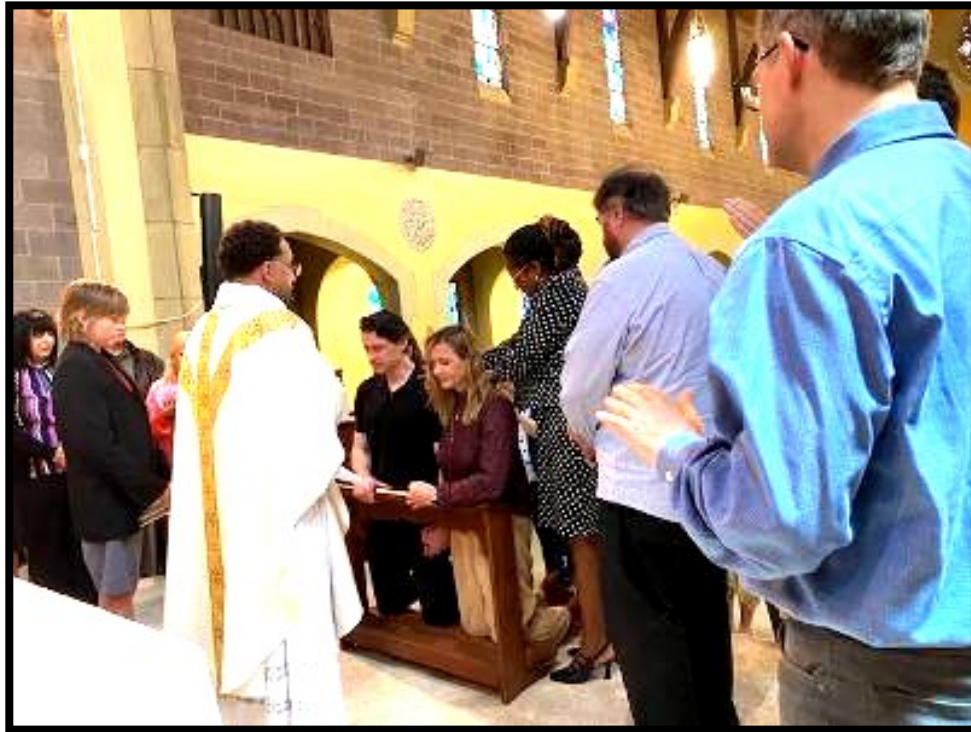


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Pastor Nunes and Pilgrim's congregation praying for Kimshelley and Joe as they prepare to move to Alabama.

"Pilgrim's Progress"

June 2023

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June Worship Schedule at Pilgrim

Sunday Worship Service Schedule in June

9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class, meets in the Discovery Conference Room.

9:30 a.m. Arrangements can be made to have a short Sunday School Lesson at 9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Worship Service Indoors and on Facebook and Pilgrim's website.

Sunday Morning Bible Class at 9:00 a.m.

Please be sure to attend our Sunday morning Bible Class at 9 a.m. in our Conference Room.

Rev. John Arthur Nunes, Ph.D teaches the Bible Classes.

Juneteenth Federal Holiday is on June 19th.

Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, when Union soldiers brought the news of freedom to enslaved Black people in Galveston, Texas—more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued. It's the first new Federal Holiday since Martin Luther King Jr. Day was created in 1983. (Juneteenth was signed into law in 2021.)



.The American Flag is a symbol of National Freedom.

**The Cross is a symbol
of eternal freedom.
Flag Day is June 14th.**



Congregation Meeting June 18th: A Congregation Meeting will be held

after the worship service on June 18th. A report from the findings of the Strategic Planning Committee will be presented to Pilgrim's members. Tim Holt will lead the presentation. Please plan to attend this important meeting so you will be well informed on the plans the committee has been working on.

Pilgrim is studying The Alpha Course. This study of evangelism is informative and effective by focusing on the fundamentals of Christianity. The classes and prayer meetings will be on Zoom and some will be in person. Please contact Barbara P. for additional information.

AlphaAtPilgrimSM@gmail.com. The zoom meetings will be held for ten weeks, on Thursdays 7-8:30 p.m. and began May 18th. An in-person meeting was held May 11th at the Spirituality Center at Saint Monica Catholic Church, (730 Washington Avenue, SM 90403) Lincoln and Washington. Barbara will email a link to you so your can patriciate in these interesting meetings. An "All Day in-person Alpha Retreat" will held on Saturday, June 24th from 8 a.m.to 4 p.m. As of now, this Alpha Retreat will probably be held in the gym at Pilgrim. Additional information as to exact location will be forthcoming.

Pilgrim's Mission Statement is:

“Called by the Holy Spirit, we are a community of worship and service that invites the people of Santa Monica and beyond to flourish in the love of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacraments.”

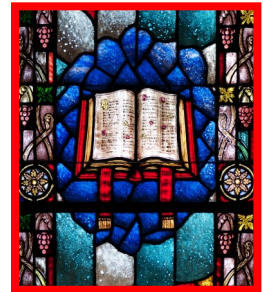
Sunday Gospel Readings for June

June 4 Matthew 28:16–20

June 11 Matthew 9:9–13

June 18 Matthew 9:35–10:8

June 25 Matthew 10:5a, 21–33



Thank you to all who worked so hard creating the wonderful **May 14, 2023**, Going Away Party for Kimshelley and Joe. Barbara P. Carolyn B, and Susan R. decorated tables in the gym and they looked beautiful.

Others also helped. Barbara's friend made the little paper cups



and saucers for the plants. Pastor Nunes' sermon and prayers afterwards were very special, and the music selected was perfect. Susan also made a going away banner for them. We ordered food from Fromins and it was wonderful! We will miss Kimshelley and Joe very much. Pastor Nunes invited Pilgrim members to come up to the altar and place their hands on Kimshelley & Joe, as he prayed for them. He also invited members to also pray for them and several members participated. If you missed this worship service it can still be viewed on our website or Facebook .

June 3rd Retreat : Members of the Strategic Planning Committee and Pilgrim's Church Council will meet from 8:45 a.m.—3:45 p.m. on June 3, 2023 at the Spirituality Center at Saint Monica Catholic Church, at 730 Washington Ave, Santa Monica, Ca 90403, to discuss the research, findings and suggestions of the SPC. The findings will then be presented to Pilgrim's members at a Congregation Meeting June 18th after the worship service.

The Strategic Planning Team Members

MISSION TEAM: Mat, Allen, Laura.

ASSETS TEAM: Barbara, Michael, Kathy.

PRIORITIES TEAM: Carolyn, Jan, Joseph P, Joe L.

STEPS TEAM: Tim, Ritch, Jim

June Calendar at a Glance (Worship Services are in person and on FB and our website.)

- June 4** †Holy Trinity Sunday Worship Service at 10 a.m. / Holy Communion
June 4 Pastor Nunes will preach on the Lutheran Hour Radio Broadcast.
June 11 †Second Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service at 10 a.m. / Holy Communion
June 14 Flag Day
June 18 †Third Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service at 10 a.m. / Holy Communion
June 18 Congregation meeting after the worship service
June 18 Father's Day
June 19 Juneteenth National Independence Day, Federal Holiday
June 21 Summer begins
June 24 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
June 24 Alpha Retreat
June 25 †Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service at 10 a.m. / Holy Communion
June 25 Presentation of the Augsburg Confession

We have resumed hosting our after worship service fellowship hour!

We want to thank Jane S. and Sue P. for getting this started. **We need volunteers to host these events. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.** With a receipt, Pilgrim will reimburse you for the expenses you incur. When the weather improves, we will hold these events in our beautiful courtyard. Until then we will meet in the Narthex or gym.

Thank you to those of you who have been using Pilgrim's on-line giving app via a company called PushPay. The company does a lot of work with Christian Churches.

LCMS Websites

Keep current on the activities and events of our Pacific South District (PSD) Missouri Synod by going to their website at www.psdnews@psd-lcms.org. You can get a weekly newsletter and stay up to date. You may also check out the Synod's website at www.lcms.org. Good Lutherans stay informed!

LUTHERAN HOUR RADIO

The Lutheran Hour was first broadcast Oct. 2, 1930 and continues on the air today, making it the world's oldest continually broadcast Christ-centered radio program. To listen: go to LHM podcasts: <https://www.lhm.org/podcasts/> For 24/7, go to: <https://www.lhm.org/> in our LLL district, here are popular radio stations and times: 8:00 a.m. Costa Mesa KBRT 740 AM 1:30 p.m. Glendale KKLK 99.5 FM 7:00 a.m. Sirius – XM Family Talk 131 8:00 p.m. Monday Santa Monica 98.3 KZLA FM and 5:30 a.m. Sunday 5:30 a.m. KZLA . Rev. John Arthur Nunes, Ph.D, can occasionally be heard on the Lutheran Hour. His remaining schedule to preach is June 4, 2023. and August 27, 2023.

Prayer Requests If you have a prayer request, you may call the Church office with your request or you may send an email to amenmail@aol.com

Praise the Lord for Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays in June

Hannah H. June 3

Hubert H. June 6

Mark K. June 18

Arlene S. June 15

Steve R. June 15

Amy B. June 25

Kimshelley & Joe's Anniversary is in June!

Sara and Mat's Anniversary is June 11th.

Let the church office know when your Birthday or Anniversary is!



“News from Pastor Nunes”

This is the prayer that Pastor Nunes gave on May 4, 2023, at the National Day of Prayer— Santa Monica

In the name of our God+ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

We join the chorus of thanksgiving today,

naming you as our ultimate Tutor, and our inestimable Rabbi;

for all who teach and for all who learn,

for academic administrators and for those “worker bees” behind the scenes,

taking on other duties as assigned, for all who make the miracle of learning possible,

we give you thanks.

For all who feed hungry hearts, satisfy curious minds,

and train eager hands with skill, we give you praise. O God of Wonder,

for formal and informal systems of education for public schools and private schools,

especially Pacifica Christian High School, bless education in our nation today.

O God of hope,

help students who, through sweat and tears,

are depending on their education for social mobility, who struggle to pay tuition,

who shiver under the threat of violence, be their provider and protector.

O Wisdom from high, help us ALL to see that education is about

more than a transfer of information, but a transformation,

a glimpse into the glory that undergirds the structure of all existence,

with perfect goodness, with transcendent truth and with eternal beauty. Amen.

In Our Prayers. . . .

Prayers of Intercession

Terrance seriously ill
Mark F. seriously ill
For those with Dystonia
For James, Speech Apraxia
For Randy—breathing issues
Mark C.—Lungs
Evelyn L. Stroke recovery
Roger H. —Hepatitis C
Medical personnel, first responders
Hilda's mother Berjik, Health
Tiffany's mother and family
Social Justice, End of Racism
Dave K. brain shunt
Kathy, heart and shoulder
Grace, Dystonia
Edith A. shoulder
Pearl R. Stroke recovery
Jim K, myasthenia gravis & cancer
Neven, heart procedure
Corine, health
Julia A. fibromyalgia, arthritis
Cyndy for heart issues
Mary's mother
Pastor G. health and eyesight
Frank, ALS
Annie, Cystic Fibrosis
Greater Evangelism
Marriage difficulties
Unemployment
Corby-health issues
Lamar, needs housing
Natalie-Restoration
Chloe
Alex B. for recovery
Mary Ann's health
Sharon C. -Healing
Kathy H's sister Alice—MS
For Missionaries
Laurie's mother
Abused children
Steve G. tumors
Linda with Alzheimer's

Prayers for Those Fighting Cancer

Jackson, lymphoma, friend of
Kimshelley & Joe
Valerie in Chicago
Bob's cousin Doug, pancreatic cancer.
Ramona's niece Harriett and Harriett's' husband Dan, both fighting cancer
Melissa, breast cancer
JoAnna, breast cancer
Arthur N.-cancer
Dale Frese-in hospice
Russel-pancreatic cancer
Myrna, Bob's stepmom
Susan M.
Rudolph A.
George D. Bladder cancer
Cezanne, intestinal cancer
Carole, stomach
Cindy C.
Monique Y.
Steve H.
Susan S.
Ken B.
Hilda's husband Jim
Ivan P.
Dana A.
Kay T.
Kim
Zack
Bob's Aunt
Charles (prostate)
Rich Z.
Greg W.
Paul
Jill
Paul
Marc F. Bladder
Tammy F, lung cancer
Arminda, kidney cancer
Continued Prayers
Protection for Police Officers & Firefighters
Protection for our troops
Jews for Jesus Ministry
The ill and lonely

Prayers of Praise & Thanks

For the Birth of Jesus!
For our Wonderful Country!
For Pilgrim's Wonderful Volunteers!

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Dear Heavenly Father,

We ask that you hear and honor our prayers, as we pray for healing for those who are sick, for comfort for those who are dying and for happiness for those who have been healed and are living successful lives. We know you hear our prayers, and you are in control, not us. We thank you for your beautiful planet, your beautiful trees, flowers, oceans, rivers, mountains and animals. We thank you for your wonderful diverse planet of many countries, many cultures, and many variations in their climate. We thank you for our wonderful USA and we ask that you bless and protect us, guide us and lead us. For those who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus, we ask that through your work here at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, via our Pastor Nunes and our volunteers, we may bring unbelievers to Jesus Christ. For those who are already believers, we ask that they continue to support Pilgrim and Pastor Nunes and increase in-person participation here at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Santa Monica, CA.

In Jesus Name, Amen





Blessings to Kimshelley and Joe,

Our beloved and talented Kimshelly, Joe and their six cats have have moved from Los Angeles to Alabama. We will deeply miss Kimshelley's magnificent voice and also her acting ability, and we will deeply miss Joe and his sophisticated and gentle manner in which he handled everything he did here at Pilgrim, his Elder work, church council work, and his always willing to help us out. Both Joe and Kimshelley drove in frm the Valley to attend our worship services—and they were in charge of helping us



put up our Santa Monica Nativity Scene! Kimshelley left us detailed written notes on how to install them in the future. Shown here laying on packing material meant for their move, is Bear, one of their six cats. He's in charge of this.

On May 25, 2023, Pastor Nunes and Monique participated in the Celebration of Life Worship Service for his beloved Aunt Jean Hind. (February 28, 1943-April 15, 2023.)

The well attended service was held at Chatham United Methodist Church in Chatham, New Jersey. It was shown on- line and these photos were taken while watching the service therefore they are slightly blurred. Pastor Nunes' beloved Aunt Jean is now in heaven, with our Lord Jesus Christ. She was an amazing Christian.



Below is a photo with Pastor Nunes' family.





Photos taken at the "Going Away" event for Kimshelley & Joe and also from Pastor Nunes' Celebration of Life service for his Aunt Jean



Pastor Nunes with his Aunt Jean, several years ago.

