

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

BROADWAY AT FLOREY

KILGORE, TEXAS



November 2014 "PILGRIMAGE"

Mission Statement: Pilgrim Lutheran Church is to glorify God in proclaiming the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ with Word and deed in our midst, in our community, and throughout the world.

Thanking God for three years together as pastor and people

Dear Members and Friends of Pilgrim Lutheran Church,

We often think of November as the month of Thanksgiving, and rightly so. We certainly do have many things for which we should be and are thankful. I count God's blessings of our life together as pastor and people near the top of the list of those many things.

God recently blessed me with the opportunity to be a part of our member Aaron Clubb's wedding in Canada and so also to visit with some of my former seminary professors and classmates, as well as former parishioners at the congregation where I vicared. Despite my coming back from the week of vacation with a cold, the wedding was wonderful, the Ontario countryside picturesque, and the reconnections a genuine blessing. Most especially in connection with the wedding of a woman whom I had known some 18 years ago when she was a child to a man she met online whom I had known more recently when he was an adult, but also throughout the whole week, I marveled at how God weaves people into one another's lives. And, I came away from the week all the more thankful that God brought me to Kilgore to serve as pastor of Pilgrim Lutheran Church for what will be three years this month.

When I decided to attend seminary, I did not initially choose to study and serve in Canada, but God brought it all about in a way He knew to be best. When I completed seminary and took the call to serve in British Columbia, I did not think that I would later pursue a doctoral degree and pastor a congregation in Texas while teaching at the same time. Much less then did I ever guess that I would be in Kilgore, which I only knew as the hometown of my brother-in-law's mother. Yet, our thoughts are not God's thoughts, and our ways are not His ways; His thoughts and ways are higher than ours, as the sky is higher than the ground below (Isaiah 55:8-9). While I was in Canada recently, one former-classmate turned brother-pastor in particular likewise discussed with me how his ministry "career" path was not quite what he had envisioned for himself—a good reminder for us all that our planning ought always to be with the caveat of the Lord's will (James 4:13-17).

The Lord's will brought about our salvation in a way that few, if any, expected, despite prophecies of how it would happen that appear relatively clear, at least in retrospect. From the first moment that God confronted our human parents over their sin and the death that it entailed, He also promised the Seed of the Woman's victory over the serpent, the devil that Jesus Christ fulfilled (Genesis 3:15). Subsequently, God's servants such as Abram were called to go from their home territory and family and be a blessing to others (Genesis 12:1-3). Abram's call is

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often used as an example of those calls that pastors receive. No doubt Abram had his own thoughts and emotions about the move as and after he made it, as pastors no doubt do today.

I still recall and to some extent feel both the joy of receiving the call to serve Pilgrim, Kilgore, and the simultaneous sorrow over leaving family and friends behind in Austin. And, with the subsequent loss of both some friends there and a much healthier lifestyle that I had previously, there is an ongoing temptation to regret the change. Yet, God's blessings to me by my being here are manifold, and I often hear from others that my being here is a blessing to them. Moreover, when we believe that God does not permit us to make decisions through which He cannot work good, then we can hardly regret the decisions to make such changes, especially when the good that He works is His conforming us to the image of His Son so that we are among the many brothers of whom He is the firstborn (Romans 8:28-29).

Many of my classmates have been serving the same congregation faithfully now for well more than the three years that I have been here at Pilgrim. One classmate in particular has been at the same congregation his entire 15-year ministry and just declined a call (to the congregation where I vicared). What a blessing he has been to that congregation, especially as it had not recently had such a long-serving pastor. I could not help but think of Pilgrim and her long vacancy. I certainly desire to be a faithful pastor here as long as God permits me to serve.

Recently the Rev. Scott R. Murray of Memorial, Houston, has in his daily "Memorial Moment" pointed to a 2010 *New York Times* op-ed piece by United minister G. Jeffrey MacDonald titled "Congregations gone wild" (see MacDonald's full 2010 article online at www.nytimes.com/2010/08/08/opinion/08macdonald.html?_r=2&). Macdonald suggests the fundamental problem with clergy burnout is pressure from their congregations to forsake their high calling, by, for example, such things as focusing on entertaining them. I do not feel such pressures here, and for that I thank God and you. I am confident that, as we center our lives around His Word and Sacrament, living together in the forgiveness of sins, and communicate clearly with one another about our expectations and perceptions, we can, by God's mercy and grace, avoid the problems even some of our brother pastors and sister congregations in our Circuit are experiencing and have many more years together as pastor and people.

*His and your servant,
Pastor Galler*



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

M/M Paul Kuehn – November 25
M/M Emmett Koen – November 27

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Emma Watts – November 1
Sallye Key – November 8
Paul Guinn – November 11
Connie Wilburn – November 15
Ashlea Gill – November 22
Gwen Heil – November 23
Avery Smith – November 27





One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism

A Symposium in Kilgore

Sunday, November 2, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Devall Student Center Ballroom

People interested in the Christian faith, its background, and how we got to our current state of so many different denominations will want to attend a special Symposium on Sunday, November 2, 2014, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Kilgore College Devall Student Center Ballroom.

The theme for the Symposium is “One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism”, taken from Ephesians 4:5. The Rev. Dr. Jayson S. Galler, of Kilgore’s Pilgrim Lutheran Church, will make the main presentation. At Concordia University Texas in Austin, Rev. Dr. Galler formerly taught both New Testament history and reading and Reformation history, philosophy, theology, and literature.

Rev. Dr. Galler will observe that in Ephesians 4:1-16 there appears to be a call to unity that requires both denying oneself and using God’s gifts in order for the Church to be the mature and perfectly functioning body of Christ, its Head. And, Rev. Dr. Galler will suggest that the various reformers throughout Church history likely thought that they were faithfully acting for the good of the Church, even though what resulted is often criticized as disunity.

After Rev. Dr. Galler’s presentation and a break with refreshments, Terry Booker of Kilgore College will moderate an audience-driven discussion with a panel consisting of Rev. Dr. Galler, The Rev. Daniel Dower of Kilgore’s Christ the King Roman Catholic Church, The Rev. Darwood Galaway of Kilgore’s First United Methodist Church, and The Rev. Scott Nowack of Kilgore’s First Presbyterian Church.

The timing of the Symposium is intended to coincide with the October 31st anniversary of the Reformation in Germany. On that date in 1517 Martin Luther is usually thought to have posted his “Ninety-five Theses against the Preachers of Indulgences”, the first in a series of events that to varying extents have arguably contributed to the countless denominations and sects that we know today.

The purpose of the Symposium is to seek a deeper understanding of one another in our various church communities. Through the mutual sharing of knowledge and ideas, organizers believe that the Holy Spirit will draw people closer to that union which Christ desires for all (John 17:21-23).

Although planned by the four churches represented, this Religious Symposium is open to everyone. There is no charge to get in, but donations received at the event will help offset related expenses.

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Organizers hope this year's Symposium will be the first in a series of annual events. The preliminary plans for 2015 are for Rev. Dower to speak on the theme "Communion of Saints" on Sunday, November 1, 2015, again from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Kilgore College Devall Student Center Ballroom.

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NOVEMBER EVENTS

REFORMATION COMMUNITY EVENT Sunday, November 2nd, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Kilgore College's Devall 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 4th, and Thursday, November 13th, at 4:00 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lonview. (No class November 20th, due to Pastor's likely vacation, or November 27th, due to Thanksgiving.)

LWML QUILTING BEE & BANNER PARTY Tuesday, November 4th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

LWML Tuesday, November 4th, at 6:00 p.m. Bible Study and food outing at New Buffet City 192 Midtown Plaza in Kilgore (the Chinese restaurant in the same plaza as Beall's).

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall (except November 19th, due to Pastor's likely vacation, or November 26th, due to Thanksgiving Eve Service.) Join us as we continue to consider Salvation History as our story! We are going to do a one session study of Leviticus before moving on with the historical narrative in the book of Numbers.

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

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

ELDERS Tuesday, November 11th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Read and come prepared to discuss AC/Ap XVII, p.40 and p.197.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday, November 12th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Office Building.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES are due November 23rd.

MATINS Sunday, November 23rd, in Pastor Galler's absence there will be no communion.

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.

PARADE FLOAT DECORATION: Saturday, November 29th, at 10:00 a.m., at Steven and Angela Sampson's (222 Lee Drive, Kilgore).

This month one Church Year ends and another begins

Our secular calendar may have us thinking about Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving, and even Christmas (if you, like me, have seen the commercials already), but our Church calendar this month presents to us All Saints, the last things, a Day of National Thanksgiving, and the beginning of a new Church Year.

All Saints' Day, strictly speaking, is November 1st, but we observe it on November 2nd. The Feast of All Saints is intended to remember all the faithful departed, confessors and martyrs, and in their observances some congregations recall especially those who have died in the year since the last All Saints' Day. Pilgrim in its Prayer of the Church will again have such a recollection, what the Germans called a *Totenfest*, with our recalling George A. Heil's departure from this life this past June 2nd. The Gospel Reading for All Saints' Day is from Matthew 5:1-12 (which we also would have heard on the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany this year, if we had not that day observed The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord).

This month we have the last three Sundays after Pentecost, with their emphasis on the last things, and the first Sunday in Advent of the next Church Year, with its focus on Jesus's coming in time. The Sundays' dates and a brief description and citation of their Gospel Readings follow (according to *Lutheran Service Book's* Three-year Series A and Series B):



- Twenty-second Sunday (11/09): Watch for Jesus's Kingdom (Matthew 25:1-13)
- Twenty-third Sunday (11/16): Judgment is coming (Matthew 25:14-30)
- Last Sunday of the Church Year (11/23): Faith produces works (Matthew 25:31-46)
- First Sunday in Advent (11/30): Jesus comes to Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10)

As we will observe the days, *Lutheran Service Book's* three-year series of appointed Gospel Readings moves from Matthew 22:34-46, appointed for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, to Matthew 25:1-13, appointed for the Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost. (Matthew 23:1-12 is appointed for the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, but instead we observed All Saints' Day with its Gospel Reading from Matthew 5:1-12.) You are encouraged to read the omitted portion from Matthew 23-24 on your own. Also, you may note that for the First Sunday in Advent we jump into the middle of Mark's Gospel account, from which most of the Gospel Readings are drawn for the next Church Year.

The nation proposes a Day of National Thanksgiving the last Thursday of every November, and, to accommodate our cooks' work and families' plans, we at Pilgrim observe the Day on its "eve", Wednesday November 26th, with Divine Service at 7:00 p.m. We give thanks for more than just a recent harvest, and so we do not *per se* observe a harvest festival, although harvest themes come into such things as our hymns in that Day of National Thanksgiving service. I was sorry to have missed the service at Pilgrim last year and look forward to being here this year, as God wills!

Regardless of the day or season, 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

Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of God!
Alleluia! Alleluia! (*Lutheran Service Book* 677:3)

WORSHIP AND MUSIC CONFERENCE

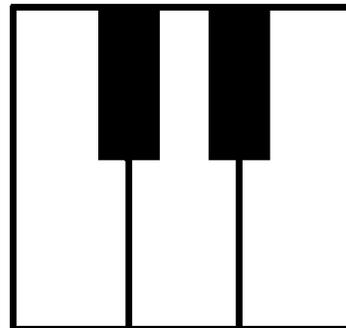
Editors' Note: At the July Voters' Meeting the congregation voted to send our organist Carolyn Holcombe and pianist Elaine Navaille to the Worship and Music Conference held at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Plano, TX, October 20-21, 2014. The following is their report back to the congregation.

Elaine and I want to thank the congregation for sending us to the church music conference in Plano. We had no idea what to expect, except that it would be good, and it was.

We enjoyed six different presenters with impressive credentials. We were walked through the history of church music, beginning with St. Ambrose of Milan, who wrote the first hymns sung by the church body, up to the present day offerings. We attended lectures on liturgical culture based on God's Word; the development of liturgy as confession of faith; and the trends of church music, past, present and future. And we participated in six worship services.

The music was outstanding. The organ music reminded me of my concert days in college. In the church services, we were surrounded by pastors, choir directors, and musicians, singing joyfully with trained and awesome voices. The children's choir from Zion Lutheran School in Dallas was very good and so well-disciplined. The organist at the host church is also chapel organist at SMU, and his music was quite impressive and inspiring. The host church was friendly and gracious.

We learned to add variety to how we sing hymns with many stanzas, and Pastor Galler and I will try to make use of those techniques more in the future. Elaine and I appreciate the congregation's confidence in us, and we appreciate Pilgrim's support allowing us to continue to learn new ways to serve this congregation.



*In His Service,
Carolyn Holcombe and Elaine Navaille*

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING

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

All who helped with the Kilgore Community Blood Drive by donating blood, providing refreshments, and hosting, especially Barbara Wuthrich, who stayed the whole day.

All who assisted in any way with the Covered-dish Meal before the Voters' Meeting.

All who assisted in any way with the Pumpkin Patch/Fall Market, especially Jeanna Watts, who at nine months pregnant, baked 6 loaves of bread.

Shannon Gage for making sure there were plenty of refreshments for after the Reformation Eve Vespers Service.

WHAT WORDS WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO HEAR?

Mark Rutland whimsically recalls a survey in which Americans were asked what words they would most like to hear. He predicted the first choice: "I love you." Number two was "I forgive you." The third choice took him by surprise: "Supper's ready." It dawned on Rutland that these three statements provide a neat summary of the gospel story.

Submitted by Remo Gualtieri

PUMPKIN PATCH/FALL MARKET

The Evangelism Committee thanks all PLC members and friends who helped with our Fall Market booth on October 18th. Many helped by praying that we reach the community and share the Gospel (which is the real goal of this function), baked bread, handed out candy, setup/disassembled the booth, etc. Sallye Key crocheted a beautiful cross afghan, which we gave away. We put this new drawing in place to try to get names and contact info and send a follow up letter, invitation to our upcoming special services, etc. Unfortunately, we did not get many entries in the drawing; unfortunately, the attendance was down overall. We can build on our booth next year and revamp a few things to try to make it more impactful! A side benefit of the bread booth is raising a little money for evangelism efforts. We earned \$257.70 this year!



Olene Herricks, Elaine Navaville, Barbara Wuthrich, Tiffani Erickson, Sharon Sampson, Danny Sampson, and Steven Sampson are ready to sell baked items at the Fall Market.

*Angela Sampson
Missions and Evangelism Committee Co-Chair*

LWML EAST TEXAS ZONE FALL RALLY



Sharon Sampson receives her Zone President's pin from former president Sherri Mashburn.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League's Fall Rally was held at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Nacogdoches on the 4th of October. The theme of the day was "Ripe for the Harvest." Elaine Navaille, Kathy Hudson, Sharon Sampson, and Barbara Wuthrich all went and enjoyed guest speaker Pastor Paul Hoemann, talking about "Campus Ministry of the 21st Century." Several ideas were discussed to help engage young adults in church activities. Pilgrim's group performed the same skit for the Rally as they had for our church, with great reviews. Gary Juhl, from the Lutheran Foundation of Texas, described interesting ways to leave a legacy in our wills. Just before lunch, entertainment was provided by The Rhythm Rocker Cloggers. The group helped themselves to a potato bar with all the fixings and devoured chocolate brownies and ice cream for dessert. At the business meeting, Sharon Sampson was elected Zone President, so Pastor Galler was also appointed Zone Pastoral Counselor. Barbara Wuthrich continues into her second year of a two-year term as Zone Treasurer. The Rally concluded with a Divine Service in which Sharon was installed.

HELPING HANDS

Items desired for November are any items that can be used in a Thanksgiving box: turkeys/chickens, stuffing mix, corn, green beans, cranberry sauce, sweet or mashed potatoes, gravy mix/jar, 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.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS NOW UNDERWAY



Painter James Freeman returned to Pilgrim to help with the Sacristy work.

Work on the Sacristy has begun and, as I finish this update, is close to completion. We have added a sink for washing the communionware and well as a Piscina (a special sink that drains directly into the earth) to properly dispose of any holy elements following Divine Services. We are installing a small fridge to keep the wine and host stored. We also added new cabinets for storage and a fresh coat of paint and stain to match the work done in the Sanctuary.

We are firming up what we would like to do with the lighting in the Chancel and looking for replacement panels for the current lights in the Sanctuary.

Some changes were made to the final building design that was presented by our builder. He is working on including those changes into a final bid and will present that to the committee when he is finished.

On a side note, we replaced the stove in the fellowship hall and in that process had to replace the 220 line that powers the stove as it was out of date, to say the least.

*Submitted by,
Steven Sampson, Chair*

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 October 26:

Plate Offerings received: \$87,937.17
Plate Offerings projected: \$92,584.00

If after looking at your 3rd Quarter Financial Statement, you would like to catch up on your offerings for the year, remember that to have credit on your 2014 taxes you need to give them by Sunday, December 28th.



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<u>Investment</u>	<u>Fixed Rate^Δ</u>		<u>Floating Rate^Δ</u>	
	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%

^Δ- Rates subject to change. ⁺ 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.

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1	Exodus 15:1-18 Hosea 8-10
2	Psalm 122 Hosea 11-14
3	Psalm 123 Joel
4	Psalm 124 Amos 1-5
5	Psalm 125 Amos 6-9
6	Psalm 126 Obadiah, Jonah
7	Psalm 127 Micah 1-3
8	Psalm 128 Micah 4-7
9	Psalm 129 Nahum
10	Psalm 130 Habakkuk
11	Psalm 131 Zephaniah
12	Psalm 132 Haggai
13	Psalm 133 Zechariah 1-5
14	Psalm 134 Zechariah 6-10
15	Psalm 135 Zechariah 11-14
16	Psalm 136 Malachi
17	Psalm 137 Matthew 1-2
18	Psalm 138 Matthew 3-4
19	Psalm 139 Matthew 5-6
20	Psalm 140 Matthew 7-8
21	Psalm 141 Matthew 9-10
22	Psalm 142 Matthew 11-12
23	Psalm 143 Matthew 13-14
24	Psalm 144 Matthew 15-16
25	Psalm 145 Matthew 17-18
26	Psalm 146 Matthew 19-20
27	Psalm 147 Matthew 21-22
28	Psalm 148 Matthew 23-24
29	Psalm 149-150 Matthew 25-26
30	Exodus 15:1-18 Matthew 27-28

Daily Reading ties Old to New Testament

Our Daily Bible Reading, which we are encouraging everyone in the congregation to be doing, this month ties well the Old Testament to the New Testament, in a sense. First we read the twelve so-called “minor prophets” of the Old Testament, and then we read the New Testament Gospel account that more than any other emphasizes Jesus’s fulfilling of the Old Testament.

The twelve “minor prophets” may be shorter books, but no theological judgment is intended by the term “minor” applied to the prophets or to the literature associated with their names. The usual theory is that, some time after the last was written, the twelve shorter works were collected together because together they filled a scroll of about the same size as the three prophets that precede them in the Old Testament. We read the twelve in the order that they appear in our Old Testament, but that order is not strictly chronological, nor is that order the same as in the Greek translation of the Old Testament, although we do not know for sure exactly why the books were ordered differently as they were in any case.

November ends with our reading the entire Gospel according to St. Matthew, which we have heard excerpts from as our Gospel Readings this past Church Year. This Daily Bible Reading is especially fitting, as Matthew well records Jesus’s teaching about the end of all things, which is the focus at the end and the beginning of the Church Year. St. Matthew’s accounts of Jesus’s birth and the coming of the Magi are also timely as we head into the Christmas and Epiphany seasons.

Not only does St. Matthew more than any other Gospel writer emphasize Jesus’s fulfilling of the Old Testament (with more Old Testament quotations and allusions than any other author), but he also appears to reflect the Old Testament’s five books of Moses and five books of Psalms with his five arranged discourses (or dialogues) of our Lord. Narrative of Jesus’s birth precedes the discourses, some teaching comes in between, and the narrative of Jesus’s death and resurrection follows them. The five discourses, addressed to the disciples and identified by their similar conclusions, are 5:1-7:28 (the Sermon on the Mount), 9:35-11:1 (apostolic authority and martyrdom), 12:46-13:53 (parables), 18:1-19:1 (matters of church practice), and 23:1-26:1 (end times). One of my former seminary professors has authored quite a thought provoking book about the contents of St. Matthew’s presentation of these discourses and how they teach believers the Christian faith. You are welcome to borrow my copy of his book, if you want even more to read.

You are never too late to join in the Daily Bible Reading! By following the adjacent list (or using the larger-print version available in the Narthex), you reading a psalm (or other little song) and a few chapters of a book each day and complete the whole Bible in one year. 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

OUR PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH:

Hearts and minds open to God's vision and direction for our congregation
Proportionate first-fruit giving from our members

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND REV. DENNIS BRAGDON

THOSE WHO HAVE STRAYED FROM THE FAITH:

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

ALL WHO ARE AFFECTED BY EBOLA

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 San Diego)
Ross Land (stationed in Louisiana)

THOSE IN POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND THE MEDICAL PROFESSION

THOSE WHO TRAVEL:

Brady Gage
Tim Jeffers
Jerome and Sallye Key
David Navaille
Edgar and Barbara Wuthrich

THOSE WHO MOURN:

Family and friends of Albert Adler (father of Rev. David Adler, our Circ. Vis. nominee)

NEW BIRTH:

Son "Mark" to Tyler and Jeanna Watts (10/28, 11 pounds 12.6 ounces, 21 inches)

SHUT-INS:

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

THOSE WHO NEED HEALING:

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")
Sarah Dolezal (David & Debbie Smith's daughter, awaiting heart ablation)
Jeannie 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, additional MRI scheduled for 11/05)
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, stomach cancer spread, going CU 11/04)
Bernice Hollander (Ralph's mother in a Wisconsin nursing home after hip surgery)
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)
Lane Meador (Wilburn's 7-year-old paralyzed friend, rehab but complications)

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Wayne Miller (likely to need another endoscopy and esophageal stretching)
Andy Roberson (Clay and Zylan's grandmother's husband, recovering from surgery)
Danny Sampson (as MRI results show torn tendon, no immediate plans for 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)
David Smith (underwent balloon procedure in the veins of his right leg 10/17)
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)
Rhett Wilkins (3-year-old shirt-tail relative of the Wuthriches, recovery from infections)
Floyd Wuthrich (Edgar's brother, recovering from knee replacement 10/13)
Tim Young (friend of the Navailles, brain cancer has returned, receiving hospice care)

MOTHERS EXPECTING CHILDREN:

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

FAMILIES IN CRISIS AND ALL FAMILIES

Myers Family (friends of the Watts, son Jordan jailed and facing serious charges)

DECEMBER EVENTS

ANNUAL KILGORE CHRISTMAS PARADE: Tuesday, December 2nd at 6:30 p.m. Watch the bulletin for more information about where and when we will line up.

ADULT CATECHESIS Sundays, December 7th, 14th, and 21st following the Divine Service.

YOUTH CATECHESIS Tuesday, December 2nd, and Thursdays, December 11th and 18th, at 4:00 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Longview. (There will be no Youth Catechesis on December 25th, due to its being Christmas Day.)

ADVENT SERVICES will be December 3rd, 10th, and 17th at 7:00 p.m. and preceded by a meal starting at 6:00. Tree trimming will be after the service on the 17th.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY will be on hiatus until January due to Advent and Christmas Services.

ELDERS Tuesday, December 11th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

ONCE-A-MONTH-SOCIAL GATHERING will be our church Christmas party, Sunday, December 14th, at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Land. More details to come.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for December *and* January are due December 20th.

HOUSEKEEPING DUTIES

Please remember when throwing away food or wet items that they go in the garbage container with the **blue** lid, not the **yellow** lid. If you are in doubt, the list of items that can be put in the **yellow** lid container is on the top of the lid.

Thanks for helping us comply with our city's codes!



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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
2 ALL SAINTS' DAY (W) 9:15-9:30 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service No Adult Catechesis 4:00–6:00 PM Community Reformation Event	3	4 Noon Kilgore Ministerial Lunch 4:00-5:00 PM Youth Catechesis 5:00 PM Quilting Bee & Banner Party 6:00 PM LWML	5 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	6 Pastor goes to Plano Study Group	7	1 <i>Daylight Saving Time begins</i> Emma Watts (B) 8 Sallye Key (B)
9 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (G) 9:15-9:30 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service 12:45 AM Lunch & Adult Catechesis	10	11 2:00-5:00 PM Cleaning Ladies 6:00 PM Elders Paul Guinn (B)	12 7:30 AM Small Church Pastors' Breakfast 6:00 PM Stewardship Mtg 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	13 4:00-5:00 PM Youth Catechesis (at ORLC)	14	15 Connie Wilburn (B)
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Pastor on vacation – an Elder will answer the church phone and contact the Pastor on call as needed.						
23 LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR (G) 9:15-9:30 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Matins (no Communion) No Adult Catechesis Gwen Heil (B)	24	25 M/M PAUL KUEHN (A)	26 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service	27 DAY OF THANKSGIVING No Youth Catechesis M/M Emmett Koen (A) Avery Smith (B)	28	29 10:00 AM Float Decoration
30 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (B) 9:15-9:30 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service	Communion Assistant – Steven Sampson Acolyte – Benjamin Morton					

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