

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Women's Bible Study

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



Ready for the Children's Christmas Program to begin on December 16.

What You Can Find at the Back of the Top Shelf

This summer I attacked the top shelf of the Quilters' Room. As we know, the job of cleaning a closet can be a daunting job. You have to be in the right frame of mind and make decisions about tossing or keeping items. I had been throwing anything, that I didn't know what to do with, up on that shelf. I couldn't ignore it any longer. What I found was a very pleasant surprise. Stuffed in a torn manila envelope were papers, some with meticulously written information, and others a few lines on scraps of paper.

I started with the first paper dated 1977 and eventually added our current tallies. In 42 years, this is what Pilgrim Lutheran Church has accomplished: 6,182 quilts, 80 lap quilts, 18 baby blankets, 7 floor pillows, 348 school kits, 1,944 pounds of soap, 72 health kits, and 1,530 clothes. The clothes didn't say whether the quantity was in pounds or each item. The school kits started to be recorded with the quilters in 2014, so I know there were many more.

And sad to say, I do not know the names of all the people who began this ministry, or the names of who have carried it on. But I do know it warms my heart and makes me smile thinking of 42 years of the many hands and kind hearts dedicated to God's work. We have been blessed.

-Sharon Bray



Congregational Meeting & Potluck

Our annual congregational meeting will be on Sunday, January 27th, directly after worship.

Items on the agenda will include:

- 1) Discussing & adopting the 2019 Annual Budget
- 2) Filling 3 council positions
- 3) Choosing 2 Representatives to attend Synod Assembly
- 4) Appointing members to the nominating committee
- 5) Appointing members to the Endowment Committee
- 6) Reviewing church business

The Annual Report, including the proposed budget, will be available on Sunday January 24, to review prior to the meeting. (Please turn in all committee reports by Jan. 15th)

All are welcome. Only "voting members" may vote on motions.

Thank you for your continued support of Pilgrim Lutheran's mission. We look forward to seeing you there!

Following our meeting we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to share in a potluck.



Saints vs. Angels Food Drive

January 13th to February 3rd

This year we will once again participate in the **Souper Bowl**, but with a slight twist. The congregation is separated into two teams--Saints vs. Angels. If your last name begins with: B,C,D,F,H,I,L,N,P,R,U,W,Z You are a **SAINT!**

If your last name begins with: A,E,G,J,K,M,O,Q,S,T,V,X,Y You are an **ANGEL!**

Please bring non-perishable food and pet food donations or monetary contributions to help your team win! Food will be weighed to see which team brings the most pounds of food. Monetary contributions are added in at the rate of \$1 = 1 lb. Please specify whether monetary contributions should go to the Othello Food Bank or to ACPet Rescue.

Undesignated monetary donations will be given to the Othello Food Bank. The team with the highest weight total by February 3rd (Super Bowl Sunday) will be the winner. All contributions by both teams will be donated to the appropriate charitable organization in early February. Designated reception stations are located in the narthex. Please look for your station and help your team! Saints vs Angels May the most generous team win!!

Thank you.
Peace, Pastor Don Short

Newsletter Update



A message regarding this newsletter!

If the box above is checked, your future access to the newsletter will be through Pilgrim Lutheran's website: othellolutheran.com. For many years we have added names to our "send" list to achieve a quota for the bulk rate at the post office.

This quota has been lifted and we also have the capability to view the newsletter on our website now! If the box is checked above and you desire to continue receiving the newsletter by mail, please **call** the church office and leave a message, or **email** the church with your request at

pilgrimlutheran@hotmail.com. Thank you for recognizing that there are many resources that go into the printing and sending out of this type of communication!!

From Our Pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Boy, do I love the start of a New Year! Whenever I get a new calendar I like to check out on which day of the week some notable dates fall. By a strange coincidence, Anna's and my wedding anniversary, Anna's birthday and my birthday always fall on the same day of the week. For 2019 they all happen on Saturdays. That's good to know for planning purposes. This year Independence Day is on a Thursday, Thanksgiving is on November 28th and Christmas Day is on a Wednesday.

I think its fun to take note of those special days as I look at the brand new calendar. Its fun to check and see what the New Year has in store. It's fun to take a few minutes to dream about special times and special places that will be spent with family and friends. Of course, the year will not all be planned out in advance. There are always some surprises that happen during the year. I don't yet know when I will take a vacation, and I don't yet know if I will officiate at any weddings this year. I don't have any baptisms scheduled yet and I don't know if God will send any new members to Pilgrim Lutheran Church this year.

What I know for sure, amid all of the planning and anticipation that comes with a New Year is that God will be here for all of it. God has plans for us that we may not even know about yet, but we act in faith to carry out God's plans. As Jeremiah reminds us, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord." (Jeremiah 29:11-14a)

So when the unexpected events come about in this New Year remember that God is in it with us. God is never going to abandon us. God will guide us and care for us as we continue our pilgrimage of faith. No matter what the New Year brings God will work with us to make it good. That's the promise of Romans 8:28, "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." So look at the blank pages of your calendar. Anticipate the joyful events that will come around this year. Dream about the wonderful times ahead, and know that God will be there with you, even if things don't go exactly as planned. Happy New Year! See you in church.

Peace,
Pastor Don Short

Pastor Short's office hours:

Tuesday 9-11, Text Study afterwards
Wednesday-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**.

Pastor's Email: pilgrimcpastor@gmail.com

Anna's office hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 2-4 pm
Cell phone **509-761-1205**

INFO CORNER

12/2	Attendance:	44	Offering:	\$ 1984
12/9	Attendance:	51	Offering:	\$ 3214
12/16	Attendance:	77	Offering:	\$ 1953
12/23	Attendance:	59	Offering:	\$ 1647
12/30	Attendance:	34	Offering:	\$ 1145
Christmas Eve		100+	Offering:	\$ 1650
Christmas Day	approx.	20	Offering:	\$ 470
Dec. 30	Noisy Offering		\$	210

YTD Offerings — \$ 34,763

YTD Expenses— \$ 42,721

Thank you for supporting your Church and it's Mission!

January Blessings from your Church Council Secretary

This will be my last communication as your official council secretary. It has been an honor to observe, track, and record our progress as a congregation in the last 4 years. So many changes, and such an optimistic future we have. We have been so blessed. That said, with the recent events in our family, I am looking forward to spending more time with family and looking at other ways to serve God at our church. I want to thank all those people who have submitted articles for publishing, it really helps give additional voices to our newsletter, which I love! Marc and I also want to thank the congregation for the many expressions of sympathy and the prayers holding up our family over the last 2 months. It has been a rough journey, but we have definitely felt the love of our fellow Pilgrims. We thank you, and we love you!
Blessings,
Kristi Spohr

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Men's Group Breakfast through month of January will be at Pilgrim Lutheran @ 8 am.		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	21	22 Alfa y Omega 6 pm  Blood Drive 11:45-4:45 pm	23 8:30-2:30 Quilters	24	25	26
27 10 am Worship Sunday School Annual Meeting Potluck	28	29 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	30 8:30-2:30 Quilters	31 	Anniversaries-January 8 Bruce & Mandy Moore 12 Pete & Lynn Olsen 29 Michael & Paula McKay 30 Jan & Ron Hilmes Birthdays-January 1 Whitney Blaak 6 Erika Dominguez 9 Nancy Roth 9 Jeremiah Rodriguez 16 Sally McFarlin 19 Manny Maine 20 Eileen Lawrence 23 Dick Hudnall 25 John Betz 27 Pete Olsen 30 John Bunch	

January Blood Drive
 The next Blood Drive at Pilgrim will be Tuesday, January 22, from 11:45-4:45. Please **note the time change**. We would greatly appreciate help in setting up for the Blood Drive, and taking down to prepare for the quilters the following day. **Thanks very much in advance!**



Ecumenical Ensemble!

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	Sacristan	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER	Coffee Hour
Jan 6	Pete R.	Linda B.	Fay Coats		Fay Coats	Nancy Roth	Tammy Rodriguez	Sandi B	Linda B & Vicki N
Jan 13	Randy D.	Annie S	Erika and Jada		Liz D.	Nancy	Tammy Rodriguez	Larry & MaryAnn Kirkpatrick	Kristi S Liz D.
Jan 20		Linda B.	Paula McKay and Jada		Anna S.	Nancy	Tammy Rodriguez	Paula McKay	Paula M Erika M
Jan 27	Leonard M Pete R	Kristi Spohr	SJM		Anna S.			Paul & Bernie	Potluck



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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 **servicing our community, being a good neighbor, and embracing the power of prayer.**



Photos Left to Right
Our ELCA Good Gifts Tree, our Eastern WA State Hospital giving tree, Angel Jens Ogendahl & Fellowship following the Children's Christmas Program.

Lectionary Readings for January

Jan 6	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
Jan 13	Isaiah 43:1-7	Psalm 29	Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Jan 20	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalm 36:5-10	I Corinthians 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
Jan 27	Nehemiah 8:1-10	Psalm 19	I Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.