch the trailer there or on YouTube (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bMjo5f9eiX8>). There are also reportedly Facebook pages and Twitter feeds with extensive conversations about the movie and issues the movie raises.

May God bless all faithful proclamation of His Word and draw those who do not yet live in repentance and faith to Himself.

*Pastor Jayson S. Galler*

### **THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:**

**SPENCER AND SARAH LAND** for hosting the Couples’ Valentine’s Day Dinner and Bible Study in their home on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**DANNY AND SHARON SAMPSON** for taking care of the altar and cleaning the church buildings for the month of February.

***TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY!***

# EASTER LILIES AND FLOWER CHART

Everyone is invited to bring Easter lilies for the chancel on Easter morning. Also, a sign-up chart is located in the Narthex if you would like to provide flowers at any other point during the year.

## HELPING HANDS

For the month of March, items needed are Tuna/Hamburger Helper, rice, Pop Tarts, canned fruit/fruit cup, men's new white socks, and small Bibles/New Testaments. A container for your donations is located in Pilgrim's Narthex. If you want to make a monetary contribution, send your check or money order to Helping Hands of Kilgore, PO Box 1576, Kilgore, TX 75662.

## APRIL EVENTS

**YOUTH CATECHESIS** each Thursday (except April 17<sup>th</sup>) from 3:45-5:00 p.m., at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Longview for the catechumens', their families', and Pastor's convenience.

**LENTEN VESPERS SERVICES** Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**LENTEN MEAL** before each midweek Lenten Vespers Service at 6:00 p.m.

**FESTIVAL CHOIR REHEARSAL** after each Lenten meal and before the service.

**CLEAN-UP DAY** Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m. (rain-day is April 12<sup>th</sup>).

**LWML** Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. (Note that this is the first Monday of the month.)

**ELDERS** Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY DIVINE SERVICE** Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**"SONRISE" MATINS SERVICE** Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. (Note the earlier time.)

**EASTER BREAKFAST** Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> right after the "Sonrise" Service.

**EASTER EGG HUNT** Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. Followed by Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.

**EASTER SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICE** Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m.

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY** "Salvation History is Our Story" resumes April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m., picking up "The Account of Abraham's Son Isaac" with Genesis 28:1 and verses following. In the meantime, you can catch the sessions of the study that you might have missed online at <http://www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/salvation-history>.

**KILGORE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE** Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall.

**QUARTERLY BLESSED POTMEAL AND VOTERS' MEETING** Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, in the Parish Hall after the Divine Service.

**ONCE-A-MONTH-SOCIAL GATHERING** What would you like to do as a social gathering in the month of April? (The first Pumpjacks baseball games are the last weekend in May.)

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

## You can begin reading the Bible daily this month

Although the daily Bible reading plan we are encouraging you to use begins its cycle on December 1<sup>st</sup>, you can begin following it at any time, either with the readings for December 1<sup>st</sup> or with the readings for the date on which you begin your reading. With the start of Lent this month on Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, you especially may want to begin your observance of the Lenten “discipline” by beginning a “discipline” of daily Bible reading that, regardless of the version used, will extend and be a blessing to you well beyond Lent.

We do well to be in God’s Word every day, as His Word is the means the Holy Spirit uses to bless us, such as by strengthening our faith. The Daily Bible Reading plan we are encouraging you to follow is a great way to keep you in God’s Word, listing a Biblical canticle or Psalm and a few chapters of a book for you to read every day of the year. Some background information on each month’s readings has been provided (for example, see the March 2013 newsletter—available online or from the church office if you no longer have your original copy), and more information on each day’s reading is also available (see the Daily Bible Reading page on our website <http://www.pilgrimlc.org/daily-bible-reading>).

People often ask whether it matters what Bible version one uses for the Daily Bible Reading. The short answer is “no”: what matters most is that we are in God’s Word! That said, since Pilgrim uses the English Standard Version (ESV) in church services, as it has since before I began serving the congregation, the ESV may be an obvious choice. The ESV is used by *Lutheran Service Book*, our Sunday School curriculum, and the book we are using for youth confirmation classes. However, the New International Version (NIV), previously used by Pilgrim in *Lutheran Worship* and the ways just mentioned, tends to read a little better, especially when one is reading to oneself. However, since the NIV has a Reformed bias (and newer editions are gender-neutral), over it I might recommend the New American Standard Bible (NASB). Although I myself grew up largely with the King James Version (KJV), the KJV’s complicated sentence structure and its archaic words can make reading the Bible in that version very difficult. We should all remember that such are just “versions” or “translations” of the original Old Testament Hebrew and New Testament Greek, and every version or translation has its own pitfalls. Only the original Hebrew and Greek manuscripts are inspired and inerrant. I especially caution you against paraphrases, such as *The Message*, which can try so hard to carry the meaning of a verse that they lose sight of the very words that give the verse its meaning.

Although more than one year ago, we encouraged people to purchase *The Lutheran Study Bible* (which uses the ESV translation), I might not recommend using such study Bibles with notes for your first read through of a given day’s reading, as the notes can distract you from getting the sense of the whole reading.

Remember that I welcome questions about the Daily Bible Reading by phone, by email, by text, or in person, and I will attempt to answer such questions by the same medium and at the beginning of each Sunday’s Adult Bible Class. God truly blesses us as we are in His Word!

*Pastor Jayson S. Galler*

## Pilgrim prays for members, family, friends, and coworkers

*Editors' Note: People sometimes ask who all those people are for whom we pray on Sundays. Those who receive our Prayer Chain updates by email or telephone know, but, admittedly, not everyone receives those updates. Of course, even the information the updates contain is not always that up to date. Are you yourself or someone you requested on the Prayer List? Is the information about the request up to date? We would prefer to remove people as the circumstances warrant rather than simply after a set period of time. Please review the information below and email or phone updates either to Pastor Galler or to the church office. Thank you for caring about those you know and with us commending them to the Lord in prayer!*

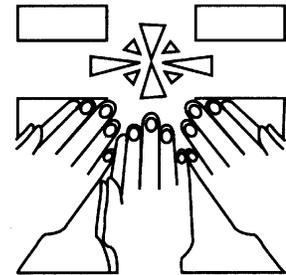
### MEN IN THE SERVICE:

Garrett Caldwell (George and Gwen Heil's grandson, returned safely from Afghanistan)  
Victor Guinn (Paul Guinn's son at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene)  
George C. Heil (Navy school in Charleston, SC)  
Brian Holcombe (Carolyn and Wendell Holcombe's son stationed in Hawaii)  
Ross Land (Army basic training at Ft. Benning in Georgia)

### THOSE WHO SERVE IN POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND THE MEDICAL PROFESSION

#### THOSE WHO TRAVEL:

Brady Gage  
Jeanette Heil  
Tim Jeffers  
Jerome Key  
David Navaille  
Edgar Wuthrich



#### SHUT-INS:

Bob Abraham (in an Alzheimer Center in Austin)  
Leland Dean (with his daughter Gina in Bartlesville, Oklahoma)

#### THOSE WHO NEED HEALING:

Dustin Arnold (Connie Wilburn's friend hospitalized after a four-wheeler accident)  
Deborah Atchinson (Betty Miller's daughter, disability in Michigan due to COPD)  
Vern Buell (friend of Remo Gualtieri and Kathy Hudson, recovering from surgery)  
Tom Cedel (CTX President, Hodgkin lymphoma, treatment plan being developed)  
Bea Claverie (Elaine Navaille's cousin, cancer in her bone marrow)  
Sabrina Davis (Connie Wilburn's friend, suffering from lung cancer)  
Bill Dennis (Elaine Navaille's co-worker's father, being treated for Parkinson's)  
Alexandra Frericks (Sallye Key's relative, 20-year-old heart transplant failing)  
Gary Gagnard (colleague and friend of the Navailles, suffering from myasthenia gravis)  
Wayne Galler (pastor's father, going back and forth between hospital and skilled nursing)  
Tom Gill (Jeff's father-in-law, suffering from spinal cancer)  
Delsi Gualtieri (Remo's mother back in Australia, suffering from atrial fibrillation)  
Laurie Hammons (Paul Guinn's sister, successful breast-cancer surgery 12/26)  
Mark Harrington (Walkers' brother-in-law, dealing with the worst bone cancer)  
Toni Hawkins (diabetic wife of a Kilgore Rotarian, foot and part of leg amputated)  
George Heil (at home on medication for lung swelling and heart rhythm problems)  
Gwen Heil (suffering from an infection and side-effects from the antibiotics)  
Cale Herber (infant son of Pine Tree High's girl basketball coach, leukemia treatment)  
Carolyn Holcombe (facing possible surgery for her arm and for a cyst on her thumb)

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Cathy Jennings (Australian friend of the Gualtieris, visited Mexico for cancer treatment)  
Kathleen and Katie Jennings (Heil relative's pastor's family with medical concerns)  
Betty Jo and Olin Johnson (Nicols' friends, Betty Jo using walker, Olin Parkinson's)  
Laura Key (Jerome's mother, an eye is threatened by shingles)  
Sallye Key (fell 1/26, bruising her face, jamming her arm, and injuring her hand)  
Sarah Key (diagnosed with H1N1)  
Adam Lowery (Debbie and David Smith's nephew, will undergo stroke rehab in Boston)  
Bill Matejcek (recovering from eye infection but being treated for recurrence of cancer)  
Lane Meador (6-year-old grandson of Sandy Jones, sole survivor of 5/3 car accident)  
Herb Michaels (brother-in-law of a friend of Pastor Galler's, recovering from a stroke)  
Betty Miller (will have another CAT scan mid-March for spot on her lungs)  
Wayne Miller (recovering from successful trachea procedures December 13<sup>th</sup>)  
Tanya Monk (Morton family friend, suffering from cancer, may live only a few months)  
Brad Moore (Angela's coworker's relatives, bedridden Parkinson's patient)  
Gilbert Moore (Angela's coworker's relatives, caregiver for son, recent stroke)  
Don Nicol (skin cancer surgery 1/20)  
Jerry Odinet (Elaine Navaille's former colleague, preparing for stem-cell transplant)  
Sherry Paetznick (recovering from a broken ankle)  
Jennilee Pelofske (friend of the Mortons, early diagnosis of and treatment for MS)  
Richard Ramage (Carolyn Holcombe's brother, Alzheimer's and now broken hip)  
Kristie Robbins (Jeanette Heil's niece, being returned gradually to her family)  
Riley Sapp (Don and Beth Nicol's granddaughter, struggling with dietary restrictions)  
Kent Schooler (Shannon Gage's partner's husband, has A-fib and had angioplasty 1/24)  
Betty Sewing (Sallye Key's step-mom, failing in Colorado)  
Debbie Smith (diagnosed with sleep apnea, type 2 diabetes, and blockages in her heart)  
Rev. Roy Southard (retired pastor who has served Pilgrim, suffering from throat cancer)  
Sharabeth Upton (Don and Beth Nicol's daughter, heart disease)  
Kylee Vineyard (the Walker's granddaughter, at home now after appendectomy)  
Claud Wallace (one of pastor's fellow Rotarians, being treated for an infection)  
Jay Wherry (Don and Beth Nicol's friend, out of the hospital but not the "woods")  
Brett Whites (Mortons' friend hospitalized in Dallas with broken bones and infection)  
Robert Wiles (Betty Miller's nephew, diagnosed with cancer)  
Ariel Williamson (Angela Sampson's coworker's young daughter, suffered a stroke)  
Casie Williamson (Angela Sampson's coworker, various health concerns)  
Barbara Wuthrich (following-up on eye, leg, and lung concerns)  
Tim Young (David Navaille's friend, undergoing chemotherapy and radiation)  
Chuck and Dora Zabrosky (Arcele's brother and sister-in-law, new health issues for her)

ALL MARRIAGES AND FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN CRISIS OR NEED  
Shala Family (neighbors of Olene Herricks, immigrants here, son in dangerous Albania)

STRESS RELIEF AND MANAGEMENT  
Tiffani Erickson

KILGORE'S HELPING HANDS' CLIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

*I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. (1 Timothy 2:1-4 ESV)*

# KIDS' PAGE

## Kids Bible Wordsearch

### ANIMALS IN THE BIBLE?

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

Puzzle # 2



ANTELOPE  
APE  
BADGER  
CALF  
CHAMELEON  
CROCODILE  
DEER  
FOX  
FROG



HEDGEHOG  
HEIFER  
MULE  
PORCUPINE  
RAM  
SCORPION  
STAG  
WHALE



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>2</b> THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD (W) 9:15-9:30 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service	<b>3</b> 6:30 PM Rotary Board Meeting Ross Land (B)	<b>4</b> Noon Ministerial Fellowship Gathering	<b>5</b> ASH WEDNESDAY (B) 7:00 PM Divine Service Olene Herricks (B)	<b>6</b> 3:45-5:00 PM Youth Catechesis (at ORLC)	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> 9:00 AM-3:00 PM Circuit Retreat at Bethlehem Palestine <b>8</b>
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