

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Worship & Music

Thank you to Worship and Music Committee for the lovely Advent Services, decorations and treats. We enjoyed the fellowship and the focus on the gifts we have to offer Jesus!

Women's Bible Study

Join us at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in the Quilter's Room, for fellowship and Bible Study on Saturday Jan 20th at 10 am. Copies of the study can be found on the desk in the Narthex.

Thank you

Thank you, everyone, for your generous cards and other remembrances over the Christmas season. Anna and I enjoyed your kind thoughts and we wish for all of you a Happy New Year.

-Pastor Donald and Anna Short

Adult Forum Continues

Pastor Short is leading a Bible Study on I Corinthians. It begins at 9 am on Sundays. Please come and join the discussion. All are welcome.

Congregational Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, January 28, 2018. It will be held in the sanctuary immediately following worship.

Items on the agenda will include:

- Confirmation of the congregation's intent to offer an open call to Pastor Short
- Adoption of our 2018 Mission Budget
- Filling 3 council positions
- Choosing Representatives for the Synod Assembly
- Appointing members to the nominating Committee
- Choosing members for the Endowment Committee
- Re-designation of Earmarked Funds
- Other Church Business

The annual report, including the proposed budget, will be available on Sunday, January 21, to review before the meeting. All are welcome to attend, but only "voting members" may vote on motions.

Thank you for your continued support of our church and we hope to see you there.

Epiphany Service

There will be an Epiphany Service of Light held at 6 pm, on Saturday January 6th. If you have a natural Christmas tree, you are welcome to bring it to be burned in our back lot. Be sure to dress warmly. There will be refreshments provided after the service.

Vespers Coming Soon!

Join us in the Library at 7 pm on Wednesday January 10th for a Vespers service of Meditation. Fay Coats is the contact person if you have questions or are interested in helping. We hope to see you there!



Children's Christmas Program

The Sunday School held it's Christmas Program on Dec 10 with a wonderful turnout! The children, with help from Pastor Don and their Sunday School teachers told the story of the birth of Jesus. Thank you to all the teachers who worked so hard with our youth on costumes, lines and props, and especially to Marcia Bougher whose vision and dedication to our children has no equal.



Our Condolences

We extend our sympathy to Anna Short and her family at the passing of Rose Henrickson, her step-mom. Please keep Anna and her family in your prayers as they mourn her death.

Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Sally McFarlin with the passing of her beloved husband Jack. Please keep Sally, Jackie Sue, Ed, and their families in prayers as they mourn Jack's passing.



From Your Pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Happy New Year! The calendars are fresh again. The New Year starts with lots of possibilities for positive changes. The blank squares that mark the dates will be filled soon. Not every event this year will be happy, but for now we can imagine our days will be filled with good things.

One of the good things I am hoping for in this congregation in the New Year is more intentional encounters with the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Our mission statement reminds us that we are led by the Holy Spirit, so it naturally follows that God would lead us to bear fruit. Jesus states in Matthew 7 that a good tree bears good fruit, (Matthew 7:17) so I think it would be good for us to be intentionally aware of the fruit of the Holy Spirit that we bear at Pilgrim Lutheran Church.

Paul wrote to the Galatians, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." (Galatians 5:22, 23). Most of the time in our interactions at Pilgrim the fruit of the Spirit is in our midst. There is the occasional mishap where we succumb to our human frailty, but mostly I believe we actually *are* led by the Holy Spirit. When slip-ups happen around here though, it seems to me the one thing that is most evident is when we forget to be kind.

On the evaluation forms you were given the chance to complete last year there is a Member Commitment section. You were asked to rate how well the congregation supports the pastor. This year I would like to ask you to support your pastor by being kind, not just to me, but to everyone; not just to fellow Pilgrims, but to everyone; not just to your neighbors but to everyone; not just to citizens of the United States but to everyone. Are you seeing the trend here? Let's make it part of our congregational commitment to be kind.

Kindness and patience are the things our culture has neglected over the past few years and that neglect has started to seep into our church interactions. When a disagreement arises it is easier to raise one's own voice than to listen carefully to the other point of view. Perhaps we could pause and reflect before responding in anger to our brothers and sisters in Christ. My prayer for this congregation in 2018 is that we will live into what Paul wrote to the Ephesians; "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ has forgiven you." As we continue to bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit I wonder where else God will lead in this New Year. Wherever it is, let's go kindly.

Peace,
Pastor Donald Short

Pastor Short's office hours

Tuesday-Friday 9-12
Afternoons reserved for visitations, meetings, and appointments.
Pastor's Email: pilgrimlcpastor@gmail.com
If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please contact Pastor Don Short at **509-761-1212**.

Anna's office hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 2-4

Happy New Year from your Church Council

We want to take a moment to thank everyone who provided special music for the Christmas service. It was truly a wonderful way to celebrate the birth of Jesus, and we thank you!

Special thanks also to Bob Reichert for taking the lead on the Dec. 31 worship and for all his helpers.

Congratulations to you, fellow Pilgrims! Our Mission Budget for 2017, based on pledges, was \$123,017. Our Actual offerings for 2017 amounted to \$122,734. This is less than \$300 difference. Thanks to everyone for their consistent tithing and for honoring their pledge amounts.




One thing that would be helpful as we prepare for our Annual Meeting is if committees would send their reports electronically to Anna in the office. In addition, it would be really helpful to Anna and to me (Kristi) if committees would let Anna know when they are meeting so that we can get them on the newsletter calendar and in the bulletins. Thank you very much!

Happy New Year!
Larry, Kristi, Sandi, Ernie, Tammy, & Marcia

INFO CORNER

12/3	Attendance:	54	Offering:	\$ 2469
12/10	Attendance:	74	Offering:	\$ 2269
12/17	Attendance:	32	Offering:	\$ 1803
12/24	Attendance:	37	Offering:	\$ 3788
12/31	Attendance:	27	Offering:	\$ 2000
	Christmas Eve:	95	Offering:	\$ 1350
	Christmas Day:	10	Offering:	\$ 465
YTD Offerings —		\$ 122,734		
YTD Expenses—		\$ 112,296		

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!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 	2 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	3 8:30-2 Quilters	4	5	6  6 pm Epiphany Service
7 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Healing Service Dr Hurst will be speaking today	8 Weight Watchers 4:30	9  Alfa y Omega 6 pm Committee Meetings 6:30 Church Council 7:30	10 8:30-2 Quilters 7 pm Vespers	11	12	13
14 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	15 Weight Watchers 4:30	16 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	17 8:30-2 Quilters	18	19	20 10 am Bible Study @ Church
21 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	22 Weight Watchers 4:30	23 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	24 8:30-2 Quilters	25	26	27
28 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship No Sunday School Congregational Meeting	29 Weight Watchers 4:30	30 Alfa y Omega 6 pm Red Cross Blood Drive 12-7 pm	31 8:30-2 Quilters	Temple Tender Tuesdays—10 am Men's Group Breakfast- Saturdays 8am SUNDAY SCHOOL-See calendar above.		

Tuesday January 9

6:30 Committees Meet
7:30 Council



Anniversaries—January

8 Bruce & Mandy Moore
12 Pete & Lynn Olsen
16 Larry & FayAnn McCourtie
29 Michael & Paula McKay
30 Ron & Jan Hilmes



American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

The next Blood Drive at Pilgrim will be Tuesday, January 30th, from 12-7 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!!

Birthdays—January

1 Whitney Blaak
9 Nancy Roth
9 Jeremiah Rodriguez
16 Sally McFarlin
19 Manny Maine
20 Eileen Lawrence
22 Bill Schlagel
23 Dick Hudnall
27 Pete Olsen
30 John Bunch

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	Sacristan	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER	Coffee Hour
Jan 7	Pete R	Shirley M	Linda B	Addie R	Fay Coats		Tammy R		Anna S & Tammy R
Jan 14	Leonard M	Donna A	Sue B	Addie R		Cindy E.	Tammy R		Sue B & Donna A
Jan 21	Pete R	Annie Smith	Linda B	Alizah J	Nancy R	Nancy R	Tammy R		Cindy E & SJM
Jan 28	Pete R		Annie S			Cindy E.	Tammy R		Trudy D & Annie S



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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.**



This Little Light of Mine,
I'm Gonna Let It Shine!



Birthday Party for Jesus!



Lectionary Readings for January

Jan 7	Genesis 1:1-5	Psalms 29	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
Jan 14	1 Samuel 3:1-10	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
Jan 21	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Psalms 62:5-12	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
Jan 28	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Psalms 111	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.