

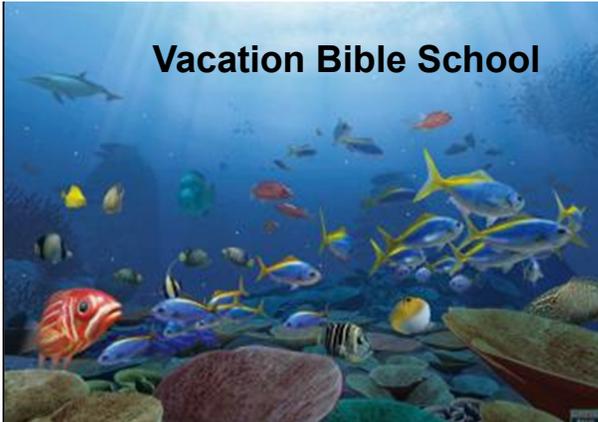
# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

THE NEWSLETTER OF PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH OTHELLO, WASHINGTON



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### Vacation Bible School

#### Deep Sea Discovery God is with me wherever I go!

**VBS** will be hosted HERE by Pilgrim Lutheran, Othello Christian, and the Presbyterian Churches June 20-24 between 3-6 pm. If you are able to help, please contact Emilee Jensen at (509)346-5707. Emilee is coordinating the event for her Senior Project!

#### Rural Ministry Report to the Congregation

My office hours are always listed in the Sunday bulletin, but lately there have been some activities that have pulled me away to learn what else has been going on in our synod. The council has approved these activities, and I am grateful for their support since ultimately, you will benefit. On May 12th I attended a rural ministry gathering at the synod office in Spokane. This is an ecumenical group that gathers to discuss rural ministry issues, particularly in areas where agriculture drives the local economy. In these rural areas pastors rarely serve just one congregation and cooperation among other churches is vital to the survival of all of the congregations. Othello is an unusual place because there are lots of congregations and shared leadership is more informal than formal. As we gather stories from our ministries I will share them with my rural ministry colleagues. You can learn more by attending the Rural Ministry Resources Retreat coming up October 10th and 11th at the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center in Spokane. Let me know if you want more information about this. -Pastor Don

#### Transformational Ministry Report to the Congregation

Look out! The pastor has been invited by the synod to be trained as a Transformational Ministry Coach! That means I will be called upon to lead transformational ministry workshops a few times a year throughout the synod, but it also means that I will get to use my new skills right here at Pilgrim with you. We will learn together how to discover what God is calling us to do next, how to determine if we have the resources needed to do what we feel is God's will, and what to do if there is a gap between ministry and resources. I will be out of the office June 9th, 10th and 11th, but I will be filled with information when I come to worship on June 12th, so be ready! Things just might get transformed around here. But don't worry, Paul told us this would happen in his letter to the Romans.

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God. (Romans 12:2)

-Pastor Don

#### What Makes Your Heart Smile?

As with any building, our church always has needs. When I asked Mike Roth if he could fit in some things for the church while he was doing some work for me, he answered in his easy, kindly manner, "Yes". The work was resurfacing two end tables and making a Paschal candle stand. He shared that he liked the idea of the challenge to repurpose a plant stand into the stand for the Paschal candle. Pastor Short let him know that he was hoping to use it for the Day of Pentecost. As I knew he would, the work for the church was completed as agreed. My projects took a little longer, so it wasn't until later when I was paying for my projects, that I asked what I owed for the church work that I had requested. Mike looked at me and shook his head. What made my heart smile, was that he ever so slightly squared his shoulders, and with a big smile, proudly said, "Nothing, it's my church, too!" I hope that you get a chance to tell Mike thank you for his work, his generosity, and his keeping Pilgrim Lutheran Church in his heart.  
- Sharon Bray



New Paschal Candle and refurnished stand!  
Thank you, Mike!



Pentecost Sunday

**From your Pastor:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Summer usually means a slower pace, but not at Pilgrim! There is plenty going on here in June! June 5th we will have a training session for anyone who currently serves or is interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister to our shut-in church members. June 12th we will have two things to be excited about: we will welcome Emilee Buchanan into God's church family with her baptism during worship, and then we will have a brief order of healing for all who desire to be lifted up in prayer after worship.

June 19th is Father's Day, and I imagine there will be lots of meat grilled in backyards. I'm pretty sure God likes a good barbecue. Here's what it says in Numbers, "Now in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall also have a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work. It will be to you a day for blowing trumpets. You shall offer a burnt offering as a soothing aroma to the LORD: one bull, one ram, and seven male lambs one year old without defect" (Numbers 29:1-2). Trumpets and grilled meats; sure sounds like a fiesta to me! Let dad pick the music and meat that day, but be sure to invite God to your party.

Vacation Bible School begins June 20th with the theme, "Under the Sea." Emilie Jensen and her crew from the Christian Church and the Presbyterian church as well as Pilgrim are already preparing for an exciting week of Bible stories and crafts, snacks and music.

On June 21st we will have an opportunity to learn about life growing up in an orphanage in the Congo in Africa. Claudine (Blessing) Kasongo will be here as part of her Pacific Northwest speaking tour to share the story of success brought about by the Hope for the Children of Africa Task Force, a division of the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Methodist Church. I think it will be important for us to learn what is going on in the Congo since our synod is working with an orphanage in Tanzania, the country right next to the Congo. Please come and hear what Blessing has to say.

Just when you thought June couldn't get any more exciting we have one more thing for which to plan. June 26th we will worship without walls. We will gather on the lawn outside the church building for a fun event called Worship with Hats. Hats will shield us from the sun, so please wear one. Decorate a hat with as much colorful decoration as you like so that we may enjoy your creativity in the creation that God has provided for us. After worship we will enjoy an ice cream social together. June will be a busy but fruitful time for us! Maybe we'll slow down in July, but maybe not. We'll see what the Holy Spirit has in mind. As Jeremiah learned, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Blessings! Pastor Don

Pastor Short's office hours are Tuesday-Friday 9-12  
Afternoons reserved for visitations, meetings, and appointments.

Sharon's office hours are Tuesday & Thursday 10-12  
Friday 10-4.

If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please contact Pastor Don Short at **509-761-1212**.

**Council Members:**

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**INFO CORNER**

5/1 Attendance:	44	Offering: \$ 2824
5/8 Attendance:	50	Offering: \$ 1871
5/15 Attendance:	55	Offering: \$ 2701
5/22 Attendance:	50	Offering: \$ 2196
5/29 Attendance:	46	Offering \$ 1280

YTD Offerings—\$ 55,118  
YTD Expenses--\$ 41,617

**Thank you for supporting your Church and it's Mission!**

# June 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Temple Tender Tuesdays</b> —10 am <b>Men's Group Breakfast</b> - Saturdays 8am @ Casa			1	2	3	4
5 Worship	6	7 Church Council 4 pm Alfa y Omega 6 pm	8	9 Pastor @ Transformational Ministry	10 Coach Training	11
12 Worship Healing Service Baptism	13	14 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	15	16	17	18
19 Worship <b>Father's Day</b>	20 VBS: 3 pm—6pm	21 Alfa y Omega 6 pm <b>Potluck:</b> <b>Claudine Kasongo</b>	22	23	24	25
26 Worship Outdoors Bring <b>hats &amp; chairs</b> Ice Cream Social	27	28 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	29	30	<b>New Date &amp; Time:</b> Our Church Council meeting this month will be June 7th at 4 pm.	

**Birthdays-June**

- 1 Joleen Bland
- 1 James Thornton
- 2 Lena Mendoza
- 5 Iusten McKay
- 9 Ernie Summers
- 10 Marvin Polacek
- 11 Dianne Kidd
- 12 Stephanie Rodriguez
- 13 Gary Quarles
- 13 Fred Bosch

**Anniversaries-June**

- 17 Dorothy Montague
- 19 Roger Thieme
- 19 Sue Long
- 25 Kayla Spohr
- 29 Paula McKay
- 2 Sally & Jack McFarlin
- 8 Renee & Garrett Bagley
- 10 MaryAnn & Larry Kirkpatrick
- 16 Liz & Randy Deasy
- 18 Debbie & Marvin Polacek
- 22 Darla & Tim Spurgeon
- 29 Anna & Donald Short



Pentecost Prayer Vigil

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	ALTAR GUILD	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER
<b>June 5</b>	Sharon B Sandi B	Kristi Spohr	Anna S.	Fay Coats	Nancy Roth	Nancy Roth	Marc Spohr	Annie Smith
<b>June 12</b>	Jan Charlston Shirley McCullough	Barb Maine	Sue Bunch		Anna Short	Nancy Roth	Tammy Rodriguez	Jan C. Shirley M.
<b>June 19</b>	Pete & Tammy Rodriguez	Annie Smith	Jan Charlston	Bill Porter	Danita Porter	Nancy Roth	Anna Short	Annie Smith
<b>June 26</b>	Dick Hudnall	Shirley McCullough	Shirley McCullough		Fay Coats	Nancy Roth	Tammy Rodriguez	



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**Mission Statement:** PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH is led by the Holy Spirit to invite everyone to experience God's Love and Grace through life's pilgrimage of faith.

**Vision Statement:** PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH provides a warm, caring, and open atmosphere where we spread God's Word by serving our community, being a good neighbor, and embracing the power of prayer.

### Latino Ministry Report to the Congregation

I was invited to attend the Latino Ministry Conference in Mattawa on May 19th. I am grateful that your council approved my attendance because I learned a lot about the culture that is growing here in Othello. We are among many churches that host a Latino congregation in our building, and just like us, many churches are finding out that engagement with the other congregation is sparse. If we want to get to know our neighbors we will need to participate with them in their activities. They are less likely to participate in ours until they get to know us. That's why it is such a good thing that the Men's Breakfast meets at Casa Mexicana on Saturday. As we get to be known and we get to know the people there, mutual support will become much more common. I wonder; is anyone available to volunteer as a classroom helper in the schools? If we could get a team of people known at the schools I think it would be more likely that our congregational diversity would rise. —Pastor Don



### Pentecost Prayer Vigil

Over 30 hardy Pilgrims gathered to send prayers, concerns, problems, and thanks to God through the Holy Spirit. Thank you, Pastor Don and Anna, for opening your backyard to us and thanks to the fellowship committee for the S'Mores afterwards.

### Lectionary Readings for June

June 5	I Kings 17:17-24	Psalm 30	Galations 1:11-24	Luke 7:11-17
June 12	II Samuel 11:26—12:10	Psalm 32	Galations 2:15-21	Luke 7:36—8:3
June 19	Isaiah 65:1-9	Psalm 22:19-28	Galations 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
June 26	I Kings 19:15-16, 19-21	Psalm 16	Galations 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62