

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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EASTER DAY BLESSINGS

Sunday April 1st

8:30 Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 Easter Egg Hunt for all the children

10:00 We celebrate our Risen Lord with our worship service in the sanctuary.

Remember to bring fresh cut flowers for our "Flowered Cross". We hope to see you all on **EASTER SUNDAY!**



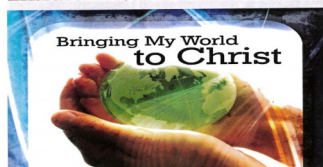
Lenten Soup Supper Recap

Thank you to all of you wonderful Pilgrims for the Soups and Bread that we had during our Lenten Journey. A very special thank you to Fay Coats for taking the lead on preparing our Meditations on the "I Am" statements of Jesus, discussions, and hymns. We appreciate YOU!

Learning Opportunity

See the flyer below for an opportunity to learn how to talk to our neighbors about Jesus. This is a nationally known speaker brought to Othello by the Othello Ministerial Association. Please plan to attend if you are able!

Evangelism for Quiet People



Dr. Jason Willoughby

April 20th/21st

6:30pm - 8:30pm

8:30am - 12:30pm

at the Gathering Place
835 S. 10th, Othello

Lose the fear and the guilt!
Put some tools in your toolbox!
Learn a natural way of sharing Christ!
Make your outreach fun and fruitful!

Lunch & Child Care Provided



Women's Bible Study

Women are joining together at Pilgrim on April 14th at 10 am to read and discuss the study found in the Gather Magazine! If you need a copy, check the table in the Narthex! We hope to see you all there.

Quilting Update

Quilts will be sent out later in April, the exact date has not yet been determined. Please watch the bulletins and Facebook Page for an opportunity to come and help with the packing, boxing, and weighing. We will also need someone to deliver the boxes to Kennewick! Thank you in advance.

HELP!

We all love to see photos in our newsletter and on our webpage and Facebook page. Anna and Kristi need your help to take photos and email them to the church so that they are available come time for the newsletter to be printed (usually the last week of the month). Thank you in advance for your help in getting event photos to us!



Serving our Community

In an effort to have Othello sparkling for the Othello Sandhill Crane Festival, these hardy folks gathered Saturday, March 10 to spruce up 14th Ave from Highway 26 to the Othello Community Hospital. Afterwards we met at the McCourtie residence for brunch and fellowship. A great time was had by all and special thanks to the McCourties, to everyone who brought such delicious treats, and to Marc for hauling the trash to the bins!

Note from the Groundskeeper:

Praise God for our wonderful church landscape and grounds. However, the barked areas contain plants with thorns, sprinkler heads poking up, and weed spray residue. For you and your children/grandchildren's safety, please stay out of the barked areas. It is **OK** to play and frolic in the grassy areas!!!

Sausage Feed Opportunity

To the left you see an opportunity to support the Lutheran Church in Sprague. This is the church where Mary Daniels pastored for many years. Pastor Daniels was our supply pastor twice in the last 2 months and we appreciate her presence so much. If you love German food, this little church puts on an amazing spread. There is plenty of time to worship here and then get to Sprague for a late lunch!

St. John's Lutheran Church of Sprague
33rd Annual

SAUSAGE FEED

April 8, 2018

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Adults \$12.00 6-12 \$6.00 5 & under - free

Menu:

Smoked Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans,
Sauerkraut, Home-made Applesauce, Dessert

Sprague Community Hall

3rd and C Street Sprague, Washington

Sponsored by Thrivent

From Our Pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Just a few days ago Anna and I were on our way to the Tri-Cities. As we traveled we noticed how green the fields are already! It seems like the crops around here just can't wait to grow! I often marvel at how much food is produced here in the Columbia Basin. We benefit from the foresight of planners and engineers who saw what a resource the Columbia River would be.

With the Grand Coulee Dam and the irrigation canals what was once barren desert has become fruitful land that produces some of the best vegetables and fruits in the world. We are fortunate to live where we do. God has blessed us with rich, fertile soil and an abundant water supply, along with the intelligence to know how to nurture and water the crops of this area when rain alone won't suffice.

It reminds me of what Jesus said in the gospel of John; "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5) Just as the farmers of our area are connected to the Columbia River and depend on it for the water they need for their crops, we are connected to Jesus. We depend on Jesus for our life. We only bear fruit (the fruit of the Spirit) by staying connected to Jesus. We come to church to hear from Jesus and we pray to Jesus for knowledge of God's will for us. We cannot learn God's will for our lives without being connected to Jesus, so Jesus was right to say, "Apart from me, you can do nothing."

It is important work, what we do. We are the body of Christ. We are charged with doing God's work in the world, but just like any good worker, we simply cannot do a good job without proper training. That's why we need to come to church every Sunday. We come and learn what God has done and what God is continuing to do with and through us. We learn where we fit in with all the other Christians in the world. Jesus is the vine and we are the branches and our job is to bear fruit. It is God's job, as the vine grower, to nurture us branches so that we bear more fruit.

Sometimes God will need to prune the branches so that we are able to bear more fruit. Scientists have determined that plants feel hurt when they are pruned, but after the pruning they are able to produce more. We may go through trials and hurts in our lives. We may feel pruned once in a while, but God is there, tending us and nourishing us so that we are fruitful. Think about how God is at work next time you pass a vineyard. See you in church.

Peace,
Pastor Don Short

Pastor Short's office hours

9 am-12 noon Tuesday-Friday

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

2-4 pm Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

INFO CORNER

3/4	Attendance:	46	Offering:	\$ 2882
3/11	Attendance:	33	Offering:	\$ 1364
3/18	Attendance:	46	Offering:	\$ 2015
3/25	Attendance:	43	Offering:	\$ 2366

YTD Offerings — \$ 25,070
YTD Expenses— \$ 30,757

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!

April Blessings from your Church Council

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is my health and salvation!

Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!"

What a joyful song, what a joyful message! We look forward to April Fool's Day/Easter with gladness in our hearts because we know that Jesus is ALIVE!

We sing praises that Pastor Short is back in the pulpit with his messages full of love, acceptance, and gratitude for all that God has done for us.

As we worship on Easter, and each week this month, let us think of those with whom we can share God's love this spring. We worship a loving God with an amazing group of people. Let's share that love with all of Othello!

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8:30 Easter Breakfast 9:30 Egg Hunt 10 am Worship	2	3 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	4 8:30-2:30 Quilters	5	6 	7 
8 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Healing Service -Pastor Don	9	10  Church Council 7:00 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	11 8:30-2:30 Quilters	12	13	14 10 am Women's Bible Study @ Church
15 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	16	17 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	18 8:30-2:30 Quilters	19	20	21 
22 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	23	24 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	25 8:30-2:30 Quilters	26	27 Synod Assembly	28
29 10 am Worship Sunday School Noisy Offering	30	Temple Tender Tuesdays—10 am Men's Group Breakfast— April 7, 14, 21 SUNDAY SCHOOL-April 8, 15, 22, 29			Birthdays—April 3 Shirley McCullough 4 Jorn Ogendahl 5 Kevin Spohr 9 Jose Guzman 10 Bruce Moore 15 Becca Thornton 16 TJ Spurgeon Jr. 19 Judy Summers	

Tuesday April 10**7:00 Council****Anniversaries—April-no anniversaries**

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	Sacristan	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER	Coffee Hour
Apr 1	Marc S & Kristi	Barb Maine	Fay Coats		Anna Short	FayAnn McCourtie	Anna Short		
Apr 8		Donna Adams	Annie Smith		Donna Adams	Donna Adams	Anna Short	Sandi Bosch	Erika D Cindy E
Apr 15	Leonard M.	Annie Smith	Fay Coats		Danita Porter	Cindy Eidahl	Tammy Rodriguez		Sue B Anna S
Apr 22					Liz Deasy	Cindy Eidahl	Tammy Rodriguez		Liz D Cindy E
Apr 29		Kristi Spohr			Nancy Roth	Nancy Roth	Tammy Rodriguez		Tammy R Kayla 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.**



Synod Assembly

Pastor Don, Anna, and Fay Coats will be attending the Synod Assembly in Yakima from Friday April 27-29. Please keep them in your prayers as they go about our EaWA/Idaho Synod's business.

St. Paddy's Day Shenanigans

Good food & good times were had by all who attended the party at the parsonage March 17. Thank you to Pastor Don and Anna for graciously hosting this yearly party, and thanks to those who brought all the great food!



Lectionary Readings for April

Apr 1 Isaiah 25:6-9
Apr 8 Acts 4:32-35
Apr 15 Acts 3:12-19
Apr 22 Acts 4:5-12
Apr 29 Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Psalm 133
Psalm 4
Psalm 23
Psalm 22:25-31

Acts 10:34-43
1 John 1:1-2:2
1 John 3:1-7
1 John 3:16-24
1 John 4:7-21

Mark 16:1-8
John 20:19-31
Luke 24:36b-48
John 10:11-18
John 15:1-8



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