



THE PILGRIMAGE

The newsletter of Pilgrim Lutheran Church (LCMS), Broadway at Florey, Kilgore, Texas
May 2018

We glorify God by receiving the forgiveness of sins by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and sharing that salvation through word and deed with those in our midst, in our community, and throughout the world.

Prepare now for the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting

The continued Easter season, the Day of Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday this month provide an array of opportunities to celebrate the richness of our Triune God's harvesting us, who repent and believe, into the Holy Christian Church and His there providing us the victory our Lord Jesus Christ won for us on the cross over sin, death, and the grave. By grace through faith in Jesus, we already have as our possession now the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting, though, unless our Lord returns first, before we experience those things we are likely to experience temporal death and the burial or such that usually goes along with temporal death. We want to be prepared for our earthly deaths to occur at any time, prepared both by repentance and faith and in other ways.

Quite some time back, a member asked me for a worksheet to assist with funeral planning, and, with the Board of Elders' approval, since September of 2015 we have been making copies of such a worksheet available in the Narthex, as well as online with additional resources available there (see <http://www.pilgrimlc.org/weddings-funerals>). However, no one, not even that particular member, yet has submitted a worksheet to the Church Office, though I have heard that some have been completed, or at least started, at homes.

A Pilgrim member's recent sudden death is a good reminder to us all that we do not know when our earthly lives will end. Even if we expect ourselves and our children to live for a good long time yet, we do well to record our preferences for our final arrangements now, in order to help our survivors and congregation finalize plans for us when we are no longer around to ask what we might like. Furthermore, tracking down and verifying dates, places, pastors, and verses

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of baptisms, confirmations, and weddings can take time and energy that may not be available later.

Different people are different, of course, and they will want different amounts of pastoral care at different times, just as different pastors may want to provide pastoral care in different amounts and at different times. For example, the pastor's resources developed in connection with *Lutheran Service Book* provide rites and rituals for the Commendation of the Dying, Comforting the Bereaved (both with the family at the first viewing of the body and at the visitation), the Entrance of the Body into the Church building, the Funeral Service, and the Committal. Here at Pilgrim, we also have had brief memorials in regular Sunday Divine Services when a private or remote graveside or cryptside service has otherwise kept the congregation from having an occasion to honor the deceased and mark his or her passing from this world to the next. A completed worksheet on file in the Church Office can help a family let a pastor know what amount of pastoral care they or may not desire and at what occasions.

Worth noting is that, after remarking about the transitory nature of our lives (we are "a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes" [James 4:14]), James says that we should plan saying, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that" (James 4:15). We may well not need any funeral plans, if the Lord returns first!

Ultimately, death is not the last word but the Lord's and those who are in Him's victory over death. We are baptized into Christ Jesus and so also into His death and resurrection (Romans 6:1-10). As the *LSB:Agenda* concludes its introductory notes (p.85), burial rites take us on the last steps of the journey from Holy Baptism to the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. May God bless us on that journey not only to our salvation but also to the salvation of those we love and to the glory of His Holy Name.

*His and your servant,
Pastor Galler*

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!

05 – Pastor Galler
19 – Steven Sampson
20 – Edgar Wuthrich



Happy Anniversaries!

13 – Tom and Mary Criswell
15 – Tyler and Jeanna Watts



May 2018 offers Sunday and Midweek services from two different Church seasons

With four Sunday Divine Services and nearly the same number of Thursday Divine Services, May 2018 sees us wrap up the Easter season—and so also the festival half of the Church Year (also called the time of Christ—and begin the lengthy season of Sundays after Pentecost—called the non-festival half of the Church Year (or the time of the Church), though some feasts, festivals, and such are observed in it.

The dividing line, as it were, is the Day of Pentecost, both the 50th day of the Easter season and a feast day in its own right, a literal harvest festival in the Old Testament and a figurative harvest festival the New Testament. The first Sunday after Pentecost is observed as the feast of the Holy Trinity, not celebrating the doctrine but the richness of the Triune God and His saving work: of the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit. (Some may remember the one-year calendar and lectionary used in *The Lutheran Hymnal*, which counted Sundays after Trinity.)

The colored cloths on the font, altar, lectern, and pulpit (or “paraments”), as well as the pastor’s stole, this month will change from Easter’s white to Pentecost’s red, back to Holy Trinity’s white, and then to the Sundays after Pentecost’s green. White symbolizes joy, celebration, gladness, light, purity, and innocence. Red symbolizes fire and blood. And, green is the color of growth, leaves, foliage, fruit, and life. Each color is appropriate to when it is used.

The following are the Sundays of May 2018 and their Gospel Readings (appointed by *Lutheran Service Book’s* three-year lectionary series B).

- Sixth Sunday of Easter (05/06): Jesus chooses believers to bear fruit (John 15:9-17)
- Seventh Sunday of Easter (05/13): Jesus prays for believers to be sanctified in the Truth (John 17:11b-19)
- Day of Pentecost (05/20): The Father and Son send the Holy Spirit (John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15)
- The Holy Trinity (05/27): The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit save us (John 3:1-17)

Besides those Sundays, in May 2018 Pilgrim will also offer three midweek Divine Services. The first marks The Ascension of Our Lord on Thursday, May 10th, at 7:00 p.m. (the appointed Gospel Reading is Luke 24:44-53). The second, in connection with the Circuit #14 Pastors’ Meeting, marks the Commemoration of Possidius, Bishop, on Thursday, May 18th, at 9:00 a.m. (the appointed Gospel Reading is Matthew 16:13-19). The third, marks the Visitation of Our Lord on Thursday, May 31st, at 7:00 p.m. (the appointed Gospel Reading is Luke 1:39-45). Note especially that Visitation is regarded as a principal feast of Christ and is observed at Pilgrim on the day of its occurrence, as we are trying to do with other such feast days.

All are welcome to any of our services! (If you cannot or do not chose to visit in person, usually you can read and hear any sermons at Pilgrim at www.pilgrimlc.org/sermons.)

Pastor Galler

MAY EVENTS

“PREMARITAL” CATECHESIS will be conducted in May on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY is scheduled to meet every Wednesday in May at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library, continuing our study “Salvation History is our Story”.

LWML EAST TEXAS ZONE SPRING EVENT is Saturday, May 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Our Pilgrim society is hosting the LWML ladies from our zone, but welcome visitors from our congregation, also. You may register at the door.

LWML QUILTING BEE is Monday, May 7th, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 4 of the Parish Hall.

LWML MEETING/ SUPPER/BIBLE STUDY is Monday, May 7th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library.

ELDERS will likely meet on Tuesday, May 8th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library. (Reading assignment is the Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope, paragraphs 22-38.)

ASCENSION DAY DIVINE SERVICE is Thursday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m.

SPECIAL DIVINE SERVICE: The congregation is invited and welcome to a special 9:00 a.m. Divine Service on Thursday, May 17th, in connection with the Circuit #14 Pastors’ Meeting at Pilgrim.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for the June *Pilgrimage* will be due Sunday, May 20th.

SPECIAL VOTERS’ MEETING will be May 20th in the Sanctuary immediately following the Divine Service. All are encouraged to stay for this brief, but important meeting. Announced agenda items are receiving any new voting members; regularizing the list of voting members; considering a change to our Standing Rules regarding receiving new voting members; electing a new Treasurer and Inreach Coordinator; membership matters; designating Pastor’s housing allowance; and designating the delegate for the Circuit Caucus (if necessary).

ELDERS’ LUNCH is May 20th after the Divine Service. The Elders will provide the food, do all the work, and want everyone to come, socialize, and discuss a few topics in small groups with their respective elder.

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

In Memoriam

Since the last issue of *The Pilgrimage*, one member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church was, as we say, transferred to the Church Triumphant. Sallye Ella Sewing Key, who was born into this world on November 8, 1952, and who became a member of Pilgrim on February 28, 1993, entered into eternal life on April 12, 2018. Former member Betty Lou Sohn Miller, who was born on July 25, 1932, and who was a member of Pilgrim from November 29, 2009, to April 10, 2018, entered eternal life April 22, 2018. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord (Revelation 14:13-14)!

1	1 Sam. 2:1-10 Titus, Philemon
2	Psalm 121 Hebrews 1-4
3	Psalm 122 Hebrews 5-7
4	Psalm 123 Hebrews 8-10
5	Psalm 124 Heb. 11-13
6	Psalm 125 James 1-3
7	Psalm 126 James 4-5
8	Psalm 127 1 Peter 1-2
9	Psalm 128 1 Peter 3-5
10	Psalm 129 2 Peter
11	Psalm 130 1 John 1-3
12	Psalm 131 1 John 4-5
13	Psalm 132 2 John, 3 John, Jude
14	Psalm 133 John 1-2
15	Psalm 134 John 3-4
16	Psalm 135 John 5-6
17	Psalm 136 John 7-8
18	Psalm 137 John 9-10
19	Psalm 138 John 11-12
20	Psalm 139 John 13-14
21	Psalm 140 John 15-16
22	Psalm 141 John 17-18
23	Psalm 142 John 19
24	Psalm 143 John 20-21
25	Psalm 144 Acts 1-2
26	Psalm 145 Acts 3-4
27	Psalm 146 Acts 5-6
28	Psalm 147 Acts 7-8
29	Psalm 148 Acts 9-10
30	Psalm 149 Acts 11-12
31	1 Samuel 2:1-10 Acts 13-14

Daily reading leads to three more Bible Q&A

We continue to encourage everyone to be in God’s Word on a daily basis, for example reading a psalm and several chapters of a book each day as scheduled by the Daily Lectionary from *Lutheran Worship* (pp.295-299). The May daily Bible readings are reproduced at left, and larger-print lists are available in the Narthex. In this May edition of the *Pilgrimage*, I am privileged and pleased to provide the following answers to three questions I received from people so reading the Bible daily.

Q: I wonder, every now and then, why we know almost nothing about most of Jesus’s Twelve apostles after He sent them out. But, half the New Testament letters are written by Paul, who only came afterward. Was Paul meant to be the twelfth apostle, replacing Judas? If so, were the Eleven presumptuous in thinking that they should choose Judas’s replacement?

A: The title of St. Luke’s second Divinely-inspired book, “The Acts of the Apostles”, sure does not seem to fit well, when you consider how little the book tells of anyone other than, initially, Peter and John, then Stephen and Philip, and finally Paul and his coworkers—but perhaps that progression of people itself is important? Despite its later title, Acts does not claim to be a complete history but seems to have its own purposes and arguably meets them. Of course, tradition has stepped in where Holy Scripture has left voids, so you can find elsewhere at least what some people have thought less-mentioned individual apostles did, where they may have gone, and how they may have died. No Bible passage says Paul was meant to be the replacement for Judas, and, in fact, Paul himself seems to argue that he was not such an apostle (1 Corinthians 15:9). In the Acts 1:12-26 narration of the Eleven’s replacing Judas, Peter is reported as finding Biblical prophecy of their action (namely, Psalm 109:8). And, a number of Church Fathers favorably refer to the Eleven’s action as a precedent for later processes selecting bishops and pastors, less the casting of lots linked to prayers. In distinguishing the Apostles’ filling Judas’s vacancy but not filling that vacancy created by the subsequent martyrdom of James the son of Zebedee (Acts 12:2), F. F. Bruce writes, “a faithful apostle carried his office over into the resurrection life” (*New Testament History*, 210), as presumably Judas’s replacement Matthias would have done with his office. Bruce also points out that, of course, St. Paul was not the first non-apostle, in the narrow sense of the Twelve, to rise to prominence in the earliest Church: James the “kinsman” of the Lord got a personal resurrection appearance (1 Corinthians 15:7) and was regarded as a “pillar” of the Jerusalem Church (Galatians 2:9), if not its undisputed leader (Acts 15:13; 21:18), and he also authored a New Testament Epistle. Finally, we might consider that the number of the Twelve apostles seemed to have corresponded to the twelve tribes of Israel (Luke 22:30; Matthew 19:28; confer also Revelation 21:12, 14), and Paul at least

regarded himself as the apostle to the Gentiles (Romans 11:13; confer Timothy 2:7; 2 Timothy 1:11), though he certainly reached out to Jews, as well. Let us also let the Holy Spirit act through us!

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Q: In his epistles, especially Galatians, Paul discusses false teachings that circulated around the early church, infecting the spread of the Gospel. What were some of these teachings, if we know?

A: Galatians especially seems to be concerned about addressing what is usually regarded as a “Judaizing” form of the Gospel, which Paul therein says is no Gospel at all. This particular false teaching suggested that some keeping of the ceremonial law (for example, circumcision), was necessary for Gentile converts to Christianity to be saved. Such a false teaching fundamentally confuses the law that shows us our sin with the Gospel that forgives our sin by grace for Jesus’s sake, though, to be sure, justification should result in an incipient keeping of at least the moral law as evidence of ongoing sanctification. Generally, people are free to keep or not keep other aspects of the ceremonial law (for example, its dietary restrictions), considering the weak in faith, until they are told either that they cannot (at which point they must) or that they must (at which point they cannot). The letter we know as Galatians is one “medicine” to address that “infection” among the congregations that the Holy Spirit had started through Paul on his first missionary journey in what can be called Galatia. Another “medicine” was the action of the council in Jerusalem, as narrated in Acts 15:1-21, and the letter that the council sent to Antioch, and presumably on to those same congregations, as narrated in Acts 15:22-35. The action of the council and its letter also may have helped address the Judaizers’ false claim that Paul was not a true apostle (in a sense wider than the Twelve), which argument they used to attempt to undermine his teaching. May those same medicine inoculate us from that false teaching in our day!

Q: The Book of Revelation contains some pretty fantastic events, most of which are hard to accept as reality for non-believers. To what extent is belief in the validity of Revelation a necessary component of the Christian faith? Ours would be a much easier pill to swallow without it.

A: Through Church history, there certainly have been those who thought that Revelation should not be a part of the canon (list) of Holy Scripture, so the book is among those categorized as “anti-legomena”, those books in the canon but at one time spoken against (along with Hebrews, James, 2 Peter, 2 John, and 3 John). Properly understood, Revelation’s content is consistent with the apostolic faith “handed down” through the Church and so beneficial for reading. Furthermore, Revelation is usually held to have apostolic authorship, was widely accepted among congregations, and was suitable for use in their services. Of course, not everything in Revelation is to be accepted as “reality”, since much of Revelation is in a unique form of what is called apocalyptic language, describing highly symbolic prophetic visions, to disclose in a figurative way what will happen at the end of time. For example, the book repeatedly shows that good will triumph over evil, which is horrible law for unbelievers but great Gospel for believers. With that understanding, one of my former New Testament students, who initially was unwilling to read the book, came to read and appreciate it greatly. I would want to talk more to people about their reasons for any lack of willingness to accept Revelation, because, officially, our membership rites ask people whether they “hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God”, and, by the grace of God, an answer of “I do” is expected from all.

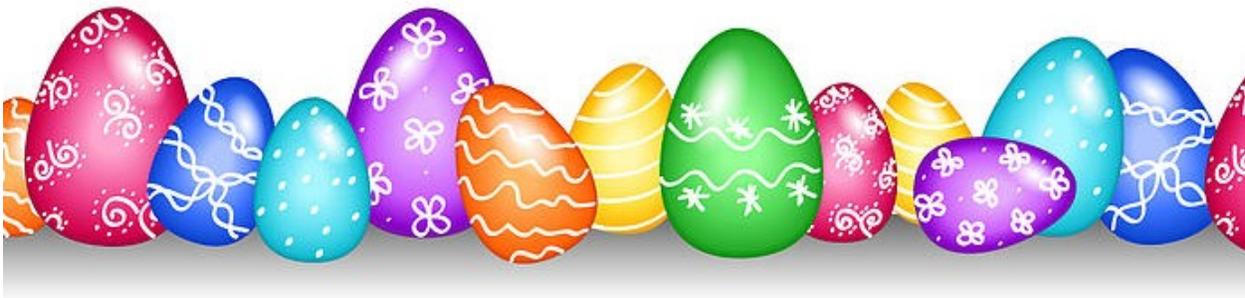
What are your questions about the Bible? Email, text, call, or ask me them in person. I am more than happy to answer them in the same fashion and share the questions anonymously and my answers in this forum. As He promises to do, God blesses us as we are in His Word!

Easter activities provide lots of April photos



On Easter Sunday, April 1st, after the “Son-rise” Matins Service, Pilgrim enjoyed our first “Men’s Easter Breakfast” since we moved into our new Parish Hall. (Above left) Pictured are Cooper Sampson, organizer/head-chef Danny Sampson, David Navaille, Ross Land, and Brady Gage cooking eggs in the little kitchen. (Above right) Carl Gardner and Edgar Wuthrich and many others prepared food to serve from the main kitchen. (Left) A large group enjoys the great breakfast the men prepared and were soon ready to move on to the Egf Hunt, Sunday School and Adult Bible Class, and the Divine Service! *Photos: Holly Treadway.*

(Right) Easter Egg hiders Dallas Landry, Jesse and Jasmine Arroyo, and Devin Landry take a break from their work to pose for a photo on the North Lawn. *Photo: Holly Treadway.*



April photos (continued)



(Above left) Jack Watts and Cooper Sampson had to be coaxed into hunting eggs, also, but not toooooo much.
(Above center) Cayden Hinson ALWAYS has fun, whatever he is doing, but especially hunting Easter eggs!
(Above right) Lucy and Mark Watts gathering Easter eggs decked out in their Easter finery.

Photos: Holly Treadway.

(Near right) Pastor Galler posed for a picture with Cooper Sampson after Coop's ballgame at the Sabine Fields April 12th. Coop's team was 5 and 1 at that point! *Photo by Barbara Wuthrich.* (Far right) On Sunday, April 15th, our member Cayden Hinson made the front page of the *Longview News Journal* making a throw for his Astros at Lear Park. Go, Cayden!!
Photo: Michael Cavazos, Longview News Journal.



All members are welcome both to share their children's activity schedules with Pastor so he can support them and to contribute to The Pilgrimage pictures of their children engaged in their activities.





The Old and the New Testament call for sacrificial giving

St. Paul teaches, “Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches” (Galatians 6:6). And again, he says, “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” (1 Corinthians 9:13-14).

In other words, ministers of the gospel are supported by the offerings of those who are served by them, and this is how the Church lives even now. It is standard practice. But, this deserves closer examination. For he instructs us not *just* that we are to give but also *what* we are to give. And he does so with four little words: “In the same way ...”

St. Paul is building his case for supporting the preachers of the Gospel with the sacrificial giving of individual members on the example of the Old Testament people who supported the Levites with their offerings and sacrifices. We’re to support the Gospel ministry “in the same way.” But how did the Old Testament people support the Levites?

Moses records this: “You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always” (Deuteronomy 14:22-23). The Levites were supported by the tithe, 10 percent of all the yearly yield of that which was harvested.

Does that seem like a lot? Does it surprise you that St. Paul instructs us that we are to support the New Testament Gospel ministry “in the same way?” If it does, ask yourself: is the Church’s job in the New Testament bigger or smaller than the Levites’ job in the Old Testament? Back then there was one Temple, and the ministry was almost exclusively located in one nation among the descendants of Abraham. The New Testament Church is to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19). And, there are churches and ministries all around the world. How could we support this new Gospel ministry with anything less than the Israelites supported the Old Testament ministry?

Of course, God knows whether our circumstances force us to give less, and we are free to give more, for we have received more than those in the Old Testament. We have received the fullness of God’s revelation, the fullness of His salvation, the fulfillment of everything that God promised to do. For, we have received Christ, God’s own Son, in the flesh, Who took upon himself our sins and in exchange gave us His righteousness. The Father claimed us as His own in Holy Baptism. He gathers us together in the place where his Name dwells to feast on the first fruits of the resurrection, the risen and living body and blood of his Son, our Lord, Jesus. He reminds us that we are His, that all things are ours because we belong to Him. He blesses us here in time with physical and spiritual gifts.

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In the same way, and in response to His fatherly divine goodness and mercy, we gladly give to support those who proclaim to us “the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light.” For, once we were not a people, but now we are God’s people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have indeed received mercy (1 Peter 2:9-10).

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Pilgrim’s year-to-date plate offerings and expenses reported

Following a request from Pilgrim’s Board of Elders, Pilgrim’s Treasurer reports the following figures for 2018 through April 26th (16 of 52 weeks):

Undesignated Plate Offerings received:	\$33,339.80
Undesignated Plate Offerings projected:	\$40,000.00(for deficit budgets)
Actual accrued expenses:	\$41,132.56
Projected expenses per budget:	\$43,846.39

(16/52 of the total for the year under the austerity budget)

Tyler Watts
Treasurer

CEF investments have earned Pilgrim \$53.33 in 2018

As of the March report, Pilgrim had \$57,570 in supporting investments with the Texas District Church Extension Fund (CEF) with an outstanding loan balance of \$319,673, for a supporting investment level of 18%. The Two rebates so far for 2018 totaled \$53.33 should be applied to the loan balance. At the current level of supporting investments, we are earning a rebate of 0.10%, but, if the percentage were 25%, we could earn a rebate of 0.25%! Do you have additional funds you want to invest with CEF? Check out the May 2018 rate slip below, visit www.TexasCEF.org, or see Pilgrim’s trained CEF representative Sarah Land with your questions or for more information.



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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⁾	2.000%	2.02%	2.125%	2.14%
Three Year Note ⁽¹⁾	2.375%	2.40%	2.500%	2.52%
Five Year Note ⁽¹⁾	2.750%	2.78%	2.750%	2.78%
Flex Savings			1.000%	1.00%
<u>Accounts For Congregations</u>				
Congregation Savings			1.250%	1.26%
Building Fund Savings			2.750%	2.78%

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.

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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

Vacancy at St. Peter, Gun Barrel City

Rev. Keith Bowman of Joliet, IL, deliberating a call to Our Savior, Centerville

Rev. Mark Dahn of Trinity, Tyler, deliberating a call to St. Paul, Peachtree City, GA

OUR PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH:

Blood drive donors and recipients

LWML East Texas Zone Event May 5th

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 AND ASSISTED SUICIDE 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 (our member, at Naval base in Virginia)

Brian Holcombe (Carolyn Holcombe's son assigned to a base in Japan)

Nick Modisette (George and Jeanette Heil's nephew, sailing with the Navy in the Pacific)

THOSE IN POLICE, FIRE, AND CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENTS

THOSE WHO TRAVEL:

Brady Gage

Jerome Key

David Navaille

Charles Rittenberry

Edgar Wuthrich

SHUT-IN/HOMEBOUND:

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

Don Nicol (our member, at home in Henderson, not really able to come to church)

Leroy Thomas (our member, at Arbor Grace, formerly Kilgore Health and Rehab)

THOSE WHO NEED HEALING:

Bob (David Navaille's friend, experiencing a health issue)

Mozelle Barton (Connie Wilburn's friend, still has a long way to go fighting her cancer)

Linda Davis (Paul Guinn's friend, chemotherapy for breast cancer resumes in March)

Sandra Davis (George B.'s coworker Misty Hill's mother, radiation and chemo continue)

Marty Griffin (Shannon's niece's father-in-law, chemo for bone cancer is complete)

Dulcie Gualtieri (Remo's mother, cancer is spreading, treatment to be determined)

Carolyn Holcombe (our organist, seeing doctor 2/23 after hand surgery 02/13)

Vernell Hooge (Paul's mother, heart catheterization 2/1, new medicine for 3 months)

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Kathy Jennings (Remo and Kathy's friend, still has ups and downs)
David Landry (our member, better and worse days with Ankylosing Spondylitis)
Arielle Lindo (Bianca Adams' niece, diagnosed with Leukemia)
Dennis Martin (Navailles' friend, recovering in a hospital from a broken pelvis)
Ed Martin (Marci Landry's father, atrial fibrillation and not cooperating with treatment)
Sandy McBride (Emma Watts' friend Emma McBride's aunt with health issues)
Emily Melendrez (recovering from 4/24 wrist surgery)
Charlene Phillips (Olene Herricks' friend, on hospice care)
Danny Sampson (our member, on hospice care as this newsletter went to print)
Nellie Shubert (Arcele's brother Chuck's sister-in-law, at the Willows)
David Smith (our member, UTI and medication adjustment, kidney transplant pending)
Ronnie Stover (Angela's friend Sherri Lilly's friend, better on experimental medicine)
Ty Thigpen (Debbie Smith's third cousin, diagnosed with juvenile diabetes)
Donny Joe Thomas (Arcele's neighbor and friend, heart catheterization week of 2/25)
Spencer Thompson (Connie's friend, 2/22 scan showed improvement in lung cancer)
Tracy Tippitt (Arcele Wilburn's niece, dealing with a blood clot in her leg)
Mark Tucker (Sarah's brother-in-law, could not continue chemo, may have surgery)
Harold Wilburn (Arcele's brother-in-law, dementia seems about the same right now)
Wendy Wright (Connie's friend, having trouble recovering from gall bladder surgery)
Rose Wuthrich (Edgar and Barbara's sister-in-law, in a rehab center after UTI)

THOSE IN THE MEDICAL PROFESSION

EXPECTANT MOTHERS:

Dana Freeman (our member, due in July)
Amelia Jackson (Watts Family relative, due July 15)

FAMILIES IN CRISIS OR NEED AND ALL FAMILIES:

Adams Family (Bianca's heavy load at school)
Herricks Family (God's guidance for our member Olene and her son Joe)
Landry Family (ongoing home and employment transitions)
Mayhall Family (Sarah Land's sister's family, struggling with her divorce)
Watts Family (transition to Kansas this summer)
West Family (Beth's new job; Dan still seeking employment)

Please support Kilgore's Helping Hands

The newest request is putting an emphasis on making Kilgore eat healthier by offering whole wheat breads, low-sodium foods vegetables, and fruits in their own juices, although all donations are accepted. Artificial sweeteners, small bags of sugar, toilet paper, and feminine hygiene products are ALWAYS NEEDED, and dollar stores are a perfect source. When purchasing canned meats, they prefer cans with pop-tops. You can place your items in the box in the Narthex (under the guest register) or take them directly to 201 South Martin Street, if you can catch them open.



JUNE EVENTS

POSSIBLE RESCHEDULED “SPRING THING” Saturday, June 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Watch Sunday bulletins for details.

PILGRIM’S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be Sunday June 3rd through Thursday, June 7th, with light supper at 5:00 p.m. and sessions from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All sorts of volunteers are needed to publicize and conduct VBS. See Outreach Coordinator Dylan Landry and Christian Education Coordinator Sarah Land.

“PREMARITAL” CATECHESIS will be conducted as needed on Wednesdays June 13th, 20th, and 27th at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library (not on June 6th due to Vacation Bible School).

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY will likely meet on Wednesdays June 13th, 20th, and 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library continuing our study “Salvation History is our Story” (not on June 6th due to Vacation Bible School.)

CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE HONORING will be Sunday, June 10th, after the Divine Service. Watch Sunday bulletins for details.

ELDERS will likely meet on Tuesday, June 12th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library. (The reading assignment will be announced closer to the meeting.)

TEXAS DISTRICT CONVENTION in Irving, June 14th-17th. Pastor Galler and George B. Heil will attend at least one day, including the Circuit #14 Caucus.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for the July *Pilgrimage* will be due Sunday, June 17th.

PRESENTATION OF AUGSBURG CONFESSION joint service on Monday, June 25th, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1300 Judson Road, Longview.

EAST TEXAS SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL is June 28th-July 29th. We have gone to plays together in the past. See additional information in bulletins and on bulletin boards in the Narthex.

LWML does not have quilting or meetings during the summer months.

LWML Texas District Convention gathers items

The following items can begin being gathered now in order to be collected and taken to the LWML Texas District Convention in Waco, July 5-8, 2018, for distribution to three different charitable organizations:

Option House: twin-size bedsheets, pillows, snack foods, and Walmart and McDonald’s gift cards (\$5, \$10, and \$15).

Care Net: baby bath soap, baby shampoo, baby lotion, baby wipes, diapers (larger sizes), and feminine hygiene products.

Tri-Cities Food Pantry: peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal, cereal, cracker sandwiches, canned and packaged meat.

KIDS' PAGE

The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



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Pastor's Regular Study Hours
 Tuesday 5:00–8:00 PM
 Wednesday–Friday 9:00 AM–Noon
 Saturday Noon–3:00 PM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Communion Assistant – Steven Sampson Acolyte – Jack Watts Cleaning Volunteers – <i>Your Name Here?</i>		1	2 5:30 PM Pre-marital Catechesis 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	3 Pastor at Plano for Lutheran Pastors' Study Group	4	5 LWML East Texas Zone Event 10:00 AM-2:00 PM in Kilgore Pastor Galler (B)
6 6 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (W) 9:15 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service SS Teachers' Meeting (tentative)	7 5:30PM Quilting 6:30PM LWML Meeting/Supper/ Bible Study	8 6:00 PM Elders	9 5:30 PM Pre-marital Catechesis 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	10 THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD 7:00 PM Divine Service	11	12
13 7 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (W) 9:15 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service M/M Tom Criswell (A)	14	15 M/M Tyler Watts (A)	16 5:30 PM Pre-marital Catechesis 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	17 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Circuit #14 Pastors meet in Kilgore	18	19 <i>Pilgrimage</i> articles due tomorrow Steven Sampson (B)
20 DAY OF PENTECOST (R) 9:15 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service Special Voters' Meeting/Elders' Lunch Edgar Wuthrich (B)	21	22	23 5:30 PM Pre-marital Catechesis 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	24	25	26
27 THE HOLY TRINITY (W) 9:15 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service	28	29	30 5:30 PM Pre-marital Catechesis 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	31 THE VISITATION 7:00 PM Divine Service		

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