

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Making it Official

Prior to worship on Ash Wednesday, Bishop Kristen Kuempel presented PLC's letter of call to Pastor Don Short and he accepted. We are thankful for Bishop Kuempel's guidance and care as Pastor Don regains his strength. We look forward to Pastor Don's full and complete recovery! Thanks be to GOD!

Sprucing Up Othello

Pilgrim Lutheran will be working with the Othello Beautification Committee to clean up the streets of Othello in preparation for the Sandhill Crane Festival. Saturday March 10, we will meet at the Othello School District Administration Parking Lot on 1st Avenue to gather our garbage bags and anything else that we need. Our assignment is 14th Ave from Highway 26 to Othello Community Hospital. We look forward to a great crew again as we had last year. We will also be meeting after the work to reward ourselves with a potluck brunch at the McCourtie residence. Please consider helping if you are able, and bring something to share post workout! Thank you! We hope to see you there. Look for a signup in the Narthex...

EASTER BLESSINGS

Here is the schedule for our Easter Season Activities:

PALM SUNDAY- March 25 Gather in the Fellowship Hall @ 10 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY- March 29 Worship at the **Christian Church** @ 7:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY- March 30 Good Friday Service at the **Christian Church** @ 7:00 pm

EASTER Sunday April 1 Celebrating the Risen Lord @ 10 am

We celebrate our Lord's resurrection with our worship service at 10 am on April 1st. Breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30 to 9:30.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children at 9:30.

Remember to bring fresh cut flowers on Easter for our "Flowered Cross".



Shrove Tuesday Update

Thank you to all the fabulous folks who worked on the Shrove Tuesday Pancake

Dinner. With our community's support, \$1100 was raised to benefit Assured Hospice, and the Lutheran World Relief Water Well project. We served over 120 people that evening. It couldn't happen without those who shop for the groceries, publicize the event, set up the fellowship hall with the festive decorations, spend time in food preparation, acquire the grills, flip pancakes, and clean up the mess. To all of you who had any part in the project, **we thank you!**



A rare glimpse of our fellowship hall looking north, with all the tables decorated for Shrove Tuesday.



Our Pancake crew!

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.



Blessing of the Crosses

On March 11 following worship, Pastor Don is leading a special blessing of the crosses to be held in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to bring a cross or crosses that they have in their home for the blessing.

Lenten Series Continues

Our Lenten studies, focusing on the "I **am**" statements by Jesus, continue on the 7th, 14th, and 21st of March. We are enjoying fellowship and discussion around these statements of Jesus. We invite everyone to join us for soup and bread at 6 pm. Study follows at 6:45.

At our Feb. 28 supper we heard Jesus say, "I **am** the shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." We talked about all the things in life that keep us from hearing the voice of the shepherd and what we can do to quiet the noise so we can hear the voice of Jesus.

What two words do the letters

"**E-I-L-N-S-T**" spell?

See the back page for the answer!

Adult Forum Bible Study

We are thrilled to announce that our adult forum studying the Book of First Corinthians begins again on March 11 at 9 am in the Kaffe Haus. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there! Join the discussion!

From Our Pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In 1970 the Beatles released the song, "The Long and Winding Road". It talks about the struggle of someone to let go of a relationship that has ended. My relationships are fine, but I have been working through a different kind of struggle. I am full of gratitude for the many continued prayers on my behalf. I am grateful for the patience you have shown through my recovery from my medical incident. I am grateful for the pastors that have given of their time to lead worship for you in my absence. Those are all good things.

However, I am struggling with the limits of what I am capable of doing. I still tire more easily than I did in December. I still cannot walk long distances without a cane and I thank God every day for the 'delete' key on my computer because my hand-eye coordination is not what it used to be yet and I make a lot of typographical errors. I hang on tight to the words of my rehab doctor who said I should make a full recovery, but I am not fully recovered. In the meantime, I am working my way back into everyday activities slowly, and I am grateful for your patience.

My struggles, however, are nothing compared to what Jesus went through in Jerusalem. Betrayed by his own disciple, conspired against by the local religious authorities, deserted by those who promised to be faithful to him, and finally killed in the most humiliating way known at the time; death by crucifixion. None of us are called to do what Jesus did for us, but we are called to take up our cross and follow him. We are called, as Paul said to the Galatians, to "Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2) I think that is one of the strengths of this congregation; that you care well for each other. I am grateful for that caring.

My long and winding road has been the ups and downs of recovery, learning to walk with a cane and learning to be patient with myself. It is a much easier road than the Via Dolorosa, the road that led Jesus to Golgotha, where he carried his cross and then suffered and died to take away our sin. As you continue to ponder the way of the cross through our Lenten journey I encourage you to take time to consider the depth of love that God showed to us, and just how incredible it is that, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) See you in church.

Peace,
Pastor Don Short

Anna's office hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 2-4

Pastor Short's office hours

Hours are still variable, please call first to be sure that he is in the office.

Pastor's Email: pilgrimcpastor@gmail.com

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

INFO CORNER

2/4	Attendance:	40	Offering:	\$ 2055
2/11	Attendance:	34	Offering:	\$ 2280
2/18	Attendance:	37	Offering:	\$ 2550
2/25	Attendance:	52	Offering:	\$ 1256

YTD Offerings — \$ 16,354

YTD Expenses— \$ 18,389

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!

March Blessings from your Church Council

Greetings from all of us. We are so thankful for our church community, and for the prayers that are offered every day for our Pastor's health and for each other. We are so thankful for the care that the Synod has given us over the past month and a half and continues to give us through Easter. We are thankful for all the messages given by our guest pastors, and for them volunteering their time to come and lead our worship allowing Pastor Don to recover. We are thankful for the faithfulness of this flock of believers. We are especially thankful now for Pastor Don's miraculous recovery. Here at Pilgrim Lutheran we embrace the Power of Prayer. We say so in our Vision Statement (see the back page), and we live it during the week and on Sundays too. It is so wonderful to have Pastor Don and Anna back in our midst.

A special thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the service for Ethel Krug so wonderful. Thank you to Pastor Jaime Cardona for conducting the service.

Ethel's family was so appreciative of everything done to make the service so special.

We worship a loving God with an amazing group of people.

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Temple Tender Tuesdays—10 am Men's Group Breakfast— March 3,17,24,31 SUNDAY SCHOOL-Every Sunday in March					1	2
4 10 am Worship Sunday School Healing Service-Pastor Don	5 Weight Watchers 4:30	6 Alfa y Omega 6 pm Fellowship Comm 2 pm	7 8:30-2:30 Quilters 6 pm Soup & Bread	8	9	10 Set clocks ahead one hour tonight!!! Othello Clean-up 8 am Othello School Dist Office
11 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Blessing of the Crosses	12 Weight Watchers 4:30	13  Alfa y Omega 6 pm Church Council 7:00	14 8:30-2:30 Quilters 6 pm Soup & Bread	15	16	17  Tentative St Patrick's Day Party @ parsonage
18 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	19 Weight Watchers 4:30	20 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	21 8:30-2:30 Quilters 6 pm Soup & Bread	22	23	24 Sandhill Crane Festival
25 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Palm Sunday	26 Weight Watchers 4:30	27 Alfa y Omega 6 pm Blood Drive 1-6 pm	28 8:30-2:30 Quilters	29 Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 pm @ Othello Christian Church	30 Good Friday Service 7 pm @ Othello Christian Church	31

Tuesday March 13
7:00 Council



Anniversaries—March

15 Stewart & Abby Hilmes

See March Birthdays on the back page.

Easter Choir & Easter Breakfast Signups

Thank you to Bob Reichert who will be leading an Easter Choir. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex if you are interested in singing. Be watching the bulletin for additional information.

We will also be having a breakfast Easter morning at 8:30. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex for all the jobs associated with putting on an awesome meal!

There is also an Egg Hunt to put together. Thank you in advance to all who work so hard to make our Easter Day of celebration so special.



The next Blood Drive at Pilgrim will be Tuesday, March 27, from 1-6 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!!! Thank you!

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	Sacristan	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER	Coffee Hour
March 4	Pete & Tammy R	Liz Jensen	Shirley McC		Nancy Roth	Donna Adams	Anna Short	Linda Bork	Shirley M Cindy E
March 11	Leonard M	Anna Short	Sue Hosek		Anna Short	Cindy Eidahl	Tammy Rodriguez	Ron & Sue Hosek	Anna S Annie S
March 18	Larry McC	Linda Bork	FayAnn M		Danita Porter	Nancy Roth	Tammy Rodriguez	Annie Smith	Cindy E Marcia B
March 25	Pete R	Annie Smith	Donna Adams		Nancy Roth	Cindy Eidahl	Tammy Rodriguez	Sue Bunch	Nancy R Tammy R



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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.**

Birthdays—March

1 Darla Spurgeon
2 Janna Erickson
7 Ella Moore
8 Shane Wright
9 Marc Spohr
9 Shea Wedekind
11 Hadley Erickson
14 Jose Guzman Jr.
15 Kolton (Erickson)
16 Mike Adams
17 Payton Roberts
17 Ryan Moore
18 Bob Reichert
22 Jacob Thornton

Our Sympathy

We offer our deepest condolences to the family of Ethel Krug, a beloved associate member of Pilgrim. Please continue to hold Glee, Linda, Roger, and their families up in prayer as they grieve the loss of their Mother, Grandmother and Grandma Great. We will all miss her dearly.

Spring Forward

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 11 this year! Remember to set your clocks forward one hour Saturday night. See everyone at church!

ANSWER

What two words do the letters "E-I-L-N-S-T" spell? These letters both spell **SILENT** and **LISTEN**.

Be Silent and Listen to the voice of the shepherd. He will lead us if we will but listen to his words.



Celebrating Shirley Yager's 90+ years young on Feb 25, 2018. We can all aspire to live with the same grace that Shirley exhibits on a daily basis!

Lectionary Readings for March

Mar 4	Exodus 20:1-17	Psalms 19	I Corinth 1:18-25	John 2:13-22
Mar 11	Numbers 21:4-9	Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22	Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
Mar 18	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalms 51:1-12	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
Mar 25	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalms 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 15:1-39



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