

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

BROADWAY AT FLOREY

KILGORE, TEXAS



July 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.

Summer and eternal travel

Dear Members and Friends of Pilgrim Lutheran Church,

Summer is often a time of family vacations and travel to various places. When I was a boy, we were usually on the road for about a month, making our way across a particular region of the United States, by day seeing various sights, especially including state capitols, and by night camping as inexpensively as possible in national, state, and local parks. That my parents were able to plan such trips precisely given technology and other resources at the time and that they were able to afford them on their salaries are remarkable. Although maybe I did not appreciate the trips as much as I could have at the time, now I would not trade those experiences for the world.

Near the end of our Bicentennial trip to the East Coast came the only thing that I might liken to a “religious pilgrimage”, though it was really more of an extremely early college visit (the earliest I would have been going there was still 12 years away). We stopped in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, to see the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s (LCMS) campus there, which had been built and used as the Synod’s Senior College but was that summer transitioning to be the “new” campus of one the Synod’s two seminaries (the one which had originated in Ft. Wayne but later been moved to Springfield, Illinois). When I finally attended there from 1994-1995 (18 years later), I had a general sense of familiarity, and I still remember some things about that visit.

In the Bible, God’s people were to make three annual religious pilgrimages to the Temple in Jerusalem, and we know from Luke 2:41-51 that Jesus and His family regularly made those trips. On the particular trip that that passage reports, Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but His parents did not know it. They supposed that He was elsewhere in their group of people travelling together, their “synod”, as the Greek word used there (and only there in the Bible) can be transliterated. Thus a “synod” is a company of travelers, associates on a journey, or a caravan.

Presumably, when the LCMS began, its organizers used the German version of the word “synod” in the name of the church body because they saw themselves headed in the same direction (they shared common goals) and agreed on how to get there (they had the same understanding about how God grew His Church). Among the items one of the first Constitutions listed as reasons for forming the Synod were “The joint extension of the kingdom of God and the establishment and promotion of special church enterprises (seminary, agenda, hymnal ...)”, “The conservation and promotion of the unity of the pure confession ... and the common defense

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against schism and sectarianism”, and “The protection and maintenance of the rights and duties of pastors and congregations”. Listed conditions under which union could take place and fellowship could continue included “Regular (not temporary) call of pastors and regular elections of lay delegates by the congregations”. (For complete listings of both categories, see *Moving Frontiers*, pp.149-150.) The Synod quickly divided into Districts, and many of the purposes and objectives of the Synod were transferred to the Districts for work in their geographical areas (work outside of any District’s geographical area was left to the Synod as a whole).

Still relatively fresh from this summer’s Texas District Convention, I am increasingly asking myself whether I (as a pastor) and we at Pilgrim (as a congregation) are travelling together with the District and even with the Synod. I have written to you all before asking whether the original reasons for forming the Synod and so its Districts are still the reasons for which the Synod and particularly the Texas District exist today, as it appears to me that to at least some extent they are not. Are we headed the same direction? Do we agree on how to get there? Ample evidence from the recent Convention and ongoing activities of the Synod can be taken to suggest otherwise.

When your and my families take vacations, we may well have to compromise on destinations, routes, and means of travel, in order to accommodate everyone’s desires and to work within available resources. However, compromise with our fellow travelers in the Synod is not in order when such compromise goes against the Word of God and the Lutheran Confessions “as the pure, unadulterated statement and exposition of the divine Word”. At least formerly in the Synod and its Districts, all of us travelling together would renounce all unionism and syncretism, activities such as taking part in worshipping and doing mission work with those of other confessions of faith, and we all would use only materials for worship that were doctrinally pure. (Again, see the 1854 Constitution on the pages of *Moving Frontiers* noted above.)

To be sure, none of us is perfect, for we all are sinful by nature. Even after the Gospel that we believe, teach, and confess both forgives our sin by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and brings about new life in us, we continue to sin, and so we can only live together in the forgiveness of sins. Yet, we also at least should want to do better, and we may legitimately question whether all our fellow travelers want to do differently than they are doing. Not only this summer, but, as we continue to travel together through all of this life, we together ask ourselves about those with whom we are travelling, the direction we all are headed, and how we all think we are going to get there. God bless our reflection, the decisions we make based on it, and our ongoing journey to eternity in His Name!

*His and your servant,
Pastor Galler*

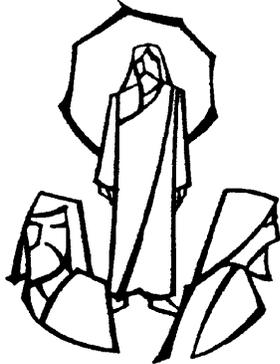
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Carl Gardner – July 05
Zylan Ellis – July 13
Luke Land – July 15
David Naville – July 18
Betty Miller – June 25



July 2015 brings four Sundays after Pentecost

Maybe you and I have tried to talk to our family members and friends about salvation from sin, by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, only to have them reject that good news. Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself knew such rejection from His own family members, as we will hear in the Gospel Reading for one of the four Sundays after Pentecost in July of 2015. Jesus certainly desires His Kingdom to grow, and it does, as He sees fit to grow it, as we continue to hear in the non-festival half of the Church Year, which uses green colored cloths on the pastor and furniture in the Sanctuary, which bring to mind the life and growth evident in foliage and fruit and reflect the growth in the Church.



To be sure, Jesus knows that some people, even within His and our own families, will turn their backs on Him and reject the Gospel that we share with them. Jesus prepared those He sent for such rejection, and we hear about that on the same Sunday after Pentecost this month. We might take such rejection personally, but pastors and lay people alike do well to remember that people who reject the Gospel are not rejecting us as individuals as much as they are rejecting the Lord Jesus and the Father Who sent Him (see, for example, Luke 10:16). We can and should continue to pray for such people and watch for the Holy Spirit to give us opportunities to speak again of the love that we and God have for them in Christ.

Other Sundays' Gospel Readings this month focus on the spread of Jesus's fame, His shepherding and feeding His followers, and His showing His power by walking on water. The dates and Gospel Readings for the Sundays after Pentecost in July of 2015 follow (according to *Lutheran Service Book Series B*).

- Sixth Sunday (07/05): Jesus is denied honor and sends others (Mark 6:1-13)
- Seventh Sunday (07/12): Jesus's fame reaches King Herod (Mark 6:14-29)
- Eighth Sunday (07/19): Jesus shepherds and feeds His followers (Mark 6:30-44)
- Ninth Sunday (07/26): Jesus shows His power by walking on water (Mark 6:45-56)

Everyone is always invited and welcome in person at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, and anyone can read and hear sermons preached at Pilgrim at www.pilgrimlc.org/sermons.

Pastor Jayson S. Galler

Pilgrim's to-date plate offerings

Pilgrim's Board of Elders has requested monthly updates, but Pilgrim's Financial Secretary has not reported figures since those in the June *Pilgrimage*.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

M/M Spencer Land – July 01



Pilgrim's lay delegate reports on 2015 Texas District Convention

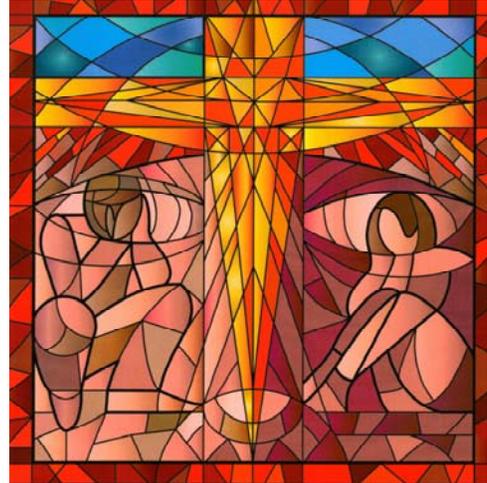
I would like to thank the congregation for its support in sending Pastor and me to San Marcos for the 2015 Texas District Convention. Representing our congregation was an honor and privilege, and we were glad that Tifaney came along for the ride.

Getting to meet with so many Lutherans from all over our state was an interesting experience. From a Baylor University professor, to the Lutheran Hour Speaker, to an outreach minister from Houston, the convention was packed with presenters from several different areas of ministry. The theme of the convention was "The Mission Eyes of Jesus" (based on John 4:35), so, as one would imagine, there was a huge emphasis on "missional" types of church experiences and a considerable amount of talk and preaching about how to expand the "numbers" of the church.

Voting at the convention was also very interesting. We each had a hand held "remote"-type device that we used. We had hoped for a couple of overtures from our congregation and Circuit to pass and, in one case, to move on to the Synodical Convention, but all essentially were defeated rather resoundingly (although Pastor Galler thinks the point of one overture got made even as it was defeated). In fact, as the voting continued there was a rather evident split in favor of the more "missional" delegates. On the other hand we did meet at least three young, conservative, faithful-minded pastors whom I was very glad to get to know.

All in all, I was glad to have the opportunity to represent Pilgrim at this convention. I recommend the experience to any member who wants to go and see how the business of the church works on a larger level.

*J.D. Sampson, Pilgrim's Lay Delegate
2015 Texas District Convention*



The convention backdrop and service folder cover image depicting "The Mission Eyes of Jesus" was by Paul Johnson Design and Illustration LLC of Alexandria, Minnesota. Johnson said he began with the song "Macedonia (Vision of a dying world)" and wanted to show two individuals in mourning but also include the face of Christ, our only hope.

U.S. Supreme Court rules in favor of same-sex "marriage"

As this edition of the *Pilgrimage* was going to press, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of same-sex "marriage" nationwide. The landmark 5-4 ruling effectively overrules all state bans, such as that Texas had until recently, and it arguably forces all states to recognize such "marriages" done in other states. Each of the justices in the minority wrote their own dissent. In his, Justice Thomas notably wrote that "the majority's decision threatens the religious liberty our Nation has long sought to protect." How exactly the ruling will impact faithful pastors and people of congregations such as Pilgrim, of course, remains to be seen. The president of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod had previously written that the Synod's legal team would examine the ramifications of the case and report back with more information.



This year's high school graduate Rebekah Morton poses with one of the cakes Kathy Hudson made for Rebekah's celebration, though someone else clearly got to the cake before Rebekah and the photographer.
Photo by Barbara Wuthrich.

Annual Pilgrim picnic honors high school graduate Rebekah Morton

After the Divine Service on Sunday June 7th, Rebekah Morton was recognized for her graduation from high school (her family's homeschooling "His Holy Word Academy"), and then many of those present moved to the large pavilion of the Kilgore City Park for a Graduation Picnic, which has been a Pilgrim tradition for a long time. Rebekah thanked everyone for coming and for their cards, well-wishes, and gifts. She shared with us her plans to attend LeTourneau University in the fall and her dream of eventually being an English teacher.

Food and drink were provided by many members, but special recognition goes to Kathy Hudson, who baked and decorated the cakes, and to Danny Sampson, who cooked the hotdogs and hamburger patties to perfection (with the help and advice of many male members of the church).

Approximately 30 members enjoyed the opportunity to visit together and/or play on the park playground equipment.

Pastor Galler's prayer, to which all say "Amen!", is for God to continue to guide Rebekah as she continues her formal education and her development as a Christian.

Barbara Wuthrich

JULY EVENTS

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

YOUTH CATECHESIS each Thursday at 4:00 p.m. at ORLC in Longview.

REPORTS FOR VOTERS' PACKETS are due to the Church Office by Sunday, July 12th.

ELDERS Tuesday, July 14th, at 6:00 p.m. (Read and come prepared to discuss AC/Ap XXIV, pp.47-49, 220-237, in addition to completing the communion statement "homework".)

KILGORE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE Saturday, July 18th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please sign-up to donate (visit www.pilgrimlc.org/blooddrive or call the church office), recruit other donors, and volunteer to host.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for August are due Sunday, July 19th.

ONCE-A-MONTH-SOCIAL GATHERING: Saturday, July 25th, at 2:00 p.m. The Texas Shakespeare Festival's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream". Buy your ticket(s) now (reserved seats \$25 or unreserved bench \$24) at the box office, over the phone (903-983-8601), or online (www.texasshakespeare.com), and let Tifaney Sampson know you are coming.

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING Sunday, July 26th in the Sanctuary after the service.

LWML SUMMER RETREAT Friday, July 31st –August 1st, in Palestine, TX.

2015 Joint VBS was “Camp Discovery”

Saturday June 25, 2015. was the date for this year’s Vacation Bible School, and “a good time was had by all!” Due to our construction at Pilgrim, it was suggested by our volunteer VBS chairman Carolyn Morton, and approved by our Board of Education and Board of Elders, that we combine with Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Longview for a one day VBS, using Concordia Publishing House materials for “Camp Discovery”. Rhonda Stephens from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Longview was that congregation’s chair, and together the ladies organized a great camp for 10 happy campers, divided into an older group and younger group (the latter did only a half day and included Pilgrim’s Emmett Koen V). The key theme was “Jesus at work through us”, and the key Bible verse was 1 John 4:19: “We love because He first loved us.”

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. with registration and ending with a hamburger supper for all the campers, parents, and volunteers, the day was packed with activities. Pastor Bragdon from ORLC welcomed everyone in the Sanctuary and presented an overview of Camp Discovery, and then the day was filled with stories told by Karole Schneider and Leean Coyner, crafts taught by Grace and Rebecka Morton (with others helping), music led by Sharon Sampson, games led by Hannah Morton, and Bible Challenge activities led by Barbara Wuthrich. All of the Morton family helped in one way or another, with special credit going to Ben, Emma, and John for decorating and pitching in to help wherever needed. Georgette Bragdon, Marcella Comfort, Rudy Stephens, and Bruce Guillory of ORLC should be noted for their help with anything and everything, including food.

Each of five Bible stories was told enthusiastically by Karole, and then supported through other verses, crafts, songs, games, and other activities to learn the take-home messages:

- 1 Samuel 17:1-51 (David and Goliath) + Joshua 1:9 = Jesus gives me courage
- Judges 4:1-16 (Deborah judges with God’s wisdom) + Proverbs 2:6 = Jesus gives me His wisdom
- Daniel 3 (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) + Daniel 3:17 = Jesus saves me
- Mark 10:46-52 (Jesus gives Bartimaeus sight) + Ephesians 2:8 = Jesus gives me faith
- Acts 9:1-19 (God sends Ananias to Saul) + 1 John 4:19 = Jesus gives me His love to share

Bible memory verses were especially reinforced with new songs written for this VBS that simply contained the words of the verse accompanied by actions and ending with the verse citation.

Although this joint VBS was a wonderful experience, we can all look forward to next year when we have our own new facilities to use for our own VBS in our own community!

*Barbara Wuthrich
VBS Volunteer*



The older group of students at the joint VBS pose with a Bible verse corresponding with one of the lessons. From left are Emma Morton, John Morton, Jayden Comfort (?), Gregory Sykes, and Taylor Stephens. Photo by Barbara Wuthrich.



Brody Kelley, an electrician with Triple T Services, installs one of the new lights in what will be the library/conference room. In this picture taken through the old kitchen serving window, to the left, you can see the doorway to the new pastor’s study and, to the right, the doorway to the hallway and church office beyond. Photo by Barbara Wuthrich.

Pilgrim remodel is well underway

The first phase of the remodel is nearing an end and should be done the week of June 29th. Painting will begin after that, and I would expect another four weeks to complete the remodel totally, but it very well could be done sooner.

No congregational work day is scheduled for moving out of the old office at this time, but one will be scheduled as we get closer to completion of the remodel and prepare for the old office building to be removed.

For all practical purposes we are “closed” on the loan, but we have not yet received any of the money, as the loan officer needs to see the final bid for the new construction.

*Steven Sampson, Chair
Capital Improvements Committee*

new building. After that, we can begin to plan to break

You can help Kilgore’s “Helping Hands”

For the month of July, Helping Hands especially requests cornbread mix, peanut butter, granola bars, and soap. They will also continue to collect individually wrapped or small packages of toilet paper. 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.



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Distinguishing law/Gospel helps Bible reading

Anytime we hear God’s Word, whether it is read and preached to us in the Divine Service or whether we read it ourselves outside of the Divine Service, such as by following the Daily Lectionary on this page (reproduced by permission from *Lutheran Worship*, pp.295-299), we want to be able to recognize both law and Gospel. For, the distinction between the law and the Gospel is “an especially brilliant light which serves the purpose that the Word of God may be rightly divided and the writings of the holy prophets and apostles may be explained and understood correctly” (FC SD V:1, Tappert, 558). Without this light, Holy Scripture remains a closed book.

The Biblical distinction between law and Gospel goes back perhaps especially to St. Paul (for example, 2 Corinthians 3:6), Augustine of Hippo (for example, *On the Spirit and the Letter*), Martin Luther (for example, 1516 Lectures on Romans), and C. F. W. Walther (for example, *The Proper Distinction between Law and Gospel*). Lutherans have not always properly understood both the distinction between law and Gospel and the uses of the law, as evident, for example, by Articles V and VI of the Formula of Concord, one of the confessional writings of the Lutheran Church to which we subscribe, both as a congregation and so also as individuals.

Put simply, the law presents things we are to do or not do, and so the law shows us our sin. The Gospel presents our Savior from sin, and, when received in repentance and faith, so the Gospel forgives us our sin. Led by the Holy Spirit, we can properly distinguish law and Gospel and rightly divide God’s Word (2 Timothy 2:15), but such distinction and division are not like comparing the Old to the New Testament, contrasting a book like Leviticus to a book like Matthew, or color-coding the entire Bible with two different highlighters. Ultimately, the uses of law and Gospel are the Holy Spirit’s, and He might use the same thing (such as the cross of Christ) both for the purpose of showing one person the depth of his or her sin and for the purpose of showing another person the extent of God’s love for him or her.

Although the use of Holy Scripture as law or Gospel belongs to the Holy Spirit, pastors appropriately try to distinguish and apply law and Gospel in their preaching, and, if they are successful, we should be able to identify law and Gospel in their resulting sermons, not to mention also perhaps their Bible studies, newsletter articles, and newspaper columns. Yet, I have recently heard non-Lutheran “sermons” online and television that contain only law. Even Lutheran pastors too often do not always properly distinguish law and Gospel in their preaching, and their resulting sermons sadly might lack one or the other or even both. What of the distinction between law and Gospel do you observe in my preaching?

What of the distinction between law and Gospel do you observe in your daily Bible reading? If you need help finding law and Gospel in the reading that follows the Daily Lectionary, you might check out <http://www.pilgrimlc.org/daily-bible-reading> and the link there to my old daily blog on the readings. Questions are always welcome!

Pastor Jayson S. Galler

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

AUGUST EVENTS

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MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary (except August 5th, due to continuing education).

YOUTH CATECHESIS is expected to be held each Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in Longview (except August 6th, due to continuing education).

ELDERS Tuesday, August 11th, at 6:00 p.m. (Location and reading assignment TBA.)

LETOURNEAU UNIVERSITY CHURCH FAIR Saturday, August 22, in Longview.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for September are due Sunday, August 23rd.

ONCE-A-MONTH-SOCIAL GATHERING: Please contact Tifaney Sampson with your ideas.

Please pray as our congregation has been requested to pray

CHRISTIANS BEING PERSECUTED WORLDWIDE

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

REV. MICHAEL MONTERASTELLI

THOSE WHO HAVE STRAYED FROM THE FAITH:

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

THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH HOMOSEXUALITY

SEASONABLE WEATHER

PEACE IN THE WORLD

MEN IN THE SERVICE:

Victor Guinn (Paul Guinn's son deployed in Kuwait)

George C. Heil (in New York continuing Navy school)

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:

Sharron Baker (Beth Nicol's cousin, continuing experimental chemotherapy)

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Krista Beck (George B. Heil's bandmate, still managing pain after 05/07 surgery)
Rev. Dennis Bragdon (ORLC's pastor, prostate cancer "seeds" 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)
Cliff Dantin (Navailles' friend Brad's father, slow rehab after hip fracture)
Kimberly Dietz (Shannon's partner's sister, cancer treatment and related concerns)
Joyce Duncan (Arcele Wilburn's friend, suffering from congestive heart failure)
Toni Erickson (recovering from 05/12 abdominal surgery)
Bryce Faircloth (Angela's coworker's newborn nephew, needs esophagus surgery)
Alexandra Frericks (Sallye Key's relative, back in Illinois, limited ability)
Caryl Galler (Pastor's mother, recovering at home from 6/2 knee-replacement surgery)
Mrs. Larry Gregg (wife of one of the car drivers, lung biopsy and possible surgery)
Mark Harrington (Walkers' brother-in-law, spot on his lung that may be cancer)
Charlotte Herrell (Sharon Sampson's sister, tolerating reduced chemotherapy well)
Olene Herricks (home now after car mishap 04/18, therapy continuing)
Kathy Hudson (last stem-cell treatment on her shoulders in Florida 01/02)
Judy Hughes (Arcele Wilburn's friend, undergoing rehab for badly broken leg)
Brenda Johnson (Pilgrim visitor, challenges include Parkinson's and brain surgery 7/8)
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)
Sallye Key (spiritual strengthening, peace, and joy)
Carl London (Connie Wilburn's coworker, at work, chemotherapy continues)
Herb Michel (relative of Pastor's friends, out of the hospital but various concerns)
Sam Morton (at home recovering from a back procedure 6/3)
Tom Nicol (Don's older brother, high blood-pressure and other health concerns)
Shirley Peters (Mary Clubb's former pastor's wife, upcoming additional eye surgeries)
Charles Ramage (Carolyn Holcombe's brother, various health concerns)
Karen Reed (Ron Morton's colleague's wife, kidney removed for cancer 6/11)
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 surgery June 3)
Robert Wiles (Betty Miller's nephew, untreatable cancer, now on feeding tube)
James Willey (Remo and Kathy's friend, diagnosed with early stage cancer)
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, baby girl due 8/6)
Caroline Koen (our member, expecting her and Emmett's second child)

FAMILIES IN CRISIS OR NEED AND ALL FAMILIES

Clydie Black Family (Beth Nicol's aunt and cousin are both hospitalized)
Heil Family
Myers Family (friends of the Watts, son Jordan jailed and facing serious charges)
Raymond Family (Cooper's Scouts friends' family, teenager Paiglynn ran away 4/17)
Thomas Family (Leroy's sons and grandchildren)



JULY 2015

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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Pastor's Regular Study Hours
 Tuesday 5:00–8:00 PM
 Wednesday–Friday 9:00 AM–12:00 PM
 Saturday Noon–3:00 PM

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 Your name here ????

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Communion Assistant – Carl Gardner Acolyte – Luke Land			1 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study M/M Spencer Land (A)	2 4:00-5:00 PM Youth Catechesis	3	4 10:00 AM Worship Service at The Willows
5 6 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (G) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service Carl Gardner(B)	6	7 2:00-5:00 PM Cleaning Ladies 6:00 PM Elders	8 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	9 4:00-5:00 PM Youth Catechesis	10	11 Reports for Voters' Meeting Packets due tomorrow
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