

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

THE NEWSLETTER OF PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH OTHELLO, WASHINGTON

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### Thank you to the Maine's

Hearty thanks to Barb and Larry Maine for hosting the Church Golf and Picnic Extravaganza on August 12. A fun and refreshing time was had by all! Rumor has it that Pastor Don will be taking up golf soon!! :)



#### Pictured at left:

Barb Maine and Bernie Snyder at the church picnic. More photos from the picnic are on the back page of the newsletter.

## Celebrating Marriage!



August brought two wonderful celebrations to PLC-the wedding of Meghan Olsen & Jacob Johnston, and the 50 year anniversary of Jim & Vicki Nau. We cherish memories made here with Jacob and Meghan as they begin their life together. We celebrated with Jim and Vicki 50 years of committed life together. Congratulations to both couples!



### Earth Day Follow Up

Remember the bare tree that we planted on Earth Day? It has produced many beautiful blossoms to enhance our landscape and add to the beauty as people drive by our church. Thanks be to God!

### September Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive at Pilgrim will be Tuesday, September 25th, from 1-6 pm. We would greatly appreciate help in setting up, and taking down to prepare for the quilters the following day. Thanks very much in advance!

### Blessing of the First Responders

We will be honoring Othello's First Responders on September 9th with a Brunch to begin at 9 am, and following that with a blessing at the beginning of worship at 10. Please join us as we welcome, bless, and thank those in our community who respond whenever called to often dangerous, and stressful situations. Be sure to extend an invitation to those First Responders that you know personally!

### Sunday School

Sunday School starts back up on September 23rd, the first Sunday after the Adams County Fair. We look forward to blessing the Sunday School Teachers, and students on this day. If you know of a student who could benefit from our Sunday School, please extend an invitation to them. If you feel called to participate in this important ministry as a Sunday School teacher, please contact Marcia Bougher at 509-509-750-5288. Thank you! So excited to see all our awesome children back at Sunday School!

### Big Thanks!

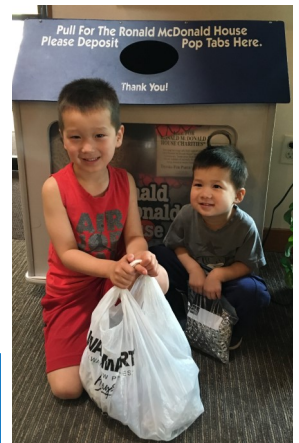
A very warm thank you to Anna Short for doing the writing, council message, pictures, and sending out of the newsletter for August. I was gone most all of July, so it was a huge blessing to me to not have to worry about putting the newsletter together. It was great! Thank you again, Anna.  
-Kristi Spohr

### Women's Bible Study

Women will be gathering September 22 in the quilting room for their monthly Bible Study from the Gather Magazine. Extra copies are available on the table in the Narthex or by calling Fay Coats at 509-855-3911. All are welcome!

### School Kits Update

Sandi Bosch reported at church last Sunday that there is still a need for 70-page spiral notebooks and pencil sharpeners. Your help in fulfilling these needs is greatly appreciated. School Kits will be sent out in October along with the quilts. If you have any questions, please contact Sandi Bosch or Fay Coats.



### Pop Tabs to Spokane ↑

Carson & Trent Spohr helped Kristi (Grammy) take Pilgrim Lutheran's pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Spokane last week. The person in charge of accepting donations was very grateful, so definitely keep saving them! You may deposit them at the church in the Narthex, below the John Deere wagon. Thank you!



**From your Pastor:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Is it really September already? It seems like 2018 is just flying by! I don't know about you, but I am grateful for the cooler weather. I did not enjoy those days this summer when the thermometer got above one hundred degrees. I am not asking for snow, mind you, but some nice, comfortable 60's and 70's would be great.

Perhaps you hadn't realized that we can ask God for our preferred weather. God does not always cooperate. For instance, when we were inhaling smoke for most of August I was praying for rain but no rain showed up. Still, we are allowed and even encouraged by the words of Scripture to ask God for what we want. Philippians 4:6 says, "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

Now that school is back in session here is a reminder for our school children, and even teachers, that you can pray for wisdom. Scripture includes this promise; "If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given to you." (James 1:5)

God likes it when we ask for wisdom. If you don't believe me, just ask King Solomon. When he was anointed king of Israel after his father David he prayed, "'Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil.'" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word.'" (1Kings 3:9-12)

At Pilgrim we believe in the power of prayer. We pray for the sick, we pray for our government, and we pray with thanksgiving for our blessings. We have a meditation room open for anyone who is looking for a quiet place to pray, and I encourage you to use it.

On September 2nd we will lay hands on Trudy Doolittle in thanksgiving for her work that she does for us, on the 9th we will lay hands on the First Responders and ask for God's protection as we thank them for their work on our behalf, and on the 23rd we will pray for our Sunday school leaders as they begin their school year. We pray for all of these people because we believe in the power of prayer.

Scripture backs this up. "Pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." (James 5:16) Keep praying, and I'll see you in church.

Peace,

Pastor Don Short

**Pastor Short's office hours**

Tuesday-Friday 9-12

Afternoons reserved for visitations, meetings, and appointments.

If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please contact

Pastor Don Short at **509-761-1212**.

**Anna's office hours**

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 2-4 pm

Cell phone 509-761-1205

**INFO CORNER**

8/5 Attendance: 53 Offering: \$ 2,509

8/12 Attendance: 43 Offering: \$ 2,028

8/19 Attendance: 54 Offering: \$ 4,824

8/26 Attendance: 44 Offering: \$ 4,896

YTD Offerings — \$76,538

YTD Expenses— \$77,957

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,

Can it really be almost September? I for one, am wondering where the summer went! Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on all the activities of the summer.

Thank you in advance for your diligent work as we head into our really busy season! Remember, to live out our mission, Pilgrim Lutheran needs your support in tithing, time, **and** talent! Please take a moment on Sunday to check out the chart with all the Sunday duties on it, and stretch into a new role if you are able! You will notice that there are plenty of opportunities! And thanks to those who have already signed up. Many hands make light work!

Enjoy the last few fleeting days of summer, the cool mornings and warm sunshine of our Eastern WA autumn, and our bountiful harvests! To God Be the Glory! See you in Church!

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 Breakfast-</b> Saturdays 8am @ Casa Mexicana <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL-</b> Sunday School starts back up <b>September 23rd!</b>						1
<b>2</b> 10 am Worship <b>Recognition Sun-</b> <b>day</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Labor Day</b>	<b>4</b> Alfa y Omega 6 pm	<b>5</b> Quilting 9 am	<b>6</b> <b>Retirement Party for</b> <b>Trudy Doolittle</b> <b>5-7 @ Othello Senior</b> <b>Center</b>	7	8
<b>9</b> <b>9 am</b> <b>First Responder</b> <b>Brunch</b> 10 am Worship	10	<b>11</b>  <b>Council 7 pm</b> <b>Patriot's Day</b> Alfa y Omega 6 pm	<b>12</b> Quilting 9 am <div>Adams County Fair and Rodeo →</div>	13	14	15
<b>16</b> 10 am Worship <b>Healing Service</b>	17	<b>18</b> Alfa y Omega 6 pm	<b>19</b> Quilting 9 am	20	21	<b>22</b> <b>Bible Study</b> <b>10 am</b>
<b>23</b> 10 am Worship <b>Sunday School</b> <b>Begins</b>	24	<b>25</b> Alfa y Omega 6 pm <b>Blood Drive 1-6</b>	<b>26</b> Quilting 9 am	27	28	29
<b>30</b> 10 am Worship <b>Noisy Offering</b>	<div>  <b>Tuesday September 11</b>            7:00 pm Council         </div>				<b><u>Birthdays-September</u></b> 4 Mason Russell 4 Leonard Meyer 6 Carson Spohr 15 Kristi Spohr 21 Josiah Guzman 24 Jacob Johnston 26 Carrie Green 29 Audrey Jahns 30 Fay Coats	

**TREATS for September****Sept 2:** Recognition for Trudy-Fellowship Committee**Sept 9:** First Responders Brunch-Worship & Music**Sept 16:** Shirley Jean & Sue Bunch**Sept 23:** Bernie Snyder & Cindy Eidahl**Sept 30:** Elaine Wade & Angela Martinez**Anniversaries-September**

9 Jeff &amp; Deedee Graves

9 Marc &amp; Kristi Spohr

9 Ernie &amp; Judy Summers

17 Larry &amp; Barb Maine

21 Steve &amp; Liz Jensen

27 Mike &amp; Donna Adams

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	Sacristan	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER
<b>Sept 2</b>	Marc & Kristi Spohr	Linda B	Annie Smith			Cindy Eidahl	Tammy Rodriguez	Carolyn & Sue Bunch
<b>Sept 9</b>	Larry McC & Leonard M	Donna Adams	Donna Adams				Tammy Rodriguez	Kristi Spohr
<b>Sept 16</b>		Annie Smith	Sue Bunch		Liz Deasy		Marcia Bougher	
<b>Sept 23</b>		Shirley McCullough	Shirley McCullough		Nancy Roth	Nancy Roth	Tammy Rodriguez	
<b>Sept 30</b>	Leonard Meyer						Tammy Rodriguez	Sharon Bray Sandi Bosch





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**September 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.



#### Church Picnic Candid

So much good food and fellowship abounded at our Church Picnic! Thanks to all who brought such great food to share!



#### Lectionary Readings for September

Sept 2	Deuter. 4:1-2,6-9	Psalms 15	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23
Sept 9	Isaiah 35:4-7a	Psalms 146	James 2:1-10,14-17	Mark 7:24-37
Sept 16	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalms 116:1-9	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
Sept 23	Jeremiah 11:18-20	Psalms 54	James 3:13-4:3,7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
Sept 30	Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29	Psalms 19:7-14	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50



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Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.