

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

BROADWAY AT FLOREY

KILGORE, TEXAS



THE PILGRIMAGE

June 2016

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.

“Being still” is impossible on our own!

Dear Members and Friends of Pilgrim Lutheran Church,

Recently one of my friends asked me if my brain ever had the opportunity to just shut down for a little while. The same question might equally be asked of any one of us. An ironic thing about that question when my friend asked it of me was that one of the things that prompted its asking was my needing to write this very article, which, unbeknownst to my friend, I was already planning to write about peace and stillness of mind. Similarly ironic, stillness of mind had been on my mind since I had trouble settling into a yin-yoga practice weeks earlier.

The practice of yin yoga is slower-paced than other types of yoga, such as vinyasa, which I also practice. Yin consists primarily of poses that are held for longer periods of time, such as three to five minutes. A physical goal of yin is to work on the body’s connective tissue, such as fascia, and so increase flexibility. A more spiritual goal of yin is, by concentrating on one’s breath, to develop inner stillness and silence. The two goals somewhat go hand in hand, and that particular night in my yoga practice I was especially having trouble with the inner silence necessary to hold the poses long enough to be still physically and so benefit physically.

Spiritual stillness and silence in some sense are also worthwhile goals for Christians, and there are any number of Bible passages about “being still” that, depending on the Bible translations we know, might come to our minds. For example, a verse from Psalm 46, which might get more of our attention from its use as the basis for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther’s hymn “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”, says, “Be still, and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10 ESV). While believers might want to apply that verse to themselves, such an application arguably takes that verse out of context, as in Psalm 46 God is basically telling His enemies to stop warring against Him and recognize that He is the only true God. The Hebrew verb *raphah* used in Psalm 46:10 is used similarly in 1 Samuel 15:16 of Samuel essentially telling Saul to shut up and listen.

Another Bible passage about “being still” that comes to my mind is from when Moses and the Israelites stand on the shore of the Red Sea facing annihilation by the Egyptians; Moses tells the people, “The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent” (Exodus 14:14 ESV; NIV “be still”). There, the Hebrew verb *charash* is used for the idea of not speaking. Interestingly, in the very next verse the Lord asks Moses why Moses is crying out to the Lord, essentially instead of telling the people of Israel to go forward into a divided sea. To be sure, God will not so be silent and in Psalm 35:22 and 83:1 is even asked not so to be silent, in neither.

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In the last of those two verses, a parallel Hebrew verb is *damam*, which brings in the particular idea of “rest”. Believers’ silently resting in the Lord, their not emptying their minds but filling them by meditating on His Word, and their waiting for the Lord (or trusting in Him with sure and certain hope) are habits that build believers up as Christians (Psalm 4:4; 37:7; 131:2). When appropriate, such resting or being still can include repenting, even with dust or ashes (as in Lamentations 2:10), but ultimately such silence is broken by believers’ praises to God for the deliverance He brings them (Psalm 30:12).

Another notable use of the root word *damam* is in Psalm 107:29, where the Lord makes the storm be still and hushes the waves of the sea. A vivid example of that “stilling” is in Mark 4:39, where Jesus tells the stormy wind and sea, “Peace! Be still!” (ESV), and the wind ceased and the sea was calm. (Matthew 8:26 and Luke 8:24 do not include Jesus’s exact words.)

Repentant believers want the Almighty God over creation to still His just judgment of them on account of their sins, for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ (confer Jeremiah 47:6). Only by the Breath or Spirit of God is anyone able so to have physical or spiritual life. We who repent and believe want to let God’s Spirit work physical and spiritual stillness in us, although there are also roles for our praying and suffering, as well as acting in ways that God can bless.

I am reminded of the Old Testament people of Israel, to whom God gave the Promised Land of rest but only through their believing in Him and acting as a result. God works through means such as Holy Baptism, individual Holy Absolution, and Holy Communion, as well as our loving and serving our neighbors. The Old Testament people of Israel did not enter the Promised Land until generations after it was first promised, and even then there remained for them a greater rest in the Promised Land of heaven (Hebrews 4:9). Ultimately we also will have still hearts and minds in heaven, but until then we wrestle with when either to be still and let God fight for us or to act with God’s blessing’s possibly granting us still hearts and minds here.

*His and your servant,
Pastor Galler*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

03 – Wayne Miller
06 – Samantha Key
07 – Sharon Sampson
07 – Dan West
12 – Josey Land
14 – Debbie Smith
15 – Courtnie Smith
17 – Jeanette Heil
17 – Jeffrey Gill
19 – Cher Key
19 – Matthew Hooge
21 – Dana Renae Freeman
30 – Spencer Land



BLESSED ANNIVERSARY!

07 – Paul and Gail Guinn
13 – Steven and Angela Sampson
15 – Dave and Debbie Smith
26 – Paul and Jennifer Hooge



The Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus's Twelve Apostles in a special way, and thereby the Lord God added about 3,000 souls to His Church, as Acts chapter 2 reports (see especially v.41). As outlined in Acts 1:8, the rest of the book of Acts tells how some of the Twelve Apostles and others were witnesses to the forgiveness of sins by grace through faith in Jesus Christ in Jerusalem, in Judea and Samaria (what used to be the one nation of Israel), and to the end of the earth (at the book's end, specifically to the capital of the Roman Empire of the day). Along the way, the Lord continued to add thousands of other believers to His Church, as Acts notes repeatedly (see Acts 2:47; 4:4; 5:14; 6:1, 7; 9:31, 35, 42; 11:21, 24; 14:1, 21; 16:5; 17:12).

With such a record of numerical growth, we might reasonably though falsely expect that trend to continue after Pentecost until the end of time. The Lord Jesus teaches differently. By Divine inspiration, St. Luke records, as we will hear on the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost this year, someone asking Jesus whether those who are saved would be few (Luke 13:23). Oddly enough, as St. Luke records, Jesus does not answer the question directly but rather exhorts those hearing Him to strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, He says, will seek to enter and will not be able to do so (Luke 13:24). They may even have been in His presence eating and drinking once but will be cast out for eternity (Luke 13:25-30).

Of course, no one is able to enter the narrow door on his or her own, for we all are conceived sinful (Psalm 51:5), and so by nature we all are dead in our trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1, 5). Only by God's mercy and grace does His Word reach us and so enable us to enter, without our sins, which are forgiven for Jesus's sake, and without any other baggage that we might carry here. Every individual so brought to repentance and faith increases the size of the Church of all times and all places, even if the number may appear to be less or even nonexistent at any one time or in any one place. We trust God so to grow His Church as He promises to do through His purely preached Word and His rightly administered Sacraments' giving the Holy Spirit, "Who works faith, when and where He pleases, in those who hear the Gospel that we have a gracious God, not by our own merits but by the merits of Christ, when we believe this" (Augsburg Confession V:2).

The Old Testament Feast of Pentecost, fifty days after the Sabbath of Passover week (Leviticus 23:15-16), became the New Testament Feast of Pentecost, the end of the fifty days of Easter. The harvest motif carried over, however, from the first-fruits of the barley and corn

harvests (Numbers 28:26) to the first-fruits of the harvest of believers into the Church. As the harvest of grains continued after Old Testament Pentecost, so does the harvest of believers continue after the New Testament Pentecost. In our Church Year, Pentecost strictly belongs to the Easter Season, but all the Sundays after Pentecost are counted in relationship to it. The Sundays after Pentecost use green paraments on the chancel furnishings and pastor's stole, the color of growth, leaves, foliage, fruit, and life appropriate for a time of spiritual if not also numerical growth.

The following are the Sundays after Pentecost in June of 2016 and their Gospel Readings (appointed by *Lutheran Service Book's* three-year lectionary series C).

- Third Sunday (06/05): Jesus raises the son of the widow of Nain (Luke 7:11-17)
- Fourth Sunday (06/12): Jesus forgives a sinful woman's many sins (Luke 7:36-8:3)
- Fifth Sunday (06/19): Jesus casts out demons into a herd of pigs (Luke 8:26-39)
- Sixth Sunday (06/26): Jesus sets His face to Jerusalem (Luke 9:51-62)

You might note that on the Sundays after Pentecost this year we more or less have a continuous reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, and you might wish on your own to read those sections we do not hear in the Divine Services: Luke 8:4-25 includes parables and a miracle, Luke 8:40-9:27 includes several miracles and the sending out of the Twelve, and Luke 9:37-50 includes another miracle and an argument about greatness. (We heard Luke 7:18-28 on the Third Sunday of Advent, though we did not then exercise the option to also read vv.29-35, and Luke 9:28-36 was read on Transfiguration.)

In addition to the Sundays after Pentecost listed above, this month we have another opportunity to hear and consider God's Word together, namely June 25th, the Commemoration of the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, one of the confessional writings of the Lutheran Church that by our membership at Pilgrim we all make our own confession. A 7:00 p.m. joint service with Our Redeemer Lutheran Church will be held at ORLC (1300 Judson Road, Longview), with a meal of some sort preceding at 6:00 p.m. (watch the Sunday bulletin for further details).

Remember that you may read and hear the sermons at Pilgrim from the Sundays after Pentecost and from every season of the Church Year online at www.pilgrimlc.org/sermons.

Pastor Galler

The banner graphic at the top of this article was composed by Carla Adsit, quoting from Luke 13:24 and using Mickywin Photography's April 22, 2008, picture of the side door apparently into the Church of St. Mary in West Buckland, Somerset, England, found online at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/22249604@N04/2436457259>

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 May 22nd:

Undesignated Plate Offerings received:	\$59,031.56
Undesignated Plate Offerings projected:	\$56,671.73 (for deficit budget)
Accrued expenses:	\$47,460.37
Projected expenses per budget:	\$59,676.41 (21/52 of the total for the year)

1	Isaiah 12:1-6
	Acts 15-16
2	Psalms 150
	Acts 17-18
3	Psalms 1
	Acts 19-20
4	Psalms 2
	Acts 21-22
5	Psalms 3
	Acts 23-24
6	Psalms 4
	Acts 25-26
7	Psalms 5
	Acts 27-28
8	Psalms 6
	Joshua 1-5
9	Psalms 7
	Joshua 6-8
10	Psalms 8
	Joshua 9-11
11	Psalms 9
	Joshua 12-16
12	Psalms 10
	Joshua 17-21
13	Psalms 11
	Joshua 22-24
14	Psalms 12
	Judges 1-3
15	Psalms 13
	Judges 4-6
16	Psalms 14
	Judges 7-9
17	Psalms 15
	Judges 10-12
18	Psalms 16
	Judges 13-15
19	Psalms 17
	Judges 16-18
20	Psalms 18
	Judges 19-21
21	Psalms 19
	Ruth
22	Psalms 20
	1 Samuel 1-3
23	Psalms 21
	1 Samuel 4-6
24	Psalms 22
	1 Samuel 7-9
25	Psalms 23
	1 Sam. 10-12
26	Psalms 24
	1 Sam. 13-15
27	Psalms 25
	1 Sam. 16-18
28	Psalms 26
	1 Sam. 19-21
29	Psalms 27
	1 Sam. 22-24
30	Isaiah 12:1-6
	1 Sam. 25-27

Daily Bible reading prompts two Q&A

You do not have to be following the Daily Bible Reading plan that we are providing, both in the adjacent box and in larger-print versions in the Narthex, in order to ask questions about your Daily Bible Reading. Both of the questions below come from someone who was reading 1 Chronicles in the last two months.

Q: What is the Hebrew verb in the first half of 1 Chronicles 16:10, and what exactly does it mean to “glory” in God’s Holy Name, where what is usually a noun is a verb?

A: The specific form of the Hebrew verb *halal* in the first half of 1 Chronicles 16:10 is there usually rendered "glory", in the verbal sense of “boast” or “make one's boast”. To the extent that the verse is Hebrew poetry with parallel half-verses, the second half’s “rejoice” (the Hebrew verb *samach*) may be seen as roughly synonymous, with the sense of “be glad” or “exult”. We do well to remember that this verse is part of a hymn composed for liturgical worship and itself summons people to liturgical worship. As children of not only the Old Testament but also of the New Testament, we also might think of St. Paul’s writing, by Divine Inspiration, that he will “boast” (the Greek verb *kauchaomai*) only in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world was crucified to him and he to the world (Galatians 6:14). And, we might note that, although not in the case of the Septuagint’s Greek of 1 Chronicles 16:10, the Greek verb *kauchaomai* elsewhere is often used to translate the Hebrew verb *halal*. All human self-boasting and self-confidence is to be stilled before the Lord, before whom true boasting is self-humbling and glorying and having faith in Him, or in His Name, which is essentially a euphemism for Him. Faithful liturgical worship in our day is centered on our humbly seeking the forgiveness of sins with repentance faith in Christ crucified for us.

Q: 1 Chronicles 21:1 and 2 Samuel 24:1 seem to contradict each other. Who is responsible for the sinful military census: Satan or the Lord?

A: Perhaps the easiest way to harmonize the two accounts, which from our perspective might only *seem* to contradict each other, is to say that *the Lord allowed Satan to incite David* to take the census. Since we know that the Lord is holy and good and not the source of any evil in the world (for example, James 1:13-15), we perhaps should be reluctant to suggest that the Lord was *actively* responsible for the census (even by “using” Satan to incite David), although we must admit that the Lord is at least in some sense *passively* responsible (that is, He at least allowed the census) since He is omnipotent. In this case, the Lord apparently used David’s sin regarding the

census to punish an earlier sin on the part of the people, but we might also note that God ultimately used this sinfully-motivated deed for good, namely for David’s acquiring the site on which his son Solomon would build the Temple.

Read the Bible daily and ask your own questions! God blesses us as we read His Word!

Pastor Galler

JUNE EVENTS

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library (except June 22nd when Pastor will be in Plano for Continuing Education), when we will continue our study of Salvation History as our Story. All are welcome to join us at any time.

JUNIOR YOUTH CATECHESIS is currently scheduled for Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. (except June 21st when Pastor will be in Plano for Continuing Education) and Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. (except June 25th when Pastor will be in Lubbock with the LWML Convention). All sessions will meet in Pastor's Study.

ELDERS' COFFEES WITH THEIR FAMILIES: Pilgrim's elders and their assigned families continue to meet after Divine Services this month as indicated in what follows:

- June 5th – Steven Sampson: Freeman, Gardner, Guinn, G.C. Heil, G. Heil, C. Key, Watts
- June 19th – J.D. Sampson: Criswell, Hooge, Koen, Kuehn, Walker, Wests
- June 26th – Edgar Wuthrich: Erickson, Gualtieri, Land, Miller, Navaille, C. Smith, D. Smith, and M. Smith

PILGRIM'S ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC will be held in the large pavilion in the Kilgore City Park on June 12th immediately following the Divine Service. Although we have no members graduating from high school this year, we will just enjoy the fellowship. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

ELDERS will meet Tuesday, June 14th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library (material for the special one-time study will be distributed by email).

CIRCUIT FORUM IN ADVANCE OF SYNOD'S CONVENTION:

All are welcome to attend the June 16th 9:00 a.m. meeting (location TBA) in order to discuss business that will come before the Synod's July Convention and so advise the Circuit's pastoral and lay delegates how they should vote. Let Pastor Galler know if you would like to go along.



LWML TEXAS DISTRICT CONVENTION will be June 24-26 in Lubbock. Check the July *Pilgrimage* for a Convention report.

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

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 turn out and support them in their activities.

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

LWML “takes the summer off” but is still active

Even though we decided two years ago to stop meetings for the summer months of June through August, we don't just do nothing. On **June 12th**, after Divine Service, we will sponsor Pilgrim's **church picnic** in the park. Historically this picnic has been a chance for the LWML to honor our high-school graduates, but this year we had no graduating senior, so we decided it would still be a good opportunity to celebrate our church family and get to know our new families better. With no Parish Hall currently, we have not had the opportunity to honor them and get to know each other over covered-dish meals, so please watch for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, and join us for a good old fashioned hamburger, hotdog, etc. picnic.

From **June 24th through 26th** several of us will be attending **the LWML TX DISTRICT 39th BIENNIAL CONVENTION in Lubbock, TX**. As the East TX Zone President, Sharon Sampson is an automatic delegate, and Pastor Galler is the East TX Zone Pastoral Counselor, so he will go, and Barbara Wuthrich will serve as our society delegate to cast votes representing our members back here who were unable to attend. (We will miss Kathy Hudson and Elaine Navaille, who attended the last District convention in Frisco). We will be voting on amendments to our bylaws, officers for the next biennium, and choosing our next mite mission projects. Watch a future edition of the *Pilgrimage* for a summary of our trip, or at least the parts of the trip that don't “stay in Lubbock.”

*Serve the Lord with Gladness,
Barbara Wuthrich*

Kilgore's Helping Hands makes June requests

The director of Kilgore's Helping Hands, Julie Dickeson, thanks the City of Kilgore and all those who donated goods through the U.S. Postal Service Food Drive, and is pleased to announce that their June need list is shorter than usual because of the USPS Drive's success. Praise the Lord for the help of the Postal Service and Kilgore's citizens!

Dickeson added a new item this month, which is ANY **expired Christian literature** that anyone has around their home or church, including unused Sunday School materials. We have been sending some of the leftover copies of *Portals of Prayers*, *Lutheran Witness*, etc. to The Willows, when Pastor has the service there on Saturdays, but we are not sure how much those materials are really getting used there. Helping Hands has people requesting these materials, and many of us may have some collecting dust, so this is a good way to use them to God's glory. As we begin June, remember to consider dropping the old literature in the Helping Hands basket in the Narthex, unless you are already sharing it another way.

As always, an ongoing need is for **toilet paper** (there really is no substitute, is there?), **canned fruit**, and **new white socks**. So, please think of those items when you are shopping for your family, and donate them in the basket at church, along with the **plastic shopping bags** they come in.



Barbara Wuthrich

May Photo Album

(Left) Pastor Galler holds up a birthday presents he received at a surprise party the congregation threw for him after the Ascension Service on May 5, 2016.

Photo: Caryl Galler.

(Right) Budding ballerina Anna Hooge poses in costume before her May 21, 2016, group ballet performance to “Jolly Holiday” from “Mary Poppins.”



(Above) On May 6, 2016, crews excavated the backfill of the cracked foundation wall for the new Parish Hall in preparation for its demolition and reconstruction. *Photo: Barbara Wuthrich.* (Right) On May 26, 2016, Texas District Church Extension Fund’s Stephen Block answers Pilgrim members’ questions about investing in CEF and so helping themselves, Pilgrim, and other congregations. *Photo: J. Galler.*



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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 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:

Faithful stewardship of God's gifts

Safe and speedy construction of the new Parish Hall

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

FOR SEASONABLE WEATHER

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 & Elaine Navaille

Edgar and Barbara Wuthrich

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)

Ardith Coughlin (ORLC member, continuing inpatient rehab after 5/20 hip surgery)

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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Landon Hawkins (baby known to Watts Family, Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome)
Sherry Harris (Beth Nicol's friend, chemotherapy appears to be helping)
Paul Hindelang (Barbara Wuthrich's brother, sprained wrist, expecting vein surgery)
Carolyn Holcombe (waiting for biopsy results after testing 5/11)
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, making progress against her 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)
Carl London (Connie Wilburn's coworker, cancer has returned with a vengeance)
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)
Danny Sampson (cataract surgery 5/31)
Ronnie Sanchez (Elaine Navaille's cousin, third different type of chemotherapy)
Leroy Thomas (recovering at home after outpatient hernia surgery 5/11)
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)
Robert Wiles (Betty Miller's nephew, untreatable cancer, still on a feeding tube)

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)

*What a friend we have in Jesus, / All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry / Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; / Oh what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry / Everything to God in prayer!
Have we trials and temptations? / Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged— / Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful / Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness— / Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Are we weak and heavy laden, / Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge— / Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? / Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; / Thou wilt find a solace there.*

—Joseph M. Scriven, *Lutheran Service Book* 770

Pastor Galler visits Clubb family in Denver, CO



While Pastor Galler and his mother were en route to his nephew's graduation over a long weekend in May, Pastor caught up with former Pilgrim member Aaron Clubb and his wife Mary and their infant daughter Catherine. At Pastor's suggestion, they met at Torchy's Tacos, Pastor's favorite taco place, a chain that began in Austin. Aaron and his family are now members at Trinity Lutheran Church in Denver, where they both are blessed and are a blessing to others.

Photo: Caryl Galler.

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REPORTS FOR VOTERS PACKET are due on Sunday, July 3rd, so the Packet can be available on Sundays July 10th and 17th before the July 24th Voters' Meeting.

ELDERS' MEETING date for July will be set at the June meeting.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY will meet each Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library (except July 6th and 13th when Pastor will be

on vacation). We are continuing our survey of the Old Testament titled "Salvation History is Our Story". All are welcome every week!

12TH QUARTERLY BLOOD DRIVE will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 23rd in the Carter BloodCare "coach" in the Pilgrim parking lot. Please plan on helping publicize the drive, hosting, and donating.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for August are due Sunday, July 24th. Please submit your contributions for *your* newsletter by that time.

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING will be held immediately after the Divine Service on Sunday, July 24th.

ELDERS' COFFEE WITH HIS FAMILIES: July 31st Elder John Walker and Pastor will meet after the Divine Service in the Library/Conference with the Ellis, Monterastelli, Nicol, Rief, S. Sampson, J. Smith, and Wilburn families.

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

*Blest be the tie that binds / Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds / Is like to that above.
When here our pathways part, / We suffer bitter pains;
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, / We hope to meet again.
From sorrow, toil and pain, / And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign / Through all eternity.*

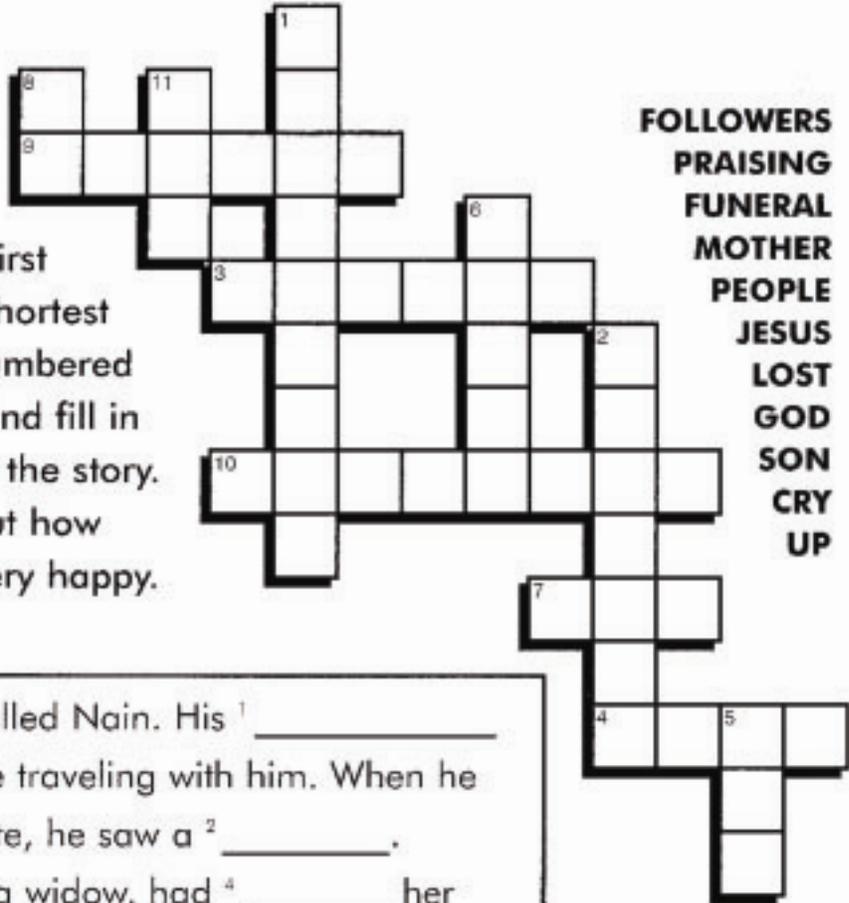
—John Fawcett, *Lutheran Service Book* 649:1, 4-5

KIDS' PAGE

On June 5th, the Third Sunday after Pentecost, the Gospel Reading from Luke 7:11-17 tells of Jesus's raising back to life the only son of a widow from the town of Nain. The miracle shows Jesus to be true God in human flesh and our Savior from the death we deserve because of our sins. After He was crucified for us, Jesus rose from the dead, and, because He lives, on the Last Day we, too, will be resurrected and live forever with Him.

http://freesundayschoolcurriculum.weebly.com/uploads/1/2/5/0/12503916/lesson_35_jesus_raises_a_widows_son.pdf

To solve these puzzles, first fit the words from the word list into the puzzle squares. Start with the longest words first and work down to the shortest words. Then take the numbered words from the puzzle and fill in the numbered blanks in the story. Then you can read about how Jesus made a mother very happy.



Jesus went to a town called Nain. His ¹ _____ and a large crowd were traveling with him. When he came near the town gate, he saw a ² _____. A ³ _____, who was a widow, had ⁴ _____ her only ⁵ _____. When the Lord saw her, he felt very sorry for her. ⁶ _____ said to her, "Don't ⁷ _____." He went up to the coffin and touched it. Jesus said, "Young man, I tell you, get ⁸ ____!" And the son sat up and began to talk. All the ⁹ _____ were amazed. They began ¹⁰ _____ God. They said, "¹¹ _____ is taking care of his people."





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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
Communion Assistant – Remo Gualtieri Acolyte – Clay Ellis Cleaning Volunteers – Your Name Here?			1 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	2	3 Wayne Miller (B)	4 10:00 AM Willows Service 11:00 AM Junior Youth Catechesis
5 3 RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (G) 9:30-10:30 AM SS and Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service Elders' "Coffee" with Steven Sampson	6 Samantha Key (B)	7 4:00 PM Junior Youth Catechesis M/M Paul Guinn(A) Sharon Sampson (B) Dan West (B)	8 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	9	10	11 11:00 AM Junior Youth Catechesis
12 4 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (G) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service Church Picnic in the Park after church Josey Land (B)	13 1:00-6:00 PM Cleaning Ladies M/M Steven Sampson (A)	14 4:00 PM Junior Youth Catechesis 6 PM Elders Debbie Smith (B)	15 8:00 AM Pastor on KFUO Radio 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study Courtnie Smith (B) M/M Dave Smith (A)	16 9-12 Circuit Forum to discuss July LCMS Convention	17 Jeffrey Gill (B) Jeanette Heil (B)	18 11:00 AM Junior Youth Catechesis
19 5 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (G) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service Elders' "Coffee" with J.D.Sampson Cher Key (B) Matthew Hooge (B)	20	21 Dana Renae Freeman (B)	22	23	24	25 PRES. OF AC 6:00 Meal (ORLC) 7:00 Joint Service <i>Pilgrimage</i> articles due tomorrow
			Pastor gone for Continuing Education in Plano		Pastor at LWML Dist. Conv. in Lubbock through Sun.	
26 6 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (G) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Matins (no Communion) LWML Loose Change Sunday Elders' "Coffee" with Edgar Wuthrich M/M Paul Hooge (A)	27	28 4:00 PM Junior Youth Catechesis	29 7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study	30 Spencer Land (B)		

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