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“Pilgrim’s Progress”

July 2023

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July Worship Schedule at Pilgrim

Sunday Worship Service Schedule in July

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.

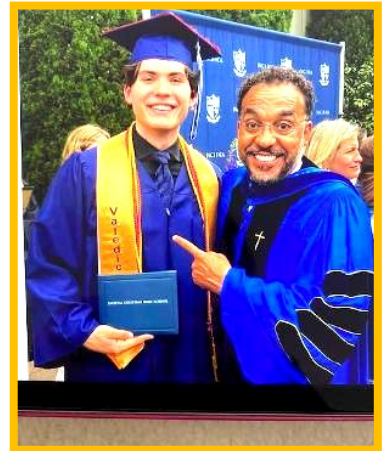
Please be sure to attend our Sunday morning Bible Class at 9 a.m. in our Conference Room.

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

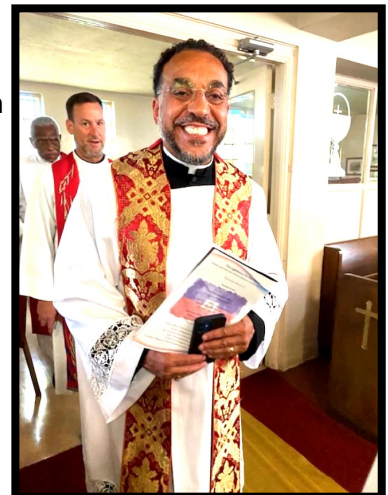
Update on congregation meeting held June 18, 2023

Some of the issues presented to the congregation are the use of screens in the Sanctuary to help during the worship services. The Scripture readings and hymns and songs would be viewed on large screens. Upgrading and repairing Pilgrim and Pacifica facilities, hold a Neighborhood Clean Up day, increase Pilgrim's social media presence, perhaps hold a Back to School Breakfast with Pacifica Faculty and Staff. Perhaps invite musicians from Pacifica to participate in Pilgrim's worship services. A Stewardship program called "Every Member Visit" is suggested to take place over a 7 month period of time. Each member would be visited by the director of Stewardship, Pastor Nunes and an Elder. Volunteering projects and other issues would be discussed.

Congratulations to Valedictorian Xander C. This compelling young man spoke during Pilgrim's June 18, 2023 worship service. Xander is an excellent speaker and Pilgrim was honored to have him and his family participate in our June 18th Father's Day worship service. Xander will attend Princeton University.



Congratulations to Rev. Enock-Jean Berus on his June 26th Ordination and Installation at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Los Angeles. He will serve as Associate Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran, Grace Lutheran and St. Philip Lutheran Churches. May the Lord Bless him and Keep him.



Pilgrim's Mission Statement is: "Called by the Holy Spirit, we are an intergenerational 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 July

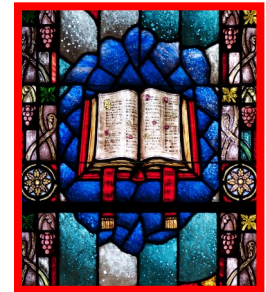
July 2 Matthew 10:34-42

July 9 Matthew 11:25-30

July 16 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30 Matthew 13:44-52



Long time Pilgrim member Evelyn L. passed away June 20, 2023. We will keep you updated on her funeral date, to be held at Pilgrim in early August. We remember with much love, Evelyn's sweet smile and gentle sense of humor. Until her health became an issue, Evelyn faithfully attended Pilgrim's worship services for decades.

Photo shown is with Evelyn, Carolyn B. and Marcia in 2017.

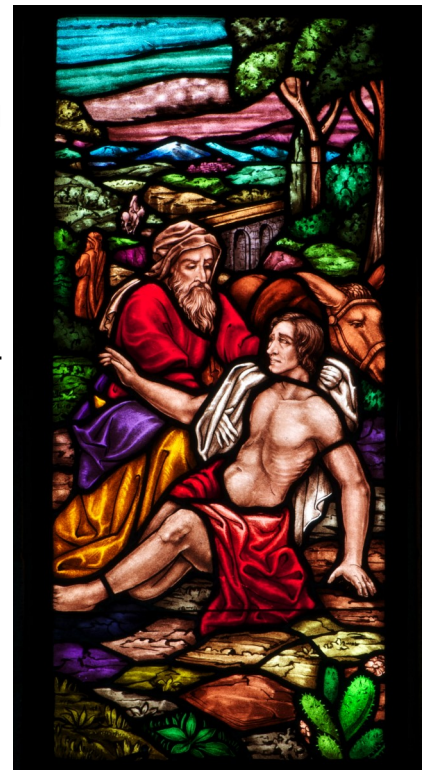


Good Samaritan Story June 2023

I gave my neighbor, a Viet Nam War Veteran, a \$50.00 gift check on Memorial Day, to thank him for his service. Several days later, he called me to tell me he could not find my check anywhere! He was upset and embarrassed that he might cause me problems with my checking account. I called my bank and asked them to place a "stop payment" on the check, explaining it has been lost. Several days later, my neighbor again called me to tell me the check he had lost, had been found in the street, by an employee at Woodley Tire Company, on Pico Blvd in Santa Monica! The check had a note attached to it, stating an employee had found the check, and since I had printed the check on my computer with my neighbor's name and home address, it was easy to send the check back to my neighbor. I called Woodley Tire to thank them and their honest employee, Alphonso. I then brought Alfonso a thank you card and gift. And I thanked the Lord for this very honest employee.

Kathy

Pilgrim's Good Samaritan Sained Glass Window



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

July 2 †Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service at 10 a.m. / Holy Communion

July 4 Independence Day, Campus Closed

July 9 †Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service at 10 a.m. / Holy Communion

July 16 †Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service at 10 a.m. / Holy Communion

July 23 †Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service at 10 a.m. / Holy Communion

July 30 †Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service at 10 a.m. / Holy Communion

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.

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/>. **Pilgrim's Rev. John Arthur Nunes, Ph.D, can be heard on the Lutheran Hour. His remaining 2023 schedule to preach is: August 27, 2023, Nov 5, 2023 and Dec 31, 2023. His 2024 schedule is: February 25, 2024, May 5, 2024 and July 21, 2024**

Prayer Requests Prayer Box in Narthex: You may leave confidential, or non-confidential Prayer Requests in the locked Prayer Box in the Narthex. Pastor Nunes is the only person who will open the Prayer box. You may call the Church office with your request or you may send an email to amenmail@aol.com



Please Join Pilgrim in studying The Alpha Course. This study of evangelism focuses on the fundamentals of Christianity. The classes and prayer meetings are held on Zoom and some will be in person. Please contact Barbara P. for additional information.

Praise the Lord for Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays in July

Beth S. July 14
Greg B. July 23
Natalie B. July 29
Gina R. July 29

Kevin & Tiffany's Wedding Anniversary is July 19th

Hubert & Sylvia's Wedding Anniversary is July 21st



“News from Pastor Nunes”

I was singularly honored to deliver the commencement address for Pacifica Christian High School, our mission partner here at 18th and Wilshire Blvd. Since I've given numerous graduation addresses at the high school and higher education level, I decided to pursue a format I hoped the students and their families might find more engaging; namely, to interview the graduates beforehand and then organize their responses as an address. My favorite reply was this: “I will never forget how blessed I was to go to a school like this.” Strengthening our connection to Pacifica is rightly one of our newly adopted Strategic Priorities as a congregation.

Then I asked everyone in the room who was not graduating, please reach out your hands with me as a sign of solidarity and benediction. It's based on an Irish Blessing and really applies to all of us:

May you have enough happiness to keep you joyful,
enough trials to keep you strong,
enough sorrow to keep you human,
enough hope to keep you content,
enough failure to keep you humble,
enough success to keep you hungry,
enough friends to give you comfort,
enough courage to chase away sadness,
enough wealth to meet your needs
and one thing more;
Enough faith to see that God is at work in your life
molding you, forming you, shaping you and remaking you
into the best version of yourself.

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

AMEN



**Pastor Nunes and Monique
at the Pacifica Graduation.**

In Our Prayers. . . .

Prayers of Intercession

Mark F. seriously ill
For those with Dystonia
For James, Speech Apraxia
For Randy—breathing issues
Mark C.—Lungs
Family of Evelyn L. in her recent passing.
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

Valerie—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

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





Releasing butterflies and other fun events in June 2023.



Today, we commemorate Onesimos Nesib (c. 1856—June 21, 1931). He was a Lutheran evangelist and Bible translator in Ethiopia. There are now some 10.5 million Lutherans in Ethiopia, making it the largest Lutheran church-body in the world. Standing with [Monique Nunes](#) and me is [Frehiwot Kebede](#), a member of [Pilgrim Santa Monica](#) and a direct descendant of Onesimos Nesib. ኦነሲሞስ ነሲብ

