

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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KILGORE, TEXAS



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“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.

Welcome Antichrist?

Dear Members and Friends of Pilgrim Lutheran Church,

You may have heard me tell previously how, when I was working at a TV station in Denver, Pope John Paul II came for World Youth Day, and a group of Seventh Day Adventists wanted to put up a billboard with the Pope’s picture and the words “Welcome, Antichrist!” The billboard company tried not to put up that message, and I honestly do not remember whether or not the message ever went up. But, I do remember my newsroom colleague, who belonged to the same LCMS congregation I did, making a derogatory comment about the Seventh Day Adventists. He was surprised when I told him that Lutherans basically held the same view.

The Lutheran Confessions state that the office of the pope, not any one particular pope, is that of the Antichrist, “who has raised himself over and set himself against Christ, for the pope will not permit Christians to be saved except by his own power” (Smalcald Articles II:iv:10). If the pope had permitted the Gospel, the Lutheran Reformers would have put themselves under him, but, since he would not, they did not. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther wrote, “just as we cannot adore the devil himself as our lord or [g]od, so we cannot suffer his apostle, the pope or Antichrist, to govern us as our head or lord, for deception, murder, and the eternal destruction of body and soul are characteristic of his papal government” (SA II:iv:14). Similarly, Luther’s colleague Philip Melanchthon outlines how the marks of the popes and their adherents coincide with those of the marks of the Antichrist given in such passages as 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 (Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope, 39-59). Our congregation makes, and by extension we ourselves make, these our own statements of what we believe, teach, and confess.

Incidentally, Seventh Day Adventists and Lutherans before them are not alone in condemning the office of the pope as that of the Antichrist: historically so did the Second Scotch Confession of Faith in 1580, the Westminster Confession of Faith in 1647, the Savoy Declaration in 1658, and the Baptist Confession of 1688, just for a few examples.

As September came to a close, the 266th and current pope, Francis, who is also a secular world leader as Sovereign of the Vatican City, was welcomed to the United States on an official visit in a number of ways perhaps never really seen before, being received at the White House (which is a whole other story) and speaking to a joint session of Congress and to the United Nations. Francis had many good things to say about how we should love and help our neighbors, though some of what he said certainly at least bordered on advocating a lawless ignoring of

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existing U.S. immigration laws. And, in what I heard, Francis emphasized God's law almost to the exclusion of God's Gospel. For example, the "one thing" Francis wanted Congress to take home was the Golden Rule: do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Truly, we should all keep that Golden Rule, but we do not, and Francis had little if anything to say about God's forgiveness of sins, by grace on account of Jesus Christ's life and death, to all those who repent and believe. The law most importantly shows us we are sinners, so that the Gospel can forgive our sin freely through faith. Then, we who are so redeemed at least try to live our lives the way God's law describes.

We may agree and work with the pope or other Roman Catholics on some matters (for example, opposition to birth control, abortion, gay marriage, women's ordination), but we cannot agree with him or those who follow him on their teaching that works contribute to salvation, that the Virgin Mary is co-mediator or co-redeemer with Jesus, or any other such false teaching. As we get closer to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 1517, we may hear the pope and others say that the divisions of the Reformation are healed, but that is far from the truth. For the sake of the Gospel and the eternal life it brings us, we refuse to welcome the Antichrist, as he appears in the office of the pope or any other such incarnation. For, to do so would be to dishonor our Lord Jesus Christ.

Especially this month of the 498th anniversary of the Reformation, I invite and encourage you to attend not only our regular Sunday Divine Services but also to come celebrate what God accomplished through the Reformation in the special joint service with Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 31st, at ORLC, 1300 Judson Road, Longview. (See details elsewhere in this edition of the *Pilgrimage*.) And, be sure to mark your calendars for one of our congregation's outreach efforts in Kilgore, the Symposium titled "The Intersection of Church and State" that will follow the next day, Sunday, November 1st, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Kilgore College Devall Student Center Ballroom. I pray I will see you there!

*His and your servant,
Pastor Galler*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Barbara Wuthrich – 06
Sarah Land – 07
George C. Heil – 08
Beth Nicol – 09
Sarah Key – 13
Jeanna Watts – 15
Tifaney Sampson – 16
Elaine Navaille – 19
Shannon Gage – 20
Sam Morton – 22
David Erickson – 25
David Smith – 25
Mark Watts – 28
Tyler Watts – 30



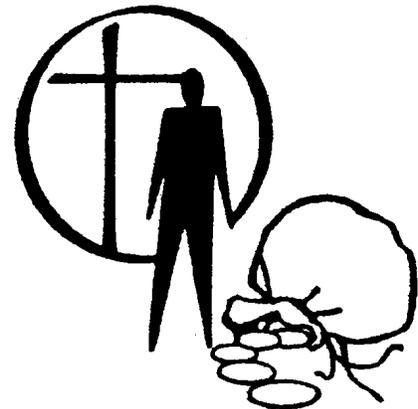
October offers regular and special worship opportunities

October continues the final quarter of the 2014-2015 Church Year, and this year it also keeps us in the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark for our Sunday Gospel Readings and continues our transition to the use of *Lutheran Service Book's* Divine Service, Setting Two, for the 2015-2016 Church Year, not to mention providing a special worship opportunity.

Although there will be a guest pastor for the Divine Service October 18th and lay-led Matins (without Communion) October 25th, the readings for the month are unaffected by those arrangements. Following the second (B) year of *Lutheran Service Book's* three-year lectionary series, again in October we hear almost continuous reading from St. Mark's Divinely-inspired Gospel account.

- Nineteenth Sunday (10/04): Jesus teaches about marriage and divorce (Mark 10:2-16)
- Twentieth Sunday (10/11): Jesus speaks of inheriting the Kingdom (Mark 10:17-22)
- Twenty-first Sunday (10/18): Jesus says all things are possible (Mark 10:23-31)
- Twenty-second Sunday (10/25): Jesus answers cries for mercy (Mark 10:46-52)

The *LSB* Sunday Readings this month are a little different from those of *Lutheran Worship's* Series B. In *LW* Mark 10:17-27 was appointed as the Gospel Reading for the 21st Sunday after Pentecost, with an option to also read vv.28-30. In *LSB*, that larger section has been split into two appointed Gospel Readings on two consecutive Sundays, which is somewhat surprising, given the close connection between the two pericopes (take a look!). Also, in *LW*, Mark 10:35-45 was appointed as the Gospel Reading for the 22nd Sunday after Pentecost in Series B and for the feast of St. James the Elder in all three years. In *LSB*, Mark 10:35-45 is instead appointed for the Fifth Sunday of Lent in Series B, with an option to also read vv.32-34 (Mark 10:35-45 alone is still appointed for the feast of St. James the Elder in all three years). You may wish to read Mark 10:32-45 at this time on your own.



After introducing and using the Offertory from *LSB* Divine Service, Setting Two, in September, this month we are using the complete Service of the Sacrament from Setting Two (177-183), as we continue to use the preparatory rite and Service of the Word from Setting Three and return to using the Offertory from Setting Three. You may recognize the structure and wording of Setting Two as being more familiar from *LSB's* Setting One, which is essentially the same as *LW's* Divine Service II (First Setting) that was used for a long time here at Pilgrim. As in those Settings, there are two choices for the Post-Communion Canticle, and we will sing both over time. "Thank the Lord" has familiar words but a different melody in Setting Two, but the "Nunc Dimittis" is exactly the same in Setting Two as in Setting One (the music that was used in *LW's* Second Setting was apparently deemed too difficult).

This month we also continue our recent tradition of having a joint Reformation service with Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of Longview. This time the service will be on Reformation Day itself, Saturday, October 31st, in Longview. There will be a supper preceding the service at 4:30 p.m. (see the details elsewhere in this newsletter), and the service will be at 5:30 p.m. Pastor Bragdon is expected to be coming off of knee-replacement surgery, so I am scheduled to conduct

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the service and preach. For the liturgy and hymns, people connected with Pilgrim will be playing brass, along with ORLC's usual organist. Come and bring your friends!

Reformation Day uses red paraments (the colored cloths on the chancel furnishings and pastor), in this case symbolizing the fire of the Holy Spirit who brought about the Reformation's renewal. October's Sundays, being in the non-festival half of the Church Year, use green paraments, symbolizing the life and growth evident in foliage and fruit and so reflecting the growth in the Church.

Everyone is always invited and welcome in person at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, and anyone can read and hear sermons preached at Pilgrim at www.pilgrimlc.org/sermons.

Pastor Jayson S. Galler

OCTOBER EVENTS

JUNIOR YOUTH CATECHESIS Saturdays October 3rd, 10th, and 31st from 11:00 a.m. to Noon in Pastor Galler's Study (not October 17th or 24th due to his being on vacation). And, Tuesdays October 6th and 27th at 4:00 p.m. in Pastor's Study (not October 13th or 20th due to his being on vacation).

LWML SUNDAY October 4th (officers will be installed in the Divine Service).

ELDERS Tuesday, October 6th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library (Reading assignment AC/Ap XXVII, pp.53-57, 237-247).

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays October 7th and 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library (not the 14th and 21st when Pastor will be on vacation).

SENIOR YOUTH CATECHESIS Thursdays October 8th and 29th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Longview (not Thursdays October 15th and 22nd due to Pastor Galler's being on vacation).

KILGORE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE Saturday, October 10th, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

QUILTING BEE Tuesday, October 13th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library.

LWML will meet Tuesday, October 13th, at 6:00 p.m. at Napolis (210 E. Main, Kilgore).

PUMPKIN PATCH AND FALL MARKET October 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. at St. Luke's Methodist Church in Kilgore. Volunteers are also needed before and after those times to set up and take down the booth. See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

REPORTS FOR VOTERS PACKET due to the Church Office by Sunday, October 18th.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for November are due Sunday, October 25th.

MATINS Sunday, October 25th, due to Pastor Galler's vacation (no Communion).

JOINT REFORMATION DAY MEAL AND SERVICE 4:30 p.m. meal and 5:30 p.m. service at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Longview. (Watch the bulletin for more details.)

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS Remember to "fall back" before Sunday morning, November 1st, or risk being an hour early for Bible Study and the Divine Service!

ONCE-A-MONTH-SOCIAL GATHERING: Contact Tifaney Sampson with your ideas.



How should Christians respond when the government tells them to do something that God tells them not to do? What are the blessings God gives people and how does He work through governments? What does the free exercise of religion look like in an increasingly secular world? These are just some of the questions that may be taken up at a Second-Annual Symposium in Kilgore, Sunday, November 1st, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Devall Student Center Ballroom on the campus of Kilgore College.

Many think of the United States as a Christian nation, founded on Christian principles, but decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court arguably have gone against God's law. Bible passages such as Acts 4:19-20 and 5:29 seem to offer some guidance for dealing with human commands against God's Word, but how are they to be lived out?

The Rev. Darwood Galaway of Kilgore's St. Luke's United Methodist Church will give the Symposium's main presentation, followed by a break with refreshments and then a panel discussion driven by questions from the audience and moderated by Terry Booker of Kilgore College. In addition to Galaway, other panelists are the Rev. Dr. Jayson S. Galler of Pilgrim Lutheran Church; Jeff Stanglin, J.D., Kilgore College Government Instructor; and Dr. Glenn Young of First Baptist Church.

The Symposium is free, but those attending are welcome to donate to offset Symposium expenses. Those expenses remaining after donations will be divided among the three local congregations represented.

People who attended the first Symposium last year, titled "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism", gave the meeting overwhelmingly positive evaluations and wanted similar sessions to be held in the future. Initially this year's Symposium was going to be presented by Christ the King's Father Daniel Dower on the topic "Communion of Saints", since the meeting is on All Saints' Day, but Father Dower ended up being not available.

The timing of the Symposia is intended to coincide with the October 31st anniversary of the Reformation in Germany. The purpose of the Symposia is to seek a deeper understanding of one another in our various church communities. Through the mutual sharing of knowledge and ideas, organizers believe that the Holy Spirit will draw people closer to that union which Christ desires for all (John 17:21-23).

The banner graphic on this page were adapted from the uncredited image found at <http://cf.mp-cdn.net/cf/06/481a909f4cd886106ed9b8fed0a2-should-there-be-a-separation-of-church-and-state.jpg>.

Ground broken and building moved for new Parish Hall

As seems to be true of all building projects, our construction here at Pilgrim moves along slower than we wish, but we are definitely getting somewhere. Through a series of pictures, we will summarize recent developments in the renovation of the old Parish Hall into a new Office Area with Pastor's Study, Church Office, and Conference Room/Library and groundbreaking and construction of the new Parish Hall.



August 30th after the Divine Service and bring-your-own lunch, we moved everything out of the old oil-field building and either into the new Office Area or into storage at the Gualtieris or Steven Sampsons. A big group of volunteers made the huge job possible in an afternoon. Steven Sampson and Brady Gage are shown moving the sturdy but heavy table for the Conference Room/Library. The same day some finishing touches were also put on the remodeled space.



The old oilfield building had to be removed to make space for the new Parish Hall, and removing it was not an easy process during the week of September 20th through 25th. First, a tree that fell across the lower lot and would have blocked the path of the moving truck itself had to be removed, so Brady Gage, Carl Gardner, Remo Gualtieri, Steven Sampson, and Edgar Wuthrich cut it up and hauled it off on Sunday September 20th. (No picture of that work is available because of a forgetful photographer.) After two days of work by the Gilley House Movers, the old building was loaded up and driven slowly over the curb and onto Broadway Street to its new home somewhere near Marshall.



Near the end of the Divine service on September 13th, to the singing of "The Church's One Foundation" accompanied by trumpet and trombones, the congregation moved outside for the Groundbreaking Rite, which included turning over three spadefuls of soil "In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Pastor Galler, assisted by Steven Sampson (chair of the Capital Improvements Committee), makes the sign of the cross at the Name of the Son.



Pastor Galler "polices" the land waiting for the new construction, which, if CEF closes on the loan, is scheduled to begin on or near the first week of October and to be completed by February 2016, according to the builder, Lee Hopkins.

LWML “Falls Back” into Activity

As planned in the September meeting, our local ladies provided cakes and entertainment for the residents of Arbor Grace (the old Gregg Home) on September 17th, and we thank the members who provided the cakes and those who were able to be there to serve: Jeanette Paetznick, Sharon Sampson, and Barbara Wuthrich. Thanks also to Jeanette for arranging with the director of KISD Orchestras, Tristan Roberts, who provided the entertainment with the group pictured here.



Jeanette Paetznick, Sharon Sampson, and Barbara Wuthrich pose for a photo before serving their delicious cakes to the residents of Arbor Grace.

On September 26th we travelled to **Athens for our LWML East Texas Zone Rally**, with our own **Sharon Sampson** presiding as the Zone President. She entertained us all with her report of her trip to the National Convention this summer in Des Moines, Iowa, celebrating through the blessings, as well as the difficulties of her travel fiasco. (Be sure to see the convention picture of Sharon and her three sisters on page 26 of the Fall 2015 *Quarterly*.) Our theme for the Rally day was **Mission, Possible**, and Athens’ Pastor Seth Davidson emphasized the **mission** part by describing how the first church he ever set foot into (when he was 13) was soooooo welcoming. Their mission really was to show the love of Jesus through their lives. Our own **Pastor Galler** currently serving as Zone Counselor chose to emphasize the word **possible** through a Bible devotion based on several scripture readings, including Mark 9:14-29, familiarly describing how “all things are possible for one who believes.”

On October 4th we will celebrate LWML Sunday during the Divine Service. Our member Jeanna Watts made a new LWML banner with the international biennium theme of “Seek first the Kingdom of God”, which banner will be used that Sunday along with another LWML banner from an earlier year. We will place purple flowers on the altar and the officers for the new year of 2015-2016 will be installed by Pastor Galler. Those officers are Elaine Navaille (Secretary), Kathy Hudson (Treasurer), and Barbara Wuthrich (President).

During the month of October those Pilgrim ladies who chose to join our new Secret Sister group will learn whose name was drawn for them and begin praying for their sister, occasionally gifting her with some small item, and secretly nurturing her, looking forward to the Spring reveal at a salad supper.

Sharon will be attending the LWML Texas District Spiritual Rest and Renewal Retreat at Glen Lake Camp, Glen Rose, Texas, on October 9th and 10th. The theme is “Created for Eternity”.

Our October meeting will consist of a **Quilting Bee at 5pm Tuesday Oct. 13th**, followed by a **meal at Napolis** (downtown Kilgore) **at 6pm on the same day**. Anyone is welcome to join us as we quilt, and/or clean the kitchen (inside the cabinets, which are dirty from construction).

Hope to see you at the October quilting bee and meeting/dinner.

Serve the Lord with gladness!
Barbara Wuthrich, Society President

Bowling Party a STRIKE!

The Social Committee's September Once-a-month Social Gathering was enjoyed by all who went, young and old alike. After the Divine Service on Sunday, September 20th, a group went to eat at Pizza Hut and then moved to the Kilgore Bowling Center for a great afternoon of bowling fun. Neither skill nor form was important, although we DID have a variety of forms (especially Tyler Watts).

Emma, John, and Ben Morton really held up the family name for the rest of its members, who were unable to be with us. The Morton children were joined by the entire Watts family; Danny and Sharon Sampson; J.D. and Tif Sampson; Steven, Angela, and Cooper Sampson and Cooper's friend Landry Laird; and Barbara and Edgar Wuthrich. Unfortunately, Pastor Galler was unable to join us at all, since he was making a fast trip to Rockport to see his friend who is gravely ill, and Steven and Edgar had to leave after lunch in order to go cut up trees that had fallen on church property.

Tif had made a deal with the alley for a \$6 price for shoes and two games of bowling. The two lanes of kids finished their games quickly and watched as the slower adults played. Since some of the adults were getting tired, Ben Morton and Emma Watts finished the games for our senior ladies.

Everyone is looking forward to October's Once-a-month Social Gathering!

Barbara Wuthrich



John Morton and Emma Watts take their turns bowling during September's Once-a-Month Social Gathering at the Kilgore Bowling Center.

Photo: Tifaney Sampson.

Directory Corrections/Additions/Changes

Please mark the following changes since September on your directory distributed with the August *Pilgrimage*.

- Aaron, Mary, and Catherine Clubb (friend): 1912 S. Carr Street, Lakewood, CO 80227.
- Gwen Heil (member): Mail #28, Carriage Inn, 1400 Katy Flewellen Rd, Katy, TX 77494.
- Samantha Hiltzman (member): 10740 Leeds Road, Port Richey, FL 34608, 727-815-6613.
- Larry Reif (friend): 2114 East Marshall, #107, Longview, TX 75601, 713-494-0471.

If your information changes or you know of other changes, please contact the Church Office.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

John and Vicki Walker – 14



1	Jonah 2:2-9
	Jer. 32-34
2	Ps. 114
	Jer. 35-37
3	Ps. 115
	Jer. 38-40
4	Ps. 116
	Jer. 41-43
5	Ps. 117
	Jer. 44-47
6	Ps. 118
	Jer. 48-50
7	Ps. 119:1-8
	Jer. 51-52
8	Ps. 119:9-16
	Lam. 1-2
9	Ps. 119:17-24
	Lam. 3-5
10	Ps. 119:25-32
	Ezekiel 1-3
11	Ps. 119:33-40
	Ezekiel 4-6
12	Ps. 119:41-48
	Ezekiel 7-9
13	Ps. 119:49-56
	Ezekiel 10-12
14	Ps. 119:57-64
	Ezekiel 13-15
15	Ps. 119:65-72
	Ezekiel 16-18
16	Ps. 119:73-80
	Ezekiel 19-21
17	Ps. 119:81-88
	Ezekiel 22-24
18	Ps. 119:89-96
	Ezekiel 25-27
19	Ps. 119:97-104
	Ezekiel 28-30
20	Ps. 119:105-112
	Ezekiel 31-33
21	Ps. 119:113-120
	Ezekiel 34-36
22	Ps. 119:121-128
	Ezekiel 37-39
23	Ps. 119:129-136
	Ezekiel 40-42
24	Ps. 119:137-144
	Ezekiel 43-45
25	Ps. 119:145-152
	Ezekiel 46-48
26	Ps. 119:153-160
	Daniel 1-3
27	Ps. 119:161-168
	Daniel 4-6
28	Ps. 119:169-176
	Daniel 7-9
29	Ps. 120
	Daniel 10-12
30	Ps. 121
	Hosea 1-4
31	Jonah 2:2-9
	Hosea 5-7

New mercies every morning

One of the things I particularly enjoy about following the Daily Lectionary schedule, which we are reproducing each month for everyone to use in Daily Bible Reading, is coming across familiar passages and getting to see them in their broader original context.

For example, Lamentations 3:22-23 is part of the reading on October 9th. God inspired Jeremiah to write, “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness” (ESV). Many of us know this verse from the popular American hymn “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” by Methodist minister Thomas Obediah Chisholm, which first appeared in William M. Runyan’s 1923 *Songs of Salvation and Service*. Runyan, also a Methodist minister and at one time editor for Hope Publishing Company, had received the text from Chisholm and written music specifically for it. The hymn predated *The Lutheran Hymnal* (1941) and *Lutheran Worship* (1981), but it did not enter the Missouri Synod’s hymnal tradition until *Hymnal Supplement ’98* (1998), where it is #899, and it was also included in *Lutheran Service Book* (2006), where it is #809. (I knew the hymn as a teenager, singing it with our choir from a non-Lutheran hymnal.)

But, how many of us know that those comforting verses come in the middle of a third lament giving both Judah’s complaint and the basis for her consolation? The Lord’s goodness towards those who love Him is not because *they love Him* (Lamentations 3:25), but because He loves them, with a love that sent Jesus to die on the cross to save us from our sins. Lamentations 3:21-26 is the high point of the book, and verses 22-23 are used as the Old Testament Reading for Proper 8B in *Lutheran Service Book’s* 3-year lectionary for the Divine Service, and so we heard it read on June 28th of this year. Such words of Gospel, though, ought never be used apart from their context of the law of God’s righteous wrath and thereby, as one commentator puts it, “sentimentalized or universalized into ‘another Gospel’” (Galatians 1:6-9). Repentance and patience under affliction are the right attitudes as we wait for the Lord’s deliverance (Lamentations 3:24-30).

Such is just one example of the benefits of Daily Bible Reading. You can use the adjacent list or the larger-print version available in the Narthex. Each calls for reading a psalm (or other little song) and a few chapters of a book each day, and the plan gets us through the whole Bible in one year. So being in God’s Word by such daily Bible reading gives His Holy Spirit greater opportunities to work in us and so ultimately to grow us up as individuals, together as a congregation, and out into the world.

For more about the Daily Bible Reading, see past issues of the *Pilgrimage* and <http://www.pilgrimlc.org/daily-bible-reading>. If you ever

have a question about something you read, feel free to ask it at any time and in any way. For example, I usually call for such questions at the beginning of our Sunday Adult Bible Class each week. We know God blesses us *through* His Word, as He Himself promises *in* His Word.

Pastor Jayson S. Galler

Boards and Committees to prepare budgets and nominations

Board and Committee chairs and members who have not already done so are reminded that they need to meet as soon as possible to prepare a proposal for their portion of the congregation's budget and to consider who should be nominated to their Board/Committee.

Volunteer needed for Pilgrim's Church Office

Another volunteer is needed in the Church Office, doing such things as helping prepare the bulletin and newsletter, keeping some congregational records, generating some correspondence, and the like. If you can help, please see the new coordinators for Office Volunteers from the Board of Elders, Carl Gardner or John Walker.

You can help Kilgore's "Helping Hands"

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. (The list of specific items for October had not been received before press time.)



Pilgrim's to-date plate offerings reported

Following a request from Pilgrim's Board of Elders, Pilgrim's Financial Secretary reports the following figures for 2015 through September 27th:

Plate Offerings received:	\$100,884.82
Plate Offerings projected:	\$ 91,373.00

Your Church Extension Fund investments can help PLC

At any time you may invest your money with the Texas District Lutheran Church Extension Fund, which is loaning Pilgrim the money for the new Parish Hall. Investments payoff for you as listed below, and the money invested can lead to a rebate of the congregation's interest. For example, investments totaling 10% of the loan will yield an annual interest rebate of 0.10%.



September 2015

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Fixed Rate^Δ</u>		<u>Floating Rate^Δ</u>	
	Rate	APY	Rate	APY
One Year Note [◆]	.750%	.75%	0.375%	0.38%
Three Year Note [◆]	1.250%	1.26%	1.250%	1.26%
Five Year Note [◆]	1.750%	1.76%	1.750%	1.76%
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.

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Texas Church Extension Fund

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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, please let Pastor Galler know (likewise if you are receiving them and wish not to receive them). If you initially made one of the requests below, please regularly keep the congregation updated as to the status of the request. Thank you! –Pastor Galler

**CHRISTIANS BEING PERSECUTED WORLDWIDE
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA VOTE ON ORDINATION OF WOMEN
LCMS, DISTRICT, AND CIRCUIT, PASTORS AND PEOPLE
OUR PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH:**

Nominating and budgeting processes for 2016

Closing of the loan and other hurdles for construction to begin

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 (in New York continuing Navy school)

Brian Holcombe (Carolyn and Wendell Holcombe's son in D.C.)

Ross Land (stationed at Fort Polk in Louisiana)

**THOSE IN POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND THE
MEDICAL PROFESSION**

THOSE WHO TRAVEL:

Brady Gage

Jerome and Sallye Key

David Navaille

Edgar and Barbara Wuthrich

THOSE WHO MOURN:

Family and friends of Harold Engebretson

Family and friends of Paul Kuehn

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, soon to undergo chemo for liver cancer)

Bill Anderson (Austin friend of Pastor Galler, home from leukemia treatment)

Sharron Baker (Beth Nicol's cousin, hospice care for cancer, no treatment working)

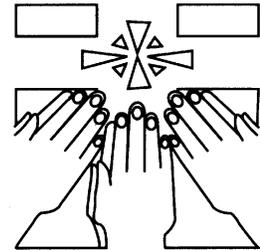
Rev. Dennis Bragdon (ORLC's pastor, radiation for prostate cancer, knee pending)

Ardith Coughlin (ORLC friend of Pilgrim, dementia treatment, cornea concern)

Tom Criswell (surgery to be done this week to address hole in macula)

Cliff Dantin (Navailles' friend Brad's father, in assisted living, motivational issues)

Candace Davis (George & Jeanette Heil's friend suffering from cancer)



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Leland Dean (now hospitalized in Tulsa with gall bladder and other health concerns)
Ed Denman (friend of Pastor's parents, chemo for acute leukemia, but colon infection)
Kimberly Dietz (Shannon's partner's sister, monitoring bone marrow regeneration)
Mark Harrington (Walkers' brother-in-law, aneurism, Myasthenia Gravis, lung spots)
Landon Hawkins (baby known to Watts Family, Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome)
Charlotte Herrell (Sharon Sampson's sister, hospitalized for chemo complications)
Kathy Jennings (Remo and Kathy's friend, suffering from cancer)
Brenda Johnson (Pilgrim visitor, challenges include Stage 3 liver cancer and treatment)
Olin Johnson (Nicols' friend with Parkinsons, continuing to decline in nursing home)
Jerome Key, Jr. (Jerome and Sallye's son, complications from a motorcycle accident)
Laura Key (Jerome's step-mother, continuing to decline in nursing home)
Sallye Key (spiritual strengthening, peace, and joy)
Carl London (Connie Wilburn's coworker, additional testing for new spot on liver)
Marion Madison (Toni Erickson's aunt, recovering from 7/15 knee-replacement)
Herb Michel (relative of Pastor's friends, in and out of hospital with various concerns)
Don and Beth Nicol (Don's COPD is acting up, Beth has pain in her neck)
Shirley Peters (Mary Clubb's former pastor's wife, upcoming additional eye surgeries)
Mike Powell (David Navaille's friend, hip-replacement-related surgery 7/22)
Gordon Reed (Kilgore Rotarian, back trouble treatment prevented by infection)
Tiffany Rightenour (Dan's friend, back at work part-time after motorcycle accident)
Charles Sowders (Remo and Kathy's friend, suffering from cancer)
Steve Tant (George & Jeanette Heil's friend with various health issues)
Robert Wiles (Betty Miller's nephew, untreatable cancer, still on feeding tube)
James Willey (Remo and Kathy's friend, cancer has spread, radiation began 8/28)
Wendy Wright (Connie Wilburn's friend, recovering from breast cancer surgery 7/15)
Bernie Wuthrich (Edgar's brother, being treated for bleeding in the intestines)
ALL MOTHERS EXPECTING CHILDREN, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:
Caroline Koen (our member, expecting her and Emmett's second child 10/15)
Jeanna Watts (our member, expecting her and Tyler's fourth child in March of 2016)
FAMILIES IN CRISIS OR NEED AND ALL FAMILIES
Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison and wife Kathy (LCMS president, house fire 7/29)
Myers Family (friends of the Watts, son Jordan convicted of serious charges and jailed)
Raymond Family (Cooper's Scouts friends' family, teenager Paiglynn ran away 4/17)
Thomas Family (Leroy's sons and grandchildren)
West Family (employment concerns)

“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord!” (Revelation 14:13)

Harold O. Engebretson, who was born into this world on April 7, 1927, and who became a member of Pilgrim on September 26, 1993, entered into eternal life on September 23, 2015. His mortal remains were laid to rest in a Committal service at Bridges Cemetery in rural Rusk County on September 26, 2015.

Paul J. Kuehn, who was born into this world on February 2, 1932, and who became a member of Pilgrim on December 9, 2007, entered into eternal life on September 24, 2015. He will be remembered in a future Divine Service at Pilgrim, and His mortal remains will be laid to rest at a future time in Illinois .

NOVEMBER EVENTS

“AT THE INTERSECTION OF CHURCH AND STATE” Sunday, November 1st, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Devall Student Center Ballroom on the Kilgore College Campus. Second-Annual Symposium sponsored in part by Pilgrim as an outreach event to the greater community. Pastor Galler will be one of the panelists.

JUNIOR YOUTH CATECHESIS Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. in Pastor Galler’s Study and Saturdays November 7th, 14th, and 21st at 11:00 a.m. in Pastor’s Study (not November 28th due to the Thanksgiving holiday).

QUILTING BEE Tuesday, November 3rd, at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library.

LWML will meet Tuesday, November 3rd, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays November 4th, 11th, and 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library (not 25th due to the Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service).

VOTERS’ MEETING Sunday, November 8th, immediately after the Divine Service in the Sanctuary.

ELDERS Tuesday, November 10th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library (Reading assignment TBA).

SENIOR YOUTH CATECHESIS Tuesday November 3rd and Thursdays November 12th and 19th at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Longview (not November 5th due to Pastor’s being in the Dallas area and not November 26th due to the Thanksgiving holiday).

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for December are due Sunday, November 22nd.

THANKSGIVING EVE DIVINE SERVICE Wednesday, November 25th, at 7:00 p.m.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT Sunday, November 29th. We will begin using *Lutheran Service Book’s* Divine Service, Setting Two (with the same structure as *LSB* Setting One and most of the music from *Lutheran Worship* Divine Service II [Second Setting]), with Appointed Psalms, for the whole 2015-2016 Church Year. (Portions will be introduced before Midweek Bible Study and in the Divine Services September through November.)

ONCE-A-MONTH-SOCIAL GATHERING: Please contact Tifaney Sampson with your ideas.



2016 Circuit Retreat Scheduled

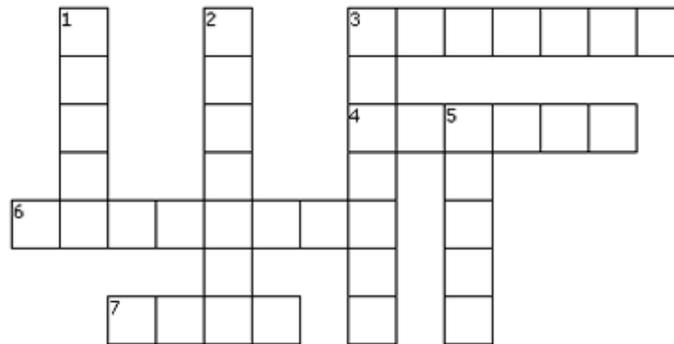
The annual Circuit #14 Retreat, which is open to everyone, is planned for Saturday, February 6, 2016, at Bethlehem, Palestine. The Rev. Dr. Scott R. Murray, Senior Pastor of Memorial, Houston, and LCMS 4th Vice President, will present on the topic “Church and State”. Mark your calendar now, plan now to attend, and watch future issues of the *Pilgrimage* and the Sunday bulletins for more details.

KIDS' PAGE

One of October's Gospel Readings is Mark 10:2-16.
Can you fit the words from that verse listed into the puzzle below?

Let the Children Come

He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14b (NIV)



ACROSS

- 3. Bringing happiness, pleasure, or contentment to someone
- 4. Small in size
- 6. Sons and daughters, young people
- 7. The parts of the body which connect the hands to the shoulders

DOWN

- 1. A statement accepted as fact
- 2. A country or territory ruled by a king or queen
- 3. To be a member of a group, such as a club or organization
- 5. To come in contact with or to feel with your fingers

little	touch	kingdom	arms
children	truth	belongs	blessed

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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 Pastor at North Texas Confessional Lutherans Study Group in Plano	2	3 11:00 AM to Noon Junior Youth Catechesis
4 19 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (G) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service (LWML Sunday, with Installation of Officers)	5	6 2:00-5:00 PM Cleaning Ladies 4:00 Jr. Catechesis 6:00 PM Elders BarbaraWuthrich(B)	7 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study Sarah Land(B)	8 6:00-7:00 PM Senior Youth Catechesis at ORLC George C. Heil(B)	9 Beth Nicol(B)	10 9-1 Blood Drive 11:00 AM to Noon Junior Catechesis
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