

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Adult Forum Postponed

Our Adult Forum on First Corinthians has been postponed until Pastor Short returns and is able to lead us. We have received additional workbooks, so if you would like to get a head start, please pick one up in the office. All are welcome.

Women's Bible Study

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



Bishop Kristen Kuempel

Our Lenten Pilgrimage

Our Lenten Journey begins on Ash Wednesday Feb. 14 at 7 pm with Bishop Kristen Kuempel presiding. Thank you, Bishop Kuempel, for leading us in this Holy service.

Our Annual Soup and Bread Suppers begin Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 6 pm, and continue for the next 4 weeks. Please consider bringing your family to have supper here at church and sample the amazing soups that our Pilgrims provide. Watch for the Soup & Bread signups!

We hope to see you there! The details for our Lenten studies are found below the calendar on page 3.



Shrove Tuesday Preparations

Supplies have been purchased, permits purchased, plans made, and the crew signed up. All we need are you and all your neighbors, friends, family and community to come for a wonderful Pancake, sausage, and peaches meal!

Where: Pilgrim Lutheran Fellowship Hall

When: Tuesday February 13

Time: 5-7 pm

Cost: Free Will Donation

Donations will be split between Assured Hospice, and the ELCA Water Well Project.

Please help spread the word about this fantastic dinner. We hope to see you there.

Synod Thank You!

We are so grateful for the prayers and support that our Eastern WA/Idaho Synod has given Pilgrim Lutheran since Pastor Don's medical incident. Bishop Kristen Kuempel came to lead the Sunday Service the very first Sunday and has arranged pulpit supply for the next month and a half. Pastor Phyllis Stromme was here to lead our service and help us with the Annual meeting on Jan 28, and with the corresponding paperwork. Pastor Matthew Kuempel will be here on Feb 4, and will continue Pastor Don's practice of doing a healing service on the first Sunday of the month. Please come to support these pastors as they hold us up, and as they continue to pray for Pastor Don's recovery and for us all. Together, we are ALL the Body of Christ.

Congregational Meeting Results

Our Annual Congregational Meeting was held Sunday, January 28, 2018. We transitioned directly to the meeting following worship led by Pastor Phyllis Stromme.

There were 31 members signed in attendance.

- We voted unanimously to extend an open call to Pastor Don Short.
- We voted to adopt the 2018 Mission Budget of \$126,780.
- Ernie Summers, Tammy Rodriguez, and Pete Rodriguez were voted to positions on the Church Council.
- We decided to hold off on who would attend the Synod Assembly, pending Pastor Short's return to the congregation.
- We elected Larry McCourtie, Joe Guzman, and Pete Rodriguez to the Nominating Committee
- We re-allocated funds marked "Reserve" to "Revelations" allowing us to purchase a donation tracking software & possible computer when our current software no longer functions. (It is currently obsolete but functioning well) (voting 28-1)
- We re-allocated funds marked "Youth" to "Copy Machine." (voting 28-1)
- We voted to move \$10,000 from savings to the Carpet Fund. (voting 27-2)
- We voted to have the Council look at what we have traditionally given in Benevolences to the Synod, and to return to the congregation within 6 months with a suggestion for how to increase that amount.
- We reviewed and approved the minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting.

If you have not yet spent some time looking at the Annual Report, please do so. It includes committee reports from Fellowship, Evangelism, Property & Management, Christian Education, and Worship & Music. These reports give us a snapshot of all the activities our congregation has been involved with and as a whole, it is pretty neat!

From Our Pastor:

Dear Pilgrim brothers and sisters,

Thank you for your continued confidence in my ability to be your pastor but more than that thank you for your patience as I recover from my illness. It will be a while before I can join you full time. I want to express my appreciation to Bishop Kuempel and the brothers and sisters in our cluster who are helping you while I recover. I should be released from the hospital soon but that is not the end of the recovery journey. My recovery will continue at another facility here in the Portland area where I can gain strength in close proximity to the hospital.

Thank you for your continued prayers, cards and love you have shown us. We look forward to seeing you before too awfully long.

Yours in Christ
Pastor Don and Anna

Current Office Hours:

Sharon Bray is currently in the office tending to all Pilgrims's weekly bulletins, sign-ups, mail, email, and other office needs. If you have information that should go into the bulletin, please call Sharon on her cell phone at 509-331-4727 or her home phone at 488-3294. If she does not answer, please leave a message so that she can call you back. You may also call the church phone at 488-9952 and leave a message. Thank you for your help, and understanding
—Kristi

Bountiful Blessings!

This winter The Quilting Group donated quilts to the Christmas Baskets, Othello Emergency Aid, the Veteran's Home in Spokane, and local foster children. I heard heartwarming stories from those who delivered the quilts. How at Christmas, the kids would go past the toys to the quilts. And how the veteran whose belongings had been stolen couldn't wait to get under his quilt. Doesn't that make your heart zing?

We had a request to make bags for foster children who need to move on short notice but do not have luggage. Several of our quilters made bags at home using some of our donated fabric. Quilters also take quilt pieces home so we can continue meeting our goal of 300 quilts. The ladies' caring hearts seem to not have limits.

Last week, we received a \$500 donation from the Lions Club. What a nice surprise! Another blessing has been the 5 new volunteers. They have added to our productivity and laughter. Everyone is welcome! So stop by any Wednesday from 9-2:30.
—Sharon Bray

Important Message:

If you are in need of emergency Pastoral care during Pastor Short's absence, please contact Rev. Adam Janes from Othello Christian Church, 925 E. Rainier Street. He can be reached at 488-2208 or on his cell phone at 509-350-6852. We thank him for offering to be our contact during an emergency.

Lenten Blessings from your Church Council

It is hard to believe that February is upon us. It is hard to believe that Pastor Don has been in Oregon for almost 3 weeks. Thank you to everyone who has prayed for Pastor Don and Anna, sent cards, texted, taken care of Charley, and of course to Shirley McCullough and FayAnn McCourtie for driving Anna down to the hospital. We encourage everyone to continue to pray for Pastor Don's full and complete recovery, and for strength for Anna as she manages his care.

We want to thank everyone who has stepped up to organize services, keep the office functioning (Sharon B.), send in committee reports, and ensure that what needs to get done, DOES get done. If you are wondering how you can help, please talk to one of the Council people or Sharon Bray in the office. This is a busy time of year, and you may be asked to do something that you have never done before. There are usher, acolyte, clicker and greeter spots open. We have Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, and Lenten services with Soup & Bread coming up. Please consider stretching into a new role as we all pitch in! **And a mighty thank you to all of you who are already signed up on the chart to the right.**

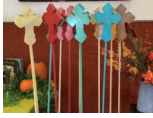



God's Blessings to all of you fellow Pilgrims,
Ernie, Marcia, Sandi, Pete, Tammy, & Kristi

INFO CORNER

1/7	Attendance:	40	Offering:	\$ 2416
1/14	Attendance:	32	Offering:	\$ 2088
1/21	Attendance:	38	Offering:	\$ 2197
1/28	Attendance:	41	Offering:	\$ 1513

YTD Offerings — \$ 8,214
YTD Expenses— \$ 9,189

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	3
4 10 am Worship Sunday School Healing Service	5 Weight Watchers 4:30	6  Alfa y Omega 6 pm Fellowship Comm 2 pm Church Council 7:00	7 8:30-2:30 Quilters 7 pm Meditation	8	9	10 10 am Bible Study @ Church
11 10 am Worship Sunday School	12 Set up for Shrove 2 pm Weight Watchers 4:30	13  Alfa y Omega 6 pm Shrove Tuesday Community Pancake Dinner 5-7 pm	14 8:30-2:30 Quilters Ash Wednesday Bishop Kuempel presiding	15	16	17
18 10 am Worship Sunday School	19 Weight Watchers 4:30	20 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	21 8:30-2:30 Quilters	22	23	24
25 10 am Worship No Sunday School	26 Weight Watchers 4:30	27 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	28 8:30-2:30 Quilters	Temple Tender Tuesdays—10 am Men's Group Breakfast- Saturdays 8am SUNDAY SCHOOL-See calendar above.		

Tuesday February 6
7:00 Council

Anniversaries-February

20 Leonard & Joleen Bland

Lenten Series

Our Lenten studies will focus on the "I am" statements by Jesus. Let us break bread, enjoy soup and fellowship and learn from our God and Savior. "I am the Resurrection and the Life".

Birthdays-February

5 Henry Solbrack
5 Jean Calahan
7 John Bergstrom
9 Tammy Rodriguez
11 Brady Hilmes
12 Lillian Solbrack
13 Tyler Evans
14 Joleen McKay
15 Trevor Hilmes
21 Lupe Mendoza

Birthdays-continued

23 Shirley Yager
23 Audrey Stephens
23 Janet Ward
25 Dee Wright
27 Jennifer Porter
27 Elija Rodriguez

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	Sacristan	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER	Coffee Hour
Feb 4	Larry McC. &	Linda B	Shirley		Nancy Roth	Nancy Roth	Tammy R		Shirley M.
Feb 11		Donna A	Fay Coats		Danita Porter	Nancy Roth	Tammy R		
Feb 18	Leonard M	Annie Smith	FayAnn M.		Donna Adams	Donna Adams			Annie S & FayAnn
Feb 25	Larry & Barb Maine	Barb Maine	Annie S		Fay Coats	Cindy E.	Kristi		Cindy E & Kristi 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.**



Our Purpose for Church

We gather to hear the Word of God in Scripture, song & prayer.
We gather to care for one another.
We gather to learn the stories that form our faith.
We gather to receive God's forgiveness among other believers & to reconcile ourselves to one another.
We gather to receive God's peace.
We gather to learn what God is calling us to do.

Transformation in Progress!

Our library is slowly turning into a beautiful place to spend a few minutes in quiet meditation. Thank you to Fay Coats who initiated the project and has taken the time to find and share spiritual meditation practices. January 10, Pastor Don led a group of 11 through a short Vespers service. Meghan Olsen has contributed meditation cards and descriptions of yoga poses that we can do to help us focus on God. You are encouraged to stop by for a few minutes or for an hour, and explore the available meditations.



Lectionary Readings for February

Feb 4	Isaiah 40:21-31	Psalms 147:1-11, 20c	I Corinth 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39
Feb 11	2 Kings 2:1-12	Psalms 50:1-6	2 Corinth. 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
Feb 18	Genesis 9:8-17	Psalms 25:1-10	I Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15
Feb 25	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Psalms 22:23-31	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.