

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Synod Assembly

Pictured above are our three delegates to the Synod Assembly in Yakima. Thank you to Fay Coats, our elected delegate, and to Pete and Tammy Rodriguez for stepping into Pastor and Anna's spots to ensure that Pilgrim Lutheran had representation at the Assembly. We appreciate you all!



Donations Accepted

Donations of dog and cat food of all varieties are now being accepted in the John Deere Wagon in the Narthex. Thank you to Roger Thieme for getting us the wagon, Trudy Doolittle for delivering it, and to Ernie Summers for picking up the food and delivering it to Adams County Pet Rescue on a regular basis! In addition, we are encouraging you to save your pop tabs so that we can donate them to the Ronald McDonald House in Spokane. Thank you for remembering these two charities!



Pentecost Sunday

Be watching for a special Pentecost activity the weekend of May 20th!

Noisy Offering News Flash

\$129 in change and bills! Thank you Pilgrims!



Rotary Golf Tournament

This year our Evangelism/Outreach Committee decided to sponsor a Hole at the Rotary Golf Tournament, held Saturday, April 21 here in Othello. We wanted to get our name out there and let the community know that we are here, we support good causes, and we love Jesus! Pictured above are Larry Maine, Ron Hosek, Marc Spohr, and behind the camera Kayla Spohr, your "Pilgrim Lutheran Church Witnesses" Golf Team. Please let Donna Adams, Annie Smith, or Kristi Spohr know of additional ways that Pilgrim Lutheran can put our name before the community! Thank you!



Easter Sunday Children's Sermon

Women's Bible Study

Please join us in the Quilting Room off the kitchen, for fellowship and Bible Study on Saturday May 12th at 10 am. Copies of the study can be found on the desk in the Narthex.



Welcome Trudy!

At our Easter Sunday service we welcomed Trudy Doolittle into the Pilgrim Lutheran family. We look forward to getting to know Trudy better as we pilgrimage together!

The ELCA Water Well Project

Pilgrim's Sunday School students are working to fund a well in Africa as part of this ELCA project. On May 6th they will be bringing an activity to YOU so that you can participate too. You are not going to want to miss it! Spoiler Alert—it may have something to do with constructing a well replica in our Narthex!! Let's give our students and their teachers all the support we can! See back page for a photo.

From Our Pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Yogi Berra, the famous Yankee catcher, coined the phrase, "Deja vu all over again!" He was referring to the similarity of incidents that can happen during a baseball season. However, the similarity of medical incidents that have caused medical leaves for me may have you feeling like it's "Deja vu all over again." I agree with you.

This year has certainly presented its challenges! I have been hospitalized or in convalescence more than I have preached for you. I have faced some serious medical issues and I know that has created some anxiety among some people. However, in the meantime there are people who have risen to the occasion to ensure that life among God's faithful people continues to flourish. I am grateful that the words I hear from you are encouraging.

I am also grateful that Bishop Kuempel is resourceful enough to find pastoral coverage for you. Pastor Walker is a very competent servant of the Lord and I know you will enjoy his presence among you for a few weeks. Please give him your support and encouragement.

I am sorry that I will not be among you for the month of May. I will be working on getting stronger so that I will be able to fulfill my pastoral duties in June. I may attend worship, but I will defer leadership to Pastor Walker. Thank you again for the words of encouragement. As it says in 2 Chronicles 32:7 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged." I hope to see you in church really soon.

Peace,
Pastor Don Short

Anna's office hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
2-4

You may also give her a call if there is something that you need at **509-761-1205**

Pastor Short's office hours

Pastor Short will not be in the office in May, but plans to resume office hours in June.

Pastor's Email:
pilgrimcpastor@gmail.com

If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please contact **Pastor Weston Walker** at **509-416-6543**.

May Blessings from your Church Council

We rejoiced at the return of Pastor Don in March on Palm Sunday, Easter, and April 8th! And we will rejoice again when he returns in June! What can we do in the meantime? We can continue to pray unceasingly for Pastor Don, and for Anna. We can continue to hold each other up during the week, on Sundays, and in prayer. We can continue to s-t-r-e-t-c-h ourselves into new roles as we support Pastor Walker each week in May. We can continue to be grateful for the multitude of blessings that show themselves to us each day. We can continue to exercise patience because there is no one who wants to get back to the pastor business more than Pastor Don!!! :)

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



Earth Day

INFO CORNER

4//1	Attendance:	101	Offering:	\$ 4471
4/8	Attendance:	27	Offering:	\$ 1050
4/15	Attendance:	43	Offering:	\$ 2530
4/22	Attendance:	39	Offering:	\$ 1494
4/29	Attendance:	35	Offering:	\$ 938

YTD Offerings — \$ 34,763





YTD Expenses— \$ 42,721


Thank you for supporting your Church and it's Mission! Thank you for seeing that your offerings continue even as you enjoy the beautiful outdoors with family and friends. Our Church and it's Mission depend on it! God loves a generous heart!

Earth Day

Pilgrim celebrated Earth Day, April 22, by blessing and planting a Rose of Sharon tree on the corner of 7th and Elm. It will have Hibiscus flowers on it as it grows and we look forward to watching it mature. Thank you Marc and Kayla Spohr for planting it for us!



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Men's Group Breakfast -postponed for now SUNDAY SCHOOL- Every Sunday in May		1	2 	3	4	5 
6 10 am Worship Sunday School Healing Service	7	8 Alfa y Omega 6 pm  Church Council 7:00	9 8:30-2:30 Quilters	10	11	12 Women's Bible Study 10 am
13 10 am Worship Sunday School	14	15 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	16 8:30-2:30 Quilters	17	18	19
20 10 am Worship Sunday School Oliver Howes Baptism	21	22 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	23 8:30-2:30 Quilters PAWS Luncheon Presbyterian Church 11:30 am	24	25	26
27 10 am Worship Sunday School	28 Memorial Day	29 Alfa y Omega 6 pm Blood Drive 1-6 pm 	30 8:30-2:30 Quilters	31	<u>Birthdays--May</u> 3 Maryann Kirkpatrick 5 Rick Bougher 7 Ashley Stephens 11 Clayton Wright 12 Jan Charlston 13 Pete Rodriguez 16 Daniel Short 17 Steve Jensen 18 Joseph Guzman 20 Sandy Russell 20 Keith Russell 21 Mike Krupa 23 John Stephens 23 Isaac Guzman 26 Kassie Spohr Tricola 26 Melissa Stephens 28 Ron Hilmes 31 Jan Hilmes	



American Red Cross
Together, we can save a life

The next Blood Drive at Pilgrim will be **Tuesday, May 29, 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!

Thank you!
Many thanks to the Othello Christian Church and Pastor Adam Janes for hosting Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. The services were well attended by Pilgrims, we appreciated the gesture and look forward to hosting them next year!

Anniversaries-May

10th
Kassie & Matt Tricola

Fellowship Opportunity

Women from Pilgrim have been invited to the PAWS Luncheon on May 23rd. See calendar for the time!

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	Sacristan	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER	Coffee Hour
May 6	Randy & Liz Deasy	Shirley McCullough	Fay Coats		Fay Coats	Nancy Roth		Annie Smith	Cindy E Liz D
May 13	Pete R. &	Linda Bork	Annie Smith		Donna Adams	Cindy Eidahl	Tammy Rodriguez	Tammy R.	Bernie S Annie S
May 20	Larry McC	Annie Smith	Shirley McCullough		Nancy Roth	Nancy Roth		Carolyn & Sue Bunch	Cindy E Sue B
May 27	Leonard M	Annie Smith	Sue Bunch		Danita Porter	Cindy Eidahl		Trudy Doolittle	



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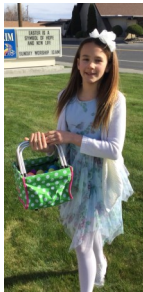
God's work. Our hands.

May 2018

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.

Easter Joy!
Bathed in the
sunbeams from
Heaven Above!



Quilting Success

Our Ecumenical quilting group has outdone themselves again! They have prepared over 300 quilts this year to be sent off and used in our own community. Thank you for your dedicated service! Below is the Blessing of the quilts on April 29.



ELCA Water Well Project

In this photo from the ELCA, children celebrate the clean water running from the new well. Look at their happy faces and the clapping that they are doing!

Lectionary Readings for May

May 6	Acts 10:44-48	Psalms 98	I John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
May 13	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Psalms 1	I John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
May 20	Acts 2:1-21	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:22-27	John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15
May 27	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalms 29	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.