

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

BROADWAY AT FLOREY

KILGORE, TEXAS



THE PILGRIMAGE

November 2016

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.

Some liturgical changes reshape, but others restore

Dear Members and Friends of Pilgrim Lutheran Church,

On a recent Sunday morning I attended a Missouri Synod congregation where only some of the elements of the service done out of the bulletin were drawn from one of the settings of the Divine Service contained in *Lutheran Service Book*, which hymnal was in the congregation's pews but used by it that day only for the hymns. Other liturgical elements of that day's service, such as its "Confession and Forgiveness", came from somewhere else, perhaps the pastor's imagination. Neither the invocation (which was not the Trinitarian form we associate with our Baptisms), nor the confession (which did not confess our total corruption), nor the declaration of grace really seemed adequate. Such inadequate changes can rightly raise our suspicion about services that deviate from and reshape the liturgies of the Synodically-approved hymnals, which hymnals we all have agreed to use, by our membership in the Synod. Yet, not all changes from what we might have grown up with or may be used to using are necessarily bad: some changes work toward restoring something that has been lost.

Of course, there is a difference between changing the wording of parts of the liturgy and changing which setting of the Divine Service we use on an annual basis, such as going from Setting Two in 2015-2016 to Setting Four in 2016-2017. Likewise, there is a difference between changing the wording of parts of the liturgy and choosing different given options within a particular setting of the Divine Service, such as using a Psalm at the beginning of the Service of the Word in 2015-2016 and using an Introit in 2016-2017, or singing "This Is the Feast" as the Hymn of Praise in Easter but the "Gloria in Excelsis" most of the rest of the year, or using the Nicene Creed in non-green seasons and the Apostles' Creed in green seasons, or singing the "Nunc Dimittis" as the Post-Communion Canticle during the festival half of the Church Year and "Thank the Lord" during the non-festival half of the Church Year. If in 2016-2017 we use the imprecatory form of "absolution" in the left column of *LSB* 203 instead of what presents itself as indicative-operative "absolution" in the right column, we will not be deviating from the liturgy as given in our hymnal but using a different option that it gives.

When I presented a program on the Reformation to the Kilgore Rotary Club on October 26, I was asked a question about how Lutherans worship compared to other religious traditions. In answering, I mentioned Bryan Spinks' work published in 1982 about Luther's conservatively restoring the liturgy of his day to a form where the Gospel was proclaimed more purely. And, I

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had as the conclusion on my handout the principal *Ecclesia semper reformanda est*, which in English is “The Church always must be reformed”. Even in our time, we can change from what we might have grown up with or may be used to using in order to better keep with Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, to which we all subscribe by our membership in the congregation.

In the past two months, I have written in this space about private, general or particular, individual Confession for the sake of private, general or particular, individual Absolution, which is the kind of absolution the Lutheran Confessions essentially envision preserving in the Church (see *LSB* 292-293). After the time of the original Confessors, that sacrament largely fell of disuse among Lutherans, but, over time, there have been various efforts to restore it, including the Missouri Synod in a convention in the last decade or so calling for its restoration. Our ceasing to call or use as “absolution” something some faithful Lutherans would not so call or use can be an important step toward our restoring the pure teaching and right practice we all should want, regardless of what we might have grown up with or may be used to using.

I certainly am not suggesting that anyone be required to make private, particular, individual confession, and I understand that a change in what we regard and use as Absolution may take some getting used to. But, I also know what Scripture and the Confessions teach, and I know, from my own experience receiving individual Absolution, what a blessing from God it is to have the Gospel of the forgiveness of sins by grace through faith in Jesus Christ so applied to one individually, to the sins that trouble one most, as they are known and felt in one’s heart.

We can pray as the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther suggested in his 1530 writing *The Keys* (AE 40:377):

May God in grace grant that the ban again come into its right and the doctrine of repentance and of the keys again be rightly known. May the Father of all wisdom and consolation so help us through the Holy Spirit in Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom be praise and thanks in all eternity. Amen.

*His and your servant,
Pastor Galler*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 – Emma Watts
- 6 – Ian West
- 8 – Sallye Key
- 8 – George C. Heil
- 11 – Paul Guinn
- 15 – Connie Wilburn
- 23 – Gwen Heil
- 27 – Avery Claire Smith



BLESSED ANNIVERSARY!

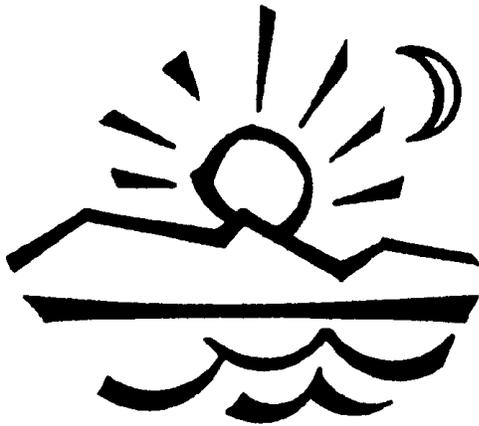
27–Emmett and Caroline and Koen

November 2016 brings Church Year's end and beginning

When I looked out the window of the Denver newsroom where I once worked, I had a lovely view of the Rocky Mountains' many peaks to the west. But, because of the newsroom's distance to the mountains, one could hardly tell that there was distance between the closer peaks and those further away: they appeared to be almost two-dimensional off on the horizon, as if you would get to them all at the same time, although that clearly was not the case. The Old Testament believers' perspective was similarly challenged when looking towards the coming of the Messiah, the Christ, and the Last Day: they thought the Savior would come and bring the end all at once. Like other New Testament believers, our perspective is similarly challenged when we look towards our Lord's coming and the end of time as we know it, themes that figure prominently in Gospel Readings this month.

Pilgrim will observe the first Sunday of November 2016, November 6th, as All Saints' Day, although All Saints' Day technically is November 1st and November 6th has its own emphasis as the 25th Sunday after Pentecost, with the appointed Gospel Reading of Luke 20:27-40, Jesus's answering the Sadducees question about the Resurrection by teaching that those we think of as dead are even now alive with God. All Saints' Day's emphasis is not all that different, as its appointed Gospel Reading contrasts the life of believers now with their future life, thanks to God's mercy and grace for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ.

The second and third Sundays of November 2016 are more obviously focused on what are called often the "Last Things" (the term for this area of theology is "eschatology", from the Greek word meaning "last"). Yet, even Jesus in the clearer Gospel teaching may not distinguish as clearly as we might like between things that happened in connection with His coming to redeem us on the cross, things that happened as a result of the Jews' rejecting Jesus, and things that will happen in connection with His final coming. Some of those things are almost like peaks off on the horizon: we cannot tell how much, if any, distance of time will be between them. We are not waiting for a checklist of signs to be fulfilled, however: the Church has always held that our Lord's final coming could occur at any time, with its signs in the sun, moon, and sea. We are prepared for that coming with repentance and faith and so do not need to fear the end but welcome it as our final deliverance from evil, for which we pray in the Lord's Prayer.



The fourth Sunday of November 2016 is the First Sunday in Advent and so begins the new Church Year, with its switch to a greater use of St. Matthew's Divinely-inspired Gospel account. The theme of the coming of the Lord overlaps a bit between the end of the one Church Year and the start of the next, as the Gospel Reading we will hear tells of Jesus's coming into Jerusalem as our King. (The alternate Gospel Reading appointed for that Sunday, Matthew 24:36-44, has a greater focus on the Last Things.)

The following are all of the Sundays in November of 2016 and their Gospel Readings (appointed by *Lutheran Service Book's* three-year lectionary series C and A).

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- All Saints' Day (observed 11/06): Jesus describes the blessed saints (Matthew 5:1-12)
- Twenty-sixth Sunday (11/13): Jesus gives signs of the end (Luke 21:5-36)
- Last Sunday of the Church Year (11:20): Jesus warns of the last days (Luke 23:27-43)
- First Sunday in Advent (11/27): Jesus enters Jerusalem as King (Matthew 21:1-11)

You might wish to read on your own those sections of St. Luke's Gospel account skipped in our Lectionary series and so which we do not hear in the Divine Services. Luke 19:11-27 is the Parable of the Ten Minas. (Luke 19:28-40 was appointed as an option for the First Sunday in Advent in our current year.) Luke 19:41-20:8 tells of Jesus's weeping over Jerusalem, cleansing the Temple, and answering a question about His authority with a question of His own about John the Baptizer's authority. (Luke 20:9-20 was appointed for the Fifth Sunday in Lent in our current year.) Luke 20:21-26 tells of Jesus's teaching regarding paying taxes to Caesar. Luke 20:41-21:4 tells of Jesus's asking how David could speak of the Christ as his Lord and his Son, warning about the Scribes, and commenting about a widow's offering. (Luke 22:1-23:56 is appointed for Passion Sunday in our current year.) All of those passages are certainly worthy of our individual reading and reflection.

Finally, in November 2016, we will have two non-Sunday opportunities to hear God's Word together. Pilgrim offers a Divine Service on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 23rd, at 7:00 p.m., and also the congregation offers the first of our midweek Advent Vespers services on Wednesday, November 30th, at 7:00 p.m. We understand that some people may be away traveling for Thanksgiving, but others may have guests coming here, and all are invited to be present in order to give thanks to God for all His blessings, most especially the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Likewise school and other schedules may impact members' ability to come to midweek Advent Vespers, but the services are excellent opportunities with repentance and faith to prepare for the celebration of our Lord's birth at Christmas.

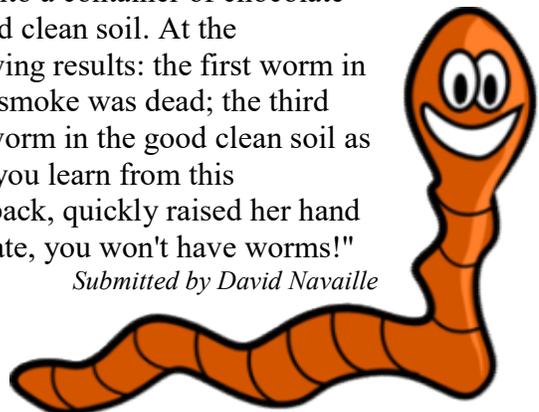
Remember that you may read and hear the sermons at Pilgrim from the Sundays after Pentecost and from every season of the Church Year online at www.pilgrimlc.org/sermons. And, if you have any questions about the sermons or feedback on them, I invite and welcome your sharing them with me, whatever way is best for you.

Pastor Galler

Worms at Church

A pastor of a South Carolina church decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon. Four worms were placed into four separate jars. The first worm was put into a container of alcohol. The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke. The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup. The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil. At the conclusion of the sermon, the pastor reported the following results: the first worm in the alcohol was dead; the second worm in the cigarette smoke was dead; the third worm in the chocolate syrup was dead, and the fourth worm in the good clean soil as alive. So the pastor asked the congregation, "What did you learn from this demonstration?" Little Maxine, who was sitting in the back, quickly raised her hand and said, "As long as you drink, smoke, and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!"

Submitted by David Navaille



1	Exodus 15:1-18 Hosea 8-10
2	Psalm 122 Hosea 11-14
3	Psalm 123 Joel
4	Psalm 124 Amos 1-5
5	Psalm 125 Amos 6-9
6	Psalm 126 Obadiah, Jonah
7	Psalm 127 Micah 1-3
8	Psalm 128 Micah 4-7
9	Psalm 129 Nahum
10	Psalm 130 Habakkuk
11	Psalm 131 Zephaniah
12	Psalm 132 Haggai
13	Psalm 133 Zechariah 1-5
14	Psalm 134 Zechariah 6-10
15	Psalm 135 Zechariah 11-14
16	Psalm 136 Malachi
17	Psalm 137 Matthew 1-2
18	Psalm 138 Matthew 3-4
19	Psalm 139 Matthew 5-6
20	Psalm 140 Matthew 7-8
21	Psalm 141 Matthew 9-10
22	Psalm 142 Matthew 11-12
23	Psalm 143 Matthew 13-14
24	Psalm 144 Matthew 15-16
25	Psalm 145 Matthew 17-18
26	Psalm 146 Matthew 19-20
27	Psalm 147 Matthew 21-22
28	Psalm 148 Matthew 23-24
29	Psalm 149-150 Matthew 25-26
30	Exodus 15:1-18 Matthew 27-28

Daily Bible Reading prompts “family” question

The Daily Bible Reading schedule we are encouraging everyone in the congregation to follow gives several Bible chapters and a psalm, psalm section, or seasonal canticle to be read each day. (November’s schedule, reproduced from *Lutheran Worship*, pp.295-299, is at left, and a larger-print version is available in the Narthex.) Readings are loosely related to the calendar for the Church Year, which begins with the First Sunday of Advent, and so its year of reading ends this month and begins anew in December, although your reading can begin at any time. I always welcome questions about the Daily Bible Reading, and one of our regular readers submitted the following question, related to August and September’s reading, just after I had written the article for last month’s *Pilgrimage*.

Q: I’m thinking of Job and a recent Gospel Reading from Luke in kind of sad terms, but maybe they point to how great things will be in eternal life. At the start of Job, he has his wonderful family of seven sons and three daughters, but then they are taken—I can only imagine the devastation Job felt. At the end of Job, he gets a new set of seven sons and three daughters, so he’s kind of made whole after the test—but every child is an individual, and, if I try to put myself in this situation, I think I’d still be mourning the loss of the original ten. I kind of connected this to Luke 14:25-26, about hating one’s wife and children in order to be a disciple, which is a pretty hard teaching. My family is very important to me, but maybe the message is that these earthly relationships are nothing compared to our relationship with God.

A: My family is important to me, too, and I think we are especially blessed when family members share our confession of the Christian faith and so when we are less likely to be put into situations where we would have to choose between loving Jesus over loving them, which Jesus at least partially is addressing in Luke 14:25-26 (see also Matthew 10:37). Mindful of your correct statement that one child does not simply replace another, Job’s experience, contrasted so sharply between Job 1:1, 18-19 and Job 42:13, always makes me think of Jesus’s comments that those who have “left” children and other things in this world for the sake of the Kingdom of God essentially will receive many times over, both in this life and in eternal life to come (Matthew 19:27-30; Mark 10:28-31; and Luke 18:28-30; and the connection in Matthew and Mark to the teaching about not remarrying after a divorce is particularly striking). The loss of Job’s children arguably was a cross Job bore, suffering on account of his faith, for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Of course, we do not know the state of Job’s children’s faith, but, if they were believers like their father, he might well have both the original

and “replacement” sets for eternity (notice that the second set is not itself doubled but is a doubling with the original set). To be sure, the possibility that some of our family members might not be with us in God’s eternal presence makes us sad now and should motivate our reaching out to them with God’s law and His Gospel, as needed, but we should remember that there will be no such sadness in the eternal, all-consuming joy of heaven (Revelation 7:17; 21:4).

Pastor Galler

NOVEMBER EVENTS

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS: Remember to “fall back” before Sunday morning, November 2nd, or risk being an hour early for Bible Study and the Divine Service.

YOUTH CATECHESIS is currently scheduled for Saturdays November 5th, 12th, and 19th at 11 a.m. in Pastor’s Study (not November 26th because of the Thanksgiving holiday).

LWML QUILTING/MEETING will be Tuesday, November 1st, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library. All women are invited to join in the simple sewing, with a light supper, meeting, and Bible study following.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesdays November 2nd, 9th, and 16th at 7:00 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. (Class will not meet on November 23rd due to the Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service.)

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH RETREAT: Faith Lutheran Church in Plano is sponsoring a Higher Things retreat for 5th to 8th graders November 4-5, focusing on Confession and Absolution. The cost is \$45 per person. See Pastor Galler for more information.

EAST TEXAS PIPE ORGAN FESTIVAL will be Sunday, November 6th, through Thursday, November 11th. The annual event includes a number of events at churches in Kilgore, Longview, and Shreveport. The opening concert, for example, is Sunday, November 6, at 8:00 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church in Kilgore. Please contact Barbara Wuthrich if you plan to go, and we could make it a group Once-A-Month-Social Gathering.



ELDERS will meet Tuesday, November 8th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library. (Reading assignment SA III:viii, pp.279-281.)

FIVE CENTURIES OF LUTHERAN SACRED MUSIC CONFERENCE at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Plano is November 13-15th. Our congregation has paid the group registration rate, and all are welcome to attend. Please see Pastor Galler for more information.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for the December/January edition of the *Pilgrimage* are due Sunday, November 20th. Please submit your contributions for *your* newsletter by that time.

THANKSGIVING EVE DIVINE SERVICE: Wednesday, November 23rd, at 7:00 p.m.

FLOAT DECORATING: Saturday, November 26th, at 10:00 a.m., at Remo Gualtieri and Kathy Hudson’s home (201 Norris Road, Kilgore). Come help us prepare our congregation’s float for the annual Kilgore Christmas parade.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT Sunday, November 27th. We will begin using *Lutheran Service Book’s* Divine Service, Setting Four, for which all the music will have been introduced by then.

ANNUAL KILGORE CHRISTMAS PARADE: Tuesday, November 29th, at 6:30 p.m. Watch the bulletins for more information, but plan now to come to Pilgrim for a chili supper afterwards.

MIDWEEK ADVENT VESPERS: November 30th, at 7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER VOTERS’ MEETING (PART 2): Watch the bulletins for the continuation of the recessed October Voters’ Meeting, at which time the budget and nominations will be considered.

OCTOBER PHOTO ALBUM



(Above left) Matthew Hooqe, son of Paul and Jennifer Hooqe, was confirmed by Pastor Galler during the Divine Service on October 9th. Not only were his siblings, Colleen and Anna here, but also a LARGE group of extended family. Lots of Lutheran support! (Above right) The Social Committee held a reception for Matthew; Elaine Navaille, Kathy Hudson, and Sharon Sampson are pictured serving the punch and cake. Pilgrim's LWML society gave Matthew a copy of *The Lutheran Book of Prayer*, a new tradition for Pilgrim confirmands.

Photos: Amy Crawford and Angela Sampson.



On October 15th, the Missions and Evangelism Committee again sponsored a bread booth at St. Luke's United Methodist's annual Pumpkin Patch Craft Show in Kilgore. Breads were labeled with a reference to Jesus as the Bread of Life (John 6:35). Pictured are only some of the many people who helped by baking bread; setting up, staffing, and taking down the booth, and buying bread: Barbara Wuthrich, Danny Sampson, Sharon Sampson, Cooper Sampson, Angela Sampson, Jeanna Watts, and Elaine Navaille.

The sale raised nearly \$230, which went into the Mission and Evangelism account for other outreach efforts in our communities, such as the upcoming annual Kilgore Christmas Parade, November 29th, the float for which we will be constructing and decorating on November 26th.

Thanks to the anonymous photographer.

Members of Pilgrim's LWML society pose for a picture after the Divine Service on LWML Sunday, October 2nd. After the Service, the ladies showed samples of the quilts they assemble for Lutheran World Relief, and they solicited contributions of materials and invited all the ladies to join them. Seated is Betty Miller, and standing are Barbara Wuthrich (president), Jeanna Watts, Sharon Sampson, Elaine Navaille (secretary), and Kathy Hudson. Not pictured is newly elected and installed treasurer, Jeanette Paetznick. Members of the Society had been to the LWML East Texas Zone Fall Rally in Corsicana the preceding Saturday, at which Sharon Sampson was re-elected Zone President, and Jeanna Watts competed for the office of Zone Secretary. Pastor Galler is expected to continue to serve as Zone Pastoral Counselor.

Photo: Barbara Wuthrich.

HELPING HANDS

As I toured the facility Friday, October 28th, I witnessed a lot of busy volunteers, heard that they have helped 300 families already this month, and learned that the following items are needed by **November 7th** (for the Thanksgiving Baskets): boxed stuffing mix, cooking oil (24-48 oz.) gravy packets, 2 lb. bag of sugar, 2 lb. bag of flour, bag of miniature marshmallows, canned pumpkin pie filling, pie crust, canned sweet potatoes, chicken broth, canned green beans, canned fruit, rolls/bread, frozen turkey or chicken/hen. (Please take fowls to Helping Hands, or call 903-984-1796 to arrange a pick-up, if needed.)



A lovely volunteer named E’beth told me they need the following items ALWAYS: canned meats (chicken, tuna, Vienna sausage), canned soups, cans with pop tops, canned fruits, canned vegetables, peanut butter, pinto beans (1 or 2 lb. bags), and cereal for the general public. Donations of these items lets Helping Hands spends its limited monies on other foods the agency buys from the East Texas Food Bank.

As the tour continued, E’beth showed me some separate items they try to keep on hand for the regular arrival of **prisoners** getting on the bus at the station next door and for the bags for the **homeless**, which they keep ready on the shelf for the constant flow of needy human souls they serve, but I will save more about those efforts for the next *Pilgrimage*.

Barbara Wuthrich

Pilgrim’s to-date financial figures reported

Following a request from Pilgrim’s Board of Elders, the following figures are reported for the period from January 1st through October 27th:

Undesignated Plate Offerings received:	\$110,721.98
Undesignated Plate Offerings projected:	\$116,042.12 (for deficit budget)
Accrued expenses:	\$100,742.15
Projected expenses per budget:	\$127,878.02 (43/52 of the total for the year)

*Tyler Watts
Treasurer*



October
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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⁾	1.250%	1.26%	0.750%	0.75%
Three Year Note ⁽¹⁾	1.750%	1.76%	1.250%	1.26%
Five Year Note ⁽¹⁾	2.000%	2.02%	1.500%	1.51%
Flex Savings			0.500%	0.50%
<u>Accounts For Congregations</u>				
Congregation Savings			1.000%	1.00%
Building Fund Savings			2.000%	2.02%

(1) Subject to penalty for early withdrawal. (2) Rates subject to change. 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.

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! (The Latin in the graphic at left means, "Have mercy on me".)

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

Vacancies at Our Savior, Centerville; First, Lufkin; and Redeemer, Nacogdoches.

Our member Rev. Michael Monterastelli, serving elsewhere as needed

OUR PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH:

Budgeting and Nominating processes

Faithful stewardship of God's gifts

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

LOUISIANA FLOODING AND HURRICANE MATTHEW VICTIMS

PEACE IN THE WORLD

MEN IN THE SERVICE:

Victor Guinn (Paul Guinn's son, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton)

George C. Heil (at sea for months and unable to communicate)

Brian Holcombe (Carolyn Holcombe's son stationed in Washington, D.C.)

THOSE IN POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND THE MEDICAL PROFESSION

Sam Morton (Longview Fire Department)

THOSE WHO TRAVEL:

Brady Gage

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:

Steve Atchinson (Betty Miller's grandson, arm amputated after work accident)

Moselle Barton (Connie Wilburn's friend, suffering from lung cancer)

Kay Crouch (Danny Sampson's shirt-tail relative, slow recovery from recent surgery)

Abby Gage (Brady's brother's granddaughter, complications from a concussion)

Caryl Galler (Pastor's mother, stable at home, testing continues for underlying cause)

Sherry Harris (Beth Nicol's friend, changing chemotherapy to find one that works)

Landon Hawkins (baby known to Watts Family, Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome)

Kristen Heil (gall-bladder surgery postponed from September 28th)

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Debby Henry (Pastor's friend, breast cancer surgery, other treatment pending)
Don Herrell (Sharon Sampson's brother-in-law letting his cancer run its course)
Lita Holstein (Beth West's great aunt suffering from breast cancer)
Louise Hotard (Elaine Navaille's friend's mother, hospitalized with several concerns)
Kathy Jennings (Remo and Kathy's friend, making progress against her cancer)
Laura Key (Jerome's step-mother, continuing to decline in nursing home)
Sallye Key (doing better but still recovering from car accident 3/29)
Carl London (Connie Wilburn's coworker, cancer has returned, couple of years to live)
David McKeown (Remo and Kathy's Australia friend waiting for a kidney transplant)
Tommy McPherson (home in Pennsylvania, surgery on back and trachea pending)
Herb Michel (relative of Pastor's friends, healing at home but with behavioral concerns)
Betty Miller (our member, suffering from more pain than usual and other issues)
Elaine Navaille (being treated for strep throat)
Beth Nicol (procedure to relieve pain 10/14)
Don Nicol (out of the hospital, reprogrammed pacemaker seems to be working)
Pat Olson (Wilburns' friend, sixth round of cancer)
Mike Powell (David Navaille's friend, hip-replacement surgery)
Larry Reif (our member, at the Pine Tree Lodge in Longview for continued therapy)
David Smith (our member, multiple health issues continue)
Vincent Vernon (Walkers' brother-in-law, diagnosed with cancer but no treatment)
Rev. Harold Wageman (former PLC pastor, at Henderson Rehab)
Pat Welch (Beth Nicol's friend, suffering from Parkinson's, now in a wheelchair)
Carter Wilbanks (shirt-tail acquaintance of the Sampsons, now recovering at home)
Robert Wiles (Betty Miller's nephew, untreatable cancer, remains on a feeding tube)
Rhett Wilkins (shirt-tail relative of the Wuthriches, viral infection but at home)
Van Willey (Remo and Kathy's friend, in ICU with fluid build-up, also finding cancer)

EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Brittany Manglam (Jeanna Watts's best friend, previous miscarriages)

FAMILIES IN CRISIS OR NEED AND ALL FAMILIES

Erickson Family (new college graduate Tiffani continues to seek employment)
Heil Family (Julia and her daughters, George C's family, and Bryn and Christine)
Maskey Family (Remo's sister and brother-in-law experiencing marital difficulties)
Smith Family (various needs extended throughout Kansas, Texas, and Alabama)
Thomas Family (Leroy's sons and grandchildren)
Watts Family (seeking God's guidance)
Wilbanks Family (shirt-tail acquaintances of the Sampsons, car-accident aftermath)

*Grant peace, we pray, in mercy Lord;
Peace in our time, O send us!
For there is none on earth but You,
None other to defend us.
You only, Lord, can fight for us. Amen.*

*-- Adapted by Martin Luther from a Latin text
Lutheran Service Book 777/778*

DECEMBER EVENTS

YOUTH CATECHESIS is currently scheduled for Saturdays December 3rd, 10th, and 17th at 11:00 a.m. (not December 24th and 31st, due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays). All sessions are held in Pastor's Study.

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS PARTY is usually held on the first Sunday of December. We need a host family and a date, so please speak up. The LWML society members provide meat dishes, and everyone else brings their favorite Christmas goodies. Watch the bulletins and December/January *Pilgrimage* for more information.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES: Wednesdays, December 7th, 14th, and 21st at 7:00 p.m. Tree trimming will be after the service on December 21st.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Last year we went caroling at area nursing homes after the Divine Service and lunch on the second Sunday in December. Please let Kathy Hudson, Elaine Navaille, or Barbara Wuthrich know if you are interested, and we'll set a date.

ELDERS will meet Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library. (Reading assignment to be announced.)

LWML BIRTHDAY PARTY: Wednesday, December 21st, at 2:30 p.m. at Kilgore Health and Rehab at 2700 S. Henderson Boulevard in Kilgore. We will need cakes for residents and helpers.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF READINGS AND HYMNS: Join us Saturday, December 24th at 6:00 p.m. (note the special time) for what has become a Pilgrim tradition.

CHRISTMAS DAY SCHEDULE: Since Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, we will have our regular 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class and 10:45 a.m. Divine Service.

EVE OF THE NAMING OF JESUS: Divine Service is usually offered at 7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (1300 Judson Road, Longview).

LWML will not quilt or meet in December due to the congregational Christmas party.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY: will meet Wednesday, December 28th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library (not December's other Wednesdays due to Midweek Advent Services).

DIRECTORY UPDATES

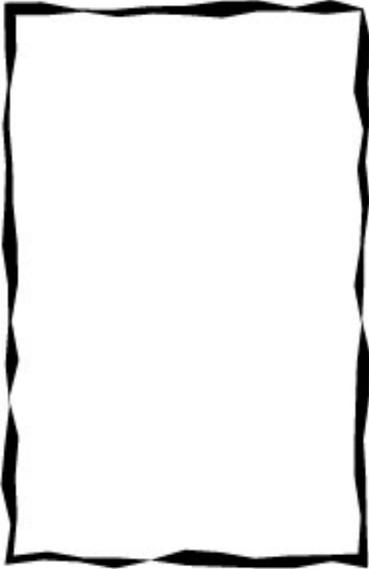
Please make these corrections/additions to your copies of the August 19, 2016, directory. (We usually print updated directories about twice a year.)

- Kristen Heil, George C. Heil's wife, has added her personal email address: pabon.kristen@yahoo.com.
- Jerome and Sally Key request that mail be sent to their apartment, rather than to their P.O. Box.
- Josey Land's new mailing address at college is 58 Lamar Lane, Starkville, MS 39759-1605.
- Connie Wilburn's correct email address is connie.wilburn@ymail.com.

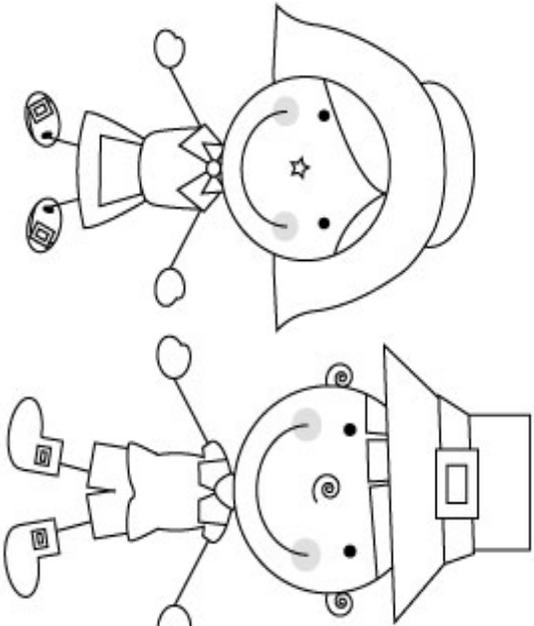
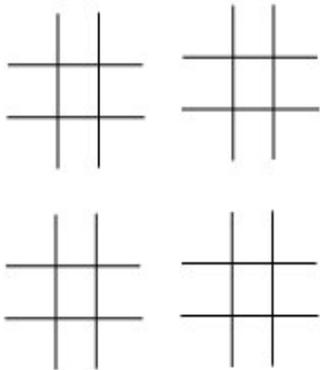
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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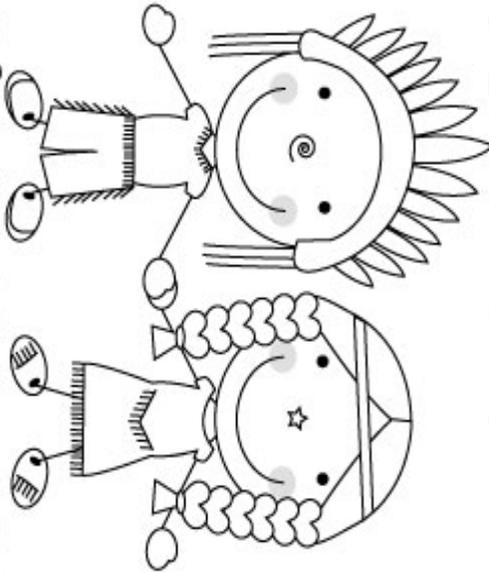


Play Tic Tac Toe with a friend



- Circle the words**
- Native American
 - John Smith
 - Pocahontas
 - Pilgrim
 - Columbus
 - Cornucopia
 - Turkey
 - Harvest
 - Santa Maria
 - pumpkin
 - cake
 - pie
 - ham
 - Nina

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 N A T I V E A M E R I C A N
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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 – Remo Gualtieri Acolyte – Clay Ellis Cleaning Volunteers – David and Elaine Navaille		1 Noon Ministers' Fellowship Meeting 5:00 PM LWML Quilting and Mtg Emma Watts (B)	2 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	3 Pastor at North Texas Confessional Lutherans Study Group in (Plano)	4	5 11:00 AM Youth Catechesis Daylight Saving Time ends tomorrow morning		
6 ALL SAINTS' DAY (W) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service ET Pipe Organ Festival opens 8 PM Ian West (B)	7	8 6:00 PM Elders Sallye Key (B)	9 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	10	11 Paul Guinn (B)	12 11:00 AM Youth Catechesis		
13 26 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (G) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service Mission and Evangelism Comm. Mtg.	14 1:00-6:00 PM Cleaning Ladies	15 Connie Wilburn (B)	16 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	17 Circuit Pastors meet in Fairfield	18	19 11:00 AM Youth Catechesis Dec./Jan. <i>Pilgrimage</i> articles due tomorrow		
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> "Five Centuries of Lutheran Sacred Music" Conference in Plano </div>		20 LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR (G) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service	21	22 5:30 Pastor prays at Kilgore City Council	23 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service Gwen Heil (B)	24 THANKSGIVING DAY	25	26 10:00 AM Float Decorating at the Gualtieri/Hudson's
27 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (B) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service Avery Claire Smith (B) M/M Emmett Koen (A)	28	29 6:30 Christmas Parade (with chili afterwards at church)	30 7:00 PM Advent Vespers Service					

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