

# Pilgrim Lutheran Church

BROADWAY AT FLOREY

KILGORE, TEXAS



April 2014 “PILGRIMAGE”

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*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.*

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## Ready to be resurrected!

Dear Members and Friends of Pilgrim Lutheran Church,

Did you ever wonder—and can you even read that question without hearing it in Andy Rooney’s voice? Did you ever wonder about Jesus’s followers and their handling of Jesus’s body after His death? Did you ever wonder what their handling of Jesus’s body said about their faith and so what our handling of our bodies might say about our faith?

Late on Good Friday, Joseph of Arimathea got permission from Pilate and, with Nicodemus’s help, took Jesus’s body down from the cross. The two men somewhat prepared the body and placed it in Joseph of Arimathea’s own new tomb. Faithful women watched and made their own plans to further treat Jesus’s body after they rested on the Sabbath. (See Matthew 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-16:3; Luke 23:50-24:1; and John 19:38-42—notably all four divinely-inspired Gospel accounts detail Jesus’s burial.)

Despite Jesus’s repeated prophecies that in keeping with Old Testament prophecy He would be crucified and be resurrected on the third day (Matthew 16:21; 17:22-23; 20:18-19; Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:33-34; Luke 9:22; 18:31-33), at least the women seemed to expect both to find Jesus’s body at the tomb three days later and to need to further treat it as for burial. Easter morning God’s sent messengers had to point the women to Scripture’s and to Jesus’s own prophecy of His resurrection and so indicate the women’s apparent error in their seeking the living among the dead. (See Matthew 28:5-6; Mark 16:6; Luke 24:5-8, especially v.5.)

We surely can say that the men’s and women’s initial care for Jesus’s body flowed from their love for Him, that they would have at least cleaned and somewhat anointed for burial Jesus’s body, making Him ready to be resurrected, even if they *in faith* expected Him to rise three days later. But, we surely would have a harder time finding love *and faith* in their actions on Sunday morning. Even if they thought they would have to go out to the tomb to find the Resurrected Jesus, at that point they hardly would have brought prepared spices for use in burial. God’s sent messengers had to confront them with their sin, declare to them the Good News, and in turn send them to declare that same law to others and effect that same Gospel for them (Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-18; Luke 24:44-49; John 20:21-23).

By nature sinful and deserving of temporal and eternal death, we also need to be confronted with our sin and have the Gospel effected for us. At times we might fail to realize our sin. At times we might fail to realize what Jesus’s resurrection means for our own lives as believers or for the lives of those believers we love (that because Jesus lives, so we also will

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live). At times we may be preoccupied with questions about the resurrected body (on that matter, see 1 Corinthians 15:35-57). When we repent of our sin and trust God to forgive our sin for Jesus's sake, God forgives all our sin, whatever it might be. Jesus is the resurrection and the life; all those who believe in Him, even if they die in this world before His return, will live eternally, and all those who believe in Him and are alive when He returns will never die (John 11:25-26). Especially God's action in Holy Baptism connects us to Jesus's death and resurrection and guarantees our resurrections (Romans 6:3-10), though also the Sacrament of the Altar is connected with our resurrections (John 6:54). By grace through faith in Jesus we are ready to be resurrected! With faith that is certain of the resurrection of the body, we treat the bodies of departed believers accordingly.

Recently several members and even some nonmembers in one fashion or another presented me their plans for their earthly remains after the Lord calls their souls from this vale of tears. To be sure, planning ahead is a good thing, as it often spares family members and friends the need to make decisions wondering or arguing about what the deceased really would have wanted. (I have had my funeral service planned since early in my ministry.) But not so good a thing is planning ahead without consulting one's pastor and without considering both the needs of the Christian congregation to grieve and the broader witness of arrangements such as how one's earthly remains are treated.

For example, Christians, believing in the resurrection of the body and its reunion with the soul, have long preferred burial of the body, at least in part because Jesus's own body was buried and then resurrected. In some cases God's people have gone to great lengths to bury their dead (for example, Joseph, see Genesis 50:24-26 and Exodus 13:19). Cremation of human remains is never referred to positively in the Bible and has long been associated with the non-Christian rejection of the resurrection of the body and the pagan notion that only the soul, if anything at all, survives death for eternity. To be sure, cremation's association with the rejection of the bodily resurrection may have diminished over the years, and the rise in cremation rates may be attributed more to space limitations, health considerations, and economic factors (although economic factors are lessening as those in the burial industry adapt their marketing strategies and price structures to the trend). But, even as God is capable of resurrecting cremated remains, as well as remains that have been lost or otherwise destroyed, we do not put Him to the test (Deuteronomy 6:16; Matthew 4:7; Luke 4:12), but we do best at least to consider seriously the content of our faith and how we bear witness to that faith with our treatment of our earthly remains. What in some contexts can be a matter of Christian freedom can in other contexts be a matter of confession.

As we this month conclude Lent and begin the Easter season, I invite everyone to Pilgrim to hear the Good News of Jesus's death and resurrection for us, and I also welcome those whom we know confess the faith confessed at Pilgrim's altar to receive from it Christ's body and blood for their eternal life and for the resurrection of their bodies. Also, I encourage all those connected to the congregation to consider with me their funeral and other end of life arrangements, including the matters of obituaries, service location and content, and treatment of their earthly remains. These seasons of the Church Year and always, let us rejoice in Christ's and our own resurrections and bear witness to them in all that we think, say, and do. Then we truly will be ready to be resurrected!

*His and your servant,  
Pastor Galler*

## NEWS



**SAM MORTON** received his firefighter's certificate Wednesday, March 26, 2014, in a ceremony at Bert E. Woodruff Adult Education Center Auditorium in Longview. Sam's graduation was featured prominently in the March 27<sup>th</sup> issue of the Longview News Journal (see [http://www.news-journal.com/news/local/first-explorer-graduates-fire-academy-comes-back-to-lfd/article\\_ad9851db-9be1-5e38-94fd-5e303b436d07.html](http://www.news-journal.com/news/local/first-explorer-graduates-fire-academy-comes-back-to-lfd/article_ad9851db-9be1-5e38-94fd-5e303b436d07.html), from where we borrowed Les Hassel's picture). Congratulations, Sam! We know that God will use you to His glory in whatever vocation He gives you.

**CIRCUIT #14 RETREAT:** On Saturday, March 1, 2014, the following members of Pilgrim traveled to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Palestine, Texas, for the annual Circuit #14 Retreat: Pastor Galler, Danny and Sharon Sampson, J.D. and Tifaney Sampson, and Steven Sampson. The speaker, Rev. Sonnenberg, was very engaging with his style of delivery, walking around the room as he spoke. His very timely and interesting topic was "The Christian and Homosexuality in 2014." Rev. Sonnenberg said the most important thing we can do is understand that people are hurting and love them by speaking law and Gospel to them, helping them to know that there is help in Jesus Christ. As He died for us, He also died and rose again so that everyone might have eternal life with Him. We viewed a number of short video clips, including a very interesting and delightful one that showed conception through birth. One of that clip's points was that each and every life is so very important not only to us but to our heavenly Father.

The food again was delicious with lots of muffins, breads and fruit. The lunch was a variety of soups with crackers, sandwiches, vegetables, and wonderful desserts. We all ate our \$10 worth! If you didn't go this year, I hope you get the opportunity to go next year.

Video recordings of the retreat will soon be available to borrow from the Church Office on a DVD and to view off our congregation's website.

*Sharon Sampson*

**LUTERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE:** At the last meeting of Pilgrim's society, members voted to purchase a book on liturgical banners from Concordia Publishing House. We will meet an hour early, at 5:00 p.m., before our April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, to look at different ways to glean our existing banners and consider making some new ones. Any help would be appreciated; you do not have to be a member of LWML to work on banners or attend the meeting.

Our society is also gearing up for the June Texas District LWML Convention in Frisco, TX. Our East Texas Zone is helping host and is responsible for all the decorations at the convention. We have an opportunity to help serve the Lord at the Spring Workshop Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, in Gun Barrel City, where we will work to complete 600 banquet favors and 250 delegate/special guest bags. Tea lights were purchased as banquet favors and they need to be "dressed up" with a little glitter, and the delegate/special guest bags need to be filled. All ladies of our congregation are invited to come to the Workshop and have fun with their sisters in Christ.

## APRIL EVENTS

**MIDWEEK LENTEN VESPERS SERVICES** Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We are continuing the theme “Passion Prophecies fulfilled for you!”

**LENTEN MEALS** at 6:00 p.m. before the Midweek Lenten Vespers Services.

**FESTIVAL CHOIR REHEARSALS** at 6:30 p.m. after the Lenten meals and before the Vespers services. We are singing part of the liturgy on Good Friday and an anthem on Easter.

**YOUTH CATECHESIS** each Thursday (except April 17<sup>th</sup>) from 3:45-5:00 p.m., at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Longview for the convenience of the catechumens, their families, and Pastor Galler.

**LWML BANNER PARTY** Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.

**LWML** Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**ELDERS** Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Remember to read and be prepared to discuss AC/Ap X, pp.35, 153-155.

**CLEAN-UP DAY** Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at church

**ONCE-A-MONTH-SOCIAL GATHERING** we will attend the movie “Noah”, starring Russell Crowe, on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Watch the bulletin for where and when.

**CLEAN-UP DAY RAIN DATE** Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at church

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE** Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY DIVINE SERVICE** Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE** Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**EASTER LILIES AND FLOWER CHART:** Everyone is invited to bring lilies for the altar on Easter morning in honor of our Risen Savior. A sign-up chart is located in the Narthex if you would like to provide flowers for the altar during the month of April or any other month the rest of the year.

**EASTER “SONRISE” MATINS SERVICE** Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.

**EASTER BREAKFAST** Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 or right after the “Sonrise” Service.

**EASTER EGG HUNT** Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m., followed by Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m.

**EASTER SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICE** Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m.

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY** resumes Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**KILGORE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE** Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Watch the bulletin for details about signing up to donate and helping.

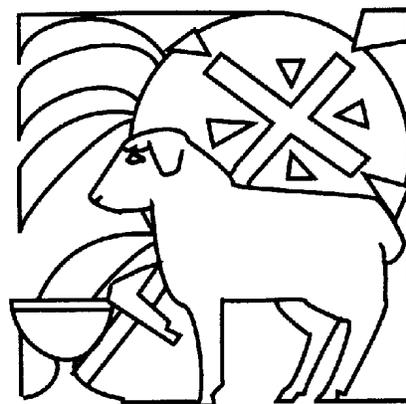
**VOTERS’ MEETING FOLLOWING COVERED DISH MEAL** Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, in the Parish Hall after the Divine Service.

**VOULNTEERS:** There are still openings to sign up to be greeters or pick a month to help clean the church. Any help will be appreciated.

## April brings the end of Lent and the start of Easter

The daylight continues to lengthen, which is partly behind the name of our Church Year's season of Lent, but this month of April that penitential season of preparation gives way to the joyous season for which we have been preparing: Easter! We look forward to the respective emphases of both seasons as reflected in regular Sunday Divine Services and other special opportunities for worship.

The 40 days of Lent are in some sense offset by the 40 days Jesus appeared on earth between His Resurrection and Ascension, though the Easter season itself continues 10 more days to Pentecost. Lent, with its purple paraments in part symbolizing penitence and self-discipline, more than anything prepares us for the Holy Week and Easter celebrations of the mystery of our redemption by the death and resurrection of the God-man Jesus Christ. Easter, with its white paraments in part symbolizing joy and gladness, is the oldest Christian feast and the center of the Church Year, because everything for the Christian depends on the resurrection of the Lord. St. Paul puts the matter this way, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:17 ESV).



The Sundays this month are evenly split between the seasons of Lent and Easter (the Sundays of Easter will continue through May and into June). The following are the Sundays in April 2014 and their Gospel Readings (appointed by *Lutheran Service Book's* three-year lectionary series A, which largely uses the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, although that fact is less-evident this month).

- Fifth Sunday in Lent (4/6): Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead (John 11:17-27, 38-53)
- Sixth Sunday in Lent (4/13): Jesus is crucified for you (Matthew 21:1-11; 26:1-27:66)
- The Resurrection of our Lord (4/20): Jesus rises from the dead (Matthew 28:1-10)
- Second Sunday of Easter (4/27): the Risen Jesus appears to His disciples (John 20:19-31)

You may know that the Sixth Sunday in Lent is also called Palm Sunday. At Pilgrim we will begin the service on the front porch and process into the Sanctuary with palm branches in our hands.

April also gives us our final two Midweek Lenten Vespers Services and three other special opportunities for worship, the sermons for which are all part of the same series. The series' general theme is "Passion Prophecies fulfilled for you!" Given this year's lectionary series' focus on St. Matthew's divinely inspired account, we are concentrating on prophecies whose fulfillment is reported in that account. (In our Midweek Lenten Vespers Services we also are hearing "The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ" as "Drawn from the Four Gospel [accounts]".) The services, their dates, themes, and Bible texts follow.

- Midweek IV (4/2): Patient and silent in suffering (Isaiah 53:7; Matthew 26:63; 27:12-14)
- Midweek V (4/9): Struck on the cheek (Micah 5:1; Matthew 27:27-31)
- Maundy Thursday (4/17): Suffered to bear our sins (Isaiah 53:4-6; Matthew 20:28; 26:38)
- Good Friday (4/18): Suffered alone (Isaiah 53:1-3; Psalm 22:1; Matthew 27:46)
- Easter "Sonrise" (4/20): Rose from death the third day (Psalm 16:8-11; 30:3; Isaiah 53:10-11; Jonah 1:17; Matthew 12:40; Luke 24:6, 31, 34, 46)

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The Midweek Lenten Vespers Services are at 7:00 p.m., following a 6:00 p.m. dinner to which all are invited and the Festival Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Divine Service is at 7:00 p.m., as is the Good Friday Divine Service (a full Divine Service this year, also including the traditional procession of the cross and reproaches). On Easter Sunday the “Sonrise” Matins are at 7:30 a.m. (a new time this year), followed by the Easter Breakfast at 8:30 a.m., Egg Hunt at 9:15, Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., and the Divine Service at 10:45 a.m. These special Holy Week services include elements that are solemn and joyful favorites of many people (for example, the stripping of the altar and special music from the children and the choir). We encourage you both to attend yourself and to invite your family, friends, and colleagues. (You may also be interested in attending the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 19, at 6:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Lufkin.)

If you cannot or do not attend in person, you can always read and in most cases hear the sermons preached at Pilgrim online at <http://www.pilgrimlc.org/sermons>.

*Pastor Jayson S. Galler*

## HELPING HANDS

For the month of April, items needed are dried beans, cereal, oatmeal, Ramen Noodles, toilet paper, and small Bibles/New Testaments. A container for your donations is located in Pilgrim’s Narthex. If you want to make a monetary contribution, send your check or money order to Helping Hands of Kilgore, PO Box 1576, Kilgore, TX 75662.

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### *HAPPY ANNIVERSARY*

M/M Remo Gualtieri – April 3

M/M David Navaille – April 23



### *HAPPY BIRTHDAY!*

Julia Hail – April 1

Tiffani Erickson – April 4

Harold Engebretson – April 7

Ben Morton – April 7

Carolyn Holcombe – April 10

Miles Giles – April 22

George A Heil – April 26

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 prompts questions and answers

We encourage everyone to read the Bible every day, following, if they wish, the Daily Reading plan we are reproducing here from *Lutheran Worship*. Regardless of how much or what portion is read, everyone's being in God's Word daily is a blessing to them as individuals, to the Body of Christ, and to the people the Holy Spirit brings into their lives.

The Daily Bible Reading has prompted questions that have been answered at the beginning of the Sunday-morning Adult Bible Class and one more that is answered below. (People are always welcome to ask questions about their Bible Reading, whether they are keeping up with or even following the Daily Bible Reading plan we are providing here.)

**Q: What, if any, connection is there between the serpents of Numbers 21:3-8 and that of Genesis 3? Also, is it true that the Hebrew word "snake" can also refer to something like an alligator or crocodile?**

A: As Numbers 21:4-9 reports, when the Israelites grew impatient and spoke against the Lord and Moses, complaining about the water and bread the Lord provided for them, the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, many of whom died from their bites unless they looked in faith at a bronze serpent Moses was directed to raise up on a pole. Although Exodus 4:3 and 7:15 report—using the same Hebrew word for "snake" or "serpent", *nachash*—Aaron's staff's turning into a snake, the snake on the pole in Numbers 21 is usually thought to be something different. There is at a minimum the same sort of verbal connection between Numbers 21:4-9 and Genesis 3, as both of those passages also use the same Hebrew word. That same Hebrew word can also be used to refer to a dragon or sea monster, but none of the sources I checked mentioned anything about *nachash* referring to an alligator or crocodile. The Hebrew word *livyathan* may be a "crocodile" or "serpent", however; see Job 26:13 and Isaiah 27:1 for "Leviathan" as a "crooked serpent". (There is also the Hebrew word *tanniyn*, meaning "large reptile", variously translated in such ways as "dragon", "serpent", "whale", and "sea monster".) Instead of other available words for "snake", New Testament writers use the "almost perfect equivalent" Greek word *ophis* when referring to both the Genesis 3 event (2 Corinthians 11:3 and Revelation 12:9 ff.) and the Numbers 21 event (John 3:14; 1 Corinthians 10:9), and in Revelation 12:9 that term for "snake" is set parallel to the term for "dragon", *drakon*, essentially serving as another synonymous name for Satan. That snakes were used after the event in the Garden to afflict the Israelites in the wilderness seems to be more than a mere coincidence, even as God uses the devil to afflict us in order to serve His good purposes. And, as Jesus points out in John 3, we who look in faith to Him lifted up on the cross have eternal life, even as we without complaining receive God's "water" in Holy Baptism and "bread" in the Sacrament of the Altar. Jesus is the Offspring of the woman Who bruises (or crushes) the head of the serpent as prophesied in the first Gospel promise (Genesis 3:15), and His authoritative representatives are given power over its offspring (Mark 16:17-18; Luke 10:19).

Pastor Jayson S. Galler

## **Please pray for our members, family, friends, and coworkers**

PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AND ITS SYNOD OF EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCHES  
CIRCUIT #14 CONGREGATIONS AND PASTORS IN TRANSITION OR DIFFICULTY  
MEN IN THE SERVICE:

Garrett Caldwell (George and Gwen Heil's grandson, safely back from Afghanistan)  
Victor Guinn (Paul Guinn's son at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene)  
George C. Heil (Navy school in Charleston, SC)  
Brian Holcombe (Carolyn and Wendell Holcombe's son stationed in Hawaii)  
Ross Land (Army basic training at Ft. Benning in Georgia)

THOSE WHO SERVE IN POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND THE MEDICAL PROFESSION

THOSE WHO MOURN: Family and friends of Jimmy Winters (Sampsons' second-cousin)

THOSE WHO TRAVEL:

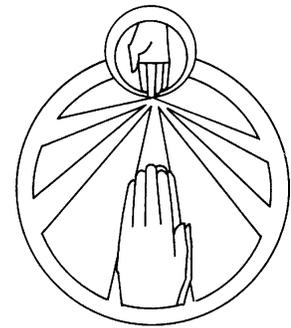
Brady Gage  
Jeanette Heil  
Tim Jeffers  
Jerome Key  
David Navaille  
Edgar Wuthrich

SHUT-INS:

Bob Abraham (in an Alzheimer Center in Austin)  
Leland Dean (with his daughter Gina in Bartlesville, Oklahoma)

THOSE WHO NEED HEALING:

Vern Buell (friend of Remo Gualtieri and Kathy Hudson, still recovering from surgery)  
Tom Cedel (CTX President, Hodgkin lymphoma, undergoing eight chemo treatments)  
Bea Claverie (Elaine Navaille's cousin, undergoing chemo for bone marrow cancer)  
Sabrina Davis (Connie Wilburn's friend, undergoing chemotherapy for lung cancer)  
Alexandra Frericks (Sallye Key's relative, treating failing heart transplant in Atlanta)  
Wayne Galler (pastor's father, expected to return from hospital to skilled nursing facility)  
Tom Gill (Jeff's father-in-law, no change in his suffering from spinal cancer)  
Mark Harrington (Walkers' brother-in-law, worst bone cancer but no treatment yet)  
Marsha Hayes (Nicols' friend, undergoing chemo and radiation for throat cancer)  
George Heil (heart in and out of rhythm, new medication gradually taking effect)  
Cathy Jennings (Australian friend of the Gualtieris, visited Mexico for cancer treatment)  
Kathleen Jennings (Heil relative's pastor's wife dealing with chronic pain)  
Laura Key (Jerome's step-mother, recurring shingles, wheelchair bound, assisted living)  
Sallye Key (experiencing continual pain, mostly in her spine and upper arms)  
Adam Lowery (Debbie and David Smith's nephew, still undergoing stroke rehab)  
Lane Meador (Wilburn's 7-year-old paralyzed friend, tubed for breathing and feeding)  
Herb Michaels (brother-in-law Pastor Galler's friend, behavioral and other health issues)  
Tanya Monk (Morton family friend, earthly death from cancer could come any time)  
Brad Moore (Angela's coworker's relative, Parkinson's precipitating life decisions)  
Gilbert Moore (Angela's coworker's relatives, caregiver for son, health and grief issues)  
Sherry Paetznick (continuing to recover from a broken ankle)  
Richard Ramage (Carolyn Holcombe's brother, Alzheimer's continues to progress)  
Betty Sewing (Sallye Key's step-mom, experiencing several serious illnesses in Denver)



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Debbie Smith (heart false positive, following up on sleep apnea and type 2 diabetes)  
Rev. Roy Southard (retired pastor, served here once, cancer-related surgeries March 31)  
Vince Vineyard (Walkers' brother-in-law, advanced form of bladder cancer)  
Robert Wiles (Betty Miller's nephew, untreatable cancer throughout his body)  
Tim Young (David Navaille's friend, undergoing chemotherapy)  
Chuck and Dora Zabrosky (Arcele's brother and sister-in-law, giving and receiving care)  
ALL MARRIAGES AND FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN CRISIS OR NEED  
Shala Family (neighbors of Olene Herricks, immigrants here, son in dangerous Albania)  
STRESS RELIEF AND MANAGEMENT  
Tiffani Erickson  
KILGORE'S HELPING HANDS, THEIR CLIENTS, AND THEIR CLIENTS' FAMILIES

## MAY EVENTS

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**ELDERS** Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** are due May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**ONCE-A-MONTH-SOCIAL GATHERING** What would you like to do in May?  
(There are no home Pumpjacks baseball games until June.)

## **THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:**

All who prepared the delicious food, served, and cleaned up for the March Lenten services.

To Barbara Wuthrich for sprucing up all of the flower beds at church.

*TO GOD BE THE GLORY!*



March  
2014

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Fixed Rate</u> <sup>Δ</sup>		<u>Floating Rate</u> <sup>Δ</sup>	
	Rate	APY	Rate	APY
One Year Note <sup>+</sup>	.750%	.75%	0.250%	0.25%
Three Year Note <sup>+</sup>	1.250%	1.26%	0.875%	0.88%
Five Year Note <sup>+</sup>	1.750%	1.76%	1.500%	1.51%
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Congregation Savings			1.000%	1.00%
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# KIDS' PAGE

## Kids Bible Wordsearch

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

*Resurrection  
of Jesus Christ*  
Puzzle #3

ALIVE  
ANGEL  
BETRAYED  
BLOOD  
BODY  
CHRIST  
CRUCIFIED  
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## Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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Pastor's Regular Study Hours  
 Tuesday 5:00–8:00 PM  
 Wednesday–Saturday 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Cleaning **Volunteers:**  
 Your Name Here

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Communion Assistant – Dr. Ron Morton</b>  <b>Acolyte – Luke Land</b>		<b>1</b> Noon Ministerial Fellowship Gathering  Julia Heil (B)	<b>2</b>  6:00 PM Meal 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM Vespers	<b>3</b> 3:45-5:00 PM Youth Catechesis (at ORLC)  M/M Remo Gualtieri (A)	<b>4</b>  Tiffani Erickson (B)	<b>5</b> 9:00 AM Clean-up Day at church  Reports for Voters' Packet due tomorrow
<b>6</b> 5 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT (P) 9:15-9:30 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service	<b>7</b> 5:00 PM BANNER 6:00 PM LWML 6:30 PM Rotary Board Meeting Harold Engebretson (B) Ben Morton (B)	<b>8</b>  2:00-5:00 PM Cleaning Ladies  6:00 PM Elders	<b>9</b>  6:00 PM Meal 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM Vespers	<b>10</b> 7:00 AM Small Church Pastors' Breakfast  3:45-5:00 PM Youth Catechesis (at ORLC) Carolyn Holcombe (B)	<b>11</b> Once A Month Social Gathering-Movie Night "Noah" (see bulletin for details)	<b>12</b> (Clean-up Day at church Rain Day)
<b>13</b> PALM SUNDAY (P) 9:15-9:30 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  6:00 PM Meal 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM Vespers	<b>17</b> MAUNDY THURSDAY (W)  No Youth Catechesis  7:00 PM Divine Service	<b>18</b> GOOD FRIDAY (B)  7:00 PM Divine Service	<b>19</b> Newsletter articles due tomorrow  6:00 PM Easter Vigil First Lutheran in Lufkin
<b>20</b> RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD (W) 7:30 AM Sunrise Service 8:15-9:00 AM Easter Breakfast 9:15 AM Easter Egg Hunt 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  5:30 PM Pastor prays at Kilgore City Council  Miles Gill (B)	<b>23</b>  7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study  M/M David Navaille (A)	<b>24</b>  3:45-5:00 PM Youth Catechesis (at ORLC)	<b>25v</b> ST MARK, EVANGELIST	<b>26</b> 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Blood Drive  George A Heil (B)
<b>27</b> 2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (W) 9:15-9:30 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service Covered-Dish Meal and Voter's Meeting	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study			

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