



THE PILGRIMAGE

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

We all are Jesus's little lambs

On Saturday, June 15, 2019, Pilgrim was blessed with eight children present for Vacation Bible School (four members and four non-members). This year's VBS theme was "I am Jesus's little lamb", after the hymn of the same name (*Lutheran Service Book* 740), which those present sang during VBS and again the following day with the congregation before the Divine Service after reporting to the congregation their experiences of the day before in VBS 2019.

As is typical of Vacation Bible School, there was time for music, an opening and closing (using liturgical elements and hymns, psalms, and readings connected to the theme), lessons, crafts, games, snacks, and, given the "all-day" approach this year, also lunch. Thanks to everyone who helped and supported this year's VBS, whether by volunteering their time, donating supplies or cash, or praying for its success.

I do not do anything perfectly, perhaps especially not teach younger children, but by God's grace we together got through the time for music, opening and closing, and lessons (others led crafts, games, snacks, and lunch). I was particularly impressed with the foundation of knowledge and understanding that the Holy Spirit had already worked in the students that God



The older students in VBS 2019 were (front row, left to right) Jenna Jo Haufler and Gemma Holcombe; (back row) Mikaela Haufler, Aurianna Chiasson, Heaven Chiasson, and Madison Freeman. (Not pictured are younger students Gwendolyn and Benjamin Freeman.) *Photo: Holly Treadway.*

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brought to us this year. And, I continue to pray that the Holy Spirit continue to develop their faith as He built on their foundations through our time together.

No surprise to those who attended our Midweek Bible Study's treatment of John 10 on June 5 and/or the "workshop" of the VBS material on June 12, key emphases of all aspects of the day-long VBS included all of our being sheep who by nature have gone astray and the Lord's laying on Jesus our sins. The Lord seeks us out and is our Shepherd, our Good Shepherd, Who not only lays down His life for us but also takes it back up again. He calls us each by name in Holy Baptism, and we hear His voice and follow Him. Through His under-shepherds, He pastures us on His Word in all of its forms, including the Word read and preached to groups and applied to us individually as in Holy Absolution and Holy Communion.

I appreciated the students' enthusiasm for the complete hymns and selected hymn stanzas about sheep and shepherds that we learned and sang. *Lutheran Service Book* 740:3 is a good stanza to leave you with:

"Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast,
There within His arms to rest."

*His and your servant,
Pastor Galler*



Pastor Galler works with VBS students at the white board to memorize Isaiah 53:6: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all" (ESV). *Photo: Holly Treadway.*



A student's finished crafts are ready to take home.

Photo: Holly Treadway.

DAILY BIBLE READING

- 1 Deut. 32:1-4
1 Sam. 28-31
- 2 Psalm 28
2 Sam. 1-3
- 3 Psalm 29
2 Sam. 4-6
- 4 Psalm 30
2 Sam. 7-9
- 5 Psalm 31
2 Sam. 10-12
- 6 Psalm 32
2 Sam. 13-15
- 7 Psalm 33
2 Sam. 16-18
- 8 Psalm 34
2 Sam. 19-21
- 9 Psalm 35
2 Sam. 22-24
- 10 Psalm 36
1 Kings 1-2
- 11 Psalm 37
1 Kings 3-6
- 12 Psalm 38
1 Kings 7-8
- 13 Psalm 39
1 Kings 9-11
- 14 Psalm 40
1 Kings 12-14
- 15 Psalm 41
1 Kings 15-17
- 16 Psalm 42
1 Kings 18-20
- 17 Psalm 43
1 Kings 21-22
- 18 Psalm 44
2 Kings 1-3
- 19 Psalm 45
2 Kings 4-6
- 20 Psalm 46
2 Kings 7-9
- 21 Psalm 47
2 Kings 10-12
- 22 Psalm 48
2 Kings 13-15
- 23 Psalm 49
2 Kings 16-18
- 24 Psalm 50
2 Kings 19-22
- 25 Psalm 51
2 Kings 23-25
- 26 Psalm 52
1 Chron. 1-5
- 27 Psalm 53
1 Chron. 6-10
- 28 Psalm 54
1 Chron. 11-15
- 29 Psalm 55
1 Chron. 16-20
- 30 Psalm 56
1 Chron. 21-25
- 31 Deut. 32:1-4
1 Chron. 26-29

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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	2	3 No Rotary Meeting 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY M/M George C. Heil (A)	5 Carl Gardner (B)	6
7 4 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (G) 9:15 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service	8	9 6:00 PM Elders' Meeting	10 Noon Rotary Lunch 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	11	12 Reports for Council Packet due to Holly Treadway Sunday	13 10:00 AM Service at the Willows Zylan Ellis (B)
14 5 TH SUNDAY AFTER OF PENTECOST (G) 9:15 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service M/M Sammy Traylor (A)	15	16	17 Noon Rotary Lunch 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	18 9:00 AM-1:00 PM Circuit #14 Meeting (location TBA)	19 David Navaille (B)	20 8:00 AM -12:30 PM Community Blood Drive at Pilgrim
21 6 TH SUNDAY AFTER OF PENTECOST (G) 9:15 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service Regular Council Meeting	22	23	24 Noon Rotary Lunch	25	26	27
Pastor Galler on vacation after church 7/21. An Elder will answer the church phone and contact the pastor on call as needed.						
28 7 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (G) 9:15 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Matins (no Communion)	29	30	31 Noon Rotary Lunch	Elder On Duty – Carl Gardner Cleaning Volunteers – Adopt a room or a task!		
Pastor Galler continues his vacation.						

God bless our native land; / Firm may she ever stand / Through storm and night.
 When the wild tempests rave, / Ruler of wind and wave, / Do though our country save / By Thy great might.” (LSB 965:1)

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