

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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### Women's Bible Study

Please join us in the Quilting Room off the kitchen, for fellowship and Bible Study on Saturday, June 16th, at 10 am. Copies of the study can be found on the desk in the Narthex.

### Calling All Graduates

If you have a son or daughter graduating this year from either High School or College, please contact the office at 488-9952 with his/her name so that we can celebrate their accomplishments with you. Thank you!

### God is Our Rock

Some years ago when my hairdresser retired, it seemed easier to find a new surgeon than someone to take her place. The contractor we used sold his business and recently our accountant of many years retired, then his replacement did as well. Then our investment counselor developed cancer, was suddenly out of the picture and his replacement that we were just getting used to came see us in our home 2 weeks ago and when we called to ask a question the next day, learned that he had resigned suddenly. In the last 2 years, my family MD of many years left, the one I had just selected left and 3 weeks later the dentist also left in the middle of a complicated treatment.

Is it any wonder we feel orphaned at times? We depend on support people in our lives and when there are many changes in a short period of time, it can make you feel a real sense of loss as well as frustration if you are one who does not like change. Of course, these changes do not compare to the loss of family members and others important to us. But as a lifelong Christian and Lutheran, I know that our church and most importantly my Lord will always be there. He will not resign, leave us in a state of bewilderment, withdraw support or fail to supply all our needs. So many people wait most of their lives wanting to enjoy all the busy activities that are out there with family, or travel, or pursuing other pleasures, before thinking that they need what faith, worship and belief in God offers. Changes in our lives? When we depend on people they are inevitable. Only God is unchanging. We are made His children splashing in the waters of baptism and he will not leave us.

-Submitted by a Parishioner



### Thank You from our Pilgrim Lutheran Sunday School

Pilgrim's Sunday School students have worked hard to fund a well in Africa as part of an ELCA project. On May 6th they brought treats, eggs, and bricks to sell to the congregation to finish the well! Thanks to **YOUR** generosity over the course of the spring, over \$2900 was raised to support this project in Africa. Thank you to all the Sunday School teachers who encourage and develop such caring in our children's minds. We appreciate all the work that you do with our children! Great job! Way to finish the year strong! **Sunday School will begin again in September!**



### Welcome Oliver!

Sunday May 20, Pilgrim Lutheran welcomed Oliver Howes to God's family through baptism. Oliver is the son of Desiree and Noah Howes and grandson of Deedee and Jeff Graves. In this photo, Oliver is joined by sister Zoe and brother Wyatt. It was very special to have Desiree and all her children here for the visit. Pastor Walker is retired Air Force & Desiree is Air Force National Guard.

### VBS-Hero Central

#### Calling all Super Heroes!

Come join us for this year's community VBS, hosted this year at the Presbyterian Church in partnership with area churches. Registration forms are in our Narthex. Kids entering Kindergarten through entering 6th grade are welcome to come for a week of Bible Lessons, games, crafts and more! Children will be discovering their strength in God at Hero Central! When? June 11-15, from 3-6 pm. See you there.!

### Congregational Meeting

When: June 10th after the baptism celebration.

Agenda items:

- 1) To decide on the carpet installation.
- 2) To share the Council's suggestion on increasing our synod benevolences as per our Annual Meeting commitment in January 2018 and to make a decision for 2018.



### Thank You

Thank you, Pastor Weston Walker, for your willingness to fill in during Pastor Short's recovery. We appreciated your service and getting to know you. We wish you all the best and God's Blessings on you and your family!

### From Our Pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On the church calendar, now that we have reached June, we have entered what the church calls 'Ordinary Time.' Some churches call it the time after Pentecost, but either way, the church does not celebrate any major festivals from now until Reformation Sunday in October.

That may make you think there is nothing going on; there is no special reason to come to church, things here are going to get boring for the summer. Nothing could be further from the truth! One of the gifts of Ordinary Time is that the Scripture passages chosen for this period are all aimed at faithful, spiritual growth. Over the next several months we will see many of the miracles of Jesus and hear many of his most important lessons, all designed to help us grow in faith toward Jesus, and learn to share the love of God with our neighbors. I think some of the most interesting parts of the whole Bible are shared during Ordinary Time. Come to church and you will see what I mean.

I am looking forward to returning to the pulpit this month. I have not yet completely recovered from my heart surgery, but I have regained enough strength that I am able to perform the majority of my pastoral duties without concern. While I am still not at full strength, I have a very capable and reliable assistant to help me lead worship. You may see Anna filling in on some of the regular parts of the liturgy on Sunday mornings. My recovery is going well so if you want to see Anna lead worship you had better hurry! She may not need to do it for very long.

Keep watching the newsletter and bulletins for some of the great summer activities we will be doing. Vacation Bible School comes first from June 11 to the 15th from 3 to 6 pm at First Presbyterian. People from many local churches have been working hard to get ready for this event and I know it will be wonderful. If you know children who should be registered please contact Marcia Bougher.

It is not too early to begin crafting a hat for our annual funny hats and ice cream social. We will be wearing our hats in worship and sharing fellowship over ice cream on a Sunday in July. Watch for information from our Fellowship Committee about this event. Be prepared to be warm for the church picnic that comes in August. We will gather at the home of Larry and Barb Maine for some food, fellowship and, for those who wish, golf. I should be able to hit a golf ball by then, but no telling where it will land after it is hit! As you can see we have lots of fun things lined up for summer, so I'll see you in church.

Peace,  
Pastor Don Short

### Pastor Short's office hours

9-12 Tuesday-Friday  
Afternoons as needed in June.  
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

9-11 am Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

### INFO CORNER

5/6	Attendance:	50	Offering:	\$ 2577
5/13	Attendance:	42	Offering:	\$ 2100
5/20	Attendance:	46	Offering:	\$ 2036
5/27	Attendance:	40	Offering:	\$ 1228

YTD Offerings — \$ 42,705

YTD Expenses— \$ 51,089

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**— Please note the YTD Offerings vs. YTD Expenses.


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!

### June News from your Church Council

Grateful, thankful, amazed, relieved! These are just a few of the emotions we feel upon the return of Pastor Don to action on June 3rd. We rejoice with him as his health improves, and ask our Heavenly Father to restore Pastor Don's health completely. We also give thanks for the care that Anna has given to Don, and also to us, as she worked with Pastor Weston to keep the services organized.

Please continue to pray for both Don and Anna. Please continue to stretch yourselves into new roles as the summer advances. Are we able to help with the Vacation Bible School and any of the other June activities? Let's have some fun with our auction of surplus items from the SHED this Sunday while tidying up our shed to make it's space more useful. Let's celebrate our Baptisms, let's celebrate June, let's celebrate our many blessings, let's celebrate summer and growth, let's celebrate LIFE!

Celebrating God's family life with all of you fellow Pilgrims,  
Ernie, Marcia, Sandi, Pete, Tammy, & Kristi

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Men's Group:</b> <b>Breakfast Saturdays 8 am at Casa Mexicana</b>  <b>No Sunday School-June, July, August</b>					<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 10 am <b>Worship</b> <b>Healing Service</b> <b>Auction</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Alfa y Omega 6 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Schools OUT for the summer!	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 10 am <b>Worship</b> <b>Baptism:</b> <b>Jaxson &amp; Jacob Jahns</b> <b>Congregational Meeting</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Alfa y Omega 6 pm  <b>Church Council 7:00</b>	<b>13 VBS Mon-Friday 3-6 pm Presbyterian Church</b>			<b>16</b> <b>Women's Bible Study 10 am</b>
<b>17</b> 10 am <b>Worship</b>  Father's Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Alfa y Omega 6 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 10 am <b>Worship</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Alfa y Omega 6 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  <u><b>Birthdays-June</b></u> 1 Joleen Bland 2 Lena Mendoza 2 James Thornton 5 Austen McKay 9 Ernie Summers 11 Dianne Kidd 12 Stephanie Rodriguez 13 Fred Bosch 18 Abby Hilmes 19 Sue Long-Hosek 19 Roger Thieme 25 Kayla Spohr 29 Paula McKay  <u><b>Anniversaries-June</b></u> 8 Renee & Garrett Bagley 10 MaryAnn & Larry Kirkpatrick 16 Liz & Randy Deasy 29 Anna & Don Short	



**Tuesday June 12**  
**7:00 Council**



**AUCTION-Cleaning out the SHED**  
 Following the service on June 3, there will be an outdoor auction to give members an opportunity to purchase surplus items from the shed.

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**Quilters Extraordinaire!**

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	Sacristan	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER	Coffee Hour
June 3	Trudy D	Kristi Spohr	Annie Smith			Cindy Eidahl		Kristi Spohr	Cindy E
June 10	Larry McC	Shirley McCullough	Donna Adams		Nancy Roth	Nancy Roth		Nancy Roth	Fellowship Committee
June 17	Larry McC	Annie Smith	FayAnn McCourtie			Cindy Eidahl		Carolyn & Sue Bunch	Shirley M & Anna S
June 24	Leonard Meyer	Barb Maine	Annie Smith		Anna Short	FayAnn McCourtie		Trudy Doolittle	Cindy E





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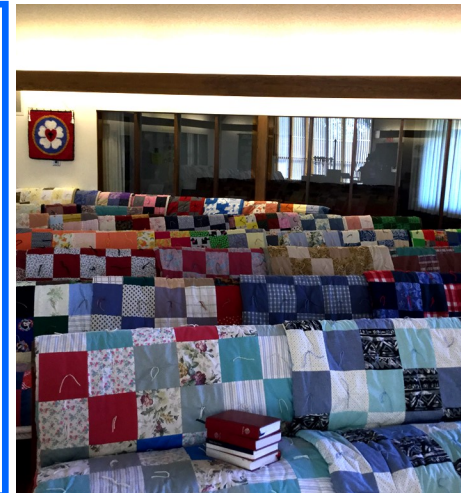
**A BIG THANK YOU** to our Sunday School teachers and to our wonderful students for a great year of learning, projects, and sharing God's Love. We look forward to seeing you in church over the summer, and back at Sunday School in September!



#### Thank you!

Thank you to everyone pictured on the left who showed up to pack the quilts on May 1. They packed over 400 lbs. of quilts (138 quilts) to be sent off to parts unknown for Lutheran World Relief. Getting these quilts ready to be picked up is a much larger task than any of us realizes, so we thank all of you who contribute in any way to this massive year-long project.

On the right, you see the quilts adorning our sanctuary for the blessing before sending them out. This Sunday is one of our favorite during the year for the beautiful colors they bring to our church.



#### Lectionary Readings for June

June 3	Deut. 5:12-15	Psalms 81:1-10	II Corinth 4:5-12	Mark 2:23-3:6
June 10	Genesis 3:8:15	Psalms 1 30	II Corinth 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35
June 17	Ezekiel 17:22-24	Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15	II Corinth 5:6-10, 14-17	Mark 4:26-34
June 24	Malachi 3:1-4	Psalms 141	Acts 13:13-26	Luke 1:57-67



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