

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

BROADWAY AT FLOREY

KILGORE, TEXAS



November 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.

November and always, we all can be thankful stewards

Dear Members and Friends of Pilgrim Lutheran Church,

November is perhaps most associated with our day of national thanksgiving. I am thankful recently to have spent some two weeks with my mother travelling some 2,500 miles through eight states. But, as I was able to reflect while on that trip, I am *most* thankful for the blessings of the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, which God in Word and Sacrament freely gives me and all who repent through faith in His Son Jesus Christ, Who lived the perfect life that we fail to live and on the cross paid the price for our failure to live that life. Those blessings of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are *chief* of all the blessings God gives us, but they are not *the extent* of His blessings. There is so much more for which we ought to be thankful to Him and, in so being thankful, faithfully return a portion to His Church for use in the building up of His Kingdom.

On our trip, my mother and I (and any other relatives present) often made use of *Portals of Prayer* for our daily devotions together. On October 27th, *Portals* appointed Psalm 116 as part of the reading. The Psalm's words may be familiar to many of us from their use in the Offertory of *Lutheran Service Book's* Divine Service, Settings One and Two (formerly *Lutheran Worship's* Divine Service II, First and Second Setting).

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the Name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,

in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

(LSB 159-160, 176; Psalm 116:12-14, 17-19)

Note well how the use of the Psalm's words as the Offertory in the liturgy connects our pleas for forgiveness (calling on the Name of the Lord) with both the salvation God freely gives us in the Lord's Supper (taking the cup of salvation) and our response in the form of our offerings of the first-fruits of what He has given us (paying our vows).

Of God's blessings, we truly are stewards, those to whom the use of the blessings on behalf of their "owner" has been entrusted. And, too often we do not use the blessings God gives us as He would have us use them. We might specifically think of how we fail to give of them for

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use in the building up His Kingdom—in this place, in our country, and around the world—to serve our neighbors in spiritual need and to serve Him in the persons of our neighbors in physical need. We might squander the resources He has entrusted to our care on any number of things that ultimately are far less valuable to us than a congregation of both pastor and people who faithfully gather around His purely-preached Word and rightly-administered Sacraments.

That purely-preached Word and those rightly-administered Sacraments, as we let them, will bring forth first-fruit offerings that support His Kingdom and help our neighbors in material need. Because we believe that truth, our congregation does not have a once-a-year “stewardship” month or other kind of stewardship “focus” or “campaign” requiring people to pledge how much they intend to give and then budget off the total of those pledges. We pray God to guide our responsible budgeting process and trust Him to move the people to give of the abundance with which He has blessed them. And, we cheerfully give proportionately of that abundance of blessings, not primarily intending to meet the budget’s need but in thanksgiving for the gifts and benefits God has first given us.

*His and your servant,
Pastor Galler*

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our firstfruits give!

—William W. How, Lutheran Service Book 781:1-2

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

01 – Emma Watts
06 – Ian West
08 – Sallye Key
11 – Paul Guinn
15 – Connie Wilburn
22 – Ashlea Gill
23 – Gwen Heil
27 – Avery Smith



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

27 – Emmett and Caroline Koen

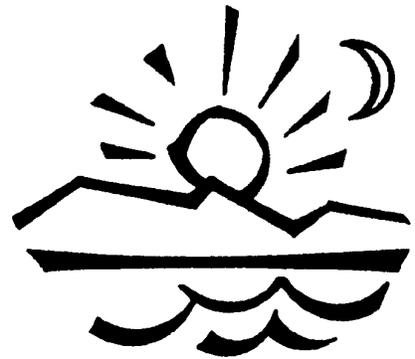
November sees one Church Year end and another begin

With a special festival observance, four other Sundays, and an occasion, November concludes the final quarter of the 2014-2015 Church Year and begins the first quarter of the 2015-2016 Church Year. As we make our way through the month, we learn another portion of *Lutheran Service Book's* Divine Service, Setting Two, and begin using the full Setting.

The special festival observance this month is All Saints' Day. While all who repent and believe are washed in and made holy by Jesus's blood, the day focuses more on the saints who have gone before us in the faith and are already with the Lord. In the Divine Service on All Saints' Day, the first Sunday in November, we will commemorate the faithful departed from this congregation in the last 12 months.

Following the second (B) year of *Lutheran Service Book's* three-year lectionary series for all but November's first and last Sunday, when St. Matthew's and St. Luke's accounts, respectively, are used, we hear almost continuous readings from the twelfth and thirteenth chapters of St. Mark's Divinely-inspired Gospel account. (Neither Mark 13:14-23 nor its parallel Matthew 24:15-25 is used in our three-year cycle of readings, though its parallel Luke 21:20-28 is part of the reading for the second-to-the-last Sunday of the coming Church Year; still, you may wish to read Mark 13:14-23 now on your own.)

- All Saints' Day (11/01): Jesus speaks about who is blessed (Matthew 5:1-12)
- Twenty-fourth Sunday (11/08): Jesus speaks of offerings (Mark 12:38-44)
- Twenty-fifth Sunday (11/15): Jesus speaks of the end times (Mark 13:1-13)
- Last Sunday of the Church Year (11/22): Jesus tells of the Last Day (Mark 13:24-37)
- First Sunday of Advent (11/29): Jesus comes as King in the Lord's Name (Luke 19:28-40)



The last Sunday of the Church Year has also been variously observed as the Sunday of the Fulfillment or as Christ the King Sunday. Regardless of its title, the last Sunday looks forward to when all things in heaven and earth will be together under one head, Jesus Christ, and it thereby also itself transitions to the following season of Advent.

The occasion this month is a Day of Thanksgiving, which we observe with a Divine Service on its Eve, Wednesday, October 28th. The Gospel Reading for that occasion is Luke 17:11-19, which tells of the one Samaritan leper, out of a group of ten lepers, who returned to Jesus to give thanks for the salvation he had received. All are encouraged to invite their family and friends to join them in attending the 7:00 p.m. Service Thanksgiving Eve.

After introducing and using the Offertory from *LSB* Divine Service, Setting Two, in September and the complete Service of the Sacrament from Setting Two in October, this month we use the Service of the Word from Setting Two. We continue to use the preparation and the Offertory from Setting Three, and we return to using Setting Three for the Service of the Sacrament. Again, you may recognize the structure and wording of Setting Two as being more familiar from *LSB's* Setting One, which is essentially the same as *LW's* Divine Service II (First Setting) that was used for a long time here at Pilgrim. As in those Settings, there are two choices

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for the Hymn of Praise, and this month we will sing both, as we will next Church Year, as best fits the season or day.

All Saints' Day and Thanksgiving Eve use white paraments (the colored cloths on the chancel furnishings and pastor), symbolizing joy, celebration, gladness, light, purity, and innocence. The three middle Sundays in November, being in the non-festival half of the Church Year, use green paraments, symbolizing the life and growth evident in foliage and fruit and so reflecting the growth in the Church. The last Sunday of November begins Advent and uses blue paraments, symbolizing hope and anticipation and serving as a lighter "shade" for Advent's penitence than Lent's darker purple.

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

Volunteer needed for Pilgrim's Church Office

Another volunteer is needed "in" the Church Office, doing such things as helping prepare the bulletin and newsletter, keeping some congregational records, generating some correspondence, and the like. While some computer skills are needed, always being present in the Church Office is not necessarily required if you have a good internet connection and computer at home. If you can help, please talk to the new coordinators for Office Volunteers from the Board of Elders, Carl Gardner or John Walker.

You can help Kilgore's "Helping Hands"

Helping Hands of Kilgore (located at 201 South Martin Street in Kilgore) is a cooperative non-profit organization supported by the community's churches to help feed those in need. Items requested for November and December are turkeys, cream of mushroom soup, canned green beans, cornbread mixes, fruit pie-filling (but they have enough pumpkin), brown-and-serve rolls, gravy packets, canned corn, fruit-cocktail, and cake mixes. 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.



To comfort and to bless,
To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless
Is angels' work below.

And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

—William W. How, Lutheran Service Book 781:4, 6

NOVEMBER EVENTS



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS Remember to “fall back” before Sunday morning, November 1st, or risk being an hour early for Bible Study and the Divine Service!

“AT THE INTERSECTION OF CHURCH AND STATE” Sunday, November 1st, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Devall Student Center Ballroom on the Kilgore College Campus. Second-Annual Symposium sponsored in part by Pilgrim as an outreach event to the greater community. Pastor Galler will be one of the panelists.

JUNIOR YOUTH CATECHESIS Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. in Pastor Galler’s Study and Saturdays November 7th, 14th, and 21st at 11:00 a.m. in Pastor’s Study (not November 28th due to the Thanksgiving holiday).

QUILTING BEE Tuesday, November 3rd, at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library.

LWML will meet Tuesday, November 3rd, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library. A light supper will be served.

SENIOR YOUTH CATECHESIS Tuesday November 3rd and Thursdays November 12th and 19th at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Longview (not November 5th due to Pastor’s being in the Dallas area and not November 26th due to the Thanksgiving holiday).

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays November 4th, 11th, and 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library (not November 25th due to the Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service).

VOTERS’ MEETING Sunday, November 8th, immediately after the Divine Service in the Sanctuary. Packets are available in the Narthex and via email.

ONCE-A-MONTH-SOCIAL GATHERING: Meet at Pilgrim at 7:45 p.m., and we will go together to First Presbyterian for the free opening concert of the East Texas Pipe Organ Festival by Damin Spritzer, an internationally acclaimed organist.

ELDERS Tuesday, November 10th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library (Reading assignment AC/Ap XXVIII, pp.57-62, 247-251).

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for December/January are due Sunday, November 22nd. Please note the combined issue and submit your contributions for your newsletter by that time.

THANKSGIVING EVE DIVINE SERVICE Wednesday, November 25th, at 7:00 p.m.

FLOAT DECORATING: Saturday, November 28th, at 10:00 a.m., at the Steven Sampsons’ home at 222 Lee Drive in Kilgore (really Sabine). Come help us prepare our congregation’s float for the annual Kilgore Christmas parade.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT Sunday, November 29th. We will begin using *Lutheran Service Book*’s Divine Service, Setting Two (with the same structure as *LSB* Setting One and most of the music from *Luther an Worship* Divine Service II [Second Setting]), with Appointed Psalms, for the whole 2015-2016 Church Year. (Portions will be introduced before Midweek Bible Study and in the Divine Services September through November.)



October Photo Album

Enjoy the photos from some of October's congregational and other activities and fun.



Pilgrim member Ian West (far left) and his Cub Scout Pack buddies portray "oil rig guys" in the Hawkins Oil Festival Parade on Saturday, October 10, 2015. The Parade was followed by "bounce house" time for the boys.



Larry Reif joined the Pilgrim family by transfer from Trinity Lutheran Church in Navasota on Sunday, October 11, 2015. Larry works and lives in Longview.



(Above) Ansleigh Renae Heil was baptized at Pilgrim on Sunday, October 11, 2015. She is pictured with Pastor Galler, her Godmother Dana Freeman, her parents Kristen and George C. Heil, and the second witness to the baptism, Grace Whitfield.



The annual St. Luke's United Methodist Pumpkin Patch and Fall Fest was held Saturday, October 17, 2015. Pilgrim again had a presence with a bread booth that raised more than \$200 to support our evangelism efforts in the community. Thanks to all who donated bread and set up, staffed, and took down the booth. Pictured are Angela and Steven Sampson, J.D. Sampson, and Sarah Land.

(Right) It wasn't all work at the St. Luke's Pumpkin Patch, as four of Pilgrim's "children" pose with ghost cutouts. From the right, is John Morton, Ben Morton, and Luke Land—can you name "female" ghost on the left?



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 Bible Reading raises another child-sacrifice question

I praise God that some people are not only reading the Bible daily but also asking questions about their reading. The latest question I received stems from October’s Daily Bible Reading and relates to a previous question about child sacrifices that was printed in the September issue of the *Pilgrimage*.

The schedule of Daily Bible Reading we are encouraging everyone in the congregation to follow (November’s section of which is reproduced at left and a larger-print version is available in the Narthex), is reproduced from the “Daily Lectionary” originally given in *Lutheran Worship*, pp.295-299. This schedule gives several Bible chapters and a psalm, psalm section, or seasonal canticle to be read each day. Unlike the schedule from *Lutheran Service Book* and reproduced on the Concordia Publishing House bulletin inserts and on the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod website, this schedule gets those following it through the whole Bible over the course of one year. Readings are loosely related to the calendar for the Church Year, which begins with the First Sunday of Advent, but reading can begin at any time. (December 1 begins the new year of Daily Bible Reading.)

The previous question printed in the September *Pilgrimage* related to passages such as 2 Chronicles 28:3 read in August, with its apparent reference to children being sacrificed to the pagan god Molech, which sacrifices were forbidden in passages such as Leviticus 18:21 and 20:2-5, and the question addressed possible connections to Abraham’s sacrifice of Isaac in Genesis 22. The latest question and answer follow.

Q: Lamentations 4:10’s reference to children being boiled and eaten is disturbing, and I guess that is more about the parents’ surviving than about their sacrificing, which we discussed previously and read about again a week earlier in Jeremiah 32:35.

A: Yes, the extreme survival measure of one’s eating one’s own children described in Lamentations 4:10 is different from one’s sacrificing one’s own children that we discussed previously and is read about not only in Jeremiah 32:35 but also even earlier in Jeremiah 7:31’s nearly identical verse. Yet, the sacrifice and the survival measure are related, for the people’s typical sin of sacrificing their own children in part led to God’s judgment in the form of a severe famine that forced them to have to eat their own children (confer Leviticus 26:29; Deuteronomy 28:53-57; and 2 Kings 6:24-29). Note how Lamentations 4:10 emphasizes the people’s despair by indicating that even the *compassionate* mothers have boiled and eaten their children, instead of loving and nurturing them. We might reflect on how a truly compassionate and loving mother might have sacrificed her own life for the sake of her

children, as Jesus lovingly sacrificed Himself for us (John 15:13), and we might reflect on our own sinfulness and the judgment that we deserve over our sins, such as modern-day abortions, all of which sins, when we repent, are freely forgiven by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

If you ever have a question on the Daily Bible Reading, feel free to ask it at any time.

Pastor Jayson S. Galler

LWML keeps busy

Pilgrim's Society thanks Jeanna Watts for making the new LWML banner that was used on Oct. 4th for our **LWML Sunday service**. During the service, Pastor installed our new officers: Kathy Hudson (treasurer), Elaine Navaille (secretary), and Barbara Wuthrich (president).

In October we restarted our **Quilting Bee program** at 5:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month (we are working on our third quilt). We continued our new meeting program in Oct. by meeting at Napolis. By passing out minutes from Sept. and quickly discussing upcoming events, we had time for our Bible study (led by Sharon Sampson), while waiting for our order to be filled, and quality time socializing with our sisters in Christ.

Several ladies in the congregation chose to join our first **Secret Sisters program** (proposed and organized by Jeanna Watts), and we look forward to supporting each other throughout the year and to the big reveal in May.

The LWML sponsored annual **congregational Christmas party** will be held in the home of Tyler and Jeanna Watts in Waskom on the afternoon of Sunday, Dec, 6th. Watch the bulletins and December newsletter for more information.

December 16th we will sponsor the **birthday party at Kilgore Health and Rehab Home** at 2:30 p.m. Again Jeanette Paetznic has arranged for the KHS Hi-Steppers to entertain, and we will be serving cakes. We encourage all to consider helping as we honor God's "older children."

All are invited to our **November 3rd Quilting Bee at 5 p.m. and meeting at 6pm**, with Sharon Sampson serving light refreshments before the meeting and Bible study.

Serve the Lord with gladness!
Barbara Wuthrich, Society President



Matthew 6:33 was the theme verse for LWML Sunday, October 4, 2015, and LWMLers Jeanette Paetznic and Jeanna Watts teamed up to produce a special banner for the day.

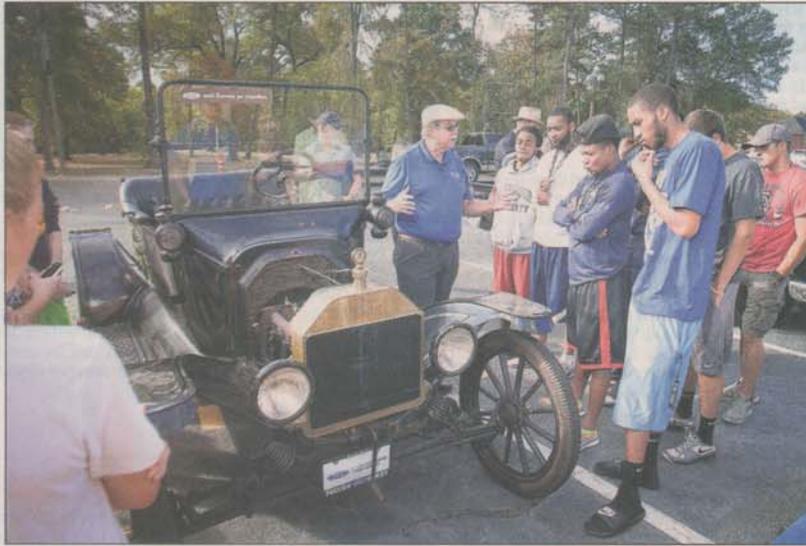
Pilgrim's to-date plate offerings reported

Following a request from Pilgrim's Board of Elders, Pilgrim's Financial Secretary reports the following figures for 2015 through October 25th:

Plate Offerings received:	\$109,516.82
Plate Offerings projected:	\$100,744.70

"... whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:6-8 ESV)

LEARNING FROM FORDS



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Above: Scott Owens with Pegues Hurst Ford talks to economics students and professors about a 1915 Ford Model T on display Thursday with other Ford vehicles spanning 100 years of production on campus at East Texas Baptist University. **Below:** Students and professors look over the display of Ford vehicles.

Pilgrim member Tyler Watts makes news in Longview

Editors' Note: The adjacent article appeared in the Longview News Journal Thursday, October 22, 2015, and is reproduced here by permission. Note Tyler under the hat in the background of the top picture. Thanks to Barbara Wuthrich for noticing the article and submitting it.

ETBU students get up close and personal for economics lesson

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MARSHALL — East Texas Baptist University business students on Thursday took a drive through the past century with a few Ford Motor Co. cars.

Pegues Hurst Ford of Longview, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, brought a 1915 Model T Ford and 2016 Ford Fusion to campus for students to inspect.

ETBU computer science professor Bill Mills brought his 1957 Ford Fairlane 500.

"I've always talked about the auto industry and the great pioneers like Henry Ford and Preston Tucker, but it struck me that just showing pictures of old cars did not convey to students how different they were," ETBU associate professor of economics Tyler Watts said.

"I realized the best way to address this would be to bring in actual cars and let the students see them up close and personal, and then they could really appreciate the innovations and improvements that have accumulated over the years."

Scott Owens, caretaker of the Longview dealership's Model T, explained the features and functionality of the car to students.

"This is a four-cylinder, about 20 horsepower with two speeds — low and high," Owens said. "The transmission is similar to the automatics of today with foot pedals that change the gears. The fuel tank is under the seat. People could use the exhaust heat from the engine to cook food while out.



They used them on farms. This one is a wide-tracked model, about 6 inches wider than others. It fit in the wagon ruts and was mainly sold in the Southern states."

Watts said that looking at the progression of automobiles during the past century is a great way to explain the "market process."

"It starts with the basic ideas of trade and prices. We add in the idea of entrepreneurship, the quest for profits. Finally, we talk about institutions, or the legal system, which for us is the fact that our economy is mostly free and competitive," Watts said.

"The result of this process is what the students were able to observe at basically 50-year intervals — continuous innovation and improvement in all products, in this case cars. This idea of continual innovation is the one feature of the free market system that we can rely on."

Mills explained the difference in materials from his 1957 Fairlane to the 2016 Fusion.

"This was made out of rigid solid steel," Mills said of the Fairlane. "If you were in an auto accident, this car would take the brunt of the damage. Today's cars are made of fiberglass components because it's cheaper."

Watts said changes like this are part of the innovation process.

"In economics, we assume that people are only in it for the money. This might be a bit too negative a view, but it's the safe assumption," Watts said. "Therefore, what explains the innovation and constant improvement is that it's a very competitive industry, and if you don't innovate, you die. So while car companies come and go, in the end, consumers — all of us — wind up with better and better products. And that's the beauty of the free market economy."

TREE

I am a tree big brown and green
 With every year I grow a ring
 Sucking water out of the ground
 Soaring like an eagle in the air, but not moving
 Yet I feel like I won a race

The thought seems to scare me
 I am a tree nothing more nothing less
 I am a grand fine majestic pine in a deep oak forest
 Different from everyone else
 Their leaves brown and fall
 Mine stay green and tall

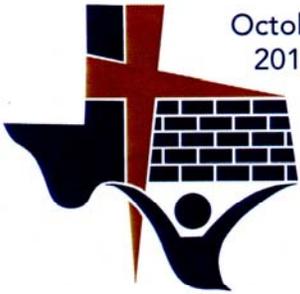
There are many who think I am weird
 A wrong thing that should not be here they mock
 I will hope you don't go with the crowd
 but be your ownself

*Clay M. Ellis
 7th Grade*

Your Church Extension Fund investments can help PLC

At any time you may invest your money with the Texas District Lutheran Church Extension Fund, which is loaning Pilgrim the money for the new Parish Hall. Investments payoff for you as listed below, and the money invested can lead to a rebate of the congregation's interest. For example, investments totaling 10% of the loan will yield an annual interest rebate of 0.10%.

Pilgrim could use a CEF representative, who would regularly receive updates of the congregation's level of supporting investments and so also the extent to which interest might be rebated. If you are willing to serve in that capacity, please contact Pastor Galler or a member of the Stewardship Board.



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Please pray as our congregation has been requested to pray

The following are the petitions requested of our congregation that we usually include in the Prayer of the Church in the Divine Service, as well as encourage our members to make in their own personal prayers. If you are not presently receiving prayer updates by email or phone call and desire to, please let Pastor Galler know (likewise let Pastor Galler know if you are receiving them and wish not to receive them). If you initially made one of the requests below, please regularly keep Pastor Galler updated as to the status of the request so that he can update the congregation. Thank you!

CHRISTIANS BEING PERSECUTED WORLDWIDE LCMS, DISTRICT, AND CIRCUIT, PASTORS AND PEOPLE OUR PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH:

Nominating and budgeting processes for 2016

Closing of the loan and other hurdles for construction to begin

THOSE NOT YET INCLUDED IN OR WHO HAVE STRAYED FROM THE FAITH:

Jessa Key (Jerome and Sallye's granddaughter who has not yet been baptized)

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

THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH HOMOSEXUALITY

FOR AN END TO THE EVILS OF ABORTION

PEACE IN THE WORLD

MEN IN THE SERVICE:

Victor Guinn (Paul Guinn's son, back in the States)

George C. Heil (stationed at Newport News, working on Virginia Class sub)

Brian Holcombe (Carolyn and Wendell Holcombe's son in 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

THOSE WHO MOURN:

Family and friends of Sharron Baker (Beth Nicol's cousin)

SHUT-INS:

Bob Abraham (in an Alzheimer Center in Austin)

Gwen Heil (Carriage Inn Assisted Living in Katy)

THOSE WHO NEED HEALING:

Gary Adams (David Navaille's cousin, soon to undergo chemo for liver cancer)

Rev. Dennis Bragdon (ORLC's pastor, recovering at home after knee-replacement)

Ardith Coughlin (ORLC friend of Pilgrim, dementia treatment, cornea concern)

Tom Criswell (our member, suffering from shingles as he recovers from eye surgery)

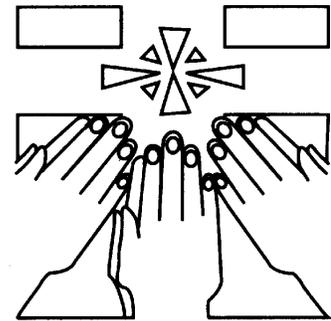
Cliff Dantin (Navailles' friend Brad's father, in assisted living, motivational issues)

Candace Davis (George & Jeanette Heil's friend suffering from cancer)

Kimber De la Cruz (Maddie Freeman's sister, prematurely born 9/27, in NICU)

Ed Denman (friend of Pastor's parents, resurgent leukemia and other complications)

Kimberly Dietz (Shannon's partner's sister, monitoring bone marrow regeneration)



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Mark Harrington (Walkers' brother-in-law, aneurism, Myasthenia Gravis, lung spots)
Landon Hawkins (baby known to Watts Family, Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome)
Charlotte Herrell (Sharon Sampson's sister, hospitalized for chemo complications)
Kathy Jennings (Remo and Kathy's friend, suffering from cancer)
Brenda Johnson (Pilgrim visitor, challenges include Stage 3 liver cancer and treatment)
Olin Johnson (Nicols' friend with Parkinsons, continuing to decline in nursing home)
Jerome Key, Jr. (Jerome and Sallye's son, complications from a motorcycle accident)
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, additional testing for new spot on liver)
Marion Madison (Toni Erickson's aunt, recovering from 7/15 knee-replacement)
Herb Michel (relative of Pastor's friends, in and out of hospital with various concerns)
Beth Nicol (recovering from nerve-severing procedure)
Shirley Peters (Mary Clubb's former pastor's wife, upcoming additional eye surgeries)
Mike Powell (David Navaille's friend, hip-replacement-related surgery 7/22)
Gordon Reed (Kilgore Rotarian, going to see an infectious-disease doctor for fever)
Tiffany Rightenour (Dan's friend, back at work part-time after motorcycle accident)
Ronnie Sanchez (Elaine Navaille's cousin, suffering from cancer)
Charles Sowders (Remo and Kathy's friend, suffering from cancer)
Steve Tant (George & Jeanette Heil's friend with various health issues)
Robert Wiles (Betty Miller's nephew, untreatable cancer, still on feeding tube)
James Willey (Remo and Kathy's friend, determining next course of cancer treatment)
Wendy Wright (Connie Wilburn's friend, recovering from breast cancer surgery 7/15)

ALL MOTHERS EXPECTING CHILDREN, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

Jeanna Watts (our member, expecting her and Tyler's fourth child in March of 2016)

FAMILIES IN CRISIS OR NEED AND ALL FAMILIES

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison and wife Kathy (LCMS president, house fire 7/29)
Myers Family (friends of the Watts, son Jordan convicted of serious charges and jailed)
Raymond Family (Cooper's Scouts friends' family, teenager Paiglynn ran away 4/17)
Thomas Family (Leroy's sons and grandchildren)
West Family (employment concerns)

“Precious in sight of the Lord is the death of His saints!” (Psalm 116:9)

Leland Dean, who was born into this world on September 21, 1924, and who became a member of Pilgrim on December of 1955, entered into eternal life on October 4, 2015. His mortal remains were laid to rest in a Committal service at Danville Cemetery on October 24, 2015.

Pilgrim Members Leland Dean (left, an Army Airborne veteran) and Bob Abraham (right, a Navy veteran) pose with flags on July 10, 2005, at the congregation's Service of Thanksgiving for God and Country. Both Alzheimer's victims, Bob currently lives in the Austin area.



DECEMBER EVENTS

JUNIOR YOUTH CATECHESIS Tuesdays December 1st, 8th, and 15th at 4:00 p.m. in Pastor Galler's Study (not December 22nd or 29th due to the Christmas vacation) and Saturdays December 5th, 12th, and 19th at 11:00 a.m. in Pastor's Study (not December 26th due to Christmas vacation).

SENIOR YOUTH CATECHESIS Tuesday December 1st at 5:00 p.m. at Pilgrim (note the special time and place due to the Christmas Parade) and Thursdays December 10th and 17th at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Longview (not December 3rd due to Pastor's being in the Dallas area and not December 24th or 31st due to Christmas vacation).

ANNUAL KILGORE CHRISTMAS PARADE: Tuesday, December 1st. Watch the bulletins and the December/January *Pilgrimage* for more information, but plan now to come to Pilgrim for a chili supper afterwards.

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS PARTY: Sunday, December 6th, at 4:00 p.m. at the Watts home in Waskom. Traditionally, the LWML society members provide meat dishes, and everyone else brings your favorite Christmas goodies. Watch the bulletins and the December/January *Pilgrimage* for more information.

ELDERS Tuesday, December 8th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library (Reading assignment TBA).

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES: Wednesdays December 2nd, 9th, 16th, and the 23rd at 7:00 p.m. Tree trimming will be after the service on December 23rd.

ONCE-A-MONTH-SOCIAL GATHERING: Tifaney Sampson is tentatively planning caroling at area nursing homes after the Divine Service and lunch on Sunday, December 13th. Watch the bulletins and the December/January *Pilgrimage* for more information.

LWML BIRTHDAY PARTY: Wednesday, December 16th, at 2:30 p.m. at Kilgore Health and Rehab at 2700 S. Henderson Boulevard in Kilgore. We will need cakes for the residents.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF READINGS AND HYMNS: Join us Thursday, December 24th at 6:00 p.m. (note the special time) for what has become a Pilgrim tradition.

CHRISTMAS DAY DIVINE SERVICE: Join us Friday, December 25th at 10:00 a.m. (note the special time). What better way to celebrate Christmas than with a Mass of Christ?

EVE OF THE NAMING OF JESUS: Divine Service is usually offered at 7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (1300 Judson Road in Longview)

LWML will not quilt or meet in December due to the congregational Christmas party.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY will not meet in December to due Midweek Advent Services and Christmas vacation.

O Zion's daughter rise / To meet your lowly King,
Nor let your faithless heart despise / The peace He comes to bring.

—Charles Coffin, Lutheran Service Book 331:3

KIDS' PAGE

November 1st is All Saints' Day.

Can you find the words listed in the puzzle below?

body	believers	Christ	catechism
communion	Corinthians	eternity	faith
instruction	living	Paul	prayer
priesthood	royal	saints	Stephen

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<http://www.concordia news.org/kids/2009/saints/wordsearch.htm>



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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 ALL SAINTS' DAY (W) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service 4:00-6:00 PM Kilgore Symposium Emma Watts (B)	2	3 4:00 Jr. Catechesis 5:00 PM Quilting 6:00 PM LWML Mtg 6:00 PM Sr Youth Catechesis (ORLC)	4 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	5 Pastor at North Texas Confessional Lutherans Study Group in Plano	6 Ian West (B)	7 11:00 AM to Noon Junior Youth Catechesis
8 24 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (G) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service Voters' Meeting (after the Service) 8:00 PM Once-a-Month Social Sallye Key (B)	9	10 2:00-5:00 PM Cleaning Ladies 4:00 Jr. Catechesis 6:00 PM Elders	11 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study Paul Guinn (B)	12 6:00-7:00 PM Senior Youth Catechesis at ORLC	13	14 11:00 AM to Noon Junior Youth Catechesis
15 25 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (G) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service Connie Wilburn (B)	16	17 4:00 PM Junior Youth Catechesis	18 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	19 Circuit Pastors meet in Palestine 6:00-7:00 PM Sr. Youth Catechesis at ORLC	20	21 11:00 AM to Noon Junior Youth Catechesis Newsletter articles due tomorrow
22 LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR (G) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service Ashlea Gill (B)	23 Gwen Heil (B)	24 4:00 PM Junior Youth Catechesis	25 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service	26 THANKSGIVING DAY (W)	27 Avery Smith (B) M/M Emmett Koen (A)	28 10:00 AM Float Decorating at the Steven Sampsons
29 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (B) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service	30	Communion Assistant – J.D. Sampson (Steven Sampson back-up) Acolyte – Luke Land Cleaning Volunteers – Land Family				

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