

The Pilgrim's Progress



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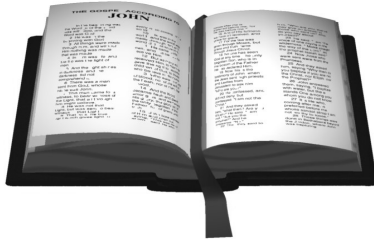
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WORDS ARE NEEDED



“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

Romans 10:13

“You say it best when you say nothing at all.” This 2002 song by Alison Krauss remains popular because most people know someone who shows them love in non-verbal ways. You can enjoy fishing with grandpa all day without saying a word. Conversing with your next-door neighbor may be like pulling teeth, but when you need help, he is the first to show up. “You say it best when you say nothing at all.” That one phrase can probably describe a relationship or two in your life. But that one phrase should not sum up the entire relationship! No one likes to receive “the silent treatment.” Wives appreciate the occasional spoken “I love you” from their husbands. Sometimes, words are needed!

Words are definitely needed in a human being's relationship with God. Sure, God shows love in non-verbal ways. This time of year, we are reminded how the Almighty shows kindness to all by giving “rain from heaven and crops in their seasons” (Acts 14:17). But what happens when there is too much rain, causing homes to be destroyed and lives to be lost? A word from God is needed! A clear preaching of the truth to make sense of the seemingly contra-

dictory “non-verbal” cues that God is throwing at us.

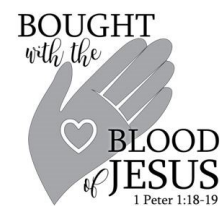
The apostle Paul reminds us that we have such a word from God in the good news of Jesus Christ the Savior from sin (Romans 10:17). But how can people believe in Jesus if they have never heard of him? How can they hear without a preacher? Think of some of the times when your life seemed like nothing but pain and confusion. The sunsets and gentle breezes that God sent you may have been nice, but better by far is the preacher of good news who was sent by God to tell you that your sins are forgiven! Because of Jesus' suffering and death on the cross you are right with God. Because of Jesus' resurrection from the dead, you too will one day rise into a beautiful new heaven and new earth. Words are needed to convey these precious, saving truths to people like you and me.

Words are absolutely necessary to convey these beautiful, saving truths to everyone around us. How can they hear without someone preaching to them? Preaching means telling good news with true words from Scripture. These words don't have to be overly complicated. It can be as simple as the apostle Paul telling a terrified jailer, “Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31). Silent love from God is important. But only the spoken word of God's love saves! (Romans 1:16) Words are needed. God's Word gives us what we need.

Prayer:

Dearest Jesus, thank you for loving me enough to reveal yourself to me through your word in the Bible. Use my words, simple as they may be, to share you and your saving love with others. Amen.

Pilgrim Panther News'n Notes



SCHOOL CHOICE

† We all appreciate living in a state that offers parents school choice. With the upcoming election, your vote can make a difference with education/school choice issues found on the ballot. Candidates also have differing views concerning school choice. To learn more, please take time to refer to this resource: Prop 305.AZvoterguide.org.

PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION

† Our Parent-Teacher Organization is off and running for another school year. PTO officers are Martha Eiland (President), Michele Bayer (Vice-President), Kim Drexler (Secretary), and Ben Kucenski (Treasurer). Planned fundraisers include the Pilgrim Book Fair (recently completed), Holiday Gift Shop, selling concessions at the BCLAL Soccer Tournament, Pilgrim Yard Sale, serving a Lenten Soup Supper meal, and one or two other possible restaurant promotions. We look forward to several PTO-led fellowship events: Pie Social, Parents' Breakfast, and the Grandparents' Tea. It's great to see the enthusiasm and dedication of this group as they seek to make a good school an even better school.

THE BLESSING OF GROWTH

† God has richly blessed our school with growth the past few years. So does that mean we take our foot off the recruitment pedal? Of course not! Efforts to reach new families and recruit new students continue on a weekly basis at Pilgrim. Distribution of promotional materials at community events such as the recent Celebrate Mesa!, feature stories in the local newspaper, continued funding for Mrs. LaStrange's vital recruitment coordinator position, our church's evangelism activities such as the upcoming Trunk or Treat – all of these are ways that we can get to know prospective families and share the blessings of Christ-centered education. Please know that our entire Pilgrim staff is working faithfully and diligently to run a school of excellence that meets all the needs of the impressionable young people entrusted to our care: spiritual, academic, physical, and emotional. Continue to pray for and support our Christian day school!

AZ-CA DISTRICT TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

† Pilgrim has the privilege of serving as the host school for this year's district teachers' conference. The featured speakers are a pair of professors from Wisconsin Lutheran College, Dr. Rhoda Wolle and Dr. Casey Holtz, who will give presentations on issues in today's society that impact family and education. Conference dates are November 1st and 2nd. Over 150 teachers from Arizona, California, Nevada, and New Mexico will be in attendance. Anyone who might like to donate \$ to help defray the costs of this convention, please see Mr. Wade.

- Principal Jim Wade

Video Screens For Sanctuary

Pilgrim's technology committee is in the process of getting bids for installing video screens on each side of the sanctuary walls. The committee met on October 10 with Troxell to evaluate the feasibility of the project and provide Pilgrim with a bid for the advanced technology. The large screens could be used for videos from our synod, enhanced visuals for presentations including sermons, and alternative methods for viewing our service order. The project is in its exploratory stage and anyone with comments should direct them to our President, Paul Tomamichel.



Let's Do Lunch At Garcia's



Let's Do Lunch will meet on **Sunday November 25 at noon** just down the street at Garcia's which is located on the northwest corner of University and Gilbert, 1940 E. University Drive. Garcia's has all your Mexican favorites, American entrees, lunch specials, seafood, combo plates, a full bar, and fun desserts (sopapillas are a big favorite!). Watch for flyers and please sign up in the narthex. Bring your appetite and an appreciation for all things delicious. Sombreros optional.

Advent by Candlelight

Advent by Candlelight is taking shape and we hope that all Pilgrim ladies will attend. The season of Advent lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. The Advent wreath and its symbolic candles are intended to help people turn away from the commercialization and business of holiday preparations and spend some time contemplating the significance of the coming Christ Child. Our program, "Advent Prayer Service," will highlight the symbolic meaning of the four Advent candles through scripture, story, and song. Decorative table settings promise to deliver a festive atmosphere and tasty desserts will be a delicious way to kick-start the holiday season. The event will be held on **Sunday, December 2 from 6:00 to 7:30** in the Fellowship Hall. Look for sign-up sheets on Sundays or contact Ginger Fleishans.



Pilgrim School Drama Club



The Pilgrim School Drama Club will be presenting "The Snow Queen", an original fairy tale written by Danish author Hans Christian Andersen. The story centers on the struggle between good and evil as experienced by Gerda and her friend, Kai. Performances will be held in the Fellowship Hall on **Friday, November 16 and Sunday, November 18.**

Upcoming Pilgrim Services—Thanksgiving and Mid-Week Advent

The beginning of Pilgrim's holiday worship schedule is just around the corner and below are the dates that you can add to your worship calendar.



Thanksgiving Eve—Wednesday, November 21 at 3:30 and 6:30 pm

Thanksgiving Day—Thursday, November 22 at 9:00 am

Midweek Advent Services—Wednesday, December 5, 12 and 19 at 3:30 and 6:00 pm
(advent meal following the first service)

Monthly Property Workday

The November monthly property workday will be held on **Saturday, November 17**, beginning at 8:00 am. Various projects and "odd jobs" will be tackled under the direction of the Property Board. Come when you can, stay as long as you wish, and help maintain our Lord's property here at Pilgrim!

LWMS Bake Sale



The Pilgrim Ladies Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) will be holding their once a year bake sale **Sunday, December 9** between and after services. They would appreciate your donations of Christmas items and baked goods for this event. Monies raised will help support our LWMS assigned missionaries and other mission projects. The church kitchen will be open all day Saturday, December 8 and before the 8:00 am service on Sunday, December 9 in order to leave donated items. Thanks so much for supporting your Pilgrim LWMS.

ChrisTeens—Donuts For Veterans and Christmas Gift Wrapping

Pilgrim ChrisTeens are planning their annual "Donuts For Veterans" day at Pilgrim on Sunday, November 11 to thank all of our veterans for their service.

The ChrisTeens will also begin their Christmas gift wrapping on Sunday, December 9 and 16 after our services plus an additional two hours each day after school so get busy with your shopping and let the ChrisTeens meet all of your wrapping needs. Proceeds raised from donations, will be used to for their WELS district youth rally.

Script Gift Cards

Want to help a student out with their tuition costs? Would you like to earn some extra tax deduction dollars? If so, consider purchasing Scrip cards to many of your favorite retailers and restaurants. What is Scrip? Scrip is essentially another name for a gift card. Purchase a card for Walmart for \$25.00 at face value and Walmart donates a percentage back to the school. Why is this important and valuable? Because with the 6% increase in school tuition costs this year, every bit helps! So, let's help each other out this Christmas season and try using a gift card to purchase your Christmas presents with the Scrip cards. For any questions, please see Laura LaStrange, Laura Hanson, or Kirk Gibb.

Fast Fundraising!

COKE REWARDS



On every 2-liter or 20 oz bottle cap coke product or inside a 12-pack or case of Dasani water, there is a code.

1. Go to: www.mycokerewards.com, find the give butto
2. Click "donate to local school"
3. Type in, Pilgrim Lutheran School, Mesa AZ
4. Click sign up
5. Start entering codes one at time into the space indicated

If doing it on your own is too complicated, bring your codes in a zip bag and they can be entered for you.

SCRIPT

SCRIP makes it possible to get a rebate percentage back on your purchases. Use the specially designated gift cards to help earn money for your child's or children's tuition. To place your scrip orders online, you need to create a ShopWithScrip® account

1. Go to: www.ShopWithScrip.com
2. Click on the 'How to Enroll' button at the top of the page.
3. Click 'Join Your Scrip Program.'
4. You will need to enter Pilgrim's unique enrollment code: **2373F7C835L29**. This code allows the ShopWithScrip system to link your account activity with our organization.
5. Fill in all the required information and click 'Register' and follow the prompts to complete the registration process.

If online isn't your thing, we have not one, but TWO scrip binders filled with cards for your everyday purchases as well as making great gifts. Ask your SCRIP coordinators how they can serve you today.

JUNK MAIL AND CARDBOARD

Get rid of that junk mail, newspapers and cardboard that is filling up your home recycling bin. Bring it to Pilgrim and put it in the recycling bin at the west end of the parking lot. We'll recycle it for you and get money back for your children's education in the process! Thank you to all of you who have brought in your old paper and cardboard and because of you, Vista Paper recently sent us a check for \$54.50.



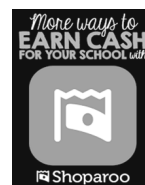
BOX TOPS



Earn fast and easy cash for Pilgrim school on many of your purchases. Keep an eye out for name-brand items from crackers and frozen veggies to Ziploc bags. Cut the box top off and drop it in the collection in the narthex.

SHOPAROO Earn money for Pilgrim by shopping!

1. Upload the Shoparoo app and follow the instructions
2. Snap a picture of your receipts within 15 days of purchase
3. Shoparoo donates to your school



Thank you to all of you have linked your Fry's VIP Card to Pilgrim School and because of you, Fry's recently sent the school a check in the amount of \$111.87! If you haven't done this yet, make sure that you do it today.

The ChrisTeens' are collecting aluminum cans for their AZ-CA Rally for next summer. To help defray the costs of this trip, please remember to bring in your aluminum cans. Total money raised from your cans is \$56.00.

Thank you for helping in every way you can to make Christian education accessible to all our students!

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Voters' Meeting Minutes

Sunday October 7, 2018

Meeting called to order at 12:00 p.m. by President Paul Tomamichel.

Prayer by Pastor Winterstein.

Reading of previous minutes. Mark Klatt motioned to accept previous Voter's Meeting minutes as read.

Gabe Galvan seconded motion. Motion passed.

Membership transactions-See Report. Mike Roach motioned to accept Pastor Winterstein's Membership Transactions as presented. Mark Klatt seconded motion. Motion passed.

Ministry Reports and Recommendations.

Mike Roach motioned to accept council's recommendation to call Pastor Bushaw as permanent part-time Pastor at an annual salary of \$13,800.00. Ron Schoenwetter seconded motion. Motion passed.

Youth-See Agenda

School-See Agenda

Stewardship/Evangelism-See Agenda

-Trunk or Treat October 27th at 5:30 p.m.

-Fall Work and Fellowship Festival October 28th.

Worship

-Mid-Week Advent Service: at 3:30 and 6:00 p.m.

-Thanksgiving Eve: 11/21 at 3:30 and 6:00 p.m.

-Thanksgiving Day: 11/22 at 9:00 a.m.

-Children's Christmas Service: 12/16 at 5:00 p.m.

-Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: 12/24 at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

-Christmas Day Worship Service: 12/25 at 10:00 a.m.

-New Year's Eve Service: 12/31 at 6:00 p.m. "Remembrance Service".

-No New Year's Day Service.

Planned Giving Committee- Mark Klatt motioned to accept Planned Giving Committee chairman's recommendation to disburse monies from PGC fund to pay the remaining cost for the portable removal. Gabe Galvan seconded motion. Motion passed.

Property Board-See Agenda

Treasurer's Report-See Agenda

-Ron Schoenwetter motioned to increase this year's budget by \$3750.00 to cover the mistake in Laura Folsom's salary from last school year. Mark Klatt seconded motion. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:30 p.m. with The Lord's Prayer.

ALA Bulletin & Newsletter Information

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50 IN FIFTY

We are blessed each and every day at ALA to be able to reach students with the good news of the gospel. For 50 days in September and October many of you generously gave financial gifts to help students attend ALA. *THANK YOU!* In addition, all gifts that were given by October 31—up to \$50,000 total—were matched by a generous donor. Read more and get updates at ALAcoyotes.org/50.

STUDENTS TO TRAVEL

On November 8-11 the ALA A Cappella Choir will travel to Minnesota to participate in the Regional Choral Festival at Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School in New Ulm. In addition to attending the weekend Choral Fest, our choir members and several additional ALA students will be attending a Focus on Ministry day at Martin Luther College in New Ulm. Regional Choral Festival at Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School, New Ulm

FALL ATHLETIC SEASONS

The fall season for ALA sports is winding down, and winter athletes have begun to practice (wrestling, cheer, basketball, soccer). As we enter the fall post-season competitions, watch ALA's Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and website for news on schedules and standings. We welcome your fan support!

ALA ADMISSIONS NIGHT

Date: Wednesday, November 7

Time & Place: 6pm | ALA Media Center

Families are invited to campus to attend an ALA Admissions Night.

See the campus and classrooms during a student-led tour.

Meet and hear from ALA administration and members of the faculty.

Learn more about the curriculum, extra-curriculars, and tuition.

Learn about the enrollment process.

Register at ALAcoyotes.org/AAN. Students will also have an option to register for a shadow day on the same date as the Admissions Night.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 1 & 2	No School – AZ/CA Teachers' Conference at Pilgrim, Mesa
November 7	ALA Admissions Night at ALA
November 8	Focus on Ministry Day for ALA at Martin Luther College, Minnesota
November 9-11	Regional Choral Festival at Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School, New Ulm
November 14	Tuition Assistance Workshop at ALA
November 18	ALA Sunday at Mt. Calvary, Flagstaff
November 21-23	No School – Thanksgiving Break
December 2	ALA Sunday at Our Shepherd, Cornville
December 14	ALA Christmas Concert at ALA