

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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There are changes afoot

On July 9, workers delivered carpet, tore out the old, and installed the new. They finished up all the work on July 16. They did a phenomenal job! Pilgrim celebrated with Pastor Don giving the blessing of the carpet on July 15. Carpet was installed in the church office, the pastor's office, cry room, the narthex, sanctuary, Das Kaffee Haus, hall way, and the Fellowship Hall.

Congratulations Carolyn on your Graduation!



PLC Golf Outing & Potluck Picnic

Our Annual Golf Outing and BBQ Potluck will be held at Barb & Larry Maine's on Sunday **August 12!** This is a fun-filled opportunity for wonderful fellowship! And the food is

awesome! Stay tuned to the bulletins for additional information on our gathering time!



School Kits Needed

We are now seeing signs advertising "Back to School" sales on supplies needed for kids to start school. School kits are sent around the world benefitting children in 1) orphanages, 2) areas where families can barely afford the fees necessary to send their children to school much less purchase supplies, and 3) refugee camps. Items needed for one school kit include:

- Four 70-sheet 8-1/2 x 10-1/2 inch notebooks (this size is important) wide or college ruled.
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors for children with embedded steel blades)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- One 2-1/2 inch eraser
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons (Crayola brand is best)
- One 30-centimeter ruler or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.

If you are not a shopper but would still like to contribute, monetary donations can be made instead. Please contact Sandi Bosch or Fay Coats.

Calling All Quilters!

This year the quilters return on August 29. Just as the children are back in school, the quilters are back cutting and ironing squares, matching materials, tying, and sewing up these wonderful quilts. They strive to make their quota of 300 quilts working on Wednesdays only until the end of May. It takes a lot of energy, creativity, and commitment to reach this goal. It is definitely a labor of love!

From your Pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
The new carpet is installed and looks wonderful! Throughout the building we can enjoy the new look of the place, even if we have to put up with that new carpet smell for a while. The color of the carpet seems to have made a big difference in the chapel and the fellowship hall. A few classrooms did not get re-carpeted, and the meditation room remains untouched, but the carpet is still in great shape in those rooms, almost as if God is saving them for a special purpose. How will we know God's purpose for those rooms? Well, we can pray about it and find out.

Some people are unsure about the power of prayer. Some people think prayer is a worthless response to complex problems. There is some validity to those thoughts because, so far this year after every mass shooting incident, representatives of the White House say, "Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the victims" and yet nothing changes. Policies toward mental health and firearms remain the same. So what good is prayer if it doesn't change things? Perhaps it is important to consider how change is perceived.

I firmly believe in the power of prayer. I know God is at work in us and through us, and God has been at work all along, throughout history. Isaiah 43:19 is God's response to the prayers of the Israelites in exile. It took 70 years for God to restore the nation to its proper land, but God did it. The problem seems to be in our own perception of how God is at work. Isaiah 43:19 put it this way; "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

Languishing in Babylon meant it was hard for the Israelites to see how God was answering their prayers, but after 70 years, Cyrus of Persia overtook Babylon and freed the Israelites to return to their homeland. Their prayers were answered! So continue to believe in the power of prayer, just as we remind ourselves in our vision statement. God is at work, so your prayers are important! See you in church.

Peace,
Pastor Don

The Practice of Prayer

Women's Bible Study, Sat., August 11th at 10 a.m.

We are studying prayer this summer in our women's Bible study. In the June study we learned about the importance of persistence in prayer. The apostle Peter once asked Jesus how many times he should forgive someone – even seven times. Jesus told him "seventy-seven times". It's not about numbers. Rather it's more about the practice of forgiveness and what we are becoming. Prayer is like that. In prayer we are becoming what God intended us to be – a people in touch, first of all, with the Almighty and then with each other. When Pastor Don was seriously ill we all prayed constantly; we later learned that one little girl had prayed every night that he would be ok. We want to be known as people who pray at Pilgrim. There are so many kinds of prayers and so many opportunities to pray. Our meditation room is always open. We can go in and just sit quietly if we want, or we can take advantage of the materials laid out on the table to guide us in our study and prayers. There are many types of prayers; we studied prayer stones, prayer bracelets and labyrinths in our July Bible study. We will learn about the four dimensions of prayer in August. Women of the church are invited to gather Saturday, August 11th at 10 am at the church to study the four dimensions of prayer which are: **Speaking** to God, **Listening** to God, **Contemplating** or seeking God's presence, and **Community**.

Pastor Short's office hours

Tuesday-Friday 9-12

Afternoons reserved for visitations, meetings, and appointments.

Anna's summer office hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9-11

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

INFO CORNER

7/1	Attendance: 46	Offering: \$ 3125
7/8	Attendance: 31	Offering: \$ 1915
7/15	Attendance: 47	Offering: \$ 2207
7/22	Attendance: 40	Offering: \$ 1209
7/29	Attendance: 37	Offering: \$ 998

YTD Offerings — \$62,281

YTD Expenses— \$68,917

Thank you for supporting your Church and it's Mission! God loves a generous heart! Remember to continue your tithing during the summer months! Our Church and it's Mission depend on it!

Greetings Fellow Pilgrims!

"Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing." Psalm 100.2.
How exciting it was to walk into worship service on Sunday, July 15th! The new carpet is beautiful. Thank you to Ernie Summers for conceiving the idea of new carpet and then following it through. With his help we were able to select the perfect carpet. Thank you also to Shirley McCullough who co-ordinated the installation of the carpet. So many volunteers came forward to move and replace furniture and the myriad of tasks involved. Thanks for your generous donations that enabled us to do so much. Happy End of Summer!

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 Olsen-Johnston wedding
Summer Worship Time~~10 am						
5 10 am Worship Healing Service	6	7 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	8	9	10	11
12 10 am Worship Church Golf & BBQ Picnic	13	14 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	15	16	17	18
19 10 am Worship	20	21 Council 7 pm Alfa y Omega 6 pm	22	23 School Begins	24	25
26 10 am Worship	27	28 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	29 Quilting begins	30	31	

Men's Group Breakfast- Saturdays 8am @ Casa Mexicana
SUNDAY SCHOOL-
 Sunday School starts back up in September!

GOODIES FOR AUGUST

August 5: Nau 50th Anniversary Reception
August 12: Sue Bunch/Carolyn Bunch
August 19: Linda Bork/Cindy Eidahl
August 26: Elaine Wade/Angela Martinez

Anniversaries-August

3 Jim & Vicki Nau
 4 Marcia & Rick Bougher
 7 Bill & Danita Porter
 14 Lupe & Lena Mendoza
 15 Bob & Donna Reichert
 27 Mike & Donna Adams

Birthdays-August

2 Jeff Graves
 3 Stacey Spohr
 6 Jaylene Roberts
 6 Bill Porter
 14 DeeDee Graves
 17 Pam Ochoa
 23 Meghan Olsen
 31 Donna Eidahl
 31 Jens Ogendahl



Stay cool and safe!

Tuesday August 21
 7:30 pm Council

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	Sacristan	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER
August 5	Liz & Randy D.	Anna S.	Annie S.	Alizah	Liz D.		Anna S.	Annie S.
August 12	Leonard & Larry McC.	Annie S.	Fay C.		Fay C.	Cindy E.		Carolyn B.
August 19	Leonard & Larry McC.	Linda B.	Anna S.		Nancy R.	Nancy R.		Sandi B.
August 26	Leonard M Larry McC.	Donna A.	FayAnn		Sue R.	Donna A.		Elaine Wade



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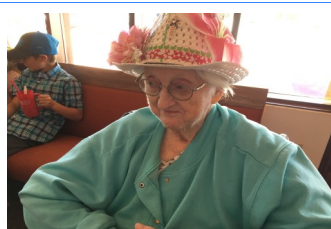
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Mission Statement: PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH is led by the Holy Spirit **to invite** everyone to experience God's **Love** and **Grace** through life's pilgrimage of faith.

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.



So many people wore hats for hat day, it was a lot of fun!
The ice cream hit the spot on such a hot day!



Lectionary Readings for August

August 5	Exodus 16:2-4	Psalms 78:23-29	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
August 12	1 Kings 19:4-8	Psalms 34:1-8	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	John 6:35, 41-51
August 19	Proverbs 9:1-6	Psalms 34:9-14	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-28
August 26	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18	Psalms 34:15-22	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-60



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.