

# Pilgrim Lutheran Church

BROADWAY AT FLOREY

KILGORE, TEXAS



October 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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## Proportionate first-fruit offerings support Pilgrim

Dear Members and Friends of Pilgrim Lutheran Church,

I know that I should not be, but nevertheless I continue to be surprised by how much I am learning as our Midweek Bible Study traces out the history of salvation and sees it as our story. At present we are in the book of Exodus, and I am especially appreciating both its major theme of deliverance from slavery to worship God and the details each section gives to support that major theme. (Everyone is welcome to join us for the study at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Parish Hall.) As God freed the Old Testament people of Israel from their slavery to the Egyptians in order for them to worship Him, so God freed the New Testament people of Israel from their slavery to sin in order for them to worship Him. We, who by grace through faith in Jesus Christ are so freed and so are spiritual descendants of Abraham, part of the new Israel, the Church, also come into God's presence with thanksgiving and give Him proportionate first-fruit offerings of all He has given us.

God's initial action to deliver us followed by our response of faith and good works is especially clear in one section our Midweek Bible Study covered recently: Exodus 19:1-24:11. For example, God first says, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Exodus 20:1 ESV), and then He speaks the "Ten Words" or "Ten Commandments" describing how we (at least are to) live our lives since He has done that for us (Exodus 20:3-17). In what follows, God gives further details about those Ten Words, we find moral law, civil law, and ceremonial law throughout.

In describing the people's relations to God, God says both "None shall appear before me empty-handed" (Exodus 23:15 ESV) and "The best of the first-fruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the LORD your God" (Exodus 23:19 ESV). The offering of first-fruits (especially associated with the Old Testament feast of Pentecost) represented the whole harvest and acknowledged that the whole harvest was from and belonged to the Lord. (Think of how the *Small Catechism* teaches us that in the Lord's Prayer's petition for daily bread we pray that God would lead us both to realize He gives us our daily bread and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.) And, as we discussed previously as part of our Sunday Adult Bible Class on why we worship the way we do, the first-fruits also supported the priesthood.

God's Old Covenant with His people also stipulated that the people tithe (give 10% or one-tenth) of all they had (see Leviticus 27; Numbers 18; and Deuteronomy 12, 14, 26). Much earlier Abram had given a tithe to the priest Melchizedek (Genesis 14:20), and Jacob had

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pledged a tithe to God at Bethel (Genesis 28:22). Like the offering of first-fruits, tithes supported the Levites, who were not given an inheritance in the land (the Levites in turn paid a tithe of what they received to the priest), and tithes also helped the poor. Some think that the end result of all the tithing legislation was that the people gave a total of 20% every year and a total of 30% every third year. Regardless, tithing was not meant to be a burden but a joyful response to what God had done and from what God had given (see Deuteronomy 12:12 and confer 2 Corinthians 9:7), with the tither submitting to and depending on God.

As people of the New Testament, we are no longer under the ceremonial laws requiring first-fruit offerings or tithes. But, like God's delivered people of old, we, whom He has also delivered, still respond to what God has done for us by joyfully giving to Him proportionate first-fruit offerings of all He has given us. If 10%, 20%, or 30% was required of believers waiting for the promised Savior, one might suggest that those who have received the Savior's fulfillment could give more. And, while our individual percent may change over time, as the size of our income changes relative to our minimum living expenses, we continue to give and to give our percent as first fruits (for example, a percent of our gross pay not of our after-tax pay check).

Thankfully, our Pilgrim Lutheran Church is blessed with members who do give of what God has given them, supporting the work of our congregation and, through the congregation's "tithe" of what it receives, also the work of entities such as the Texas District and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Our congregation's standing Stewardship Committee and Budget Committee are challenging those *who do not currently* give proportionate first-fruit offerings of all He has given *to do so*. And, the Committees are challenging those *who do currently* give proportionate first-fruit offerings of all He has given *to give a higher percentage*.

Finishing out 2014 "in the black" and meeting the proposed 2015 budget do present challenges, not to mention the challenge of our congregation's building adequate Sunday School space and a larger Parish Hall. Yet, we do not give specifically in order to meet such needs, but we give proportionate first-fruit offerings of all He has given us because we have been set free from sin in Christ Jesus our dear Lord. May God bless us all to that end!

*His and your servant,  
Pastor Galler*

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## *HAPPY ANNIVERSARY*

M/M John Walker – October 14



## *HAPPY BIRTHDAY!*

Barbara Wuthrich – October 6

Sarah Land – October 7

George C Heil – October 8

Beth Nicol – October 9

Sarah Key – October 13

Tifaney Sampson – October 16

Elaine Navaille – October

Shannon Gage – October 20

Samuel Morton – October 22

David Erickson – October 25

David Smith – October 25

## October has more than Sundays for worship

October 2015 offers more than its four Sundays for worship at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Kilgore. Again this year Pilgrim is partnering with Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Longview to observe what is usually regarded as the anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation in Germany. In at least some churches the Reformation restored to its proper place the Gospel of the forgiveness of sins by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. All are welcome to join us on Thursday, October 30, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at Pilgrim in Kilgore. We will follow *Lutheran Service Book's* Order of Vespers, which we have been using for our midweek Advent and Lent services, familiar Reformation hymns and readings have been selected, and The Rev. Dennis Bragdon from Our Redeemer will preach that evening. (Be sure also to mark November 2, 2014, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on your calendar for the "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism(?)" symposium we are sponsoring at the Deval Student Center on the campus of Kilgore College.)



The Sundays after Pentecost this month, their dates, and a brief description and citation of their Gospel Readings follow (according to *Lutheran Service Book* Three-year Series A):

- Seventeenth Sunday (10/05): Jesus speaks of His being rejected (Matthew 21:33-46)
- Eighteenth Sunday (10/12): Jesus tells a parable of a wedding (Matthew 22:1-14)
- Nineteenth Sunday (10/19): Jesus says to give God what is His (Matthew 22:15-22)
- Twentieth Sunday (10/26): Jesus stumps those challenging Him (Matthew 22:34-46)

As you may have noticed, *Lutheran Service Book's* three-year series of appointed Gospel Readings omits Matthew 22:23-33, Jesus's teaching the Sadducees about the resurrection of the dead (a passage that also seems to speak to the issue of marriage in heaven). The three-year series also omits the parallel account from Mark 12:18-27 from the second year but appoints the parallel account from Luke 20:26-40 in the third year. You are encouraged to read the omitted portion from Matthew now on your own.

You may remember that the green paraments (cloth hangings) on the font, lectern, pulpit, and altar, as well as the stole the pastor wears, are intended to bring to mind the life and growth evident in foliage and fruit and so reflect the growth in the Kingdom of God through Word and Sacrament, an emphasis of the season of Sundays after Pentecost.

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

*Pastor Jayson S. Galler*

*Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.*

– Martin Luther (*Lutheran Service Book* 655:1)

## OCTOBER EVENTS

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING** Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the Office Building.

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY** Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall (except October 22, when Pastor Galler is in Canada).

**LWML RALLY** Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Nacogdoches. (Some ladies from Pilgrim will perform a skit.)

**LWML SUNDAY** October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**REPORTS FOR PACKETS** for the Voters' Meeting are due October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**ADULT CATECHESIS** Beginning Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> and October 19<sup>th</sup>, about 12:15 a.m., following the Divine Service. All are welcome to attend. Bring your own lunch from home or carry out a lunch to eat together before class begins. Plan on a good 1.5 to 2 hours of class time. (Note that we will not meet on October 12<sup>th</sup>, due to the Voters' Meeting, or on October 26<sup>th</sup>, due to Pastor Galler's being out of the country.)

**LWML QUILTING BEE & BANNER PARTY** Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.

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**YOUTH CATECHESIS** Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lonview.

**ELDERS** Thursday October 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE** Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**COVERED-DISH MEAL AND VOTERS' MEETING** Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> following the Divine Service. Elections and the 2015 budget are on the agenda.

**WORSHIP CONFERENCE** Monday and Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, "Built on the Rock: Christ, Culture, and Sacred Music" worship conference at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Plano.

**PUMPKIN PATCH AND FALL MARKET** Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St Luke's Methodist Church. We need donations of baked goods and volunteers to staff the booth. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** are due October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**CLUBB-STEPHENSON WEDDING** Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, our member Aaron Clubb weds Mary Stephenson in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. You can read more about at the wedding at <http://www.aaronandmary.com> (the password is october24). Aaron's current address is 14382 E Road, Delta, CO 81416.

**MATINS** Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, in Pastor Galler's absence there will be no communion.

**JOINT REFORMATION EVE VESPERS** Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. at Pilgrim.

**ONCE-A-MONTH-SOCIAL GATHERING:** What do you all want to do this month? Give your ideas to Tifaney Sampson.

## Synod reports progress on two “Pilgrim” resolutions

*Editors’ Note: Our Pilgrim Lutheran Church was arguably involved with two resolutions that eventually passed the 2013 LCMS Convention. One, regarding the call process, our Voters’ Assembly sent to the 2012 Texas District Convention, where the resulting resolution passed and so was to have been forwarded on to the Synodical Convention, where a related resulting resolution passed. The other, regarding catechetical materials, our Voters’ Assembly passed and sent to the Synodical Convention, where the resulting resolution also passed. The following reproduces the Synod’s recent progress report for the two resolutions.*

**Resolution:** 3-10A, To Appoint a Task Force to Study the Call Process for Returning Missionary and Military Chaplains and Other Rostered Church Workers without a Call

**Resolution Summary:** District presidents and congregations will be encouraged to consider calling church workers on both candidate and non-candidate status. Also, that the president of the Synod will appoint a task force to study the need for a placement process for returning military chaplains and missionaries and the candidate and non-candidate status of all church workers.

**Progress Report:** The president appointed a nine-member task force to study these issues. The task force is chaired by the Rev. Terry Cripe, LCMS Ohio District president, and includes representatives of the seminaries, the Council of Presidents, the Concordia University System and military chaplains. The task force will continue its work and submit final report and recommendations by July 2015.

**Quote:** “The task force is currently receiving information from the district presidents so that we have an accurate accounting of the number of professional church workers on candidate and non-candidate status and the reasons for their status. When we have that information tallied, we will begin discussing ways to help congregations evaluate those whose gifts and talents may be appropriate for them to consider.” — Rev. Terry Cripe, LCMS Ohio District president

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**Resolution:** 3-13A, To Update the Synod’s Catechetical Materials

**Resolution Summary:** The convention resolved “that the Synod in convention direct the Commission on Theology and Church Relations, in concurrence with the President of Synod, to propose such needed revisions to the content of the 1991 *An Explanation of the Small Catechism*.”

**Progress Report:** The initial work on the revision has been assigned to a Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) subcommittee. In conjunction with Concordia Publishing House, a survey of LCMS pastors sought feedback regarding topics that should be addressed. The subcommittee has, in consultation with the president, appointed a working group (drafting committee) to prepare an initial revision. That group, which has started work, includes scholars from both seminaries, a pastor, an educator and CTCR staff.

**Quote:** “It is virtually impossible to overstate the significance and value of Luther’s Small Catechism for the nurturing and formation of the faith, life and worship of young people and adults in the LCMS. We are very excited about the long-term implications of this project and about the helpful input we’ve already received from pastors, church workers and others regarding possible ways that the *Explanation* to the catechism might be enhanced for use in today’s cultural and ecclesial context.” — Rev. Dr. Joel Lehenbauer, executive director, Commission on Theology and Church Relations

## Pilgrim's LWML Society hosts Arbor Grace Birthday Party



Tristan Roberts directs the Kilgore High School Chamber Orchestra in its birthday party entertainment.



Jeanette Paetznick cuts the cakes for the residents.



Jeanette Paetznick, Sharon Sampson, and Tifaney Sampson are ready to share their birthday blessings.

## HELPING HANDS

Items desired for October are tuna, pasta, spaghetti/spaghetti sauce, rice, beans, peanut butter, cereal, meat, canned veggies, etc. A container for your donations is located in Pilgrim's Narthex. If you want to donate money above and beyond your regular church offering, you can send your check or money order to Helping Hands of Kilgore, PO Box 1576, Kilgore, TX 75662.

## THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING

Brady and Shannon Gage, for keeping the church grounds manicured.

Kathy Hudson, Elaine Navaille, Jeanette Paetznick, Tifaney Sampson, Arcele Wilburn, and Barbara Wuthrich for contributing the cakes for Arbor Grace nursing home. Jeanette, Sharon Sampson, and Tifaney for delivering and serving the cakes.

Shannon Gage, Kathy Hudson, Vickie Walker, Arcele Wilburn, and Barbara Wuthrich for providing and serving the delicious food for the Circuit Pastors' Conference. Sharon Sampson for decorating in a fall apple motif.

## PILGRIM'S YEAR-TO-DATE PLATE OFFERINGS

Following a request from Pilgrim's Board of Elders, Pilgrim's Financial Secretary reports the following figures for 2014 as of September 21:

Plate Offerings received: \$78,160.28  
 Plate Offerings projected: \$81,814.00

Investment	Fixed Rate <sup>Δ</sup>		Floating Rate <sup>Δ</sup>	
	Rate	APY	Rate	APY
One Year Note*	.750%	.75%	0.250%	0.25%
Three Year Note*	1.250%	1.26%	1.000%	1.00%
Five Year Note*	1.750%	1.76%	1.750%	1.76%
Flex Savings			0.500%	0.50%
<u>Accounts For Congregations</u>				
Congregation Savings			1.000%	1.00%
Building Fund Savings			1.750%	1.76%

<sup>Δ</sup> Rates subject to change. <sup>◆</sup> Subject to penalty for early withdrawal. 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.

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

# Shepherds a highlight of October Bible Reading

Good and bad shepherds show up in several different places in October’s Daily Bible Reading that we are encouraging everyone in the congregation to do by following the adjacent list or using the larger-print version available in the Narthex. Reading a psalm (or other little song) and a few chapters of a book each day gets us through the whole Bible in one year. So being in God’s Word by such daily Bible reading gives His Holy Spirit greater opportunities to work in us and so ultimately to grow us up as individuals, together as a congregation, and out into the world.

I do not remember any figures, but the three-year lectionary series we use for our Readings in the Divine Service each Sunday exposes us to only a fraction of Holy Scripture. I suppose if Bible studies were offered on every book and one attended them, then one could have in-depth study on the whole Bible in one’s lifetime, but that scenario seems quite unlikely. Personal Daily Bible Reading with the support we offer is a more-likely way for each of us to appreciate the whole of God’s Word.

In my reading of God’s Word, I have come to appreciate especially the discussion of shepherding in Ezekiel, especially chapter 34, which the Daily Bible Reading schedule has us read on October 21. Not only is Ezekiel 34 important background for the much-loved Psalm 23 and John 10, but it also warns me against neglecting my responsibilities as an under-shepherd of the Good Shepherd and comforts me that God Himself ultimately is the Shepherd of His sheep. Ezekiel 34 makes clear that the other leaders of Israel had sinned by failing to care for the people as they should have. So, God promises to be the One searching for them and looking after them, rescuing them and bringing them out to their own land, tending them and having them lie down, binding up the injured and strengthening the weak, and saving them. God says that He will make His Servant, the offspring of David, to be their Shepherd and that He will make His people the sheep of His pasture.

Closely related to the under-shepherd’s accountability to God is the sheep’s obedience to their under-shepherd. The latter is developed more fully in the New Testament, for example, in Hebrews 13:17 (note its close proximity to Hebrews 13:20-21 and its reference to shepherding). The Greek word used in Hebrews 13:17 for the leaders’ “keeping watch” also corresponds to the Old Testament idea of the “watchman”, as in Isaiah 62:6 and Ezekiel 3:17.

What a blessing to be able to read all of God’s Word and see how the whole of it interrelates and applies to our lives! For more information on shepherds, check out the Adult Bible Class J.D. Sampson led on May 11 and June 8 (the handout and audio files are available at <http://www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/worship-and-lsb>). For more online

help with your Daily Bible Reading see <http://www.pilgrimlc.org/daily-bible-reading>. If you ever have a question on the Daily Bible Reading, feel free to ask it at any time and in any way (I usually call for such questions before the Sunday Adult Bible Class gets underway each week).

*Pastor Jayson S. Galler*

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

CHRISTIANS UNDER PERSECUTION, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN IRAQ  
THOSE WHO HAVE STRAYED FROM THE FAITH:

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

OUR PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH:

Hearts and minds open to God's vision and direction for our congregation

Work of the Nominating Committee and those considering nominations

Work of the Budget Committee and proportionate first-fruit giving from our members

MEN IN THE SERVICE:

Garrett Caldwell (Gwen Heil's grandson)

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 (stationed in Louisiana)

THOSE IN POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND THE MEDICAL PROFESSION

THOSE WHO TRAVEL:

Brady Gage

Jeff Gill (flying to see his hospitalized father)

Jeanette Heil

Tim Jeffers

Jerome and Sallye Key

David Navaille

Edgar and Barbara Wuthrich

SHUT-INS:

Bob Abraham (in an Alzheimer Center in Austin)

Leland Dean (with his daughter Gina in Bartlesville, Oklahoma)

THOSE WHO NEED HEALING:

Mary Broyles (friend of the Wuthriches, successful surgery but 1/3 way through chemo)

Sabrina Davis (Connie Wilburn's friend, second round of chemo for lung cancer)

Kimberly Dietz (Shannon's partner Keri's sister, 2/3 through chemo "cocktail")

Jeanne Draper (Arcele Wilburn's niece, hospitalized after what may be third stroke)

Alexandra Frericks (Sallye Key's relative, heart rehab in Atlanta)

Caryl Galler (Pastor's mother, insurance to clear and doctor to schedule EMGNCV)

Tom Gill (Jeff's father, hospitalized again and not doing well)

Mark Harrington (Walkers' brother-in-law, chemo done for now)

Marsha Hayes (Nicols' friend, recovering from chemo and radiation for throat cancer)

Charlotte Herrell (Sharon Sampson's sister, cancer has returned to her abdomen)

Carolyn Holcombe (recent heart tests prompting medicine changes and follow-up)

Bernice Hollander (Ralph's mother back in Wisconsin, recovering from hip surgery)

Rev. Darrell Howanitz (former pastor of Our Redeemer, Longview, end-stage cancer)

Kathleen Jennings (Heil relative's pastor's wife, surgery 8/20 and chronic pain)

Olin Johnson (Nicols' friend with Parkinsons, continuing to decline in nursing home)

Laura Key (Jerome's step-mother, continuing to decline in nursing home)

Sallye Key (still experiencing continual pain in her arms from shoulder to finger)

Carl London (Connie Wilburn's coworker, upcoming colon and liver cancer surgery)

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Lane Meador (Wilburn's 7-year-old paralyzed friend, rehab but complications)  
Herb Michaels (brother-in-law of Pastor Galler's friend, recently had grand mal seizure)  
Wayne Miller (likely to need another endoscopy and esophageal stretching)  
Ruth Reed (wife of Pastor Galler's Rotary flag partner, hospitalized with pneumonia)  
Andy Roberson (Clay and Zylan's grandmother's husband, recovering from surgery)  
Riley Sapp (Nicols' granddaughter, following-up on nodes they found in her esophagus)  
Betty Sewing (Sallye Key's step-mother in Denver, testing and treatment for BOOP)  
Sharabeth Upton (Nicols' daughter, experiencing circulation problems with her legs)  
Vince Vernon (Walkers' brother-in-law, has an open wound that is not healing)  
Robert Wiles (Betty Miller's nephew, untreatable cancer, now on feeding tube)

**MOTHERS EXPECTING CHILDREN:**

Kristen Heil (our member George C.'s wife)  
Kari Medilin (Angela Sampson's friend, had difficult pregnancy last time)  
Jeanna Watts (incoming member)

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## NOVEMBER EVENTS

**ADULT CATECHESIS** Sundays, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>; about 12:15 a.m., following the Divine Service. (No class November 23<sup>rd</sup>, due to Pastor Galler's likely being out of state.)

**REFORMATION COMMUNITY EVENT** Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Kilgore College's Deval Student Center Ballroom, located 5 blocks north of Pilgrim on the west side of Broadway, just past Masters Gymnasium, before you reach Nolan St.

**YOUTH CATECHESIS** Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lonview. (No class November 20<sup>th</sup>, due to Pastor's likely vacation, or November 27<sup>th</sup> due to Thanksgiving.)

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**ELDERS** Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING** Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the Office Building.

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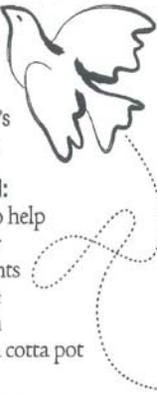
**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE** Wednesday, November 26, at 7:00 p.m. If you wish to bring food items for Helping Hands a basket is always available.

**ONCE-A-MONTH-SOCIAL GATHERING** What do y'all want to do this month? Give your ideas to Tifaney Sampson. The East Texas Pipe Organ Festival is November 9-14; want to go?

# KIDS' PAGE

<http://www.concordia-lcms.com/kidspage.html>

## GROW IN Grace



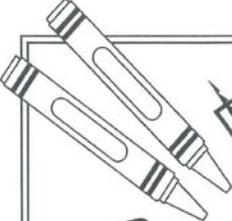
Make this craft as a reminder to continue growing in God's amazing grace.

**What you need:**

- An adult to help
- Newspaper
- Acrylic paints
- Paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker
- Potting soil
- Small "indoors" plant or packet of seeds

**What you do:**

1. Cover your work area with newspaper and squeeze paint onto the paper plate.
2. Paint designs on the pot and plate, cleaning your brush in the water when changing colors. Let dry.
3. With the black marker, write "Growing in God's Grace" along the top ridge of the pot.
4. Pour in a small amount of soil. Place your plant in the pot and surround it with more soil. (If planting seeds, follow packet instructions.)
5. Water your plant. Check it daily and keep the soil moist.
6. Enjoy watching your plant grow!



## PUZZLE

### Growing up!

You're growing each day in many different ways. A verse from 2 Peter tells what will help you grow!

Directions: Fill in the blanks below, using the height measurements as guides, to complete 2 Peter 3:18.

3 1/4 ft.	knowledge		Savior	3 1/8 ft.
3 1/16 ft.	him		grace	3 ft.
2 3/4 ft.	now		forever	2 1/2 ft.
2 1/4 ft.	Lord		grow	2 1/8 ft.
2 1/16 ft.	glory		Jesus Christ	1 1/4 ft.
2 ft.	Amen			
1 ft.	our			

"But \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
2 1/8 ft.                      3 ft.                      3 1/4 ft.                      1 ft.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
2 1/4 ft.                      3 1/8 ft.                      1 1/4 ft.

To \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ ! \_\_\_\_\_."  
3 1/16 ft.                      2 1/16 ft.                      2 3/4 ft.                      2 1/2 ft.                      2 ft.

2 PETER 3:18, NIV

Answer: "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen." 2 Peter 3:18, NIV





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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</b> – Danny Sampson  <b>Acolyte</b> – Luke Land			<b>1</b> 6:00 PM Nominating Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	<b>2</b> Pastor goes to Plano Study Group	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> LWML Fall Rally in Nacogdoches Reports for Voters' Meeting due tomorrow.
<b>5</b> 17 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (G) 9:15-9:30 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service LWML Sunday 12:15 AM Lunch & Adult Catechesis	<b>6</b>  Barbara Wuthrich (B)	<b>7</b> Noon Kilgore Ministerial Lunch 2:00-5:00 PM Cleaning Ladies 5:00 PM Quilting Bee & Banner Party 6:00 PM LWML Sarah Land (B)	<b>8</b> 7:30 AM Small Church Pastors' Breakfast 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study  George C Heil (B)	<b>9</b> 4:00-5:00 PM Youth Catechesis (at ORLC)  6:00 PM Elders  Beth Nicol (B)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00 AM -1:00 PM Kilgore Community Blood Drive at Pilgrim
<b>12</b> 18 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (G) 9:15-9:30 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service Covered-dish Meal & Voters' Meeting No Adult Catechesis	<b>13</b>  Sarah Key (B)	<b>14</b>  M/M John Walker (A)	<b>15</b>  7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	<b>16</b> 4:00-5:00 PM Youth Catechesis (at ORLC)  Tifaney Sampson (B)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> ST LUKE, EVANGELLIST 10:00 AM Pumpkin Patch/Fall Market at St Luke's Newsletter articles due tomorrow
<b>19</b> 19 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (G) 9:15-9:30 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service 12:15 AM Lunch & Adult Catechesis Elaine Navaille (B)	<b>20</b>  Shannon Gage (B)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> No Midweek Bible Study Samuel Morton (B)	<b>23</b> ST JAMES OF JERUSALEM No Youth Catechesis	<b>24</b>  Aaron Club's wedding in Canada	<b>25</b>  David Erickson (B) David Smith (B)
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;">           Pastor on vacation – an Elder will answer the church phone and contact the Pastor on call as needed.         </div>						
<b>26</b> 20 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (G) 9:15-9:30 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Matins (no Communion) No Adult Catechesis	<b>27</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;">           Pastor on Vacation         </div>	<b>28</b> ST SIMON & ST JUDE, APOSTLES	<b>29</b>  7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	<b>30</b> 4:00-5:00 PM Youth Catechesis (at ORLC) 7:00 PM Joint Reformation Eve Vespers at Pilgrim	<b>31</b> REFORMATION DAY	<i>Remember to fall back for Daylight Saving Time before Sunday School tomorrow!</i>

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