

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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### Advent is Around the Corner!

This year our Advent services will be held Wednesdays, December 6, 13, and 20 at 7 pm. The focus will be on the Three Wise Men and the gifts that WE bring to our Lord. We look forward to gathering together to anticipate the Savior's birth.

### Reformation Commemoration Sunday Thanks

A great, big THANK YOU goes to all of the people who worked so hard to put together our observance of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. What a party! Thank you to the musicians, Bob and Donna Reichert, the choir (which was fabulous but there are too many people to name), Jim and Vicki Nau, Liz Deasy and Anna Short for all of your hard work preparing special music.

Thank you to the planning committee that prepared the Fellowship Hall, including the decorating committee, the food committee, and all those who worked hard on Saturday to get everything set up and ready. A special thank you goes to Tammy and Pete Rodriguez who built our Root Beer Float Bar. A special thank you also goes to Donna Adams for bringing in so many special decorations and making a new communion veil. And a special thank you goes to Fay Coats for coordinating the whole event so beautifully. Thanks also to Paul Snyder, Addie Russell and Fay Coats for the 'Interview with Martin Luther' skit that entertained us after lunch.

Thank you to Kristi Spohr for recording so much of the events so they may be shared on Facebook and with our shut-ins, and thank you to Marc Spohr for making the grounds look spectacular! Most of all, thank YOU for coming and participating in this special time for all Lutheran churches.

Peace,  
Pastor Don Short



### Women's Bible Study

Join us at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in the Quilter's Room, Saturday Nov. 18 at 10 am for fellowship and Bible Study. Copies of the study can be found on the desk in the Narthex.

### Veteran's Day, Nov. 11

Thank you to all our Veterans for the freedoms and liberties that we enjoy. God Bless you and God Bless America. In observance of Veteran's Day, the church office will be closed on Friday, Nov. 10.



### Quilters Extrordinaire!

Thanks to all who helped pack, weigh, and load the quilts into the trailer for transport to Kennewick, and to Pastor Don and Jim for doing the transporting. 80 quilts and 100 school kits were sent to Lutheran World Relief for distribution around the world! Thank you, everyone, for your donations of time, materials, and dollars to make this work possible.

### Reformation Fun (Photos top to bottom)

- 1) Pete Rodriguez, Shawn Mendoza, and Ernie Summers dishing up ice cream floats for everyone behind the amazing bar that Pete and Tammy made especially for this event.
- 2) Fay Coats, Addie Russell, and Pastor in the middle of the Martin Luther skit.
- 3) Many dressed up in German attire which added to the festivity.

**From your Pastor:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wonder if you have seen the commercial for some appliances that talks about how your appliances should be ready for the holidays. Family and friends come to the door and appliances get used as a significant part of holiday hospitality. It sounds a bit silly, but that is a unique way to get you thinking about your appliances. Without saying so many words, the commercials are asking you if you are ready to greet the holidays. Are you in good shape in all of your preparations? Are there enough rooms, food, tableware, linens, towels, and other things to make your family comfortable when everyone gathers to celebrate?

Commercials are designed to create a mindset of scarcity so that we feel the need to purchase whatever is being sold. We are taught that what we have is not enough, insufficient, inadequate, unsatisfactory. But the last time I went to a gathering of my family the appliances were of little concern. We all shared food and didn't seem to mind being gathered in a place that felt crowded with all of us. We were there to share the love that God has first given us, and that seemed like a very satisfying gathering all by itself.

It is November, when our thoughts turn to giving thanks. We will begin this month by giving thanks to God for the gifts of those who have left their faithful lives among us to join in the eternal feast of victory. We will end the month by giving thanks to God for Jesus Christ who is our King. In between, of course, is a day specifically called Thanksgiving! Both the first Sunday of the month, All Saints Sunday, and the last, Christ the King Sunday, are occasions when wearing white to worship is appropriate because white is the color of purity and we will celebrate our purity bought with the blood of Christ as it says in Revelation 7:14, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Christ the King Sunday is also celebrated with white because of a passage in Revelation. The angels say to Jesus, "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth." (Rev. 5:9,10)

This November, as you gather with family and friends and celebrate a time to give thanks, remember all that God has given you in the gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Even if your appliances are not up to the task, remember the words of Paul, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) Have a fabulous November and I'll see you in church.

Peace,

Pastor Donald Short

**Pastor Short's office hours**

Tuesday-Friday 9-12

Afternoons reserved for visitations, meetings, and appointments.

**Anna's office hours**

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 2-4

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

**INFO CORNER**

10/1	Attendance:	39	Offering:	\$ 3799
10/8	Attendance:	37	Offering:	\$ 4755
10/15	Attendance:	32	Offering:	\$ 2169
10/22	Attendance:	38	Offering:	\$ 1402
10/29	Attendance:	58	Offering:	\$ 1995
YTD Offerings —		\$ 96,485		
YTD Expenses—		\$ 93,322		
<b>Irma Relief</b>		<b>\$375</b>		
<b>Wildfire Relief</b>		<b>\$135</b>		

Thank you for supporting your Church and it's Mission! God loves a generous heart! Remember to continue your tithing for the Sundays you are not here! Our Church and it's Mission depend on it!

**Greetings from your Church Council**

'Give thanks, with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us.'

These are words to a hymn, and also a beautiful piece of music sung by our choir several years ago. Here at Pilgrim, we have been richly blessed by God, loving and caring people, a loving and caring Pastor and family, a beautiful worship and gathering space, and the Holy Spirit moving amongst us in new ways. Most recently we commemorated the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. SO many people helped with the organization, it was a true church-wide effort. Thank you so much.

A special thank you to Jim Nau for his years of service on Church Council, and to Tammy Rodriguez for stepping into his position when needed. Give them both a big Thank You when you see them.

At our next Council meeting and continuing into December, we will be looking at the Mission Budget for next year. Two things that our Council needs in order to prepare the 2018 Budget are: 1) tithing forms from you to help with financial planning, and 2) budget requests-Please let one of the council members know if you have something that you would like considered for 2018. Be looking for the saddlebag to make its appearance after our meeting on the 15th. Thank you to everyone for meeting and/or exceeding your pledges this year, 2017!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving! In God's Love,  
Larry, Kristi, Sandi, Ernie, Tammy, & Marcia

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Temple Tender Tuesdays—10 am</b> <b>Men's Group Breakfast- Saturdays 8am @</b> Casa Mexicana <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL-Every week in</b> <b>November!</b>			<b>1</b> 8:30-2 Quilters	<b>2</b> Cantata Rehearsal 7:30-9:30	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 
<b>5</b> 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Healing Service 2 pm Cluster G meeting at PLC	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Alfa y Omega 6 pm Cantata Rehearsal 7:30-9:30	<b>8</b> 8:30-2 Quilters	<b>9</b> Cantata Rehearsal 7:30-9:30	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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<b>19</b> 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School  3 pm Worship @ Coventry	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Alfa y Omega 6 pm Cantata Rehearsal 7:30-9:30	<b>22</b> 8:30-2 Quilters	<b>23</b> Happy Thanksgiving 	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 
<b>26</b> 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School  Evaluations Due	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Alfa y Omega 6 pm Cantata Rehearsal 7:30-9:30 (Fellowship hall) <b>Blood Drive 10-3</b>	<b>29</b> 8:30-2 Quilters	<b>30</b> Cantata Rehearsal 7:30-9:30 (Fellowship Hall)	<b>Birthdays—November</b> 2 Don Short 4 Emilee Jensen 5 Myles McKay 6 Linda Bork 7 Sue Bunch 10 Taylor Green 10 Howie Strom 12 Vicki Nau 16 Veda Thomas 16 Larry Maine 17 Evan Wright 17 Julissa Virgin 19 Barb Brandt 21 Shane Russell 21 Rylee McKay 24 Bernie Snyder 24 Sharon Bray 25 Lynn Olsen 27 Jeannine Bergstrom 27 Shawn Mendoza 30 Bob Krug	

**Thank you!**  
 Many thanks to everyone who showed up to help paint the parsonage's trim on October 7th. There was an amazing crew despite the wind and they made quick work of it and were rewarded with pizza, fruit and dessert at the parsonage. Thank you also goes to Jim Nau, and Tammy and Pete Rodriguez for cleaning the back lot of all the debris and hauling it off.

**Wednesday November 15**  
 6:30 Committees Meet   
 7:30 Council



**American Red Cross**  
*Together, we can save a life*

The next Blood Drive at Pilgrim will be **Tuesday, November 28th from 10-3 pm**. We would greatly appreciate help in setting up, and taking down. If you feel called to donate blood, that is greatly needed and appreciated as well!!!

Anniversaries—November  
 11 John & Jeannine Bergstrom  
 26 Shayne & Dee Wright

**Adult Forum Begins**  
 Pastor Short is leading a Bible Study on I Corinthians beginning on Nov. 5 and continuing each Sunday at 9 am. Please come and join the discussion. All are welcome.

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	Sacristan	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER	Coffee Hour
Nov 5	Pete R & Ernie S	Shirley McC	Fay Coats	Addie R.	Fay Coats	Cindy E.	Tammy R	Tammy R	FayAnn & Judy S
Nov 12	Pete R & Larry McC.	Paul S	Fay Ann McC		Nancy Roth	Nancy Roth	Tammy R	Tammy R	Bernie S & Cindy E
Nov 19		Barb Maine	Sue Bunch			Cindy E.	Tammy R	Tammy R	Tammy R & Vicki N
Nov 26		Annie Smith	Linda Bork			FayAnn McC	Tammy R	Tammy R	Nancy R & Sue B



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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 **servng** our community, **being** a good neighbor, and **embracing** the power of prayer.

**Evaluation Forms Due**

The Evaluation Committee has placed forms in our boxes for each family member. Each individual should fill out a pastoral review AND a congregational review. Your input is valued by all of us. Thank you for getting them back to the black box on the Welcome table by Nov. 26. If you have not yet picked it up from your box, please look for it in your mailbox at home! Thank you!



**Top Photo-**Blessing of the Animals on Oct. 1. Thank you to **Adams County Pet Rescue** for bring additional animals to be blessed.

**Photos to the Right-**Reformation decorations, the decorating crew, and enjoying fellowship together.



**Lectionary Readings for November**

Nov 5	Revelation 7:9-17	Psalm 34:1-10,22	I John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
Nov 12	Amos 5:18-24	Psalm 70	I Thessa. 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
Nov 19	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18	Psalm 90:1-8 (9-11) 12	I Thessa. 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
Nov 26	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Psalm 95:1-7a	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25: 31-46



**book of faith**  
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.