

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

BROADWAY AT FLOREY

KILGORE, TEXAS



April 2017
THE PILGRIMAGE

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

Some empty and occupied spaces and the people who void or fill them matter

Dear Members and Friends of Pilgrim Lutheran Church,

Some people wrongly make a big deal out of an *empty* cross, as if the cross would *not* have been empty anyway even if Jesus had not risen. That the cross *was occupied* by Jesus at the right time matters for our redemption, of course. Likewise, that Jesus's tomb was initially *occupied* but *empty* after parts of three days also matters for us, especially as it means that one day our *occupied* graves will also be *empty*. Quite the opposite would be true if Jesus's tomb had not been *empty* but remained *occupied* beyond the three days. Such is the central message of Easter this month and its preaching.

Recently I heard a joke about people who only come to church on Christmas and Easter, although there is nothing truly funny about them. The joke's punch line centered on the people who only come to church on Christmas and Easter's complaining that they always hear the same thing and so not coming more often. Such people have an abundance of excuses. The truth is that, in some sense, every faithful sermon must touch on the Incarnation and Resurrection of our Lord, just as every faithful sermon must proclaim the law that shows us our sin and the Gospel that forgives our sin by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

The so-called "Christmas and Easter Christians" must be warned against having so little regard for God's Word and Sacraments that they only come twice each year, not that there is a set number of times that they must come, as coming to the Divine Service is less an act of obedience or more a response of faith. Such people arguably despise God's Word and Sacraments and fool themselves into thinking that they are connected to the Church, when in fact they are not. Faithful congregations show their love and concern for such people by eventually cutting them off from the communion of the Church when they ultimately fail to repent and believe.

Now admittedly, people today often have different understandings about "membership" in general and Church "membership" in particular. People raised in one congregation sometimes go elsewhere without transferring or seeking to be released. Others who come to a congregation may never come to understand the role official membership has in confessing faith in Jesus Christ before other people (for example, Matthew 10:32-33). Faithful congregations address these problems.

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Thanks in part to faithful lay leadership's following up with delinquent members and as necessary trimming her membership roll over her history, Pilgrim is blessed to average about half of her baptized membership in the Divine Service any given Sunday. Sure, our average could be higher, but a lot of congregations' average is lower. (If all our members came one Sunday, we might find that the Sanctuary does not even have room for everyone all at once.) Of course, the number of those present itself is not ultimately important, but most important is that those present are seeking and receiving God's forgiveness of sins, which is the highest worship of the Gospel (see Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Article IV, paragraphs 153 and 310).

God is about to bless Pilgrim with a new Parish Hall with Sunday School Classrooms, which will provide much needed additional space not only for Sunday School but also for Adult Bible Classes, Covered-dish Meals and Voters' Meetings, and other congregational activities, such as Vacation Bible School and the Once-a-month Social Gathering Game Nights that were held in what is now the Office Area before its remodel and largely have been missed during the construction process. We soon will also again have room inside for community activities, such as the Quarterly Kilgore Community Blood Drives that we cosponsor with the Kilgore Rotary Club. And, we can finally make concrete plans for other activities, such as English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, which can reach out to our neighbors and love them with both much-needed language skills and the message of the Gospel of the forgiveness of sins by God's grace for the sake of Jesus Christ.

As I frequently hear when I am out in the community at large, people are excited about our building project and interested in what will be found behind its walls. We look forward to welcoming them with an official Open House eventually and perhaps also to seeing more of them inside our walls regularly in the future. Yet, we are not being successful if Pilgrim's lights are always on and her parking lot always packed. For, most people have other callings in life that require them to void Pilgrim's space much of the time. We remember that the ultimate health of our congregation and the individuals in her is the right balance of church and home each being empty or occupied at the appropriate time.

All are invited and welcome to void their homes and occupy Pilgrim's space for all of this month's Lent and Easter services and activities detailed throughout this newsletter!

*His and your servant,
Pastor Galler*

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!

01 – Julia Heil
03 – Dallas Landry
04 – Tiffani Erickson
06 – Lucy Watts
07 – Benjamin Morton
10 – Carolyn Holcombe
16 – Colleen Hooge



BLESSED ANNIVERSARY

3– Remo Gualtieri and Kathy Hudson
8- Jim and Holly Treadway
23- David and Elaine Navaille

April 2017 touches the seasons of Lent and Easter



The Sunrise at Belin United Methodist Church, Murrels Inlet, SC, evokes the glory of Christ's Resurrection that follows the shame of the cross. Photo: Austin Bond Photography (found online at http://cdnfiles.umc.org/Website_Properties/Topics/Images/pm-cache/lent-easter-sunrise-bond-belin-12-22-16-586x388.jpg).

Our Lenten preparation for the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection ends with its goal in April 2017! The season of Lent ends with its climax of Holy Week, followed immediately by the start of the season of Easter. (Even multiple seasons of our calendar year can fall in one month, such as winter and spring falling in March of 2017.) There are ample opportunities in both seasons of the Church Year this April to receive God's gifts, from the usual Sunday Divine Services that together touch both seasons, to special services that individually land in Lent or Easter.

The following are the Sundays of April 2017 and their Gospel Readings (appointed by *Lutheran Service Book's* three-year lectionary series A).

- Fifth Sunday in Lent (4/2): Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-45)
- Sixth Sunday in Lent (4/9): Jesus enters Jerusalem and is crucified for you (Matthew 21:1-11; 26:1-27:66)
- Easter Sunday (4/16): Jesus rises from the dead for you (Matthew 28:1-10)
- Second Sunday of Easter (04/23): Jesus appears to Thomas (John 20:19-31)
- Third Sunday of Easter (04/30): Jesus appears to Emmaus disciples (Luke 24:13-35)

Special Lenten services in April of 2017 are the fifth and final Midweek Vespers service on Wednesday, April 5th, at 7:00 p.m. (preceded by a light supper at 6:00 p.m. and including the reading of and reflection on the final section of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ as Drawn from the Four Gospel Accounts); Maundy Thursday Divine Service on April 13th at 7:00 p.m. (the appointed Gospel Reading is Matthew 26:17-30, and the service will include the usual stripping of the Altar); and a Good Friday Divine Service on April 14th at 7:00 p.m. (during which we will hear and reflect on Jesus's Seven Words from the Cross using an adapted form of are "Sonrise" Matins on Sunday, April 16th, at 7:00 a.m. (the appointed Gospel Reading is John 20:1-18); an Easter Breakfast will follow at 8:00 a.m. and an Egg Hunt at 9:15 a.m., before Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m. (The location of the Breakfast will depend on whether or not our new Parish Hall is ready for occupancy by then; the Egg Hunt will be in the city park off Harris Street at Commerce.) Pilgrim will also offer a Divine Service on Thursday, April 20th at 9:00 a.m., in connection with Pilgrim's hosting the Circuit #14 monthly Pastors' Meeting (the date falls within the traditional "octave" of Easter and is also appointed for the commemoration of Johannes Bugenhagen, a pastor from the Reformation era, so several different observances or a combination are possible, and what will be observed and so also the appointed Gospel Reading are not yet determined).

All are welcome in person to any of our services! And, you may read and hear the sermons at Pilgrim not only from the Season of Easter but also from every other season of the Church Year online at www.pilgrimlc.org/sermons.

Pastor Galler

APRIL EVENTS

15th QUARTERLY KILGORE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE will be Saturday, April 1st (no fooling!) from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Blood Center East Texas mobile unit in PLC's parking lot. Please distribute fliers and otherwise recruit donors, and donate, if you are eligible, signing up at www.pilgrimlc.org/blooddrive. Volunteers are also needed to host the drive by putting out signs, greeting donors, offering refreshments, and conducting the drawing.

REPORTS AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING are due Sunday, April 2nd, or as soon as possible thereafter so the Voters' Packet can be prepared and out before the rush of Holy Week.

YOUTH CATECHESIS is currently scheduled for the first two Saturdays of April, the 1st and 8th, at 11:00 a.m. in Pastor's Study, with their Confirmation expected on Palm Sunday.

QUILTING BEE will be held on Monday, April 3rd, at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library.

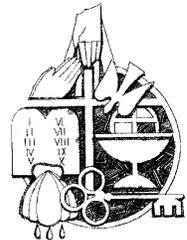
LWML will meet Monday, April 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library for a meal, short business meeting, and Bible study.

ELDERS will meet on Tuesday, April 4th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library. Please come having read and being prepared to discuss SA III:iv, p.278.

LENTEN VESPERS SERVICE is on Wednesday, April 5th, at 7:00 p.m., with a light supper served before at 6:00 p.m.

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY: We are planning the annual work day inside and out for Saturday, April 8th, beginning at 9:00 a.m., weather permitting (the rain date is April 15th).

THE CONFIRMATION OF EMMA WATTS AND CLAY ELLIS is currently scheduled for the Divine Service on Palm Sunday, April 9th. Pilgrim's LWML Society will have a punch and cake reception on the Front Porch afterwards; all are invited as we welcome these youth of our congregation to the Sacrament of the Altar and communicant membership at Pilgrim.



VOTERS' MEETING PACKETS should be available beginning April 9th to read prior to the Voters' Meeting Sunday, April 30th.

MEN'S HOLY WEEK PRAYER BREAKFASTS will be held April 10th, 11th, and 12th at 7:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church. All men are welcome.

PASTOR GALLER PRAYS AT THE KILGORE CITY COUNCIL MEETING April 11th 5:30 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY DIVINE SERVICE is April 13th, at 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY DIVINE SERVICE is April 14th, at 7:00 p.m.

ALTERNATE CHURCH CLEANUP DATE is April 15th at 9:00 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY ACTIVITIES: On April 16th we will have "Sonrise" Matins at 7:00 a.m. (which could include a "dedication" of the new Parish Hall with Sunday School Classrooms); an Easter breakfast at 8:00 a.m. (either in the new building or at the city park off Harris at

The Listing of April Events continues on p.6.

1	Isaiah 25:1-9
	Romans 1-3
2	Ps. 114
	Romans 4-6
3	Ps. 115
	Romans 7-9
4	Ps. 116
	Romans 10-13
5	Ps. 117
	Romans 14-16
6	Ps. 118
	1 Cor. 1-3
7	Ps. 119:1-8
	1 Cor. 4-6
8	Ps. 119:9-16
	1 Cor. 7-9
9	Ps. 119:17-24
	1 Cor. 10-11
10	Ps. 119:25-32
	1 Cor. 12-14
11	Ps. 119:33-40
	1 Cor. 15-16
12	Ps. 119:41-48
	2 Cor. 1-4
13	Ps. 119:49-56
	2 Cor. 5-7
14	Ps. 119:57-64
	2 Cor. 8-10
15	Ps. 119:65-72
	2 Cor. 11-13
16	Ps. 119:73-80
	Galatians 1-3
17	Ps. 119:81-88
	Galatians 4-6
18	Ps. 119:89-96
	Ephesians 1-3
19	Ps. 119:97-104
	Ephesians 4-6
20	Ps. 119:105-112
	Philippians 1-2
21	Ps. 119:113-120
	Philippians 3-4
22	Ps. 119:121-128
	Colossians 1-2
23	Ps. 119:129-136
	Colossians 3-4
24	Ps. 119:137-144
	1 Thessalonians 1-3
25	Ps. 119:145-152
	1 Thessalonians 4-5
26	Ps. 119:153-160
	2 Thessalonians 1-3
27	Ps. 119:161-168
	1 Timothy 1-3
28	Ps. 119:169-176
	1 Timothy 4-6
29	Ps. 120
	2 Timothy 1-2
30	Isaiah 25:1-9
	2 Timothy 3-4

Bible reading raises contradiction question

God calls us to fear and love Him so that we do not despise preaching and His Word but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it. One of the ways we can hold sacred and gladly hear and learn His Word is by reading it regularly, and the Daily Bible Reading plan reproduced at left (and in a larger-print form available in the Narthex) from *Lutheran Worship* (pp.295-299) is a great way to be in His Word regularly. The following question comes from such regular reading and is answered below.

Q: As I read multiple passages from the different Gospel accounts about Jesus feeding thousands of people with a little bread and fish, I noticed that, though each story was essentially the same, the number of people, bread, and fish was different. Why is this? Is it because each evangelist tells the story from a different perspective with his own version of how much food was there to start with? Can we be sure of the exact number?

A: There are at least several different times that Jesus fed thousands of people with a little bread and fish, each recorded by more than one evangelist. The feeding of at least 5,000 men is reported in Matthew 14:15-21; Mark 6:35-44; Luke 9:12-17; and John 6:5-13. The feeding of at least 4,000 men is reported in Matthew 15:32-38 and Mark 8:1-9. In the case of the 5,000, each evangelist reports five loaves and two fish, and, in the case of the 4,000 each evangelist reports seven loaves and a few small fish. So, the amount of food there to start with is reportedly the same at each feeding miracle across the different Gospel accounts. Generally speaking, where there are what seem to be differences or contradictions in what the four evangelists report of what is actually one and the same event, such as Jesus's crucifixion or resurrection, they can be properly understood not to be differences or contradictions, when we are fair-minded and reason soundly and recognize that reports can be different without being contradictory. For example, that Matthew 28:1-10 and Mark 16:1-8 report one angel's speaking at Jesus's resurrection, while Luke 24:1-11 and John 20:1-18 report the presence of two angels, only seems to be a difference or contradiction, as only one angel's speaking does not rule out the presence of a second angel. Such a reasonable way of harmonizing the accounts is sufficient, and ultimately any unresolved problem of understanding how the accounts harmonize is in us, not in Holy Scripture. All of Holy Scripture is verbally inspired by God and is as true as He is, so we can be as sure of the exact number of loaves and fish as of our salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

If you have a question about your Bible reading, whether or not you are following the recommended plan, you are always welcome to ask me! Just email, text, call, or otherwise ask (I try to always call for such questions at the beginning of our Sunday Adult Bible Class), and I will be happy to answer you directly and perhaps include your answer in a future edition of the *Pilgrimage*. God blesses us as we are in His Word regularly!

Pastor Galler

New members mean Directory corrections, changes, and additions

The February 22, 2017, edition of Pilgrim's Directory inadvertently misspelled Devin Landry's name under the heading of Friends of the Congregation. The Editors apologize for the error. (Devin's March 1st birthday also was not listed in the March newsletter because we did not yet have that information.) Now, of course, that the members of the Landry Family have been received as members by transfer, they should be moved into the list under the heading Members of the Congregation.

The transfer of Jim and Holly Treadway, who have visited Pilgrim a number of times, was approved by Pilgrim's Board of Elders on March 14th. They are expected to be received by transfer on Easter Sunday. You may also list their names and information under the heading of Members of the Congregation.

Jim and Holly Treadway
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jatreadway@gmail.com greytbiker@yahoo.com

The next edition of the Directory is likely to come out in August of 2017.



The Landry Family poses for a picture with Pastor Galler on March 19, 2017, after they were received as members of Pilgrim, having transferred from Shepherd of the Springs Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Pictured (left to right) are Pastor Galler, Jasmine, David, Marci, Dallas, and Dylan.

Unfortunately, the youngest son, Devin (not pictured) was not able to be present but was received in absentia. *Photo: Barbara Wuthrich.*

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Commerce); an Egg Hunt at 9:00 a.m. at the park; Sunday School and Adult Bible Class from 9:30-10:30 a.m., and Divine Service at 10:45 a.m. (which is expected to include receiving Jim and Holly Treadway by transfer from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Longview).

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY will resume after Easter on Wednesday, April 19th, at 7:00 p.m. and meet again on April 26th in the Conference Room/Library.

CIRCUIT #14 PASTORS' CONFERENCE: Pilgrim hosts the monthly meeting of the LCMS pastors in our area on Thursday, April 20th, beginning with a Divine Service open to all at 9:00 a.m. People are needed to help prepare and serve the welcoming "breakfast" foods and lunch. Please tell Barbara Wuthrich if you can help.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for May are due Sunday, April 23rd. Please submit your contributions for your newsletter by that time, either by email to secretary@pilgrimlc.org, or place a paper copy on the secretary's desk.

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING Sunday, April 30th, after Divine Service. If the new building is ready by then, we will return to the habit of having a Covered-dish Meal immediately following the Divine Service with the meeting afterwards.

ONCE-A-MONTH-SOCIAL GATHERING: Give your ideas to Barbara Wuthrich. Once the new building is done, we could have a game night in it!

New Parish Hall nears completion inside and out



(Above) Mark Hass from East Texas Acoustical on March 3, 2017, puts ceiling tiles in the grid of the large room, leaving spaces for the LED ceiling light fixtures, which have since been installed.
Photo: Barbara Wuthrich.



(Above) Edgar Wuthrich on March 9, 2017, is seen working on the long cabinet/counter of the serving window. Building it with the help of Carl Gardner (unfortunately not pictured here), they had to reinforce the top before the formica was placed, and then Edgar built the drawers. If the ladies working in the kitchen later decide, after use, that cabinet doors are desirable, Edgar has agreed to build them, but open shelving is more cost-effective for now. *Photo: Barbara Wuthrich.*



(Lower left) Everett Bransford and Butch Mounsley on March 16th laid the floor tiles and baseboards in the entranceway of the new building. Originally the congregation members planned to save money and lay the tiles themselves, but as the size and scope of that project became daunting, we decided to hire professionals. The tiles match those used in the earlier renovation projects of the Sanctuary and Office Area. We plan to lay the carpet squares in the Sunday School rooms soon.
Photo: Barbara Wuthrich.

(Near left) Carl Gardner on March 21, 2017, checks out the new steps poured that morning going down from the Parish Hall to the lower parking area. The ramp on the west side was poured that same day, but the other sidewalks are still to come. *Photo: J. Galler.*

Pilgrim's to-date plate offerings reported

Following a request from Pilgrim's Board of Elders, Pilgrim's Treasurer reports the following figures for 2017 through March 23, 2017 (11 of 52 weeks):

Undesignated Plate Offerings received:	\$24,254.33
Undesignated Plate Offerings projected:	\$31,611.23 (for deficit budget)
Accrued expenses:	\$26,609.20
Projected expenses per budget:	\$28,977 (11/52 of the total for the year)

Texas District CEF offers special Reformation Note

While the Texas District Church Extension Fund always has good rates of return on its investments, surpassing those of commercial financial institutions, for a limited time the Texas District CEF is offering a special investment opportunity in honor of this year's 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's posting the 95 Theses against the Preachers of Indulgences and so of the Reformation. The terms of the Reformation Note, with their "500" and "95" equivalents, follow below:

- \$500 fixed investment amount
- 9.5% interest rate, with interest to accumulate over the Note's 7-month term
- At maturity, the investor may withdraw funds, switch them to another investment type, or the investment will automatically switch to a one-year term at the rate current then
- There is a limit of one \$500-investment per household
- A fixed number of Notes will be sold, so they are available only for a limited time
- Penalty for early redemption of the note will be 90 days' interest

The application for the Reformation Note is available at <http://texascef.org>.

Remember that our investing any monies with the Texas District CEF at any time will help Pilgrim in the future, help other congregations in our District now, and earn money for us as individuals over time (see the most-recent rate slip below). At last report, the end of January 2017, Pilgrim had \$46,659 in supporting investments on a loan balance of \$179, 889, which is about 26% and would merit the congregation a 0.25% rebate of its interest when its loan enters into repayment. (The next level down is below 25%, and the next level up is at 50%.)

Pilgrim's CEF Rep Sarah Land is always available to help invest with the CEF.



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Investment	Fixed Rate ⁽²⁾		Floating Rate ⁽²⁾	
	Rate	APY	Rate	APY
One Year Note ⁽¹⁾	1.250%	1.26%	1.000%	1.00%
Three Year Note ⁽¹⁾	1.750%	1.76%	1.500%	1.51%
Five Year Note ⁽¹⁾	2.000%	2.02%	2.000%	2.02%
Flex Savings			0.500%	0.50%
<u>Accounts For Congregations</u>				
Congregation Savings			1.000%	1.00%
Building Fund Savings			2.000%	2.02%

All individual Texas District CEF investments (FLEX, fixed and floating rate notes) may be included in a person's IRA portfolio, through our custodian GoldStar Trust Company. www.texascef.org/ira.html
(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!

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

Vacancies at Our Savior, Centerville, and Redeemer, Nacogdoches

Our former member Rev. Michael Monterastelli, seeking a call and interim employment

OUR PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH:

Faithful stewardship of God's gifts

Safe and speedy construction of the new Parish Hall

THOSE UNCONVERTED AND WHO HAVE STRAYED FROM THE FAITH:

Elizabeth & Ava Nicol (Don and Beth's niece and grand-niece)

THOSE DEALING WITH TEMPTATIONS AND SINS RELATED TO SEXUALITY

FOR AN END TO THE EVILS OF ABORTION

PEACE AND UNITY IN THE WORLD AND COUNTRY

MEN IN THE SERVICE:

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

George C. Heil (at base in Virginia)

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

THOSE IN POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS:

Sam Morton (Longview Fire Department)

THOSE WHO TRAVEL:

Brady Gage

Paul and Gail Guinn (traveling to Ohio for their son Victor's graduation)

David Navaille

The West Family (going to Thorndale and back for Dan's uncle's funeral)

Edgar Wuthrich

SHUT-INS:

Bob Abraham (our member, in an Alzheimer Center in Austin)

Gwen Heil (our member, in the Carriage Inn Assisted Living in Katy)

Rev. Harold Wageman (former PLC pastor, under hospice care at Henderson Rehab)

THOSE WHO NEED HEALING:

Steve Atchinson (Betty Miller's grandson, learning how to use his prosthetic hand)

Mozelle Barton (Connie Wilburn's friend, doing well dealing with lung cancer)

Sam Bradley (Beth West's uncle, recovering from broken hip at a Plano facility)

Maria Church (Elaine Navaille's coworker, side effects from oral chemo for melanoma)

Kay Crouch (Danny Sampson's shirt-tail relative, still holding her own after surgery)

Don Herrell (Sharon's brother-in-law, under hospice care, moved into the next stage)

Kathy Jennings (Remo and Kathy's friend, making progress against her cancer)

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Sallye Key (healing, hope, strength, and faith)
Sarah Land (at home recovering from thyroid-removal surgery 2/20)
David Landry (new member, suffering from worsening Ankylosing Spondylitis)
Carl London (Connie Wilburn's coworker, living day to day with his terminal cancer)
Kelly McClendon (Danny's shirt-tail relative, home recovering from 2/7 surgery)
Herb Michel (relative of Pastor's friends, being treated at a LTAC facility)
Wayne Miller (receiving healthcare at home, CAT scan scheduled 3/7)
David Navaille (retinal-membrane surgery scheduled 3/28)
Beth Nicol (changing doctors as she seeks help with her back)
Don Nicol (on oxygen at home, lungs and heart seem to be getting worse)
Freda Piazza (Sharon's sister, blood clot to be addressed before repeating knee surgery)
Larry Reif (our member, at his apartment, orthopedist appointment 4/25)
Rev. Kurt Reinhardt (former classmate of Pastor Galler's, suffered massive stroke 3/20)
Richard Rump (Jennifer Hooge's father, home after embolism 2/18 but needs peace)
Abby Smith (Jeanna Watts' cousin's wife, waiting for liver-cancer surgery)
David Smith (our member, hospitalized at Longview Regional after apparent TIA/stroke)
Leroy Thomas (our member, presently at Whispering Pines in Longview)
Traci Tippitt (Arcele's niece, finally trying to stand up after 12/03 car accident)
Vincent Vernon (Walkers' brother-in-law, possibly final months of terminal cancer)
John P. Walker (John and Vicki's son, continuing 8 weeks of IV antibiotics at home)
Abby Weeks (Brady's brother's granddaughter, diagnosed with hemiplegic migraines)
Pat Welch (Beth Nicol's friend, Parkinson's continues to make her situation worse)
Robert Wiles (Betty Miller's nephew, untreatable cancer, remains on a feeding tube)
Van Willey (Remo and Kathy's friend, diagnosed with stomach cancer 2/14)

THOSE IN THE MEDICAL PROFESSION

EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Mary Clubb (former member Aaron Clubb's wife, 13 weeks into second pregnancy)
Brittany Manglam (Jeanna Watts's best friend, baby girl due 03/30)

FAMILIES IN CRISIS OR NEED AND ALL FAMILIES

Erickson Family (recent college graduate Tiffani continues to seek employment)
Herricks Family (God's guidance for our member Olene and her son Joe)
Landry Family (locating a place for their office, water for their home)
Roberts Family (Olene Herricks' friend, for God's guidance and strength)
Thomas Family (Leroy's sons and grandchildren)
Watts Family (seeking God's guidance)

Plush Martin Luther figure available

Martin Luther's morning and evening prayers are centerpieces of Lutheran devotion, and now a new Luther plush figure featuring his famous prayers is a fun way to keep these prayers on our lips, remember the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, and support the worldwide outreach of Issues, Etc. To order, simply go to <http://www.reformationgear.com>, enter the coupon code ISSUESETC, and 20% of your purchase will go to Issues, Etc.



MAY EVENTS



TEXAS DISTRICT THEOLOGICAL CONVOCATION: The Board of Elders has decided Pastor Galler should attend the Annual Convocation, Monday, May 1st, through Wednesday, May 3rd, in Austin, titled “True Concord: Scripture, Confessions, and the Body of Christ”, presented by Rev. Dr. Robert Kolb of the St. Louis Seminary and Rev. Dr. Roland Ziegler of Ft. Wayne Seminary. Pastor will be leaving Sunday, April 30th, after the Divine Service and expects to be back in his Study on Friday, May 5th (due to the North Texas Confessional Lutherans Study Group’s meeting in Plano on Thursday, May 4th).

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LWML will meet Monday, May 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library for a meal, short business meeting, and Bible study.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY will not be held Wednesday, May 3rd, because Pastor will be out of town, but will meet on Wednesdays, May 10th, 17th, and 24th at 7:00 p.m. (not on the 31st due to the Divine Service for the Visitation).

LWML EAST TEXAS ZONE WORKSHOP will be held Saturday, May 6th, in Gun Barrel City. from 9:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., with the theme “Faith, Hope, and Love”. All ladies are welcome to join the members of Pilgrim’s Society, so watch bulletins for more information (Pastor Galler will be conducting the Bible Study on 1 Corinthians 13).

ELDERS will meet on Tuesday, May 9th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for June are due Sunday, May 21st. Please submit your contributions for your newsletter by that time, either by email to secretary@pilgrimlc.org, or place a paper copy on the secretary’s desk.

ASCENSION DAY DIVINE SERVICE is Thursday, May 25th at 7:00 p.m.

VISITATION DIVINE SERVICE is Wednesday, May 31st at 7:00 p.m.

SECRET SISTER’S REVEAL SALAD LUNCH will be take place in May on a Sunday after the Divine Service on a date yet to be determined. Watch for more details.

ONCE-A-MONTH-SOCIAL GATHERING: Give your ideas to Barbara Wuthrich. Once the new building is done, we could have a game night in it!

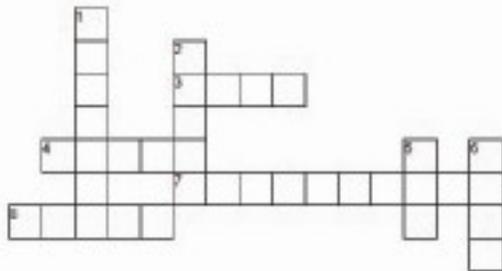
Other upcoming retreats and such may be of interest

Faith Lutheran Church in Plano is again hosting its annual Guadalupe River Retreat for all college and early career young adults; the dates are June 2-4, and the cost is \$60. Issues Etc. is organizing two “Making the Case” conferences this year: June 9-10 in Collinsville, IL, and November 10-11 in Houston, TX; the cost is \$120/person (including three meals). Texas Lutheran University in Seguin is offering the Texas All-State Lutheran Music Camp to high school musicians who participate in the life of their congregation; the dates are July 6-8, and the cost is \$100 with registration by June 16. For more information, contact the Church Office.

KIDS' PAGE

The Resurrection (Matthew 28:1-10)

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ACROSS

3. A place where someone is buried
4. "He is not here; he has _____, just as he said." Matthew 28:6
7. A shaking or trembling of the the earth
8. A heavenly being that serves as a messenger for God

DOWN

1. The first or early part of a day
2. A hard solid substance found in the ground which is often used for building
5. A period of twenty-four hours
6. A period of seven days

STONE	MORNING	WEEK	EARTHQUAKE
RISEN	ANGEL	DAY	TOMB

B H M W E E K A J E S U S E S
 N T J O X D G N O L M L N A R
 I S Z V K M T G O R H C L R I
 B D O I T C A E R I S E N T S
 X A M O L A L L R S R R T H E
 A Y F O E A X P N L D T O Q N
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 S E L O Y Z W S R O D S B A V
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 Y T I N M F A Q P H J F G Z D
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TOMB	ANGEL	RISEN	RISEN	STONE
SHOOK	WEEK	FIRST	DAWN	HEAVEN
EARTHQUAKE	ROLLED	JESUS	AFRAID	DAY



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 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 – Carl Gardner Acolyte –Clay Ellis Cleaning Volunteers – Your name here ???						1 8:30-12 Blood Drive 11 AM Catechesis Voters' Packet Deadline tomorrow Julia Heil (B)
2 5 TH SUNDAY IN LENT (P) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service	3 5:30-8:00 PM LWML Activities Dallas Landry (B) M/M Remo Gualtieri (A)	4 12 Noon Kilgore Ministerial Lunch 6:00 PM Elders Tiffani Erickson (B)	5 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Vespers	6 North Texas Confessional Lutherans Study Group in Plano Lucy Watts (B)	7 Benjamin Morton(B)	8 9:00 AM Church Cleanup Day 11 AM Catechesis M/M James Treadway (A)
9 PALM SUNDAY/SUNDAY OF THE PASSION (W) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service (Expected Confirmation of Clay Ellis and Emma Watts)	10 7 AM Breakfast @ First Presbyterian 1:00-6:00 Cleaning Carolyn Holcombe (B)	11 7 AM Breakfast @ First Presbyterian 5:30 PM Pastor prays at Kilgore City Council Meeting	12 7 AM Breakfast @ First Presbyterian	13 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Divine Service	14 7:00 PM Good Friday Divine Service	15 9:00 AM Church Cleanup Day (Rain Date)
16 THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD (W) 7:00 AM Matins; 8:00 AM Breakfast; 9:00 Egg Hunt (City Park on Harris St.) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service Colleen Hooge (B)	17	18	19 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	20 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM Circuit #14 Pastors Meet at Pilgrim	21	22 Newsletter articles due tomorrow
23 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (W) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service M/M David Navaille (A)	24	25	26 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	27	28	29
30 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (W) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service LWML Loose Change Sunday Quarterly Meal(?) / Voters' Meeting	<p><i>If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Corinthians 15:17-20 ESV)</i></p>					

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