

Pilgrim Lutheran Church
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This new “Pilgrim Logo” has been created with reference to Pilgrim’s “Rose Window” that is found on the wall in the Sanctuary, over the entrance to the Narthex.

“Pilgrim’s Progress”

September 2023

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September Worship Schedule at Pilgrim

Sunday Worship Service Schedule in September

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.

New electronic gate in parking lot: We have installed a new electric gate in our parking lot. This gate requires a special code to enter and exit the parking lot. This was installed to avoid opening the heavy gate by hand. The gate will be kept open for our Sunday worship services and for Pilgrim and Pacifica events. At the conclusion of our worship services/ events, the gate will then be closed. Many thanks to Mat M. for his following through with this project.



For several days, the Loss Angeles Area/SoCal area had been warned to prepare for the “first ever tropical Storm to hit our area.” (We had a similar but non-tropical storm in 1939.) The storm was projected to hit our area on Sunday, August 20th. The constant reporting and warnings were frightening. Pilgrim held worship services on this date and fortunately the heavy rain did not start until the afternoon, and we did not

experience heavy wind. Pilgrim came through the storm with water damage in the bell tower location but we suffered no serious damage. The severe damage seemed to hit the Inland Empire/Desert areas. We are thankful to God for protecting us. Thank you, Pastor Nunes for holding our worship service on this date. Many churches decided not to hold worship services due to the predicated storm.



Congratulations to Monique Nunes, on her recent promotion at Concordia Irvine. She is now the Associate Dean for Student Engagement! A big promotion with a lot of responsibility. We also fondly remember on September 11, 2022, Monique and Pastor Nunes were unanimously voted by our congregation to place a permanent call to them. We are so blessed to have them leading us at Pilgrim.



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."

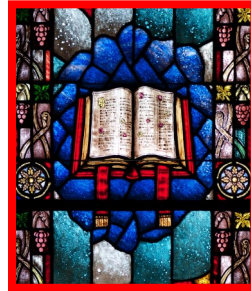
Sunday Gospel Readings for September

September 3 Matthew 16:21–28

September 10 Matthew 18:1–20

September 17 Matthew 18:21–35

September 24 Matthew 20:1–16



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES For Pilgrim

- 1. Connected Meaningfully in Worship**
- 2. Connected in Spiritual Formation through Intergenerational Christian Education**
- 3. Connected Sustainably to our Future through our Gifts and Resources**
- 4. Connected in Witness and Service to our Neighborhood (including digital connection)**
- 5. Connected in Partnership with Pacifica Christian High School**
- 6. Connected in Care with One Another**

Reformation Sunday is on October 29th.

We will be honored to have Mike Gibson, President of the Pacific Southwest District of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod join us. He will preach the sermon and we will report to him and to our congregation on our STRATEGIC PRIORITIES progress, and will also mention other events Pilgrim and Pacifica have held.



Community Bible Study is a wonderful way to meet other Christian woman and men. These Bible Study Classes are NOT intended to take away from your home church Bible Study classes. These classes offer the opportunity to make lasting friendships one might not have the opportunity of meeting elsewhere. Community Bible Study (CBS) is a National and International Christian organization. Please contact Carolyn for additional information.

CBS Santa Monica 2023 - 2024



In-Person Groups for Women & Pre School Children

On-Line Groups for Men & Women

Beginning Thursday, September 7, 2023
10:15am - 12:15pm

In-person Groups meet in Spirituality Center of St Monica's Church located on Corner of Washington & Lincoln Ave
Parking in underground garage (enter off California Ave)



Register today @ santamonica.cbsclass.org

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

September 3 †Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service at 10 a.m. / Holy Communion

September 4 Labor Day, Campus closed

September 7 Alpha course meeting, in-person, 6:00—8:15 pm at Pilgrim

September 9 Funeral service for Jürgen Lindlahr at 11 a.m.

September 10 †Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service at 10 a.m. / Holy Communion

September 11 Patriot Day

September 11 First Anniversary of Pilgrim unanimously voting to Call Pastor Nunes & Monique

September 14 Alpha course meeting, in-person, 6:00—8:15 pm at Pilgrim

September 16 Funeral Service for Evelyn Later at 3:00 p.m.

September 17 †Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service at 10 a.m. / Holy Communion

September 21 Alpha course meeting, in-person, 6:00—8:15 pm at Pilgrim

September 23 Alpha Retreat at Palisades Lutheran Church

September 24 †Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service at 10 a.m. / Holy Communion

September 28 Alpha course meeting, in-person, 6:00—8:15 pm at Pilgrim

We have resumed hosting our after worship service fellowship hour! We want to thank Jane S. and Sue P. for getting this started. With a receipt, Pilgrim will reimburse you for the expenses you incur. As of now, our September fellowship schedule is:

Sept. 3, 2023 Carolyn B. Sept. 10 Sara & Mat, Sept. 17 Chloe, Sept. 24 Beverly

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: 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



Praise the Lord for Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays in September

Pastor A.	September 2
Bob N.	September 2
John K.	September 10
Mary H.	September 20
Beth O.	September 20
Nick. B.	September 23
Lana B.	September 28



Anniversaries in September

Michael and Julia's Wedding Anniversary is September 6th!

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

“News from Pastor Nunes” Ida Watson Odom, January 22, 1938-August 18, 2023



IDA WATSON ODOM was born to the late Blanche “Tan” and Katie (née Marshall) Watson on January 22, 1938 in Buena Vista, Alabama. She was baptized at a young age at Saint James Lutheran Church in Buena Vista, AL.

Ida graduated from Monroe County Training School, Monroeville, AL (1956), Immanuel Lutheran College, Greensboro, North Carolina (1958), Barber-Scotia College, Concord, NC (1961, Bachelor of Science) and Governors State University, University Park, Illinois (1976, Master of Arts) Ida Watson married Frazier on June 12, 1960 at Saint James Lutheran Church in Buena Vista, AL. To this union were born Pamela Lareese DeLoney (Anthony) in 1961; Ina Frenae Roberson, in 1963; John Quincy Odom (Gwendolyn) in 1964; Monique Charell Nunes (John Arthur) in 1967. She is preceded in death by her dearly loved husband of 61 years, the Rev. Dr. Frazier Norton Odom (1937-2021), her sisters, Willie Clinton (1937-2015), Flora Belle Watson (1944-2017), Joe Henry Watson and Oliver Watson who

died as newborns. She is survived by her beloved sisters in mourning, Blanche (+Richard), Dickinson, Mildred (Melvin) Mobley, Helen (+Frank) Henry. “Granny” was the beloved grandmother of fourteen: Erika, Stephenie, Frenae, Mary, Antinique, Jamia, Rachel, Tiara, Monesha, Shapria, Aujunae, John, Jr., Marshand, Amir. With pride, she embraced in love her ever-expanding host of the family’s great -grandchildren, nieces and nephews. A highly acclaimed educator, Mrs Odom taught at a number of public and Lutheran schools in Chicago, IL and Saint Louis, Missouri. Mama Odom actively served as the First Lady of Concordia Lutheran Church, New Orleans, Louisiana (1960-1966); Trinity Lutheran Church, Selma, AL (1966-1968); Faith Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL (1968-1986) and Transfiguration Lutheran Church, St Louis, MO (1986-2003). She was a member of the inter-Lutheran committee which led to the publication of the African American supplement for worship titled *This Far by Faith* (1999).

A devoted member of Great Commission Lutheran Church in St Louis, in later years she was also a joyful participant in the Lutheran Geriatric Adult Daycare Center community. She is remembered as an innovative and tireless church-builder. Especially young people were drawn to know the Gospel of Jesus Christ through her choirs and programs. For example, she orchestrated countless community and recreational activities, like fun-filled summer trips for urban youth to King’s Island in Ohio. She cherished offering children’s messages. These sometimes rivaled, in their duration and impact, the powerful sermons of her husband, Pastor Odom. When not playing the piano, Mrs Odom immersed herself in being an avid gardener, a conspicuous collector, an inventive fundraiser, and a creative chronicler of Black History, “Jesus loves the little children! All the children of the world!” The Holy Spirit chose Mama Odom to be a witness to this truth. We shall never forget her singing it enthusiastically, playing it rhythmically, praying it unceasingly, saying it passionately, sharing it inclusively, teaching it energetically, believing it everlastingly, and living it wholeheartedly in every life she touched.

In Our Prayers. . . .

Prayers of Intercession

Brad, Enteritis
Mark F. seriously ill
Goldie, for peace
Ralph W. for peace
For those with Dystonia
For James, Speech Apraxia
For Randy—breathing issues
Mark C.—Lungs
Family of Evelyn L. in her recent passing.
Passing of Bruce, Bob's father.
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
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
JoAnna, breast cancer
Arthur N.-cancer
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
Persecuted Christians

Prayers of Praise & Thanks

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

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



Jürgen L. Funeral: September 9th at Pilgrim at 11:00 a.m. Jürgen is a lifelong friend of Dietmar and he and his wife Marianne had frequently attended Pilgrim. He had been too ill to attend our services recently. He had been on Pilgrim's prayer list for months, and recently succumbed to the cancer he had bravely fought. Please keep his wife, Marianne in your prayers.

Evelyn L Funeral: The funeral for Evelyn L will be held at Pilgrim on Saturday, September 16th at 3 pm. Those of us who have been long time Pilgrim members have fond feelings for Evelyn and her “dry” sense of humor!

Pilgrim's new Sanctuary wide screens:

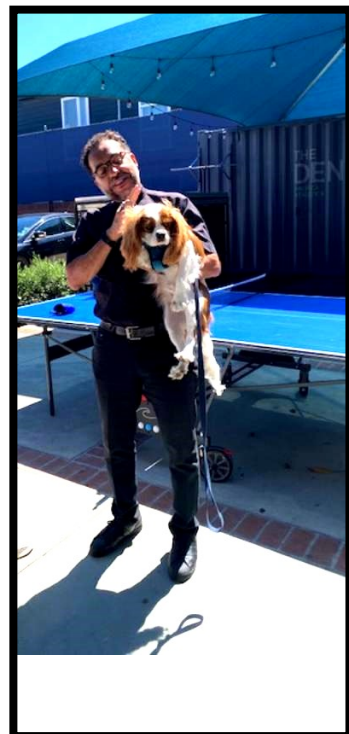
We want to thank to Joseph P. and Son H. for installing the large screens in the Sanctuary. And a special thank you to Mat M. for doing the electrical wiring and technical installation that support this technology. These screens will enhance our worship services with Scripture and music on the screen, among other information.



Blessing of the Pets August 26th was a huge success!

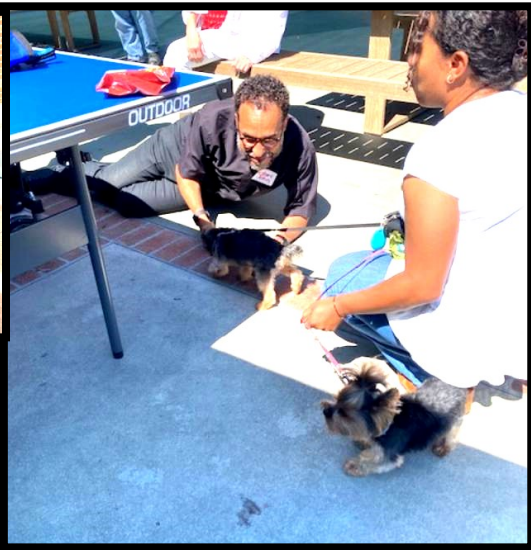


Pilgrim's 2nd Annual Blessing of the Pets was a huge success! We had two Pilgrim families bring their dogs in-person and around 25-30 neighbors and others from the Westside. This means we were able to get our publicity expanded to the Culver City and West L.A. area! We had Pet Blessing fliers delivered to 25 locations that mostly sell animal supplies and to local veterinarians. We also had our event displayed on Facebook , Nextdoor Neighborhood links and other social



media. We want to thank Diane Margolin from the Santa Monica Star News for her help with the publicity. We want to thank Barbara P. for the special doggie and cat treat bags she created. She made Treat bags for large and small dogs. The dogs LOVED these treats! Barbara had a small card attached to each bag with information about Alpha and Pilgrim.

For those who were not able to bring their pets in –person, (mostly cats) Pastor Nunes blessed their photos. **Each pet, whether in-person or via photos, received a Blessing Certificate with the pet's name, date and Pastor Nunes' signature! This made the event very special.**



Nothing stopped Pastor Nunes from blessing dogs! He even laid on the ground to bless one of Goldie's dogs!

