

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

BROADWAY AT FLOREY

KILGORE, TEXAS



May 2015
"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.

Let me entertain you?

Dear Members and Friends of Pilgrim Lutheran Church,

How we get things in our minds can be kind of bizarre! Take the song "Let me entertain you", which apparently is from the 1959 musical "Gypsy", with music by Jule Styne and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, based loosely on the 1957 memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee, a famous striptease artist (much later than the "Rosa Lee" mentioned in the song "The Yellow Rose of Texas"). I am certain I have never seen the show "Gypsy", but I think I was first exposed to the song "Let me entertain you" when the movie-star character named "Ginger" played by Tina Louise sang part of it in a 1965 episode of *Gilligan's Island* titled "Beauty is as beauty does", which I would have seen, perhaps repeatedly, years later in reruns. I now know that the *Gilligan's Island* song's toned-down burlesque pales in comparison to that of the original song and that even the original song pales in comparison to other songs by the same name since then, such as the 1978 song by the rock group Queen off its album *Jazz* or the 1997 song by English singer-songwriter Robbie Williams off his album *Life thru a Lens*. In all those cases, the "entertainment" the singer is willing to do seems to be something far less than God-pleasing.

We might ask what exactly "entertainment" itself is. Arthur Schwartz and Howard Dietz's song "That's Entertainment" from the 1953 MGM musical *The Band Wagon*, which song later spawned a number of movies by that same title, names as "entertainment" quite a number of things that might happen in life and so happen in a show, and, again, none of them are particularly God-pleasing. With an apparent reference to Shakespeare's often quoted line from *As You Like It*, Schwartz and Dietz's song says "The world is a stage, / The stage is a world of entertainment." We might see things related to God and the Church both in the world and on a stage, but does that make what happens in and around the Church "entertainment", as the song might suggest?

Even a dictionary definition of entertainment as "performances that people enjoy" raises the questions of whether what happens in and around the Church is "performance" and whether their primary purpose is for people to "enjoy" them. Our 60th Anniversary renovation carpenter might have called the Chancel a "stage", and we may have more recently installed Chancel lights that have been referred to as "spotlights", but the conduct of the liturgy in that sacred space is hardly for the primary purpose of the enjoyment one gets from watching a play, musical, or dance. Is there enjoyment or pleasure in having one's sins forgiven? Of course there is! But, the

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Divine Service is not conducted for the purpose of manipulating those emotions, even if they result. That I am not here primarily *to* entertain you does not mean that in some sense I *do not* entertain you.

In other religious traditions such manipulation of emotions and their primary purpose of entertainment dramatically affect how their worship is structured (pun not intended originally). Their worship that results usually is quite at odds with the Bible's and so also the Lutheran Confessions' understanding of worship. Proclamation of God's law that condemns sin might be excluded from the outset because people will not be entertained by being told they are sinful. The brutality of Jesus's death on the cross likewise might be excluded because only someone like a sadist might be entertained by such violence. (Think of most of Mel Gibson's movie *The Passion of the Christ*—was that “entertaining”?) I could fill the newsletter with anecdotal examples of people, as a friend put it, leaving such worship “entertained” but probably not “redeemed”. Which would you prefer? For which do you come to Church?

Old and young alike, we all are “entertained” in countless sorts of ways outside of the Church, and many of those ways are far more “entertaining” than the Church could ever be, even if it wanted to be “entertaining”. We have phones with games and video, television and movie theaters, and other active and passive activities, such as sporting events, that we do with family and friends. Should our primary concern when we come together for worship, Bible class, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and other such

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God-centered activities really be “entertainment”? Do we not get enough of such less-God-pleasing things already that the time we spend together in and around the Church should be more-focused on God and more-pleasing to Him? What are we indirectly saying to our congregation's children if we are concerned about their being “entertained” at Church? Are we not simply preparing them to find a “more entertaining” Church or maybe even no Church at all?

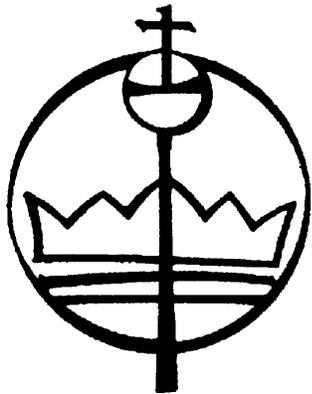
Recently a member of the congregation sent me the link to an online article by Carey Nieuwhof titled “10 Reasons Even Committed Church Attenders Are Attending Church Less Often” (you can find the article as I did at <http://careynieuwhof.com/2015/02/10-reasons-even-committed-church-attenders-attending-less-often/>). There are some interesting insights there that probably cut across all religious traditions, although I think several apply less to Lutherans, or at least less to Lutherans who have their Biblical and Confessional faith straight. For example, while we have online options for hearing Bible classes and sermons, there is no online substitute for our Lord Jesus Christ's incarnation of His Body and Blood in the bread and wine of the Sacrament of the Altar. If people do not find in the Sacrament enough direct benefit to themselves and engagement in order for them to make time for Church, then the solution is helping them see that benefit and engagement, not something else, such as making things in and around Church more “entertaining”, as if we have to compete with the world on that “stage”.

We all get things in our heads in bizarre ways, but we can and should let God's Word have sway over us, including our wrong ideas about worship and other things related to God, forgiving our sins by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. After we let Him have sway over us, we realize His goal is not for us to *conform* to the world but for us to *transform* it (John 15:19; 17:14-16; Romans 12:2; 1 John 2:15-16).

*His and your servant,
Pastor Galler*

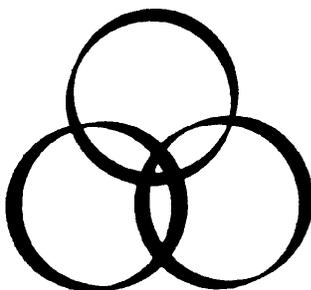
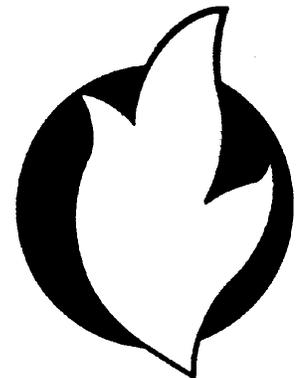
May brings us the rest of the Easter season and more

The great fifty days of Easter 2015 wrap up in May with the Day of Pentecost, May 24th, and so with May 31st we also begin the second half of the Church Year, with the first Sunday that belongs only to that half, which Sunday is usually called Trinity Sunday. But, our opportunities for Divine Service are not limited to Sundays this month, as Pilgrim observes the Ascension of our Lord with a Divine Service at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14th.



The Ascension of Our Lord has been observed at least since the fourth century, when St. Augustine declared that the feast was celebrated “all over the world” (*Sermon 179.1, PL 38:2084*, cited by Pfatteicher, *Commentary*, 295). Some transfer the observance of the Ascension to the following Sunday, although that process either demotes the Ascension’s focus to something less than the whole service or loses the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Ascension can be seen in part as an enthronement festival, not only of Christ our King but also so of humanity itself, as He has our same human nature, though He is without sin. We must take care that we not regretfully or sorrowfully think of our Lord as “gone” but joyfully remember that He remains “with us”, albeit in ways different from those with which He was present with His disciples.

Arguably the third great festival of the Church Year, Pentecost is the end of the Easter season, not an independent festival of the Holy Spirit as we might think of it. Dating back as a specifically Christian festival to at least the third century, Pentecost also transitions to the non-festival half of the Church Year in which Sundays are usually numbered in relation to Pentecost, although in other religious traditions they are seen as the continuation of “ordinary time” or the “green season” that began the Monday after Baptism of Our Lord back in Epiphany.



The Festival of the Holy Trinity apparently was begun by Bishop Stephen of Liege (903-920), in what is now Belgium, and spread rapidly in Europe, but not all thought the festival necessary and its observance across the western church did not come until 1332 or 1334. We might seem to be celebrating a doctrine, but we are better understood to be celebrating the richness of the being of God, thankfully reviewing the Father’s work of salvation through the Son in the Holy Spirit, and appreciating how the Triune Name is put upon us.

As usual, the seasons and days of the Church Year are reflected in the colors of the paraments, the cloth hangings on the furniture in the Chancel, and the pastor’s stoles. Easter’s white symbolizes joy, celebration, gladness, light, purity, and innocence. Pentecost’s red symbolizes fire and blood, in this case, although Pentecost is a part of the Easter season, red recalls the Holy Spirit’s tongues of fire and the blood of the martyrs. Trinity Sunday’s white recalls the holiness and glory of the Godhead.

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The following are the Sundays in May of 2015 and their Gospel Readings (appointed by *Lutheran Service Book's* three-year lectionary series B, which generally follows the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, although you would not know it from the Gospel Readings this month).

- Fifth Sunday of Easter (05/03): Jesus is the Vine, believers are the branches (John 15:1-8)
- Sixth Sunday of Easter (05/10): Jesus chooses believers to bear fruit (John 15:9-17)
- Seventh Sunday of Easter (05/17): Jesus prays for believers to be holy (John 17:11b-19)
- Pentecost (05/24): Jesus speaks of the Holy Spirit's work (John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15)
- The Holy Trinity (05/31): Jesus tells us about Father, Son, and Spirit (John 3:1-17)

The appointed Gospel Reading for the Ascension of Our Lord, May 14th, is Luke 24:44-53, in which St. Luke by Divine inspiration reports Jesus's ascension.

All are welcome in person to any and all of our services! If you or someone you know cannot make it in person, sermons preached at Pilgrim usually can be read and heard online at www.pilgrimlc.org/sermons. God's Word is efficacious and creates faith in those who hear it (Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 10:14-17).

Pastor Jayson S. Galler

Pilgrim's Carolyn Morton recognized as Longview volunteer

On Tuesday, April 14, 2015, several ceremonies were held in Longview to honor the many individuals who choose to give their time serving others. Among those recognized at the luncheon at the Maude Cobb Convention Center was our member Carolyn Morton, honoree for the year, with the Citizen Emergency Readiness Team (CERT). Among other duties, she has been active in April as the Red Cross and others responded to the tornado/severe weather emergencies in Longview, and she responds in a similar way when people suffer losses through home fires.

Approximately 600 people were in attendance, including another Pilgrim member, David Navaille, who was asked to attend because of his volunteer work for the Teen Court and Gregg County. Gregg County Judge Bill Stoudt said, "I think one of the things that is so impressive about the city of Longview....is how we treat our fellow man." This luncheon was an opportunity to showcase some of those people and was organized by the Longview Nonprofit Coalition, with approximately 24 of 40+ member organizations represented there.

Emcee Kaci Koviak said, "I think a large reason for that genuine kindness you find in our area is that we are people grounded in our faith." We are very pleased that Carolyn and David choose to live out their faith and so represent Pilgrim in these ways. Maybe in the future we will ask Carolyn to describe her duties in more detail, inspiring others.

Barbara Wuthrich

Drawing on a report in the Longview News Journal

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

M/M Tyler Watts – May 15





(From left) Sharon Sampson, Tifaney Sampson, and J.D. Sampson work to clean the pine pollen and other dust and dirt from all the white woodwork at Pilgrim’s front door. The glass in the light fixture over the door also was taken down to replace a missing panel.

Photo by Barbara Wuthrich.

Pilgrim cleaned inside and out

Under the leadership of Trustees’ chairman Brady Gage, a group of dedicated Pilgrim members worked for hours on the congregation’s annual work day, March 28th this year, to spruce up Pilgrim’s physical plant for Holy Week and Easter, taking the occasional coffee break and timeout for a Whattaburger lunch.

Outside on the grounds, leaves were raked up and brush and vines were cleared off the retaining wall between the lots. Outside on the building, windows were cleaned, and the white woodwork at the entrance to the Sanctuary and the Parish Hall was washed down.

Inside, especially the woodwork in the Sanctuary was cleaned, from the Raredos (the “cabinet” behind the Altar) to the pews. The windows were also cleaned inside, and the miniblinds were repaired in the Cry Room.

For all their hard work, thanks go to Brady Gage; Pastor Galler; Danny and Sharon Sampson; J.D. and Tifaney Sampson; Steven, Angela, and Cooper Sampson; and Edgar and Barbara Wuthrich.

Voters set the date and an alternate date back in January, but we know that some people still had schedule conflicts and were unable to come. People are always welcome to work on their own and join us next time!

Palm Sunday’s Procession with Palms starts Pilgrim’s Holy Week

Apparently as early as the fourth century in Jerusalem, congregations like Pilgrim have begun worship on Palm Sunday with a procession with palms or whatever green or blossoming branches were available. For March 29, 2015, Arcele Wilburn procured palm branches for Pilgrim from her old flower-shop employer in Henderson. John 12:13 alone mentions palm branches used in welcoming Jesus to Jerusalem before His Passion, but Revelation 7:9 also mentions the symbols of hope, life, and victory.



The Watts family processes into the Sanctuary, while Brady Gage waits his turn.

Photo by Barbara Wuthrich.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Pastor Jayson Galler – May 05

Steven Sampson – May 19

Joseph Smith – May 20

Edgar Wuthrich – May 20

Pilgrim's men put on annual Easter Breakfast April 5th

All photos by Barbara Wuthrich.



(From left) Taylor Hertzler, J.D. Sampson, Brady Gage, and Remo Gualtieri are (hard?) at work in the Kitchen.



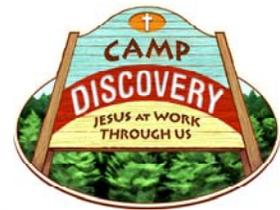
Zylan and Clay Ellis and Arcele and Connie Wilburn enjoy the fruit of the men's labors.



Edgar Wuthrich fries up some of his famous venison-pork sausage, and Paul Guinn is surprised at how good it is!

Prepare for Vacation Bible School June 20

Co-chair of Pilgrim's joint Vacation Bible School with Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Longview Carolyn Morton is looking for volunteers from Pilgrim to help with the one-day event Saturday, June 20, 2015. Preschoolers (3 to 4 year-olds) will go half the day (9:00-11:30 a.m.), and older children (5 to 12 year-olds) will go the full day. Watch the bulletin for a meeting date this month to hand out "responsibilities".



Two Pilgrim families move and so have new addresses

The Land Family is now at 1502 Willowview Street, Longview, TX 75604-2646.

The Watts Family will soon be at 1268 Ireland Williams Road, Waskom, TX 75692-4600.

You can help Kilgore's "Helping Hands"



For the month of May, Helping Hands especially requests spaghetti noodles/pasta and sauce, jello mix, laundry soap/dishwashing liquid, and rice. 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. The post office's "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive is Saturday, May 9th, when they will need extra volunteers. If you can help, please contact Cassie McClurg at 903-984-1796.

Pilgrim's to-date plate offerings ahead of projection

Following a request from Pilgrim's Board of Elders, Pilgrim's Financial Secretary reports the following figures for 2015 through April 19th:

Plate Offerings received: \$39,893.10

Plate Offerings projected: \$37,486.42



The United States began as colonies of people fleeing their homeland seeking the freedom to practice their own religion, although at least initially those people often did not tolerate other religions within their own midst, anymore than God tolerated other religions in the Israelites' midst under His Old Testament theocracy. Nevertheless, the Bill of Rights to the U.S. Constitution is thought to guarantee the freedom *of* religion, although lately it seems to have been interpreted more as a guarantee of a freedom *from* religion. Now there are even more threats to our free exercise of religion in the form of the redefinition of marriage, orders to our social service organizations, aspects of the so-called Affordable Healthcare Act pertaining to abortion, and the like.

Pilgrim is part of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), a national church body originating with immigrant groups who also came to the United States for the freedom to be faithful to God. Now the LCMS is conducting “Free to be Faithful”, an education and awareness initiative supporting life, marriage, and religious liberty (you can find all sorts of related resources on the Synod’s website: www.lcms.org/freetobefaitful). In addition, the LCMS is working to establish the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty in Washington, D.C. Time will tell what impact the initiative and the Center will have with God’s blessing.

To be sure, we do not expect either the initiative or the Center to prevent the general apostasy the Bible says will happen as the end nears. To the extent that the United States and other countries have granted freedom of religion in the past, they are quite different from the situation of the New Testament, where Christianity was not legal and believers expected to be persecuted and counted themselves blessed for suffering unjustly as Christ had suffered (for example, see Matthew 5:11-12; Acts 5:41). We pray that we may be so faithful to the Gospel of the forgiveness of sins by grace through faith in Jesus Christ that we, too, may be so blessed.

Right now we also pray for the U.S. Supreme Court as the justices deliberate the cases they will hear April 28th pertaining to the redefinition of marriage. (The following prayer is adapted from LCMS Worship Resources on its “Free to be Faithful” website.)

Heavenly Father, we come before You at your bidding to ask Your great mercy, particularly upon the Supreme Court of the United States as at this time it deliberates the very definition of marriage in our society. We know and confess that no people that sets itself against Your divine Law, written in nature, can finally prosper or thrive. Protect us, dear Father, from walking down that

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path. Help our justices to recognize Your will for human families as the eternal union of one man and one woman and to reflect that will in the decision they render. We ask this, Father, knowing that we deserve only Your condemnation for our many sins, yet we ask it nonetheless, trusting in the greatness of Your love for us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Jayson S. Galler

The image at the top of this article was composed by Candidate for the Ministry Christopher Nuttelman, using a picture Pastor Galler took of Pilgrim's steeple on Christmas Day 2014 and the LCMS "Free to be Faithful" logo.

MAY EVENTS

LWML SPRING WORKSHOP Saturday, May 2, in Palestine, registration starts at 9:00 a.m.

YOUTH CATECHESIS Tuesday, May 5th, and Thursdays May 14th, 21st, and 28th at 4:00 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Longview.

QUILTING BEE Tuesday, May 5th, at 5:00 p.m.

LWML will meet Tuesday, May 5th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

ELDERS Tuesday, May 12th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. (Reading assignment AC/Ap XXII, pp.45-46, 208-210.)

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD DIVINE SERVICE Thursday, May 14th, at 7:00 p.m., with refreshments following in the Parish Hall (if it is available).

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for June are due Sunday, May 24th.

ONCE-A-MONTH-SOCIAL GATHERING: Please contact Tifaney Sampson with your ideas for a fun outing in the month of May.

You are welcome to invest your money with the Texas District Lutheran Church Extension Fund (CEF) at any time. The sooner you start investing with CEF, the sooner you start earning what is likely its higher interest. Pilgrim will reap the resulting loan rebate when its loan is finalized.



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

Read daily what we regard as the Word of God

Do you and I believe that the Bible is the Word of God and that at least the parts that are intended to be taken literally should be taken literally? If so, how does your and my personal practice reflect that belief? For example, are we regularly reading the Bible on our own so that God can work through it in our lives? The “Daily Lectionary” for May reproduced at left from *Lutheran Worship* (pp.295-299) is intended to help you and me daily read what we should rightly regard as the Word of God.

A Gallup Poll reported nearly one year ago suggests that fewer people in the United States—just more than one in four, arguably a statistical tie for a record low number of people—actually believe the Bible is the actual word of God and that it should be taken literally. More—about half of Americans—believe the Bible is the inspired word of God but should not be taken literally. The rest view the Bible as fables, legends, history, and precepts written by human beings. (For Gallup’s report of its annual Values and Beliefs poll results, see <http://www.gallup.com/poll/170834/three-four-bible-word-god.aspx>.)

We believe, teach, and confess what the Bible teaches about itself: that God gave its very words through human beings whose personalities and experiences are to some extent reflected in what they recorded (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21). As the inspired word of God, the original manuscripts of the books of the Bible are therefore without error (John 10:35). Although later copies may have varied in minor ways, nothing essential to our faith and so to salvation is affected.

We do not question or deny the truthfulness of the Holy Writings, but the Holy Spirit guides our human reason to understand them properly, including whether or not something is literal or figurative (for example, a figure of speech, such as a simile or metaphor). The different books of the Bible—and sometimes different parts of one book—are not all the same kind of literature and so should not all be interpreted precisely the same way. For example, the literal historical narrative of Genesis 1-2 is quite different from much of the more-figurative book of Revelation. I am not saying, as Gallup suggested with one of its poll questions, that the Bible allows for multiple correct interpretations, but I am saying that Gallup’s questions do not even seem to allow what I would consider to be the Bible’s right answers.

Perhaps more important than the question of literal or figurative interpretation is recognizing that the Bible is not only about presenting a moral code but about our recognizing both our sin and our Savior, Jesus Christ (John 5:39; 20:31; 2 Timothy 3:15)—that makes the Bible essential.

Given the right regard for the Bible as the Word of God and its importance, is not our reading a psalm or seasonal canticle and a few chapters of a book worth a few minutes of our time every day? We may not

understand everything we read, but some helps are available (such as those available at www.pilgrimlc.org/daily-bible-reading), and you can always ask me questions.

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
Final processing of our loan from Church Extension Fund's for our new building

THOSE WHO HAVE STRAYED FROM THE FAITH:

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

THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH HOMOSEXUALITY

MEN IN THE SERVICE:

Victor Guinn (Paul Guinn's son deployed in Kuwait)
George C. Heil (in New York where Navy school will resume soon)
Brian Holcombe (Carolyn and Wendell Holcombe's son transitioning to D.C.)
Ross Land (stationed at Fort Polk in Louisiana)

THOSE IN POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND THE MEDICAL PROFESSION

THOSE WHO TRAVEL:

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

SHUT-INS:

Bob Abraham (in an Alzheimer Center in Austin)
Leland Dean (in a care facility in Oklahoma)
Harold Engebretson (at Brookdale in Henderson)

THOSE WHO NEED HEALING:

Steve Atchinson (Betty Miller's grandson, struggling with his life's direction)
Shannon Baker (Beth Nicol's cousin, continuing experimental chemotherapy)
Rev. Dennis Bragdon (ORLC's pastor, prostate cancer "seeds" to be implanted 5/7)
Karen Cole (Watts' family friend, again battling cancer, especially needs strength)
Ardith Coughlin (ORLC member, friend of Pilgrim, dementia with Lewy bodies, stable)
Brad, Cliff, and Lucy Dantin (Navailles' friends, son and parents with health concerns)
Sabrina Davis (Connie Wilburn's friend, on hospice care at UT Health in Tyler)
Connor Dickens (former member Sarah McPherson's son, mental health, tooth surgery)
Joyce Duncan (Arcele Wilburn's friend, suffering from congestive heart failure)
Bryce Faircloth (Angela Sampson's coworker's newborn nephew, various issues)
Alexandra Frericks (Sallye Key's relative, back in Illinois, limited ability)
Mark Harrington (Walkers' brother-in-law, chemo done for now)
Charlotte Herrell (Sharon Sampson's sister, tolerating reduced chemotherapy well)
Olene Herricks (rehabilitating at the Willows in Kilgore after a car mishap on 04/18)
Kathy Hudson (last stem-cell treatment on her shoulders in Florida 1/2)
Brenda Johnson (Pilgrim visitor, various challenges as she also suffers from Parkinson's)
Olin Johnson (Nicols' friend with Parkinsons, continuing to decline in nursing home)
Jerome Key, Jr. (Jerome and Sallye's son, suffering from kidney stones)
Laura Key (Jerome's step-mother, continuing to decline in nursing home)
Edgar Kocke (Elaine Navaille's shirt-tail acquaintance, newborn home, needs weight)
Carl London (Connie Wilburn's coworker, at work, chemotherapy continues)

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Herb Michel (relative of Pastor Galler's friends, cognitive abilities continue to diminish)
Shirley Peters (Mary Clubb's former pastor's wife, upcoming additional eye surgeries)
Betty Sewing (Sallye Key's step-mother in Denver, ongoing treatment for BOOP)
Sadie Stewart (Remo Gualtieri's shirt-tail acquaintance, can't breathe on her own)
Dellfene Trevino (Watts' friend, knee pain, comfort and companionship)
Vince Vernon (Walkers' brother-in-law, has an open wound that is not healing)
John and Vicki Walker (suffering from sinus infections)
Chelsea Watts (Tyler's sister-in-law, cancer surgery went well but voice concerns)
Ian West (regular Pilgrim visitor, sprained ankle)
Robert Wiles (Betty Miller's nephew, untreatable cancer, now on feeding tube)
Wendy Wright (Connie Wilburn's friend, breast cancer surgery coming up)
Nick Zipen (J.D. Sampson's coworker's husband, serious car accident 04/10)

ALL MOTHERS EXPECTING CHILDREN, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

Mary Clubb (our member Aaron's wife, ultrasound shows healthy baby girl, due 8/6)
Caroline Koen (our member, expecting her and Emmett's second child)
Kari Medlin (Angela Sampson's friend, now on limited bed-rest)

FAMILIES IN CRISIS OR NEED AND ALL FAMILIES

Jerome and Sallye Key (water in their house, various extended family concerns)
Myers Family (friends of the Watts, son Jordan jailed and facing serious charges)
Rev. Gary & Judy Piepkorn (a former pastor of Pilgrim, lost house in a fire)

JUNE EVENTS

QUILTING BEE AND LWML will not meet during the summer months but will resume on September 1st

YOUTH CATECHESIS schedule for the summer months is still to be determined.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays June 10th and 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall (not June 3rd, due to the District Convention, and not June 17th, due to Pastor's "vacation").

LCMS TEXAS DISTRICT CONVENTION June 4th-6th in San Marcos.

ELDERS Tuesday, June 9th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. (Reading assignment TBA.)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held Saturday, June 20th from 9-3 at Our Redeemer in Longview.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for July are due Sunday, June 21st.

MATINS ON JUNE 21st: Due to Pastor Galler's "vacation" with his mother after her expected knee-replacement surgery, the Elders have decided to have lay-led Matins (without communion).

PRESENTATION OF THE AUGSGURG CONFESSION JOINT DIVINE SERVICE:

Thursday, June 25th, at 7:00 p.m. at Pilgrim but with Our Redeemer, Longview.

LWML NATIONAL CONVENTION June 25th-28th in Des Moines, Iowa.

ONCE-A-MONTH-SOCIAL GATHERING: Please contact Tifaney Sampson with your ideas for a fun outing in the month of June.

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Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)



Based on Matthew 28:16-20

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 5 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (W) 9:15-9:30 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service	4	5 4:00-5:00 PM Youth Catechesis 5:00 Quilting Bee 6:00 PM LWML Pastor Galler (B)	6 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	7	1 8	2 LWML Spring Workshop in Palestine 9
10 6 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (W) 9:15-9:30 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service	11	12 2:00-5:00 PM Cleaning Ladies 6:00 PM Elders	13 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	14 4:00-5:00 PM Youth Catechesis Ascension Day 7:00 PM Divine Service with Refreshments following	15 M/M Tyler Watts (A)	16
17 7 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (W) 9:15-9:30 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service	18	19 Steven Sampson (B)	20 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study Edgar Wuthrich (B) Joseph Smith (B)	21 Circuit Pastors' Conference in Palestine 4:00-5:00 PM Youth Catechesis M/M David Navaille (A)	22	23 10:00 AM Worship Service at The Willows Newsletter articles due tomorrow
24 PENTECOST (R) 9:15-9:30 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service	25	26	27 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	28 4:00-5:00 PM Youth Catechesis (at ORLC)	29	30
31 TRINITY SUNDAY (W) 9:15-9:30 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service	<p>Communion Assistant – J. D. Sampson</p> <p>Acolyte – Benjamin Morton</p>					

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