

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

BROADWAY AT FLOREY

KILGORE, TEXAS



THE PILGRIMAGE

July 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.

Vacation and the Church

Dear Members and Friends of Pilgrim Lutheran Church,

What if you or I threw a party and no one came? Maybe you or I even have had such an experience and so know first-hand the hurt feelings that can result when people we care about and to whom we want to be gracious spurn our hospitality. If we have our feelings hurt by such a rejection, imagine how God feels when it comes to some people's rejecting His empowering gracious invitation to repent of their sin and freely to receive salvation through faith in His crucified and resurrected Son, our Lord Jesus Christ!

Especially in the summer months, our smaller congregation's lower attendance for Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, Divine Service, Midweek Bible Study, and Vacation Bible School might border on our throwing a party and having no one come. We even might be inclined, with hurt feelings, to take such lower attendance personally, but we are not the ones ultimately being rejected, as we hear in passages such as Luke 10:16, part of the Gospel Reading for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 3.

Of course, people vacation and travel in the summer months, but do we all seek out faithful Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations to attend in the places to which we travel? Are services and studies missed only occasionally, for a one-time sporting event and the like? Or, are services and studies missed so routinely that one wonders whether the people missing them despise preaching and God's Word, as God forbids in the Third Commandment?

Sadly, some one-time active members of the congregation have gotten so inactive that we can only conclude that they do despise God's Word and Sacraments and so need to be cut off from the communion of the Church. Such action of cutting them off is in keeping with the teaching of Holy Scripture and so also the Lutheran Confessions (for example, Apology of the Augsburg Confession XI:4). All that precedes such action and cutting them off itself ultimately are intended to lead the delinquent members to repent of their despising God's Word and Sacraments and so to have them return in faith to the Church so they can be restored to Her communion.

I do recognize that times have changed a great deal since I was active in school activities, which back then were seldom held on days or nights when churches were likely to have services or other activities. And, people's work schedules in many cases demand evening and weekend (even Sunday morning) hours, when they did not seem to do so as much back then. Yet, our

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refusing to participate in school and other activities and work hours when they conflict with study of God's Word and reception of His Sacraments is part of our being faithful to God. If nothing else, you can read the Bible daily on your own, listen to Adult Bible Class and Midweek Bible Study online at www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies, and seek me out for reception of the Sacrament of the Altar at times that you and I are available to meet (not that such "private" communion regularly should take place when there is no valid reason for missing the "public" Divine Service).

Our needs for God's physical and spiritual blessings take no vacations! And, God does not take a vacation from blessing us. Yes, on the Seventh Day God rested from all of His work of creation (Genesis 2:2-3), but He does not rest (see, for example, Psalm 121:4) from either His work of richly and daily providing us with all that we need to support this body and life or His work of daily and richly forgiving us our sins (see the *Small Catechism's* Explanation to the First and Third Articles of the Apostles' Creed).

God's Church does not stop its services to those in need of His spiritual blessings, no matter the even fewer numbers who might receive them at any given time. I may be taking two weeks of my vacation time this month, but Rev. Monterastelli will be teaching Sunday Adult Bible Class, conducting the Divine Service, and preaching God's Word in my place on those two Sundays. And there are other places to so receive God's gifts. My mother and I plan to be on the road, but the first Sunday we will receive God's gifts at the first congregation of which I was ever a member, and the second weekend we will receive God's gifts at a congregation served by a former seminary classmate (and still dear friend) of mine. You can visit www.lcms.org and there use the Synod's church locator to find your options while travelling, and I can help you narrow down your choices, if you like.

In the end, no matter how few might be faithful members of any given congregation on earth, there is joy in heaven over every one sinner who repents (Luke 15:7, 10), and the eternal "party" that God throws for the Church, the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom (see, for example, Revelation 19:6-10) will leave all hurt feelings behind.

*His and your servant,
Pastor Galler*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

05– Carl Gardner
10– Tom Criswell
11– Paul Hooge
13– Zylan Ellis
15– Luke Land
18– David Navaille
25– Betty Miller

BLESSED ANNIVERSARY!

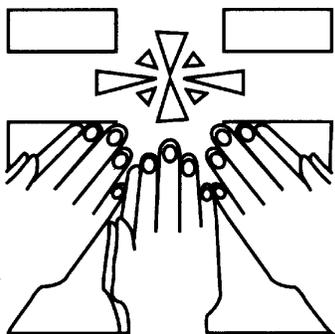
01– Spencer and Sarah Land
04– George C. and Kristen Heil



One of July 2016's Sundays teaches about prayer

There are lots of misperceptions about prayer, and some of them even seem to be based on passages from the Bible, although the passages are only misunderstood as supporting the misperceptions about prayer. One of those often-misunderstood passages is Luke 11:5-13, part of the Gospel Reading we will hear on July 24th, the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost.

After giving the prayer we are commanded to pray to our Heavenly Father, Jesus speaks about both how a friend might give something to a neighbor due to his “impudence” and how earthly fathers give good gifts to their children. All the more, Jesus then says, our Heavenly



Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him. To be sure, God commands that we pray to Him, and He also promises to hear and answer our prayers, but God does not give us what we want because we pray or because countless others pray on our behalf. Rather, because of His mercy and grace, God gives us both all the spiritual blessings that we need (note that in this passage the Holy Spirit is the gift God gives) and all the physical blessings that He knows we need and are best for us (note that in this passage food items are the gifts requested). Prayer lists like Pilgrim's (see elsewhere in this edition of the *Pilgrimage*) have their benefits, but they can also reinforce the misperception that

prayer is our way to coerce God into giving us what we want. While we certainly should be earnest and persistent in prayer, God is not subject to such coercion. In keeping with His good and gracious will, God acts even without our prayer and answers all prayers, in the times and in the ways that He knows are best. In all likelihood, we will hear more about this passage when it is the basis for the sermon on July 24th.

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

- Seventh Sunday (07/03): Jesus sends out seventy-two others (Luke 10:1-20)
- Eighth Sunday (07/10): Jesus teaches about a good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)
- Ninth Sunday (07/17): Jesus is welcomed by Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42)
- Tenth Sunday (07/24): Jesus teaches about prayer (Luke 11:1-13)
- Eleventh Sunday (07/31): Jesus tells the Parable of the Rich Fool (Luke 12:13-21)

You might have observed or recall 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 10:21-24, Jesus's rejoicing in the Father's will, and Luke 11:14-12:12, about Jesus and Beelzebul, the return of an unclean spirit, true blessedness, the sign of Jonah, the light in you (about which also see the Daily Bible Reading article in this edition of the *Pilgrimage*), woes to the Pharisees and “lawyers”, warnings about the Pharisees, whom we should fear, and acknowledging Christ before people.

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. Since it apparently does not go without saying, please know that I also invite and welcome your questions about and feedback on all the sermons.

Pastor Galler

JULY EVENTS

JUNIOR YOUTH CATECHESIS will be Saturdays July 2nd and 23rd at 11:00 a.m. and Tuesdays July 19th and 26th at 4:00 p.m. All sessions will meet in Pastor's Study.

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.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY will meet Wednesdays July 20th and 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library. We will begin 1 Kings as we continue 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 help publicize the drive (flyers are available in the Narthex), host, and donate, if you are eligible (for more information see www.pilgrimlc.org/blooddrive).

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.

MAGGIE LAND'S WEDDING IN MISSISSIPPI will be Saturday, July, 30th. We pray the Lord will bless this union of one of our church "daughters" and all who travel to the wedding.

EAST TEXAS SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL: The 2:00 p.m. July 30th performance of "The Merchant of Venice" has been selected as the Once-a-month Social Gathering for July, and all are welcome. Tickets are limited and available online at www.TexasShakespeare.com or by calling 903-983-8601 (\$30 for reserved seats, and \$25 for the open-seating on the back bench).

ELDER'S 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.

ELDERS' REGULAR MEETING for July was cancelled due to schedule conflicts, but they will meet if an emergency arises or next on their usual date in August (August 9th, at 6:00 p.m.

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 June 30th:

Undesignated Plate Offerings received:	\$68,043.81
Undesignated Plate Offerings projected:	\$70,165.00 (for deficit budget)
Accrued expenses:	\$59,625.21
Projected expenses per budget:	\$73,885.08 (26/52 of the total for the year)

1	Deut. 32:1-4 1 Sam. 28-31
2	Psalms 28 2 Sam. 1-3
3	Psalms 29 2 Sam. 4-6
4	Psalms 30 2 Sam. 7-9
5	Psalms 31 2 Sam. 10-12
6	Psalms 32 2 Sam. 13-15
7	Psalms 33 2 Sam. 16-18
8	Psalms 34 2 Sam. 19-21
9	Psalms 35 2 Sam. 22-24
10	Psalms 36 1 Kings 1-2
11	Psalms 37 1 Kings 3-6
12	Psalms 38 1 Kings 7-8
13	Psalms 39 1 Kings 9-11
14	Psalms 40 1 Kings 12-14
15	Psalms 41 1 Kings 15-17
16	Psalms 42 1 Kings 18-20
17	Psalms 43 1 Kings 21-22
18	Psalms 44 2 Kings 1-3
19	Psalms 45 2 Kings 4-6
20	Psalms 46 2 Kings 7-9
21	Psalms 47 2 Kings 10-12
22	Psalms 48 2 Kings 13-15
23	Psalms 49 2 Kings 16-18
24	Psalms 50 2 Kings 19-22
25	Psalms 51 2 Kings 23-25
26	Psalms 52 1 Chron. 1-5
27	Psalms 53 1 Chron. 6-10
28	Psalms 54 1 Chron. 11-15
29	Psalms 55 1 Chron. 16-20
30	Psalms 56 1 Chron. 21-25
31	Deut. 32:1-4 1 Chron. 26-29

Daily Bible Reading continues to prompt Q&A

At the June 23-26 LWML Texas District Convention, all those present heard again how important our being in God’s Word on a daily basis is. While there are quite a number of resources for daily Bible reading, we recommend the Daily Lectionary printed on this page and in larger-print half-sheets available in the Narthex (reproduced by permission from *Lutheran Worship*, pp.295-299). This Daily Lectionary gets you through the whole Bible over the course of one year. Regardless of what plan, if any, you follow, the important thing is being in God’s Word daily. And, regardless of what you are reading in the Bible, you are welcome to ask me questions about your reading, such as these questions with their answers.

Q: In 1 Kings 8:9, who stole stuff out of the ark?

A: In short, we do not know if anything actually was stolen out of the Ark of the Covenant. One commentary on 1 Kings 8:9 (confer also 2 Chronicles 5:10) simply says, “We are not told how or when the other articles associated with the ark were lost or removed”. Presumably those articles would include the jar of manna, per Exodus 16:33-34, and the staff of Aaron, per Numbers 17:10, although the uses of the Hebrew expression that could be translated as “before” in those Exodus and Numbers passages are not always translated as “in”, despite Jewish tradition that those articles were “in” the Ark, as Hebrews 9:4 also understands the matter. Another commentary on 1 Kings says that the remark in 8:9 is “simply to show that the law, which enjoined that the Ark should merely preserve the stone tablets of the covenant (Ex 25:16; 40:20), had not been departed from in the lapse of time.” (That is, the verse is not speaking at all about any items other than the stone tablets.) Know that the Hebrew expression for “in the Ark” in those two Exodus passages is different than the Hebrew expression used in Exodus and Numbers passages mentioned above regarding the manna and staff. Of course, the Ark itself was eventually lost (destroyed or stolen by Israel’s enemies), but our God, Whose throne the Ark was, continues to be present with His people, through His Word in all its forms, to give freely the forgiveness of sins.

Q: What is Jesus really saying in Luke 11:33-36 with all its talk about lamps, lights, and eyes?

A: When I first blogged on the reading of Luke 11, I simply said that Jesus is telling how some were unwilling to see Him. To elaborate here, Jesus had publicly shone the Gospel light through all sorts of miraculous signs (the topic of the preceding verses in Luke 11:14-32), but those who did not believe rejected Jesus—not because there was not enough light but because they refused to let it do its work (they, as it were, needed better eyes).

For more Q&A and other reading helps, see my old daily blog on the readings linked off our site at <http://www.pilgrimlc.org/daily-bible-reading>. I ask for questions about the Daily Bible Reading at the beginning of our Sunday Adult Bible Class each week and also welcome them at all other times via any other medium you might want to use.

Pastor Galler

Pilgrim LWML members “convene” in Lubbock

Sharon Sampson (Lutheran Women’s Missionary League East Texas Zone President), Pastor Galler (Zone Pastoral Counselor), Elaine Navaille, and Barbara Wuthrich (Pilgrim’s Society President and Delegate) all enjoyed their experience at the LWML Texas District Convention June 23-26, 2016. The following distributed by the LWML national organization is a good summary but does not begin to describe all of the events:



Sharon Sampson, Barbara Wuthrich, Elaine Navaille, and Pastor Galler pose for a picture before the Friday night Convention Banquet. After the good food, the group was entertained by “The Country Club Band with Minerva and the Pearls”, who performed a wide-range of country, gospel, and pop music. *Photo: Sharon Mills.*

The women of the LWML Texas District assembled around the theme “I am the vine; you are the branches,” based on John 15:5. Held in Lubbock, Texas, President Lois Teinert led the final convention of her term with more than 500 in attendance, including 12 Young Woman Representatives and 107 first-timers. Keynote speaker, Cindy Steinbeck, encouraged attendees to share their stories. “We are grafted into Christ; we have died and risen with Him into life. The world is dying to hear your story. Whatever you love, tell your story.” At the close of the convention, President Teinert passed the gavel to newly elected LWML District President Debbie Curry of the East Texas Zone.

As a member of the choir, Sharon blessed us with the same voice we cherish every Sunday, but she also led the convention in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag and the Pledge to the Cross. Ending her six-year stint on the LWML Scholarship Committee, Sharon also gave that Committee’s report. And Sharon led the Zone Caucus to inform delegates before the votes on by-law changes, new mite grants for the 2016-2018 biennium, and new officers. (A full list of the new Mite Grants will be posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex, in the LWML report for the Voters’ meeting, and in next months’ *Pilgrimage*). The serious business of the convention was “interrupted” just often enough by a local LWML comedienne to keep us alert, and Pastor Galler had an opportunity to attend a luncheon with other Zone Pastoral Counselors, which gave him some new insight into this position. In her spare time, Elaine helped trim postage stamps and met two of the Lutheran Social Services’ service dogs who had recently been “deployed” to Orlando to minister to the suffering people after that shooting.

While awaiting our delayed flight out of Lubbock, we had lunch and a good visit with our keynote speaker, Cindy Steinbeck, and learned more about her vineyard, which uniquely qualified her to speak on our theme from John 15:5. She took Pastor’s business card to contact him as she prepares to write one of her next books.

Serve the Lord with gladness! (The LWML motto)
Barbara Wuthrich, Pilgrim LWML Society President

*Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s sowing, / May we ripen and increase,
Fruit to life eternal growing, / Rich in love and joy and peace.
Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s tending, / May we grow till harvests cease;
Till we taste, in life unending, / Heaven’s love and joy and peace.*

—Lutheran Service Book 691:1, 4

Pilgrim VBSers have “Water and the Word” June 15th



The Wednesday after the Church picnic (for which we are sorry no pictures are available), Pilgrim hosted a special one-night Vacation Bible School at the Kilgore City Pool with the theme “Water and the Word” based on Ephesians 5:26-27.

After pizza, there was Bible Study and craft time before everyone who wanted to jumped in the pool. The event concluded with the traditional watermelon seed spitting contest, only slightly hampered this year by the purchase a seedless



watermelon! Fifteen children and eighteen adults enjoyed the evening.

The top picture shows the VBS students: (back row from left) Colleen Hooge; Clay Ellis; Tyler Blondrage and Dayton Woods (friends of Luke Land); Luke Land; (front row from left) Aurianna and Heaven Chiasson; Jack, Emma, and Mark Watts (Lucy was counted but is not pictured here); Zylan Ellis; Matthew Hooge; Cooper Sampson; and Anna Hooge. The bottom left picture shows the students making crosses covered with combinations of colored sand and seashells, and the bottom right picture shows Tyler Watts watching his son Mark flirt with Heaven and Aurianna. (Photos by Sara Land and Pastor Galler.)

Thanks to everyone who contributed ideas, food, materials, and volunteer time to make the event a success. To God alone be the glory!



“A real, live nephew of his Uncle Sam ...”

Pilgrim member Remo Gualtieri was sworn in as a U.S. citizen on Wednesday, June 20th, at the Federal Building in Tyler, and the picture of him at left (by his wife Kathy Hudson) speaks volumes. Remo was interviewed by the *Kilgore News Herald* and expects an article about him to be in an upcoming edition, describing his path from his homeland of Australia to dual citizenship in the United States.

Remo performed his first civic duty as a new citizen at the Rotary Club meeting June 29th. Pastor Galler was asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance without the usual American flag in place, so he called upon Remo, who was wearing a small flag tucked into his shirt to celebrate his first week of citizenship. Remo stood in the flag’s location and proudly held up his miniature flag to “save the day”!

Things are heating up at Kilgore's Helping Hands

Helping Hands was blessed this month with overwhelming support from several local churches and groups! More than one ton of food was received; boxes of hygiene products, a number of backpacks, some 100 fans, and baby equipment all were donated; and the organization received funds to help with water bills and prescriptions. Moreover, Christian educational materials from several sources are now being ENJOYED by our clients! Financial support was also received from many of our local churches and individuals, and volunteers donated more than 350 hours in June. Last but not least, Pak-Sher donated several cases of plastic bags and others carried them in by the armloads to meet the needs of our ministry!

Critical needs for July are TOILET PAPER, plastic bags, and more drivers willing to donate two hours as little as one day per month. And, now that summer is here and temperatures are rising, we have the specific need of a large barrel-fan for our unloading area, perhaps you or someone in your congregation will be led to donate such an item. Our Volunteers unload and stock anywhere from 500 to 3,000 pounds of food products, five days a week, in the stifling heat. A big fan would make this task safer and more bearable for our workers.

THANK YOU for spreading the word about Helping Hands' need for volunteers. Several have joined the driving team, and several more are now working to help on the daily food service, unloading, loading, and stocking shelves. Please continue to pray for us, that we would glorify God in everything we do to serve others through this ministry. *WE ARE BLESSED to have the support of our community and our churches!!* And, KILGORE is blessed to have so many caring people willing to extend a hand to their neighbors in Christian support.

*In His Service,
Julie Dickeson, Helping Hands Director*

Editors' Note: A container for your Helping Hands donations is located in Pilgrim's Narthex. If you want to make a monetary contribution over and above your regular offering to Pilgrim, which monetary contribution can go further than the equivalent amount of some canned goods purchased at retail price, send your check or money-order to Helping Hands of Kilgore, PO Box 1576, Kilgore, TX 75662.



Keep your Church Directory up to date

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

George C. and Kristen Heil
19 Marple Lane
Hampton, VA 23666-4261



George and Kristen Heil are the proud owners of the home pictured at left in Hampton, Virginia.

Jerome and Sally Key
500 Danville Road, Apt. 17
Kilgore, TX 75662-2378
Sallye's phone: 903-220-3175

Emmett IV and Caroline Koen
1130 Hawkins Parkway, Apt. 2201
Longview, TX 75605-8083

Please contact the Church Office (secretary@pilgrimlc.org) anytime you have a change in any of your information. We keep the changes in the church computer and on a "master" paper copy on the secretary's desk until we produce an updated version (the next one 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

Vacancies at Our Savior, Centerville; Trinity, Fairfield; First, Lufkin; and Redeemer, Nacogdoches.

Transition at Bethlehem, Palestine (installation August 7)

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)

MISSION TRIPS

Rev. Paul Meseke (Pastor's friend, attended Pastor's installation, back from Panama)

Shane Walker (Pastor's friend, taking four of his UTEP students to Ecuador July 9-16)

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, 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

Pastor & Caryl Galler (in the Midwest from July 03-19)

Remo Gualtieri and Kathy Hudson (traveling to and from Florida July 02-09)

Paul Guinn (in Houston for extended 4th of July, car damaged in accident)

David 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, still on the waiting list for a liver transplant)

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Steve Atchinson (Betty Miller's grandson, arm amputated after work accident)
Candice Davis (George & Jeanette Heil's friend, receiving radiation treatments)
Kimberly Dietz (Shannon's partner Keri's sister, waiting for God's final deliverance)
Landon Hawkins (baby known to Watts Family, Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome)
Sherry Harris (Beth Nicol's friend, changing chemotherapy to find one that works)
Mel Isdale (Dan West's extended-family member, expected to remain at nursing home)
Kathy Jennings (Remo and Kathy's friend, making progress against her cancer)
Andrew Kaufmann (teenage son of Pastor's classmate and friend, ongoing treatment)
Laura Key (Jerome's step-mother, continuing to decline in nursing home)
Sallye Key (doing better but still recovering from car accident 3/29)
Emmett Koen IV (our member, doing therapy on a shoulder)
Carl London (Connie Wilburn's coworker, cancer has returned with a vengeance)
Dennis Martin (David Navaille's best friend's brother-in-law, valve replacement 7/1)
David McKeown (Remo and Kathy's Australia friend waiting for a kidney transplant)
Tommy McPherson (cancer treatments completed, decision regarding surgery pending)
Herb Michel (relative of Pastor's friends, in and out of hospital with various concerns)
Beth Nicol (back procedure 7/1)
Don Nicol (biopsy on possible lung cancer 7/5 and echocardiogram 7/6)
Ronnie Sanchez (Elaine Navaille's cousin, third different type of chemotherapy)
Leroy Thomas (needing to do something about his poor vision)
Rev. Harold Wageman (former PLC pastor, at Henderson Rehab)
Pat Welch (Beth Nicol's friend, suffering from Parkinson's, now in a wheelchair)
Carter Wilbanks (shirt-tail acquaintance of the Sampsons, now recovering at home)
Robert Wiles (Betty Miller's nephew, untreatable cancer, remains on a feeding tube)

ALL MOTHERS EXPECTING CHILDREN, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

Ticia Smith (our member Matthew's wife, due in July, bed-rest to prevent early labor)

FAMILIES IN CRISIS OR NEED AND ALL FAMILIES

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)

LCMS Convention July 9-14 “considers” Pilgrim overtures

Two overtures Pilgrim's Voters sent on to the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Convention this summer were largely dismissed by their respective Convention Floor Committees. One overture dealt with vicars (student pastors) wrongly presiding over the Sacrament of the Altar before they are ordained, and that overture was put in an omnibus resolution to refer the matter to the seminaries that are complicit in the practice. The other overture dealt with facilitating the call-process for ordained pastors without calls, and that overture is referenced by a resolution that may go before the Convention but has none of the meaningful language Pilgrim's Voters approved. Our Circuit #14 pastoral delegate, the Rev. Joe Mashburn, and lay delegate, John Goodwin of Tyler, met with Pastor Galler and other Circuit pastors June 16th to discuss these and other Convention items. Watch for our delegates' Convention report in the August edition of the *Pilgrimage*.



AUGUST EVENTS

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesdays at 7:00 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.

JUNIOR YOUTH CATECHESIS is currently scheduled for Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. in Pastor's Study.

PILGRIM'S "ANNUAL" CHURCH ICE CREAM SOCIAL will be held in the large pavilion in the Kilgore City Park on Sunday, August 7th. Watch for more information and sign-up sheets.

INSTALLATION OF REV. DAVID ADLER AT BETHLEHEM (PALESTINE) will be Sunday, August 7th. Watch for time and more details as they become available.

ELDERS will meet Tuesday, August 9th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library (material for the special on-going study has been distributed).

LETOURNEAU UNIVERSITY CHURCH FAIR Saturday, August 20, 3-4:30 p.m. in Longview.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND REPRESENTATIVE RAE LYN PRACHT will at least be available at Pilgrim after the Divine Service on August 21st. Plan to stay and learn more about how we can benefit Pilgrim, as well as ourselves and others, when we invest with CEF.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for the September edition of the *Pilgrimage* are due Sunday, July 24th. 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.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES: Are you meeting at least quarterly? Schedule to do so now!

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



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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
3 7 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (G) 9:30-10:30 AM SS and Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service Missions and Evangelism Committee Meeting after the Divine Service Voters' Packet items due	4 M/M George C. Heil (A)	5 Carl Gardner (B)	6	7	1 Spencer Land (B)	2 10:00 AM Willows 11 AM Catechesis
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Pastor Galler on vacation (an elder will answer the church phone and contact the pastor on-call as needed).						
10 8 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (G) 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service M/M Tom Criswell (A)	11 1:00-6:00 PM Cleaning Ladies Paul Hooge (B)	12	13 Zylan Ellis (B)	14	15 Luke Land (B)	16
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Communion Assistant – Edgar Wuthrich Acolyte – Matthew Hooge Cleaning Volunteers – Your Name Here?						

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