

Pilgrim Lutheran Church  
1730 Wilshire Blvd.  
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**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.**

**“Pilgrim’s Progress”**

**July 2024**



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## July Calendar at a Glance

### Sunday Worship Service Schedule July

8:30 a.m. Bible Class:

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

**July 4** Independence Day, Campus Closed

**July 7** † Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Worship Service at 10 a.m.

**July 14** † Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Divine Service at 10 a.m. / Holy Communion

**July 21** † Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Divine Service at 10 a.m. / Holy Communion

**July 28** † Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Divine Service at 10 a.m. / Holy Communion

**Thank you Jane for scheduling our after worship fellowship:**

**July Fellowship Schedule:**

**July 7 Lana, July 14 Barbara, July 21 Sara & Mat, July 28 Mary C.**

## **Stewardship .....A Way of Life!**

On June 30<sup>th</sup> we had a Steward-friends of Pilgrim. Together we Spiritual Gifts we individually "Staff Members" of God's Pilgrim Monica, how could we use those way to His work. Everyone was which to take their own personal tions for accessing our database opportunity to meet with their helped us understand God's Gifts guides us in using these to God's



## **GIFTS that you have been GIVEN!**

ship Luncheon for all members and explored the God given natural and have received. The question was as Lutheran Church here in Santa gifts – how can we plug in, in some given a self-examination handout on notes. Included were the instruc-called SERVANTKEEPER. It was an Elders. Pastor Dominic Rivkin and how the Holy Spirit uses and benefit, plan, and to His glory.

The handout will be available for those who were out of town and unable to attend. Ask Barbara for your copy.

Thank you for your continued support. **WE ARE ONE BODY....WORKING TOGETHER!**

### **NOTICE From Church Office**

On May 22, 2024, Pilgrim's beloved Rev. Dr. Ardon Albrecht directed a Charitable Donation gift check to Pilgrim Lutheran Church, in the amount of \$27,350.54 in memory of his mother, Esther Silbernagel Char. Esther passed away several years ago. The check was received from the issuing agency, and deposited June 10, 2024. With much appreciation, on June 11, 2024, a thank you letter of acknowledgement was sent to Pastor Albrecht. On September 30, 2001, Pilgrim's Conference Room was renamed and dedicated as follows: Rev. Dr. Ardon Albrecht *DISCOVERY ROOM*. You will notice the dedication plaque above the door as you walk into the conference room. Rev. Dr. Ardon Albrecht and his wife Edith, served Pilgrim from September 21, 1989 until July 2001.

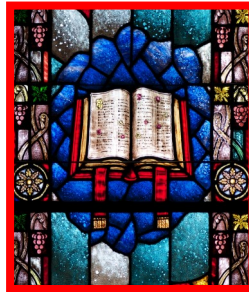
## Sunday Gospel Readings for July 2024

July 7 2024 Mark 6:1-13

July 14, 2024 Mark 6:14-29

July 21, 2024 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 28, 2024 John 6:1-21



### STRATEGIC PILLARS 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

**Bob Newlan is leading the Call Committee.** He will keep us updated on the procedure for Calling another pastor, and his call Committee will help.

**The following Pastors are scheduled to preach: We will keep you updated on this schedule.**

**June 9:** Preaching: Elder Joseph Perling  
Presiding: Pastor Dominic Rivkin

**June 16:** Pastor Lew Upchurch

**June 23:** Elder Joseph Perling

**June 30:** Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Dominic Rivkin

**July 7:** Preaching: Elder Joseph Perling  
Presiding: TBD

**July 14:** Pastor Lew Upchurch

**July 21:** Pastor Lew Upchurch

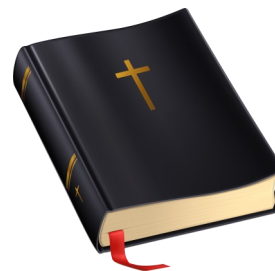
**July 28:** Pastor Lew Upchurch

**August 4** TBD

**August 11:** Pastor Lew Upchurch

**August 18** TBD

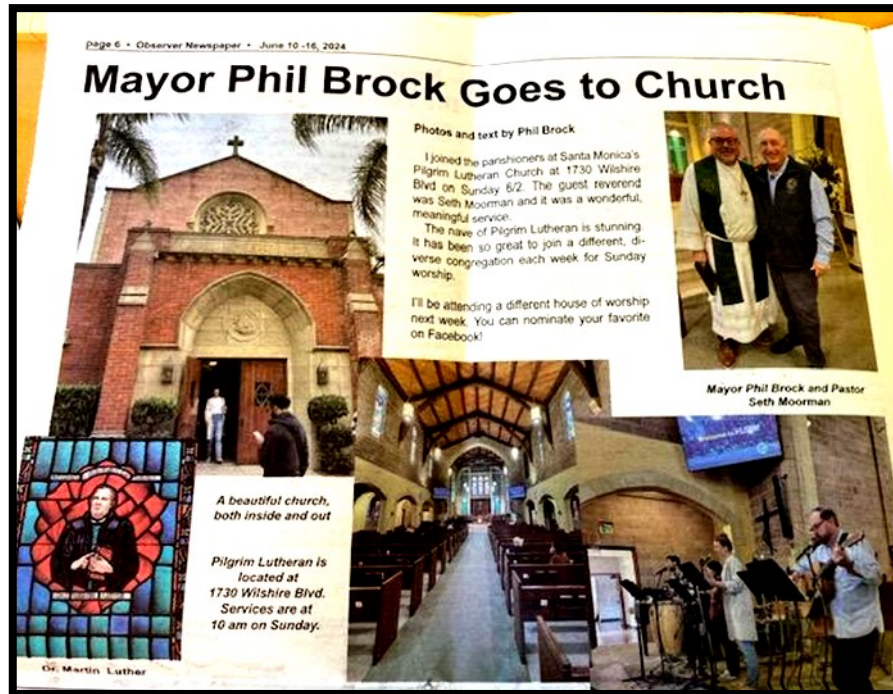
**August 25** TBD



**BAPTISM:** Baby Josephine Perling was baptized June 9, 2024 after the Divine Service. Rev. Dominic Rivkin performed the baptism. Many blessings to baby Josephine, her little brother Joseph Perling Jr. her mommy Yuen Perling and her daddy, Joseph Perling.



For all of you who would like to help Pilgrim successfully meet our 6th Strategic Priority—**CONNECTED IN CARE WITH ONE ANOTHER**, we invite you to join a group we are calling “**THE CARE CREW.**” Your task would be to keep our members who are homebound or dealing with health issues in our hearts and minds. Please contact Carolyn B. or Bonnie if you are interested in joining CARE CREW. Our Care Crew has been reaching out to those who cannot attend Pilgrim in person and to those who need extra help.



**From: Photos The Observer Newspaper**

June 10-16, 2024 Edition.

On June 2, 2024, Santa Mayor Phil Brock and his wife Kathy joined Pilgrim in worship. Rev. Seth Moorman was our guest pastor. Mayor Brock is visiting houses of worship and Pilgrim was honored to have him with us. Mayor Brock wrote a very lovely article regarding Pilgrim and included some beautiful photos. He also invited people to nominate their favorite house of worship on Facebook. (I do not have that link.)

Please notice he included our Luther stained glass window .

The original newspaper article was half a page, I took photos of the article and had to reduce them in size.

**Praise the Lord for Birthdays and Anniversaries**  
**Birthdays in July**

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

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



**Santa Monica's July 4th Parade**

Come in your Red, White and Blue! The parade will begin at Pico Boulevard on Main Street and will conclude at the southern most beach parking lot. It is always fun to watch the children participate in this parade, as well as our SMPD and SMFD! 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



As we celebrate the 4th of July, we need to remember our brave military and our wonderful God, who has made our lives here in the USA possible. The hymn, "God Bless Our Native Land" mentions our forming one family, one brotherhood, not just in our beloved USA, but world wide. Many have sacrificed for us and our Lord Jesus gave His life for us. In return, we must give to those who cannot help themselves, and give our offerings to our Lord Jesus.

Scripture states in Mark 3:24-25 "If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand."



Thank you to Bonnie Roche-Blair for setting up battery operated candles for the candle holders in our Sanctuary. She also created special silver base candle holders the exact size for these. This will beautify our sanctuary without our needing to use flames, and without needing to clean wax.

## In Our Prayers. . . .

For Rev. RZ Meyer & Carrie—  
health issues.  
Pam with Parkinson's disease.  
Mothers & Babies  
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  
Medical personnel, first responders  
Hilda's mother Berjik, Health  
Hilda's husband Jim, seriously ill  
Tiffany's mother and family  
Grace, Dystonia  
Edith A. shoulder  
Jim K, myasthenia gravis & cancer  
Julia A. fibromyalgia, arthritis  
Cyndy for heart issues  
Mary's mother Jean  
Pastor G. health and eyesight  
Frank, ALS  
Annie, Cystic Fibrosis  
Greater Evangelism  
Marriage difficulties  
Unemployment  
Lamar, needs housing  
Mary Ann's health  
Sharon C. -Healing  
Kathy H's sister Alice—MS  
For Missionaries  
Laurie's mother  
Abused children  
Peace on Earth toward all people!

## Prayers for Those Fighting Cancer

Corby, cancer  
Valerie—cancer  
Jackson, lymphoma, friend  
of Kimshelley & Joe  
Valerie in Chicago  
Ramona's niece Harriett  
and Harriett's' husband  
Dan, both fighting cancer  
JoAnna, breast 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  
Charles (prostate)  
Rich Z.  
Greg W.  
Paul  
Jill  
Paul  
Arminda, kidney cancer

## Continued Prayers

Protection for Police Of-  
ficers & Firefighters  
Protection for our troops  
Jews for Jesus Ministry  
The ill and lonely  
Persecuted Christians  
Andrew S. in military

## Prayers of Praise & Thanks

For the Resurrection 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, we may bring unbelievers to Jesus Christ. For those who are already believers, we ask that they continue to support Pilgrim and increase in-person participation here at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Santa Monica, CA.

In Jesus Name, Amen





**Baby Josephine's Baptism, June 9, 2024**



**June 30, 2024 Stewardship Celebration.** Thanking God for our natural and "Spiritual Gifts" and how to use them. Rev. Dominic Rivkin and Barbara Phinizy led this event. Thank you to Carolyn, Bonnie, Marcia, Lana and others for your help with the food, etc.

