

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

BROADWAY AT FLOREY

KILGORE, TEXAS



May 2016

THE 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.

Confirmation is less graduation and more commencement

Dear Members and Friends of Pilgrim Lutheran Church,

Our member Tiffani Erickson on March 5th began the next phase of her life after receiving her undergraduate degree, and our member Maggie Land on May 7th will do the same. Since the 13th century, ceremonies for such degrees have sometimes been called “commencements”, as they mark less the end of one thing and more the initiation or beginning of something else—as weird as it might sound, the word “commencement” is from an intensified form of the Old French word *initiare*, which means “initiate”. We might also call such degree ceremonies “graduations”, which word derives from the Latin verb *graduari*, for the taking of a degree. Even with the word “graduation” at least the original idea is one of marking gradual progress, such as progressing through grades. One’s terminal or final degree certainly in some sense may well be the climax or peak of one’s formal education, but not every time that one dons a cap and gown is one earning a terminal or final degree, as we see with the increase of pomp and circumstance for preschool, kindergarten, and grade-school graduations. For many, high school graduation may well be the appropriate end of one’s formal learning, if one goes on to a trade or career where formal education is less important or is measured in promotions of position or rank, as in the military.

In the Church, there really should be no graduation in the sense of the ending one’s learning. Instruction in the faith, what some like to call “Catechesis” (after the question and answer form of instruction in the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther’s Catechisms), should be cradle to grave, or, as I like to put it, womb to tomb. We might rally the Sunday School and promote the children from one grade to the next, but there should be no end to our learning about God’s love for us sinners in the person of His Son Jesus Christ and about our life of faith and good works that results from God’s calling us by the Gospel and enlightening us with His gifts. Some may wrongly think of Confirmation as a sort of graduation in the sense of the end of learning, but that is certainly not a genuine Lutheran view of the rite.

Confirmation as a church rite has an interesting history. Lutherans, of course, do not count Confirmation among the Sacraments as Roman Catholics do, for Confirmation lacks the express command of God (Apology of the Augsburg Confession Article XIII:6), although God has certainly commanded instruction in the faith and public confession of the faith that we usually associate with Confirmation. The Confirmation rite largely seems to have begun as a way

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of publicly confirming in the Sanctuary any baptism (infant to adult) that had immediately preceded in a separate baptistry. Later, bishops' assertions of authority over regular priests and maybe even other religious traditions' false views (such as one's reaching ages of accountability, assent, discernment, or discretion) seem to have contributed to the development of a concentrated period of instruction followed by a rite more like that which we know of as Confirmation today (for example, *Lutheran Service Book* 272-274).

People who are baptized already really have all the gifts of God (faith, forgiveness of sins, and eternal life). They themselves may not have spoken their baptismal vows, however, and so Confirmation as we practice it certainly offers them a formal opportunity to affirm those vows personally. Likewise, we appropriately bless those being confirmed, praying that God strengthen them with His grace to life everlasting. And, Confirmation, as most are used to it being practiced, usually marks the first time the baptized are eligible to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. (The appropriateness of that final aspect of the practice is hotly debated in some Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod circles today.)

Here at Pilgrim, we have several young people in various stages of Catechesis in preparation for Confirmation. We pray both that God blesses them as they begin receiving the Sacrament of the Altar and that they continue to receive instruction in Sunday School or Adult Bible Class and Midweek Bible Study. As we witness their Confirmations, we all do well to remember and so work towards keeping our own Confirmation vows, which expressed the intention, by the grace of God, to remain true to the Triune God, to live according to the Word of God, to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully, and to continue steadfast in our confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it. On our own, of course, we can do no such things, but, if we do not reject Him, God Who has begun all good works in us will bring them to completion at the Day of Jesus Christ (Philippians 1:6).

*His and your servant,
Pastor Galler*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

05 – Pastor Jayson Galler
19 – Steven Sampson
20 – Joey Smith
20 – Edgar Wuthrich



BLESSED ANNIVERSARY!

13 – Tom and Mary Criswell
15 – Tyler and Jeanna Watts

The Holy Spirit guides us from Easter through Pentecost

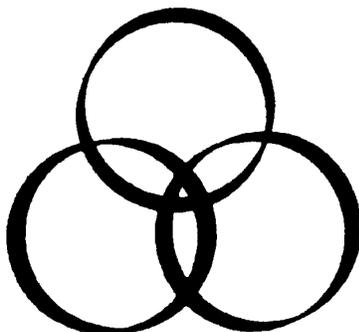
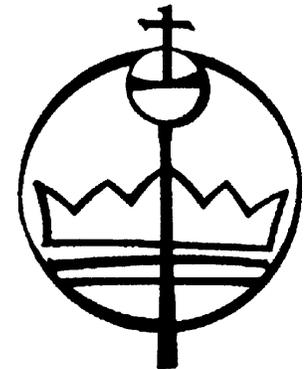
In May of 2016 the Church completes the Easter Season, observing the Ascension of Our Lord and the Day of Pentecost, and begins the season full of Sundays after Pentecost, which includes the Feast of the Holy Trinity.



The Sixth and Seventh Sundays of Easter tend to direct our attention to the Holy Spirit, as was already the case, to some extent, with the Fifth Sunday of Easter. All the more are we directed to the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. The name “Pentecost” originally referred to the Old Testament harvest festival that came fifty days after Passover but now generally refers to the New Testament festival marking the giving of the Holy Spirit to the Twelve apostles for the purpose of harvesting the Church. The Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, the Holy Spirit guides us into all truth (John 16:13) by showing us the Son, Who reveals to us the Father. The Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus

Christ in the one true faith. And, our Church Calendar with all its observances is arguably a part of the Holy Spirit’s work.

Coming forty days into the Easter Season, the Ascension of Our Lord is inextricably tied to the coming of the Holy Spirit, for Jesus says that, unless He goes away, the Spirit will not come (John 16:7). Yet, Jesus’s Ascension only changes the way that He Himself is present with His Church: from Himself walking, talking, and performing miracles, to His working through the Apostles and their successors as guided by the Holy Spirit. Again this year Pilgrim is offering a Divine Service on the Ascension of Our Lord, Thursday, May 5th, at 7:00 p.m. (The Gospel Reading appointed for that service includes St. Luke’s Gospel account’s narrative of the Ascension, Luke 24:44-53.)



Coming after Pentecost concludes the Easter Season, the Feast of the Holy Trinity celebrates not *the teaching about God* but *our God Himself*, Who actually is three Blessed Persons in one Divine Substance. This Sunday observance includes the singing of much-loved hymns and what turns out to be our annual use of the Athanasian Creed, which confesses the mystery of the Trinity about as clearly and concisely as we might imagine is possible. (I have especially enjoyed my closer study of the Athanasian Creed in recent years to lead two different groups of pastors in discussion of it.)

More than just the Creed confessed, through the month of May 2016 some of the other ways we use Divine Service, Setting Two will change. On the Second Sunday after Pentecost (and pretty much all of the Sundays following), we will use the “Gloria in Excelsis” as the Hymn of Praise, the Apostles’ Creed, and “Thank the Lord” as the Post-Communion Canticle, which you will notice has a different tune in Setting Two than in Setting One.

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The colors of the paraments on the Chancel furnishings and the pastor's stole will also change several times this month: from white to red, to white again, and then to green. White can symbolize joy, celebration, gladness, light, purity, and innocence and is used for festivals of Christ such as Easter. Red can symbolize fire and blood, and is generally associated with the Holy Spirit. Green is the color of growth, leaves, foliage, fruit, and life, suggesting a time of spiritual growth and so appropriate for the season after Pentecost.

This month we will continue to have this year's series of Readings appoint several First or Second Readings from the book of Acts and two "Epistle" Readings from the book of Revelation, before we return to the usual Old Testament and Epistle Readings, in addition to the Gospel Reading. The following are the Sundays of May 2016 and their Gospel Readings (appointed by *LSB's* three-year lectionary series C, which largely uses St. Luke's Divinely-inspired Gospel account, though you would hardly know it from this month).

- Sixth Sunday of Easter (5/01): Jesus teaches about tribulation and peace (John 16:23-33)
- Seventh Sunday of Easter (5/08): Jesus prays for us who believe (John 17:20-26)
- Pentecost (5/15): Jesus promises the Holy Spirit will teach all things (John 14:23-31)
- Trinity Sunday (5/22): Jesus teaches about honoring the Triune God (John 8:48-59)
- Second Sunday after Pentecost (5/29): Jesus praises a Centurion's faith (Luke 7:1-10)

You may read and hear the sermons at Pilgrim this month and from every service at www.pilgrimlc.org/sermons.

Pastor Galler

MAY EVENTS

ELDERS' COFFEES WITH THEIR FAMILIES: See the article elsewhere in this newsletter for details on these special events; this month on Sundays May 1st and May 22nd.

JUNIOR YOUTH CATECHESIS is currently scheduled for Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. (except Saturday May 14th and Tuesday May 17th, when Pastor will be out of town for his nephew's college graduation). All sessions will meet in Pastor's Study.

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

LWML will meet Tuesday, May 3rd, at 6:00 p.m. at a location to be announced.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY will meet each Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library, continuing "Salvation History is Our Story". All are welcome every week!

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD DIVINE SERVICE Thursday, May 5th, at 7 p.m., with refreshments following in the Conference Room/Library.

ELDERS will meet on Tuesday, May 10th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library (reading assignment Smalcald Articles II:iii, p.267).

ANNA HOOGE DANCE RECITAL: May 21st in Lindale. Watch the bulletin for more details.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for May are due Sunday, May 29th. Please submit your contributions for *your* newsletter by that time.

ONCE-A-MONTH-SOCIAL GATHERING: Give your ideas to Barbara Wuthrich.

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

April's reading of Luke prompts two Q&A

Two questions recently came to me in regards to St. Luke's Gospel account, which the Daily Lectionary that we at Pilgrim are following from *Lutheran Worship* (pp.295-299) assigns to be read at the end of March, as the previous newsletter was going to print. One of those questions even came from a younger member of a family reading the Bible daily together daily!

Q: In the so-called "Parable of the Ten Minas" in Luke 19:11-27, the nobleman, who seems to represent Jesus in the Parable, seems pretty mean when he comes back and takes away even the little had by the servant who was judged third.

A: While commentators differ both on to whether the nobleman is like or unlike Jesus and on whether the servant lost only his stewardship or also the Kingdom of God, God's righteous judgment always runs the risk of someone's thinking that it is too harsh, probably with that person's overlooking all of the opportunities that God gives sinners to repent and believe and so to escape the wrath we all by nature deserve. Before it is too late, our concern for our family, friends, classmates, coworkers, and all our other neighbors should motivate us to share with them God's Word, both God's Word of law that condemns sin and His Word of Gospel that forgives sin. As we share it, God's Word does all the work itself, just as did the mina in the Parable, which is usually taken as representing God's Word.

Q: Did Judas partake of the Lord's Supper the night Jesus was betrayed, and does whether or not he participated indicate anything about what our communion practice should be?

A: Matthew 26:20-29 puts Judas at the table and speaking moments before Jesus instituted the Sacrament of the Altar (confer Mark 14:17-25). Luke 22:14-23 taken at face value would seem to indicate that Judas was there afterward. John's Gospel account does not record the Institution but does report Judas' leaving at some point (John 13:30). Commentators differ as to how they harmonize the four accounts, with some saying Judas did partake, others saying Judas did not partake, and still others saying we cannot know. To be sure, Judas's partaking could be used to argue wrongly that anyone and everyone should be allowed to commune, although Jesus had clearly limited who was able to participate to the Twelve and may well have wanted Judas to receive the Sacrament to strengthen him in the faith so he might repent later. Similarly, Judas's not partaking could be used to argue wrongly that pastors should go beyond a person's having confessed and been individually absolved in order to determine who should and should not commune, although Jesus simply may have taken Judas's presenting himself as a repentant believer at face value, whether or not Judas was a hypocrite at that moment and regardless of what Jesus knew would happen later. Best is to determine our practice of Closed Communion on the basis of clear

passages of Scripture and our Lutheran Confessions that are intended to determine our practice.

Remember all are encouraged to read the Bible and welcome to ask me their questions!

Pastor Galler

Blood drive and Renaissance Faire filled April 23rd and 24th



Social Committee member Tifaney Sampson and her nephew Logan Rust and dogs Max and Trouble wait for donors in the shade of the Carter BloodCare “coach” on Saturday, April 23rd. Pilgrim and the Kilgore Rotary Club’s 11th quarterly drive went on to collect 28 units of blood products, its highest drive total to date, and to give away \$300 in cash prizes, thanks to Citizens Bank of Kilgore.

Photo: J. Galler.



Pilgrim members Remo Gualtieri (second from right with back to camera) and Barbara Wuthrich (second from right facing camera) form part of a human tunnel during the falconry demonstration at Kilgore’s Avalon Medieval Faire Sunday, April 24th. A group of Pilgrim members went to the Faire after the Divine Service and Voters’ Meeting as the congregation’s Once-A-Month Social Gathering.

Photo: J. Galler.

Kilgore’s Helping Hands especially needs volunteers

As I spoke with the relatively-new Helping Hands director Julie Dickeson, I was struck by her enthusiasm. Undaunted by the “flood” of calls and requests resulting from the “floods” of March so soon after her arrival, she is choosing to be uplifted by the local businesses that have begun to offer fresh produce three times each week, even though that necessitates more drivers for pick-ups from their stores. She cites the need for more volunteers to help with that collection, as well as the jobs of stocking the shelves, serving the people by filling their bags, and unloading heavier canned goods from trucks (which requires a little more muscle than the produce). Her particular concern now is having enough volunteers during the “**vacation season**”, when many of the organization’s usual volunteers go out of town. For the public that Helping Hands serves, the **needs never go on vacation.** Please pray for new people to fill those slots, giving time to rest the weary volunteers.



The needed items Helping Hands’ May list are **canned fruit and toilet paper**, although all nonperishable pantry items will be accepted, and personal hygiene items are always appreciated. Please consider donating these items here in the box in the Narthex, or go to the store directly to give your items or your time. Call Julie at 903-984-1796 for more information, and/or to volunteer. (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.)

Note also the new hours the organization is open to the public: Mondays 3-6 p.m., Tuesdays 9-12, Wednesdays 10-1, and Fridays 10-2 (they are closed to the public on Thursdays and unload trucks Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 8:30a.m.).

Barbara Wuthrich



This March 22, 2016, photo shows one of the cracks that appeared in the foundation wall for the new Parish Hall.

Photo: J. Galler.

Capital Improvements Committee met with contractor April 27th

The Capital Improvements Committee met with our contractor on the night of April 27th to discuss fixing the retaining wall of the new Parish Hall. After a fruitful meeting; I have several items to highlight:

- The contractor and his architectural engineer are convinced the wall failed due to the timing of the March 8-9 heavy rain and their March 16-17 backfilling of the wall.
- The contractor and his architectural engineer have a plan to fix the retaining wall, which plan is estimated to cost an additional \$10,000.
- The Committee decided to further investigate a potential grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help the contractor cover the cost of fixing the wall.
- The Committee hopes to reconvene in one week with additional information from FEMA, including whether construction could continue while paperwork is processed, in order to decide at that point whether or not to apply first for a FEMA loan, the rejection of which reportedly would be necessary in order to apply for a FEMA grant.
- If no FEMA grant money is obtained, the contractor and/or his architectural engineer will cover the cost of the fix.
- Once construction is resumed, completion to occupancy is estimated to take five months.

Please join us in praying that the building is completed in God's way and time.

*Steven Sampson
Capital Improvements Committee Chair*

Pilgrim's to-date financial figures reported

Following a request from Pilgrim's Board of Elders, Pilgrim's Treasurer reports the following figures for the period from January 1st through April 30th:

Undesignated Plate Offerings received:	\$47,646.56
Undesignated Plate Offerings projected:	\$45,877.12 (for deficit budget)
Accrued expenses:	\$38,361.88
Projected expenses per budget:	\$48,309.48 (17/52 of the total for the year)

Pilgrim's newest little lamb is Lucy June Watts

On Good Shepherd Sunday, April 17, 2016, the Lord called by name and led through the waters of Holy Baptism Lucy June Watts, newborn daughter of Tyler and Jeanna Watts, sister of Emma, Jack, and Mark Watts. Shown at right are also Pastor Galler; Dan and Beth West, proxies for Lucy's sponsors, Thomas and Maggie Spry; and Zylan Ellis and Ian West, whom Pastor invited up to the Font for a better view. Note also part of the new Baptismal banner made by the ladies, including Elaine Navaille and Barbara Wuthrich.



Photo Barbara Wuthrich.

Pastor and each Elder invite families to “coffee”

Pastor Galler and each Elder invite the Elder's assigned families to join them for “coffee” one Sunday after the Divine Service over the next several months. Whether in the Conference Room/Library for actual coffee or out somewhere together for lunch, major purposes of the time together are for the Elder to introduce himself to and officially meet the families he is assigned and for the families he is assigned to get to know him and one another better. The Elders' relationships with their assigned families will also be discussed.

The following is the schedule the Board of Elders generated at its April meeting, by date, Elder, and families (in alphabetical order).

- May 01: Remo Gualtieri: Gill, Herricks, Hiltzman, Morton, D. Sampson, Thomas, Wuthrich.
- May 22: Carl Gardner: Abraham, Gage, G.B. Heil, J. Key, Paetznick, J.D. Sampson, J. Heil.
- June 05: Steven Sampson: Freeman, Gardner, Guinn, G.C. Heil, G. Heil, C. Key, Watts.
- June 19: J.D. Sampson: Criswell, Hooze, Koen, Kuehn, Walker, Wests.
- June 26: Edgar Wuthrich: Erickson, Gualtieri, Land, Miller, Navaille, C. Smith, D. Smith, M. Smith.
- July 31: John Walker: Ellis, Monterastelli, Nicol, Rief, S. Sampson, J. Smith, Wilburn.

We sincerely pray that each family will make every effort to come on the designated date.

Church Directory Change

The following change should be made to the Church Directory distributed in February:

- Michael Monterastelli (new address): 2406 West Frank Ave. #615, Lufkin, TX 75904

Please contact the Church Office (secretary@pilgrimlc.org) anytime you have a change in any of your information. We store the changes in the church computer and on a “master” paper copy on the secretary's desk until producing an updated version (the next should be out in August).

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 do so, 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 Savior, Centerville; Trinity, Fairfield; First, Lufkin; and Bethlehem, Palestine
Circuit pastors in need

Our member Rev. Michael Monterastelli, serving elsewhere as needed

OUR PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH:

Increasing our people's faithful stewardship of God's gifts

Resolution to the problem with the new Parish Hall's foundation

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

FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY LOW OIL PRICES AND OUR LOCAL ECONOMY

PEACE IN THE WORLD

MEN IN THE SERVICE:

Victor Guinn (Paul Guinn's son, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton)

George C. Heil (in Newport News, assigned to Virginia Class sub under construction)

Brian Holcombe (Carolyn Holcombe's son stationed in Washington, D.C.)

THOSE IN POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND THE MEDICAL PROFESSION

Sam Morton (Longview Fire Department)

THOSE WHO TRAVEL:

Brady Gage

David Navaille

Edgar and Barbara Wuthrich

GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE THIS WEEK: Maggie Land

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, on the waiting list for a liver transplant)

Steve Atchinson (Betty Miller's grandson, arm amputated after work accident)

Tom Criswell (still dealing with eye issues, needs a good doctor for the follow-up)

Candice Davis (George & Jeanette Heil's friend, last chemotherapy the week of 5/1)

Kimberly Dietz (Shannon's partner's sister, hospitalized, low white-count, infections)

Priscilla Ford (former ORLC member, antibiotics before breast cancer treatment)

Curtis Gage (Brady's younger brother, wearing heart monitor for more diagnostic data)

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Sue Gammons (Arcele Wilburn's sister, hospitalized in Tyler for high blood pressure)
Landon Hawkins (baby known to Watts Family, Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome)
Sherry Harris (Beth Nicol's friend, chemotherapy appears to be helping)
Olene Herricks (still recovering from what the doctor thinks is bad allergies)
Paul Hindelang (Barbara Wuthrich's brother, broken wrist, expecting vein surgery)
Mel Isdale (Dan West's extended-family member, bleeding stopped, some paralysis)
B.J. Jackson (Tiffani Erickson's friend, having heart trouble)
Kathy Jennings (Remo and Kathy's friend, suffering from cancer)
Marilyn Jones (Danny Sampson's shirttail relative, being cared for at home after stroke)
Andrew Kaufmann (teenage son of Pastor's former classmate and friend, more chemo)
Laura Key (Jerome's step-mother, continuing to decline in nursing home)
Sallye Key (still recovering from car accident 3/29, fractured ribs, bones in legs)
Emmett Koen IV (our member, doing therapy on a shoulder)
Amanda Martin (Arcele's friend's granddaughter, possible melanoma recurrence)
David McKeown (Remo and Kathy's Australia friend waiting for a kidney transplant)
Tommy McPherson (chemotherapy and radiation treatment continuing)
Herb Michel (relative of Pastor's friends, in and out of hospital with various concerns)
Beth Nicol (will see her doctor soon for next nerve treatment option)
Gordon Reed (Rotarian, treatment for bladder cancer completed, waiting for follow-up)
Shirley Roberson (Clay and Zylan's paternal great-grandmother, hospitalized in Dallas)
Ronnie Sanchez (Elaine Navaille's cousin, continued chemotherapy, scan early May)
Leroy Thomas (at home but dealing with edema and pain in his legs)
Rev. Harold and Joan Wageman (former PLC pastor and wife, at Henderson Rehab)
Jerry Wallace (Arcele Wilburn's friend, stage IV brain cancer)
Pat Welch (Beth Nicol's friend, suffers from Parkinson's and broke a wrist in a fall)
Carter Wilbanks (shirt-tail acquaintance of the Sampsons, car-accident injuries)
Connie Wilburn (pneumonia treatment appears to be helping)
Robert Wiles (Betty Miller's nephew, untreatable cancer, still on a feeding tube)
Bernie Wuthrich (Edgar's brother, recovering from surgery on a bleeding vein)
Rose Wuthrich (Edgar and Barbara's sister-in-law, uterine cancer surgery week of 5/1)

ALL MOTHERS EXPECTING CHILDREN, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

Dana Renae Freeman (our member, due in July)
Ticia Smith (our member Matthew's wife, due in July)

FAMILIES IN CRISIS OR NEED AND ALL FAMILIES

Myers Family (Indiana friends of the Watts, son Jordan imprisoned in North Carolina)
Smith Family (various needs extended throughout Kansas, Texas, and Alabama)
Thomas Family (Leroy's sons and grandchildren)
Wilbanks Family (shirt-tail acquaintances of the Sampsons, car-accident aftermath)

*And what Thy Spirit thus hath taught me / To seek from Thee must needs be such a prayer
As Thou wilt grant, through Him who bought me / And raised me up to be Thy child and heir.
In Jesus' name I boldly seek Thy face / And take from Thee, my Father, grace for grace.*

—Bartholomäus Crassellius, translated by Catherine Winkworth, *The Lutheran Hymnal* 21:6

JUNE EVENTS

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ELDERS' COFFEES WITH THEIR FAMILIES: See the article elsewhere in this newsletter for details on these special events; this month on Sundays June 5th, 19th, and 26th.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesdays, at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library, when we will continue our study of Salvation History as our Story. All are welcome to join us at any time.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC will be held immediately following the Divine Service at the large pavilion in the Kilgore City Park. Although we have no members graduating from high school this year, we will just enjoy the fellowship. Watch for additional details in the June *Pilgrimage* and weekly bulletins and for signup sheets in the Narthex.

ELDERS will meet Tuesday, June 14th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library (reading assignment TBA).

PRESENTATION OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION JOINT DIVINE SERVICE: Saturday, June 25th, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Redeemer, Longview, preceded by a supper at 6 p.m.

LWML DISTRICT CONVENTION will be June 24-26 in Lubbock.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for the July edition of the *Pilgrimage* are due Sunday, June 26th. Please submit your contributions for *your* newsletter by that time.

ONCE-A-MONTH-SOCIAL GATHERING: Everyone seems to enjoy the Family Game Nights. Is anyone else willing to host one while we are still without a Parish Hall? Volunteer your home or give other ideas to Barbara Wuthrich. Also let her know your children's schedules for games, concerts, recitals, and such, so we can turnout and support them in their extra-curricular activities.

LWML will not meet during the summer months, and will resume quilting and meetings on September 6th.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND MEETING: Watch the bulletin for details!



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<u>Investment</u>	<u>Fixed Rate</u> ⁽²⁾		<u>Floating Rate</u> ⁽²⁾	
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The Ascension of Jesus

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. Luke 24:51 (NIV)

Based on Luke 24:44-53



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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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (W) 9:30-10:30 AM SS and Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service "Coffee" with Elder Remo Gualtieri	2	3 4:00 PM Junior Youth Catechesis 5:00 PM Quilting 6:00 PM LWML Meeting/Bible Study	4 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	5 Plano Study Group 7:00 PM Ascension Day Divine Service (refreshments after) Pastor Galler (B)	6	7 11:00 AM Junior Youth Catechesis
8 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (W) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service	9 1:00-6:00 PM Cleaning Ladies	10 4:00 PM Junior Youth Catechesis 6:00 PM Elders	11 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	12	13 M/M Tom Criswell (A)	14
Pastor Galler away						21 11:00 AM Junior Youth Catechesis Anna Hooge Recital (details TBA)
15 THE DAY OF PENTECOST (R) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service M/M Tyler Watts (A)	16	17	18 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	19 9-12 Circuit Pastors meet in Tyler Steven Sampson(B)	20 Joey Smith (B) Edgar Wuthrich (B)	21 11:00 AM Junior Youth Catechesis Anna Hooge Recital (details TBA)
Pastor Galler away (Elder answers the Church Phone and contacts Pastor on call)						28 11:00 AM Junior Youth Catechesis <i>Pilgrimage</i> articles due tomorrow
22 TRINITY SUNDAY (W) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service "Coffee" with Elder Carl Gardner	23	24 4:00 PM Junior Youth Catechesis 5:30 Pastor prays at Kilgore City Council	25 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	26	27	28 11:00 AM Junior Youth Catechesis <i>Pilgrimage</i> articles due tomorrow
29 2 ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (G) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service LWML Loose Change Sunday	30	31 4:00 PM Junior Youth Catechesis	Communion Assistant – Carl Gardner Acolyte – Benjamin Morton Cleaning Volunteers – Tifaney and J.D. Sampson			

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