

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

BROADWAY AT FLOREY

KILGORE, TEXAS



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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.

500 years or not, the church and we always need “reformation”

Dear Members and Friends of Pilgrim Lutheran Church,

In case you have not heard, 2017 is being celebrated as the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, since Martin Luther is usually thought to have posted his *Ninety-five Theses against the Preachers of Indulgences* on October 31, 1517, and clearly for some that is the start of the Reformation. But, as some of you have heard me say, there are any number of other dates that could be observed as the start of the Reformation. For example, when speaking to the Kilgore Rotary Club about the Reformation one year ago, I mentioned five dates in particular, two before October 31, 1517, and three after, and still others could have been listed. The rest of the world, however, is well into celebrating this year, so we have been somewhat going along with them.

The Lutheran Hymnal (1941) appointed 2 Chronicles 29:12-19 as the Old Testament Reading for Reformation Day. That passage tells of the cleansing of the Temple under King Hezekiah, and its use on Reformation Day at least indirectly makes the point that there were “reformations” *before* Martin Luther. We could similarly argue that there have been “reformations” *after* Luther, including the efforts of Wilhelm Löhe, a prominent figure in the formation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and others in Germany to hold fast to the Lutheran Confessions and maintain a high view of the Church in the nineteenth century, and the more-recent liturgical renewal within the Missouri Synod, which renewal at least partly was affected by a movement within the Roman Catholic church connected with the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). So, “reformation” is an ongoing process that began well before and continued well after Luther.

In fact, the saying, supposedly going back to St. Augustine (354-430) is *Ecclesia semper reformanda est*: “The Church always must be reformed.” But, what “church” must be reformed, and in what sense must the church be “reformed”? The one holy catholic/Christian and apostolic Church, which needs no reformation, is an article of faith that we confess in the Nicene Creed, but the church as we know it here on earth falls far short of that ideal. Even the church marked by the pure preaching of the Gospel and the right administration of the Sacraments, is still made of people who are *simul justus et peccator*: at the same time justified and sinful, saint and sinner. The church on earth and we in it always need to be “reformed”, that is, not “re-formed” into

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something else, but returned or restored to our original condition from before human kind's fall into sin.

Jesus Christ alone is able to do that work of reformation: He is the real reformer, as I recently heard that Martin Luther supposedly said (although no Luther citation was offered for that supposed quotation). Only by our receiving the benefits of Jesus Christ's saving work by grace through faith is the church reformed or are we reformed. The purely preached Gospel, which is not only 500 years old but eternal (Revelation 14:6-7), and that Gospel attached to visible means as rightly administered Sacraments return and restore us to human kind's pre-fall condition. By them we are renewed or "reformed".

We all are blessed that, at one time or another in our lives, the Holy Spirit has called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified us and brought us into what the reformers called the "evangelical catholic" church but was mockingly labeled "Lutheran" by their opponents. "Lutheran" is a name we can bear with some degree of pride, because God chose to reform His church on earth through the efforts of Martin Luther and others. And, we can and should celebrate the stage of the reformation process that took place some 500 years ago, for the Gospel God restored to its proper place through that process gives us peace and joy, now and for eternity.

This month we have a number of opportunities for that celebration, including the Annual Symposium in Kilgore that we cosponsor from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 29, at the Devall Student Center Ballroom on the Kilgore College campus; a family night that starts at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 30, here at Pilgrim, when we will screen and discuss "Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World"; and a joint German-themed Covered-dish Meal at 5:30 p.m. and Divine Service at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31, with and at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Longview (1300 Judson Road). I look forward to seeing you then!

*His and your servant,
Pastor Galler*

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!

01 – Carl Adams
01 – Maxwell Koen
06 – Barbara Wuthrich
07 – Sarah Landry
08 – George C. Heil
15 – Jeanna Watts

19 – Elaine Navaille
20 – Shannon Gage
22 – Sam Morton
25 – David Smith
28 – Mark Watts
30 – Tyler Watts



BLESSED ANNIVERSARY

14– John and Vicki Walker

October offers sharper Sunday Gospel Readings and more

This Church Year's more or less continuous reading of St. Matthew's Divinely-inspired Gospel account this month has entered into the part of the Gospel narrative after Jesus has entered Jerusalem to suffer and die on the cross for our sins and so has a noticeable difference in tone. Although we do not hear all of the incidents, one by one the different various Jewish groups (which we discussed recently in our Midweek Bible Study) confront Jesus and are pretty much shut down by Him, sometimes with pointed parables. If one does not consider well the heightened tension near the end of Jesus's public ministry, one might think that Jesus is being rude to those interacting with Him. In fact, Jesus is not only faithfully teaching law and Gospel but bringing about His own death that effects the Gospel for us.

October's Sundays after Pentecost, their dates, and their Gospel Readings (according to *Lutheran Service Book* 3-year Series A) are listed below.

- Seventeenth Sunday (10/01): Jesus's authority is challenged (Matthew 21:23-27)
- Eighteenth Sunday (10/08): Jesus speaks of His being rejected (Matthew 21:33-46)
- Nineteenth Sunday (10/15): Jesus tells a parable of a wedding (Matthew 22:1-14)
- Twentieth Sunday (10/22): Jesus says to give God what is His (Matthew 22:15-22)
- Twenty-first Sunday (10/29): Jesus stumps His challengers (Matthew 22:34-46)

You might have noticed that this month the appointed readings skip Matthew 20:17-21:22 and 22:23-33 (Matthew 21:1-11 is appointed for Advent I and is an option for the Palm Sunday Processional Gospel, and there is an option to include Matthew 21:28-32 on the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost). You may wish to read those sections for yourself, especially if you are not already following the recommended schedule of Daily Bible Readings, which includes the reading of St. Matthew's Gospel account at the end of November.

The end of October is our annual observance of October 31st as Reformation Day, this year given some added weight because it is the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's posting the 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg and so beginning the Reformation, as is popularly thought. Our annual 7:00 p.m. joint service this year is hosted by Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Longview (1300 Judson Road). They are planning a Communion Service largely following *Lutheran Service Book's* Divine Service, Setting Five, which is modeled after Martin Luther's 1526 German Service, primarily using hymns, in this case Luther hymns, for the ordinaries of the liturgy. I expect to preach on the First Reading, Revelation 14:6-7, with the theme "The Eternal Gospel and Our



Response to It". (We do not have to hold that Martin Luther exclusively is the angel described in that passage to be able to be built up by considering that passage.) Please attend this special service in this 500th anniversary year, and bring your family, friends, and coworkers.

You may recall that the season's general color green should bring to mind the life and growth evident in foliage and fruit. Reformation Day's red symbolizes blood and fire, the latter associated with the Holy Spirit on Pentecost and so also appropriate for festivals of renewal in the Spirit such as Reformation.

Regardless of the season or day, everyone is always invited and welcome in person at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, and you usually can read and hear any of the sermons preached at Pilgrim at <http://www.pilgrimlc.org/sermons>.

Pastor Galler

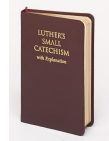
OCTOBER EVENTS

VOTERS' PACKET DEADLINE: Officers and Board and Committee Chairs, please turn in your reports and agenda items to the Church Office by Sunday, October 1.

LWML SUNDAY will be observed at Pilgrim in the Divine Service on October 1.

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS will meet after the Divine Service on Sundays, October 1st, 8th, and 15th, in the Conference Room/Library after the Divine Service (not on October 22nd, due to the Voters' Meeting, and not on October 29th, due to the Symposium).

YOUTH CATECHESIS will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, October 3rd and 17th, at 4:30 p.m. on the 10th, and 5:45 p.m. on the 24th (not on the 31st, due to Reformation activities). The class will also meet at 11:00 a.m. on Saturdays, October 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th. All classes will meet in the Conference Room/Library.



MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY is presently planned to be held every Wednesday in October at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library. We are now following the historical narrative of the New Testament. All are welcome to join us at any time!

LWML QUILTING will meet Thursday, October 5th, at 5:30 p.m. in Sunday School Classroom #4.

LWML MEETING/SUPPER/BIBLE STUDY will meet Thursday, October 5th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library or out to dinner.



CLERGY AND POLICE ALLIANCE ACADEMY: Pastor Galler was “recruited” to join a group of area clergy receiving “training” from the Kilgore Police Department each Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. this month and through November 16. The Police Department’s goal is to improve relationships with the community at large through the churches.

17TH QUARTERLY KILGORE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE will be Saturday, October 7th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Great Room of the new Parish Hall.

ELDERS will meet on Tuesday, October 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library (reading assignment SA III:xi, page 282).

REFORMATION REMEMBERED: Rev. Dr. Erik Herrmann of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will guest lecture at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Irving, TX, on October 13 and 14, with dinner and fellowship from 5:15-6:15 and his lecture 6:15-7:45.



FALL FEST/PUMPKIN PATCH: Pilgrim will have its usual bread/outreach booth at St. Luke United Methodist’s annual Fall Fest on Saturday, October 14th, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Please bake bread and help staff the booth.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for the November *Pilgrimage* will be due Sunday, October 22nd.

COVERED-DISH MEAL AND VOTERS' MEETING: After the Divine Service on Sunday, October 22nd, we will have a Covered-Dish Meal before the Voters' Meeting, at which agenda items will include the approval of the new Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules, as well as the election of the Church Council for 2018 and adoption of a budget for the new calendar year.

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GARAGE SALE: Pilgrim's Board of Education and Missions and Evangelism Committee are sponsoring a Garage Sale from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 28, 2017. Proceeds will help fund our youth's trip to the 2018 Higher Things "Sanctified" Conference and provide relief to victims of Hurricane Harvey. Everyone is encouraged to contribute items; any unsold and unclaimed items will be donated to Goodwill when the sale is over. Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information.



FOURTH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM IN KILGORE: Pastor Galler is scheduled to speak on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in this event on Sunday, October 29th, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Devall Student Center on the campus of Kilgore College. We will need volunteers to help set up printed materials and refreshments, as well as to attend and enjoy learning.



"MARTIN LUTHER: THE IDEA THAT CHANGED THE WORLD":

Pilgrim's Missions and Evangelism Committee is making plans to screen the latest Luther documentary at Pilgrim in some sort of a family event on Monday, October 30th with a supper at 6:00 PM and the movie at 6:30 P.M., expecting time for discussion after the movie for those who can stay.

REFORMATION DAY JOINT SERVICE: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church hosts the annual October 31st service this year, with Pastor Galler scheduled to preach. There will be a covered dish meal (with a German theme) at 5:30 PM before the Divine Service at 7:00 PM. People at ORLC ask that we not all bring sauerkraut.

Church Directory changes and addition

Our members in the Koen Family have moved to the following address:

1812 Northwest Dr
Longview, TX 75604-2625
Emmett's Cell: 903-424-1523

The following is the contact information for soon to be members from Arp:

Emily and Lindie Melendrez and Phoenix Murrill
204 Lowry (mailing address: PO Box 163)
Arp, TX 75750
Phone: 903-393-9758
lindie_melendrez@yahoo.com

Friend of the Congregation, Elaine Sena, David Navaille's mother, also changed addresses:

1885 Page 1 Road
Longview, TX 75605-8611
Phone: 903-238-8211 and 504-450-5658 (cell)

If you have additional information you would like listed or have any updates at any time, please notify the Church Office (for example, email secretary@pilgrimlc.org), and we will pass the information along in the next issue of *The Pilgrimage*.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER PHOTO ALBUM



On Rally Day, August 27, Jack Watts, Seth Adams, and Phoenix Murrill did crafts under Holly Treadway's supervision. Sunday School certificates from the 2016-2017 year were handed out before the Divine Service and lunch was served after it.

Photo: Jim Treadway.



On Thursday, September 21, Pilgrim LWMLers Jeanette Paetznick and Sharon Sampson pose for a photo at their birthday party at Arbor Grace with Carolyn Holcombe, who provided the entertainment, and the Arbor Grace staff member who coordinated the party on their end.

(Near right) The new teenage Sunday School Class smiles for the camera on Sunday, September 24: pictured are Colleen Hooge, Clay Ellis, Devin Landry, Phoenix Murrill, teacher Marci Landry, Luke Land, Matthew Hooge, and Jasmine Landry. (Far right) That same day the next-oldest Sunday School Class takes a break from class to also smile for the camera: pictured are teacher Sharon Sampson, Seth Adams, Zylan Ellis, his friend Bradley, Anna Hooge, and Cooper Sampson. *Photos: Barbara Wuthrich.*



(Left) The newest addition to former Pilgrim member Aaron Clubb's family was baptized on Thursday, September 14 in Lakewood, Colorado. Pictured are Godparents Mark and Megan Brand, Aaron's wife Mary, holding four-day-old Elizabeth Anne, Aaron, holding Catherine Marie, and their associate pastor, Rev. Adrian Sherrill.



(Above) On Thursday, September 14, Pastor Galler and his mother Caryl pose in front of the life-size replica of Noah's Ark in Kentucky with his cousin's friend, his cousin Barb, her and her husband's son Kyle, her Aunt Donna on her husband's side, and his cousin's husband Ralph.

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

Daily Bible reader asks about Jeremiah's field

We have been encouraging people to read the Bible daily according to the plan distributed at left and in larger-print listings available in the Narthex (reproduced by permission from *Lutheran Worship*, pp.295-299). The plan calls for reading a psalm (or other little song) and a few chapters of a book each day and gets us through the whole Bible in one year. Our so reading the Bible together provides the opportunity for a congregation-wide discussion of the Daily Bible Reading through Q&A such as the following, which relates in part to last month's reading of Jeremiah, though our questioner was clearly reading ahead a little, since the question relates to ch.32, assigned for October 1.

Q: Jeremiah was preaching captivity (chs.25-29) but in ch.32 bought a field from someone else in his family and sealed up the deed (like the Dead Sea Scrolls?). I suppose that was to indicate that after captivity the Jews would return to their hereditary lands, but did Jeremiah live to see the day? It seemed still to be very depressing at the end of it.

A: Yes, Jeremiah's perhaps doubtful (v.25) but obedient buying his relative's field in his already overrun hometown of Anathoth, in fact "redeeming" it (v.8, in accordance with Leviticus 25:23-28; confer Ruth 3:6-4:12), at the Lord's command, even as the Babylonians were besieging Jerusalem, is a prophetic action that at least in part, as said, indicates the certainty of God's promise that Jews would return to their lands. And, no, we do not think that Jeremiah lived to see the day (Jeremiah is thought to have been 57 years old at the time of the siege and not to have lived much past sixty, when he was taken against his will to Egypt). Jeremiah's faithful secretary and friend Baruch took the two copies of the deed (the sealed copy guaranteed the authenticity of the unsealed copy, should it be lost, damaged, or changed, deliberately or otherwise) and preserved it in a clay jar. Some of the Dead Sea Scrolls, in fact, were preserved for more than 2,000 years, but this deed would really need to be safeguarded only the 70 years until after the return from exile so Jeremiah's heirs could reclaim the field as normal economic activity resumed (although at least one year of Jubilees would have intervened). Despite Ezekiel and Nehemiah's giving some indication of economic normalcy following the four returns of exiles, this particular field apparently is not mentioned again. While there may be some depressing details, the prophetic action of buying the field continued the message of hope from chs. 30-31 and contrasts sharply with Jeremiah's other actions that conveyed messages of doom. God answers Jeremiah's beautiful prayer with assurances of His grace even if Jeremiah (and we) cannot understand His ways and judgments.

I always welcome questions about the Daily Bible Reading, regardless of you are following the schedule of Reading we are providing or asking about another passage. Our being in God's Word by such daily Bible reading gives His Holy Spirit greater opportunities to work in us and so ultimately to grant us spiritual growth.

Pastor Galler

What the Bible and Luther say about Stewardship

We are nearing the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, All Saints' Eve, 1517, when Martin Luther posted his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. So, let's hear from Luther himself on the topic of giving and stewardship.

In the Small Catechism under the Table of Duties, Martin Luther gives specific Bible passages to help Christians know their duty in their various vocations as members of their family, society at large, and in God's family, the Church. Under the heading "What Hearers Owe Their Pastors," Luther lists five passages from the Bible, three of which have to do with giving to your local congregation.



"The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:14).

"Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows" (Galatians 6:6-7).

"The elders [presbyters, *i.e.*, pastors] who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, 'Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,' and 'The worker deserves his wages'" (1 Timothy 5:17-18).

Luther comments on these passages in his 1535 Lectures on Galatians.

When Paul says "all good things," this is not to be taken to mean that everyone should share all his possessions with his preacher. No, it means that he should provide for him liberally, giving him as much as is needed to support his life in comfort. ... The apostle is so serious in advocating this topic of support for preachers that he adds a threat to his denunciation and exhortation, saying: "God is not mocked." ... All this pertains to the topic of support for ministers. I do not like to interpret such passages; for they seem to commend us, as in fact they do. In addition, it gives the appearance of greed if one emphasizes these things diligently to one's hearers. Nevertheless, people should be taught also about this matter, in order that they may know that they owe both respect and support to their preachers. Christ teaches the same thing in Luke 10:7: "Eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages"; and Paul says elsewhere (1 Corinthians 9:13-14): "Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the Gospel should get their living by the Gospel." It is important for us who are in the ministry to know this, so that we do not have a bad conscience about accepting for our work wages ... it happens when those who proclaim the glory of God and faithfully instruct the youth derive their livelihood from them. It is impossible that one man should be devoted to household duties day and night for his support and at the same time pay attention to the study of Sacred Scripture, as the teaching ministry requires. Since God

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has commanded and instituted this, we should know that we may with a good conscience enjoy what is provided for the comfortable support of our lives from church properties to enable us to devote ourselves to our office. (*Commentary on Galatians* [1535], at Galatians 2:6-7, *Luther's Works*, American Edition 27:125-126).

In other words, pastors are not to suffer from low wages just because they are servants of Christ and the Word. They are to share in the livelihoods of all to whom they preach the gospel and instruct in the faith, so that the Word can be proclaimed and the faith carried from one generation to the next.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Reformation anniversary can take us back to the Small Catechism

The Reformation was not about anything new but about returning to the unchanged and unchanging truth. So it is still today. The celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation is not a time for novelty. It is a time to return: to the truth, to the basics, to the foundation.

Do you remember the Small Catechism? Many of us were made to memorize the catechism (or at least part of it) during our Confirmation classes. Some of us might have even suffered through a public examination over its contents.

How much do you remember? Say it with me: “I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him...” Can you finish? Do you remember where that is found? (It’s in Luther’s explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed.)

It’s time to return. Luther wrote the Small Catechism for the instruction of laypeople. Luther intended the Small Catechism to be used at church and in the home to instruct children in the faith and to reinforce the faith in the hearts and minds of adults.

There is no better time than in this year of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation to review the catechism.

Read it for yourself. Refresh the theology in your mind. Pray the catechism daily. Memorize it.

But even more, teach it. If you are a parent, teach it to your children. As you have opportunity, share it with your friends and peers.

The catechism teaches the fundamentals of the Christian faith: the Ten Commandments, the Lord’s Prayer, the Apostles’ Creed, the Sacrament of Baptism, the Sacrament of Absolution (and the Office of the Keys), and the Sacrament of the Altar. This small book is well worth your time and study.

May this celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation be a time when we return to the Word and Sacraments, when we turn to Christ and His love. It’s *still* all about Jesus.

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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 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 St. Peter, Gun Barrel City

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

OUR PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH:

Faithful stewardship of God's gifts

THOSE UNCONVERTED AND WHO HAVE STRAYED FROM THE FAITH

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, FIRE, AND CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENTS

THOSE IN THE PATH AND WAKE OF HURRICANES AND WILDFIRES

THOSE WHO TRAVEL:

Brady Gage

David Navaille

Edgar Wuthrich

THOSE WHO MOURN: Family & friends of Bluford Waits (Sampsons and Wuthriches' friend)

SHUT-IN/HOMEBOUND:

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

Wayne and Betty Miller (our members, not leaving their home in Longview)

Leroy Thomas (our member, in need of a ride from Highland Pines in Longview)

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

THOSE WHO NEED HEALING:

Carla Adams (our member Carl's mother, still healing from a cut chin and fractured jaw)

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

Moselle Barton (Connie Wilburn's friend, going to M.D. Anderson 9/25)

Gary Bolar (Toni and Tiffani Erickson's cousin, recovering from pneumonia)

Vern Buell (Remo and Kathy's friend, now doing worse after intestine surgery)

Guella Casey (Connie Wilburn's 90-year-old friend, compression fracture in her back)

Giuliano Chiapetta (Paul Guinn's friend Rudy's brother, dying from cancer)

Mary Criswell (our member, still seeking a diagnosis and so also treatment options)

Linda Davis (Paul Guinn's friend, chemotherapy for aggressive breast cancer)

Karen Franklin (Treadway's friend, recent cancer diagnosis and now chemotherapy)

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Marty Griffin (Shannon's niece's father-in-law, bone cancer surgery week of 9/10)
Charlotte Herrell (Sharon Sampson's sister, on hospice care)
Kathy Jennings (Remo and Kathy's friend, active and better spirits but still concerned)
David Landry (member, Ankylosing Spondylitis symptoms worse lately)
Herb Michel (relative of Pastor's friends, needs physical healing and to address behavior)
Maylin Miller (Jeanna Watts's niece, fractured collar bone)
Wayne Miller (our member, recent fall left blood on his brain, which may require action)
Larry Reif (our member, awaiting further test results after 8/28 skin removal)
Danny Sampson (cellulitis has cleared up, foot continuing to heal)
Abby Smith (Jeanna's cousin's wife, PRRT treatment every three months in Houston)
David Smith (the Watts Family's friend, recovering from 9/29 pinched-nerve surgery)
Spencer Thompson (Connie Wilburn's friend, diagnosed with lung cancer)
David Tippitt (Connie Wilburn's relative, leg below the knee was amputated)
Lanell Toon (Don Nicol's friend, widespread stage 4 cancer and diabetic husband)
Mark Tucker (Sarah's brother-in-law, trying to continue bladder cancer chemo)
Camille Wallace (Connie Wilburn's friend having heart problems)
Abby Weeks (Brady's brother's granddaughter, hemiplegic migraines, nerve blocks)
Pat Welch (Don Nicol's friend, Parkinson's continues to worsen daily)
Harold Wilburn (Arcele's brother-in-law, home again, some days better than others)
Robert Wiles (Betty Miller's nephew, untreatable cancer, remains on a feeding tube)
Bernie Wuthrich (Edgar's brother, heart condition receiving medical attention)
Van Willey (Remo and Kathy's friend, awaiting further chemo for stomach cancer)

THOSE IN THE MEDICAL PROFESSION:

Good Shepherd Heart Catheterization Lab undergoing personnel changes

FAMILIES IN CRISIS OR NEED AND ALL FAMILIES:

Adams Family (Bianca's heavy load at school)
George B. Heil Family (life changes)
Herricks Family (God's guidance for our member Olene and her son Joe)
Landry Family (ongoing home and employment transitions)
Thomas Family (Leroy's sons and grandchildren)
Wallace Family (Beth's acquaintances, in trailer in Michigan, not yet relocating to Texas)

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 September 20, 2017 (39 of 52 weeks):

Undesignated Plate Offerings received:	\$ 84,505.01
Undesignated Plate Offerings projected:	\$102,737.00 (for deficit budget)
Accrued expenses:	\$100,926.97
Projected expenses per budget:	\$107,782.22 (38/52 of the total for the year)

*Tyler Watts
Treasurer*



How can God use you in a special way to share the Gospel with your Muslim neighbors? The upcoming Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) Texas District Circuit #14 Retreat will attempt to offer some answers under the theme “Islam in Light of the Cross: Mission to Muslims”. All are welcome to attend and participate in the discussion.

The retreat will be held Saturday, November 11, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Palestine, Texas. The speaker will be The Rev. Karim Baidaoui of Disciples of the Way Ministries (DOW), a ministry of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Rev. Baidaoui will present a Bible Study in the morning and field questions in the afternoon.



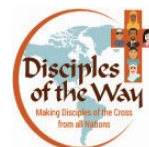
Rev. Karim Baidaoui

A former Muslim who was converted to Christianity in 1991 and ordained a Lutheran pastor in 2005, Rev. Baidaoui was called as a missionary to the Texas District of the LCMS and now directs Disciples of the Way. Among other things, his Bible Study will not only inform Christians about Islam but form them as disciples of the cross.

The Circuit #14 retreats are always informative and well worth the time and trip to Palestine. Registration is \$20 per person and includes abundant refreshments and a delightful and hearty lunch. Advance registration through your local congregation is preferred, with a deadline of Saturday, November 4, in order to give those preparing the food (the Bethlehem LWML) the best possible idea of how many will attend, but registrations will also be taken at the door, beginning at 9:30 a.m. More information is available from your local pastor or the Circuit #14 Visitor, the Rev. Dennis J. Bragdon, by phone (903-758-2019) or email (djb78945@gmail.com).

Circuit #14 of the Texas District of the LCMS is comprised of twelve East Texas LCMS congregations, with worship sites as far north as Hawkins-Holly Lake, as far East as Nacogdoches, as far south as Lufkin, and as far west as Corsicana.

Disciples of the Way Ministry exists to reach, teach, and live among Muslims and others, to raise up spiritual leaders from them, and to establish Christ-centered communities among them. More information about DOW is available at www.disciplesoftheway.org.



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NOVEMBER EVENTS

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY is presently planned to be held every Wednesday in November at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library.

CLERGY AND POLICE ALLIANCE ACADEMY: Pastor Galler continues attending these courses from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings, November 2nd, 9th, and 16th.

HIGHER THINGS JUNIOR YOUTH RETREAT will be held in Plano on Friday, November 4th and Saturday, November 5th.

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS will meet at after the Divine Service on Sundays, November 5th, 12th, 19th, and possibly also the 26th, in the Conference Room/Library.

CIRCUIT #14 RETREAT will be Saturday, November 11th. (See the preceding article.)

LWML QUILTING is currently scheduled for Monday, November 6th, at 5:30 p.m. in Sunday School Classroom #4.

LWML MEETING/SUPPER/BIBLE STUDY is currently scheduled for Monday, November 6th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library.

YOUTH CATECHESIS presently is scheduled to meet at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, November 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th, and at 11:00 a.m. on Saturdays, November 4th, 11th, 18th, and possibly also the 25th. All classes will meet in the Conference Room/Library.

ELDERS will likely meet as usual on Tuesday, November 14th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library (reading assignment TBA).

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for the December/January *Pilgrimage* will be due Sunday, November 19th.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE: The Elders are seeking the congregations input as to whether or not to have this service again this year.

Our hands can help Kilgore's Helping Hands

Items always needed are toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, staple pantry canned goods, peanut butter, and plastic shopping bags. A container for your Helping Hands donations is located in Pilgrim's Narthex. If you want to make a monetary contribution over and above your regular offering to Pilgrim, such monetary contributions can go further than the equivalent amount of some canned goods purchased at retail price. Send your check or money-order to Helping Hands of Kilgore, PO Box 1576, Kilgore, TX 75662.

Remember these items which are needed **by early November** (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, and frozen turkeys or chicken/hens, the last of which should be taken directly to 201 South Martin Street.



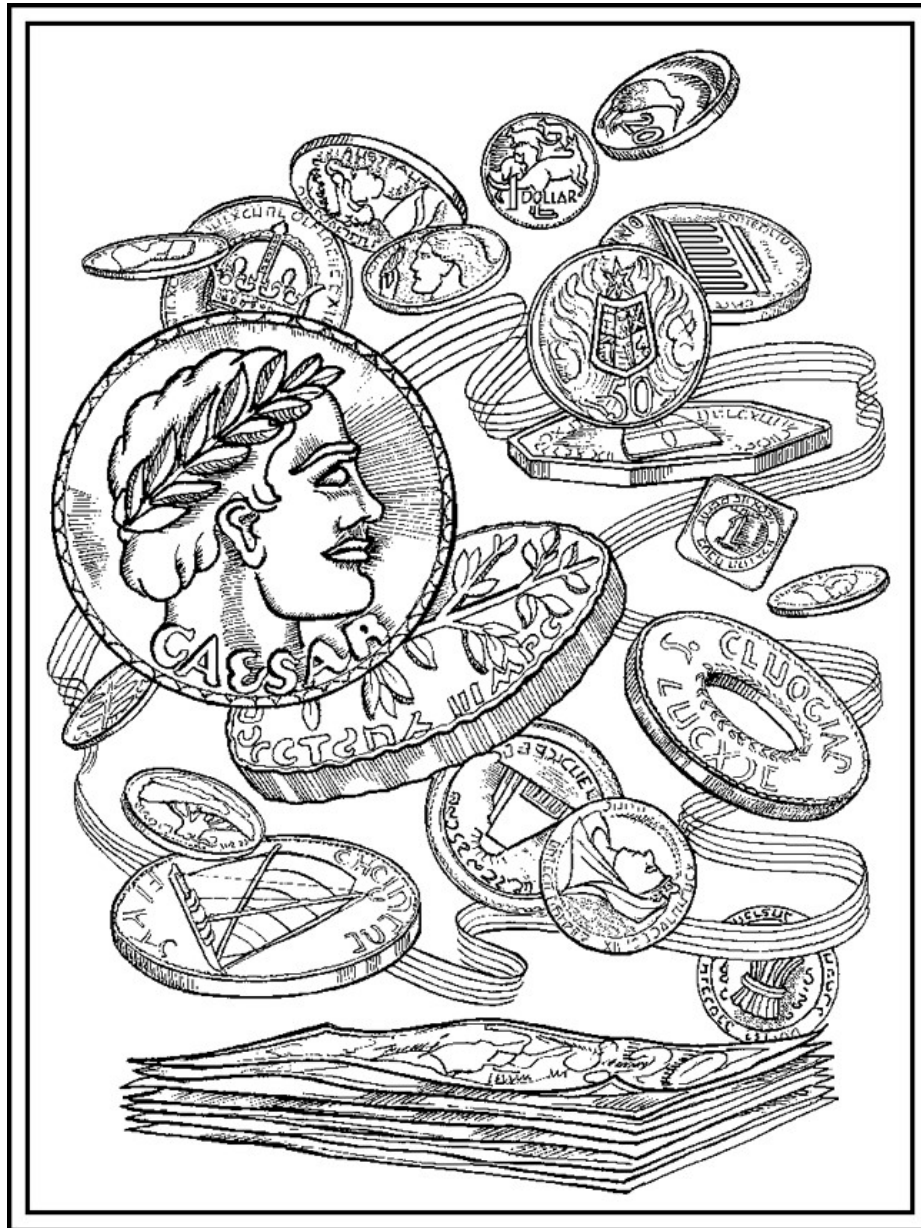
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“Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.” (Matthew 22:21)

Color all the things that have “Caesar’s” image.

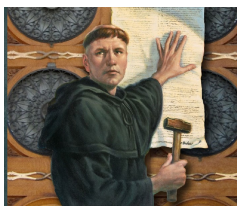
Think about who or what has the image of God.



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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
1 17 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (G) 9:15 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Adult Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service (LWML Sun.) Adult Catechesis Carl Adams (B) Maxwell Koen (B)	2 Cleaning lady from 8:45 AM-2:00 PM	3 Noon Kilgore Ministerial Fellowship Lunch 5:00 PM Youth Catechesis	4 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	5 Pastor at Plano Study Group 5:30 LWML Quilting 6-8:30 CAPA 6:30 LWML Meeting	6 Barbara Wuthrich (B)	7 8:00 AM-12:30 PM Blood Drive 11:00 AM Youth Catechesis Sarah Land (B)
8 18 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (G) 9:15 Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Adult Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service Adult Catechesis George C. Heil (B)	9	10 4:30 PM Youth Catechesis 5:30 City Council 6:00 PM Elders	11 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	12 6-8:30 PM Clergy and Police Alliance	13	14 9:00 AM-Noon Fall Pumpkin Patch 11:00 AM Youth Catechesis John and Vicki Walker (A)
15 19 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (G) 9:15 Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Adult Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service Adult Catechesis Jeanna Watts (B)	16	17 5:00 Youth Catechesis	18 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	19 6-8:30 PM CAPA Elaine Navaille (B)	20 Shannon Gage (B)	21 11:00 AM Youth Catechesis <i>Pilgrimage</i> articles due tomorrow
22 20 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (G) 9:15 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Adult Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service Covered Dish Meal/Voters' Meeting Sam Morton (B)	23	24 11:30 AM-1:00 PM UT Health Center Event 5:30 City Council 5:45 PM Youth Catechesis	25 Noon Pastor presents on the Reformation at Rotary 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study David Smith (B)	26 6-8:30 PM Clergy and Police Alliance	27	28 8:00 AM-2:00 PM Garage Sale 11:00 AM Youth Catechesis Mark Watts (B)
29 21 ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (G) 9:15 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Adult Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service 3-5 PM 4 th Symposium in Kilgore	30 6:00 PM Supper 6:30 PM Luther Movie in Parish Hall Tyler Watts (B)	31 REFORMATION DAY 5:30 PM Meal (ORLC) 7:00 PM Divine Service (ORLC)	Communion Assistant – Remo Gualtieri Acolyte – Cooper Sampson Cleaning Volunteers – Your Name Here?			

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