

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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### The Well that Pilgrim Built

Each of the bricks in this well represents a \$10 donation to the ELCA Well Project. Pilgrim Lutheran generated over \$2900.00 with the sale of bricks, baked goods, and eggs. Thank you to all of you Pilgrims, and thank you to the Sunday School teachers and students for bringing the project's attention to all of us!



### Funny Hats & Ice Cream Social Notice

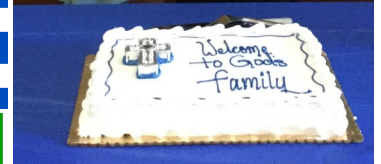
Be sure to put July 15 on your calendar! That is the day Pilgrim has scheduled the Hat Festival and an Ice Cream Social following worship. This is a fun event for all and an opportunity to be creative with your hats **AND** your Ice Cream!!! Looking forward to some amazing head gear!

### Congregational Meeting Update

After the service June 10, a short congregational meeting was held. Action taken included:

- 1) The Church Council suggested an additional \$1200 be added to our Synod Benevolences this year, bringing our quarterly donation to \$1500 and the year to \$6000. Members voted to approve this suggestion.
- 2) The decision was made to carpet the fellowship hall, narthex, sanctuary, cry room, & offices. The carpet is compatible with our pews so they will not need replacing at this time. The carpeted walls in the fellowship hall will be redone, and the mop boards in the hall and sanctuary will be left alone to preserve the integrity of the walls and woodwork.

Work on the carpet begins on July 9, so all hands on deck to help! If you are able to help, please call Tammy Rodriguez at 509-855-6073. Thank you!



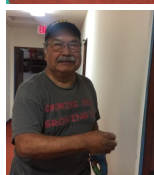
### Women's Bible Study

Please join us on Saturday, July 21st, at 10 am for fellowship and Bible Study. Copies of the study can be found on the desk in the Narthex. Everyone is welcome!



### Church Improvements

Thank you to Tammy & Pete Rodriguez, Anna Short, Fay Coats, and Shirley McCullough for painting the halls and the back door entryway. It looks marvelous! ↓



### Vacation Bible School Super Heroes

Many thanks to all the Pilgrims who took time out from their busy days to help with VBS activities. It was a wonderful turnout of children and adults with great backdrops, crafts, snacks, Bible stories, and games! Thank you!



### Welcome Jacob and Jaxson Jahns

Pilgrim Lutheran welcomed Jacob and Jaxson Jahns to God's family through baptism on Sunday June 10. Jaxson is the son of Jacob and Kelsey Jahns, and the grandson of Pete and Lynn Olsen. Your Pilgrim family welcomes you to a lifetime of living in God's Grace. A reception was held following the service in the fellowship hall. See the back page for additional photos!



### July Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive at Pilgrim will be Tuesday, July 31, from 1-6 pm. We would greatly appreciate help in setting up, and taking down, especially since this is the first Blood Drive on our new carpet. Thanks very much in advance!

### From Our Pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I really like the flower pots on Main Street. I think the Othello Beautification Committee does a great job of planting and maintaining the flowers every year, and by the time we reach July, the flowers are spectacular! They usually are overflowing the pots and cascading toward the sidewalk with a load of color. It's very pretty.

I think it is good to enjoy what comes to us in the summer months. Enjoy the flowers, the green grass, the shade of the trees, and the warm sunshine. We know it won't last forever. We know that in only a few months the weather will change and the flowers and trees will look quite different. We know we only have a little while to enjoy all of this summer beauty. As it is written in the book of Isaiah, "The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever." (Isaiah 40:8)

God knows that we only have the short season of summer to enjoy all of this summer beauty, but God also knows we need to have something we can rely on forever. We need something stable and permanent that we can count on no matter what. We need something that will keep us going through those bleak times when there are no flowers, the grass turns brown and the trees are stark and bare. We have the Word of God to rely on forever! God promises that we are loved and God promises we will never be forsaken. Those are great words to live by.

Does that mean we should forget about the flowers because they will only last a few months? Obviously not! Even the few months we enjoy the flowers are worth it because God is also the one who grows the flowers. Psalm 24 serves as a reminder; "The earth is the LORD's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." God gave us the flowers as a gift to enjoy, so we will enjoy them while we may.

Along with the flowers, I am hopeful we will enjoy our time together this month. Of course we will celebrate Independence Day with the whole community on the 4th at Lion's Park. I will see you at the Rotary Pancake Breakfast. Perhaps I will see you at the parade as well. But the 4th is only one day of the whole month. There are some great things to look forward to for the rest of the month as well. For instance, I am REALLY looking forward to our annual "Midsummer Hat Festival and Ice Cream Social".

Decorate a hat in any way you wish and share your creativity with the whole congregation on July 15th. We will celebrate our creative efforts with ice cream in the Fellowship Hall after worship, hopefully without getting any ice cream on our new carpet! Yes, the new carpet is also coming this month, with installation starting on the 9th. A lot is happening around here, and I look forward to seeing you involved in all of it! See you in church!

Peace, Pastor Don

### Pastor Short's office hours

9-12 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

9-11 am Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

### INFO CORNER

6/3	Attendance:	44	Offering:	\$ 2577
6/10	Attendance:	44	Offering:	\$ 2100
6/17	Attendance:	46	Offering:	\$ 2036
6/24	Attendance:	34	Offering:	\$ 2588

YTD Offerings — \$ 52,827

YTD Expenses— \$ 61,124

**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 tithing continues even as you enjoy the beautiful outdoors with family and friends this summer. Our Church and it's Mission depend on it! God loves a generous heart!

### July News from your Church Council

**"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" (Phil. 4:4)**

**"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing." Psalm 100:1,2**





We have a LOT to be rejoicing about here at Pilgrim Lutheran. We are all so pleased and thankful for our return to semi-normalcy with Pastor Don's wonderful progress in healing. Thanks be to God! We are also thankful for the help Anna has been giving Don during our Sunday services. Thank you, Anna! Please continue to pray for both Don and Anna.

Let us rejoice in the summer months with the beauty we are surrounded by. Let us participate fully in the congregational activities of the season, and with our families during our reunions and vacations.

We are blessed with a beautiful setting for our church! Even though we have a paid groundskeeper, there are still opportunities for congregational members to participate in landscaping activities. If you feel called to help in any way, just let Marc know so we can coordinate activities. Marc is more than willing to share landscaping duties! Thanks! Happy Fourth everyone!

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

# July 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 10 am Worship Healing Service	2	3	4 	5	6 	7
8 10 am Worship	9	10 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	11 Carpet Installation	12	13	14
15 10 am Worship Funny Hats, Ice Cream Social & Recognition	16	17 Alfa y Omega 6 pm Carpet Installation-additional days if necessary	18	19	20	21 Women's Bible Study 10 am
22 10 am Worship	23	24 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	25	26	27	28
29 10 am Worship  Noisy Offering	30 	31 Alfa y Omega 6 pm Blood Drive 1-6 pm 	Men's Group: Breakfast Saturdays 8 am at Casa Mexicana  No Sunday School-June, July, August			

## Birthdays-July

2 Liz Deasy  
3 Alizah Jahns  
4 Sandi Bosch  
6 Anna Short  
7 Angela Martinez  
8 Mandy Moore  
9 Aleta Cheek  
12 Ivan Vallejo  
16 Paul Snyder  
19 Kayla Martinez  
21 Annie Smith  
25 Kelsey Jahns  
26 Larry Kirkpatrick  
27 Molly Jensen  
27 Desiree Howes  
28 Sofia Mendoza  
31 Joshua Rodriguez



Have a  
fun and  
safe  
Fourth of  
July!

## Anniversaries-July

23 Paul & Bernie Snyder  
24 Pete & Tammy Rodriguez  
31 James & Becca Thornton

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	Sacristan	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER	Coffee Hour
July 1		Anna Short	Anna Short		Nancy Roth	Nancy Roth	Anna Short	Paul & Bernie Snyder	Elaine Wade & Anna Short
July 8	Larry McC & Pete R	Annie Smith			Anna Short	FayAnn McCourtie	Tammy R	Trudy Doolittle	Nancy R & Cindy E
July 15	Larry McC & Pete R	Marcia Bougher	Annie Smith		Nancy Roth	FayAnn McCourtie	Tammy R	Annie Smith	Fay Coats & Tammy R
July 22		Anna Short	Paula McKay		Fay Coats	FayAnn McCourtie		Shirley McC	Paula McKay & Shirley Mc
July 29	Pete R &	Donna Adams	Fay Coats		Donna Adams	FayAnn McCourtie	Tammy R		Trudy D & Cindy E





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**July 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.



**Pictured on the left:**

Pete & Lynn Olsen, Jacob Johnston, Meghan Olsen, Kelsey, Jaxson & Jacob Jahns, and Lori Jahns.

**Pictured on the right:**

Soon to be brothers-in-law, Jacob Jahns and Jacob Johnston jump right in to take charge of the cake cutting duties! Great job fellas!



**Lectionary Readings for July**

July 1	Lament 3:22-33	Psalms 30	II Corinth 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43
July 8	Ezekiel 2:1-5	Psalms 123	II Corinth 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
July 15	Amos 7:7-15	Psalms 85:8-13	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
July 22	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Psalms 23	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
July 29	II Kings 4:42-44	Psalms 145:10-18	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21



**book of faith**  
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.