

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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"Pups, People & Potatoes"

Friday night, October 5, Pilgrim Lutheran is hosting a Community Baked Potato Bar prior to the Huskies Homecoming Game against East Valley. Harvest Fresh has donated the potatoes for the event, and we will have all the fixings available! Proceeds are benefitting Adams County Pet Rescue and Othello Food Bank. Stop by for dinner on your way to the Huskies game and support Pets and People in our community. Hours are from 5-7 pm. Be sure to bring your neighbors and friends! For more information or to volunteer at the event, call Larry McCourtie at 989-6645.



Thank You First Responders!



Blessing of the First Responders

September 9th, Pilgrim Lutheran honored First Responders with a brunch before worship and then an individual blessing as worship began. Congregational members were able to greet and thank each first responder for his/her service to our community. A KIND Bar wrapped with a thank you was given to each First Responder. We are so grateful to live in a community where we have such wonderful First Responders to care for us, who put their own lives and families aside to hurry to our aid, and to protect our homes and property. **Thank you so much!**



Pictured at left:
Maxwell, Parker,
Roger, Brodi, Maya,
and Angela

Welcome to the Martinez and Wade Families

On September 16, Pilgrim Lutheran welcomed Maya, Maxwell, and Angela Martinez into the Pilgrim family, along with her parents, Don and Elaine Wade. Maya was also baptized! We are excited to get to know them all. Be sure to introduce yourself so they begin to learn everyone's names.



Recognition Sunday- September 2

Sunday, Sept. 2nd, Pilgrim recognized Trudy Doolittle. We rejoice with her in her recent retirement and wish her all the best! We thank Trudy for her faithful service to Pilgrim Lutheran Church over the years, as she has formatted the newsletter, and printed it off monthly. In addition, Trudy has also created and printed many other flyers for service groups in our community, and we thank her mightily!

Women's Bible Study

Women will be gathering October 13 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!



Adult Forum

Adult Forum Bible Study is continuing in the month of October at 9 am prior to worship services. We are continuing the study of Corinthians, and will be meeting every Sunday in October with the exception of Oct 28. Please consider joining the discussion Sunday mornings! For more information, contact Pastor Don.

Blessing of the Animals

Following our worship service on October 7, there will be a Blessing of the Animals. You are invited to bring your furry friends to the worship service. Our pets remind us of how God loves us unconditionally, and that God has given us the responsibility to watch over the animals of the earth.

Quilting Update:

Stay tuned to the bulletins for information regarding the packing, blessing, and sending of the quilts. Our quilters have done an amazing job this year and we look forward to worshipping with the quilts on the pews for blessing. More information will also be forthcoming on the school kits.

From your Pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It always seems to me that October is the month when fall starts to get serious. The nights get cooler, some mornings we have frost on the ground, the wind seems to blow colder on some days and the leaves begin falling from the trees. October brings about some hints of the coming winter, but that doesn't seem to stop us from wanting to have some fun around here. We have quite a few exciting events planned for this October.

As Othello High School celebrates their homecoming we will feed the community with baked potatoes. This year the proceeds from our baked potato feed will benefit Adams County Pet Rescue and the Othello Food Bank, so we are calling the potato feed, 'Pups, People and Potatoes'. Harvest Fresh is supplying our locally grown potatoes, but we are supplying all of the fixings and fun! Come and eat your fill on October 5th from 5 to 7 pm. You can go cheer on the Othello Huskies with a full tummy and the satisfaction of knowing you have just helped your neighbors in need. As James reminded us in the Bible, "If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'God in peace; be warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith, by itself, if it has no works, is dead." (James 2:15-17)

On Sunday, October 7th, feel free to bring your pets to worship! Right after worship we will have our annual blessing of the animals. We honor the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi by being reminded of the blessing our pets give us and their reminder of how God loves us unconditionally and God has placed us in dominion over creation to care for the creatures of the earth.

October 14th is 'Clergy Appreciation Sunday'. I am told there is an event being planned to show your appreciation of your pastor, but I have not been informed of many of the details. If you would like to know more you'll have to contact Fay Coats or Larry McCourtie because the event is being co-hosted by the Worship and Music Committee and the Fellowship Committee.

Can you believe we actually have no special events planned for October 21st? Maybe that's a good Sunday to come to worship and relax for once because on October 28th Bob and Donna Reichert will be hosting a Reformation Hymn Sing. This is your chance to come to worship and sing songs you know and love because there will be some opportunities for congregational selections. Get your voice ready to belt out some good hymns! I will be guest preaching that Sunday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Bremerton as they celebrate their 125th anniversary as a congregation.

I am looking forward to seeing you at these special events! Your fellow members have planned some great opportunities for us to get together and have some fun. It reminds me of Psalm 133; "How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! 2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. 3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore." See you in church.

Peace,

Pastor Don Short

Pastor Short's office hours

Wednesday-Friday 9-12

Tuesdays 2-4 pm

Tues am reserved for text studies & Wed-Fri afternoons reserved for meetings, visitations, 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

9/2	Attendance: 40	Offering: \$ 2,901
9/9	Attendance: 62	Offering: \$ 2,296
9/16	Attendance: 42	Offering: \$ 1,423
9/23	Attendance:	Offering: \$ 1,030
9/30	Attendance: 33	Offering: \$ 952

YTD Offerings — \$85,141

YTD Expenses— \$89,588

Noisy Offering Total \$408.31

\$204.15 toward the new Christmas Alter Cloth, and 204.16 for Lutheran Disaster Response.

Thank you for supporting your Church and it's Mission! God loves a generous heart! Please note that our current expenses exceed our offerings and it is important to meet our tithing commitments.

Autumn Greetings from your Church Council,

We have been blessed with a wonderful welcome into fall with sunshine, warm temperatures and beautiful turning of the leaves.

We have also been blessed with Pastor Don's return to nearly perfect health! October is Pastor Appreciation Month—all month long! Worship and Music is planning something special for Pastor Don and Anna on Sunday, October 14th. Stay tuned to announcements to see how you can help make that day special for him and for Anna. On an individual level, take a moment sometime this month to let Pastor Don and Anna know how much you are grateful for their devotion and love for our congregation. We are so thankful to God for Pastor Don's recovery, and grateful that he has chosen to stay with us!

We are now entering an extremely busy time here at Pilgrim Lutheran. Please look for ways that you can help ease the load during Sunday morning worship, at events like the Potato Bar, and other activities as they come up. Thank you!

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 Quilting 9 am	4 Cantata 7:30-9:15	5  Potato Bar 5-7 pm	6
7 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Blessing of Animals	8	9  Alfa y Omega 6 pm Council 7 pm *Cantata 7:30-9:15	10 Quilting 9 am	11 Cantata 7:30-9:15	12	13 Bible Study 10 am
14 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Recognition Sunday	15	16 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	17 Quilting 9 am	18 Cantata 7:30-9:15	19	20
21 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Healing Service	22	23 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	24 Quilting 9 am	25 Cantata 7:30-9:15	26	27
28 10 am Worship Sunday School Reformation Sunday	29 Bishop's Convocation-Leavenworth	30 Cantata 7:30-9:15	31 Quilting 9 am 		<u>Birthdays-October</u> 1 Donna Adams 5 Donna Reichert 9 Erica Virgin Rodriguez 11 Trent Spohr 12 Addie Jo Russell 15 Danita Porter 16 Treva Reichert 18 Aaron Stephens 21 Cindy Eidahl 23 Steward Hilmes 26 FayAnn McCourtie 26 Eric Porter 26 Rob Reichert 28 Marcia Bougher 28 Miah Rodriguez 29 Barb Maine 31 Maro Moreno	

Men's Group Breakfast-
Saturdays 8am @ Casa Mexicana
SUNDAY SCHOOL-Sunday
School every week in October!

Anniversaries-October

5 Fred & Sandi Bosch
8 Shane & Sandy Russell
29 Don & Elaine Wade
29 Ron & Sue Hosek

TREATS for October

Oct 7: Anna Short & Liz Jensen
Oct 14: **Fellowship/Worship & Music**
Oct 21: Shirley Jean & Maryann
Oct 28: Cindy Eidahl



Tuesday October 9
7:00 pm Council 

Cantata:

It's not too late!
If you are interested in singing in this
year's Cantata, please come to the next
rehearsal Thursday, October 4th at 7:30-
9:15 pm here at Pilgrim Lutheran Church.

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	Sacristan	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER
Oct 7	Pete R & Larry McC	Annie Smith	Fay Coats	Jada	Liz D		Tammy Rodriguez	Tammy Rodriguez
Oct 14	Larry McC	Shirley McCullough	Fay Coats		Fay Coats	Cindy Eidahl		
Oct 21	Larry McC	Anna Short	Annie Smith			Nancy Roth		Sandi Bosch
Oct 28	Pete R & Larry McC	Annie Smith			Nancy Roth	Nancy Roth	Tammy Rodriguez	Paul & Bernie Snyder



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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.



Above:
The Blessing of
Trudy Doolittle's
vintage camper
after Recognition
Sunday



Above: Don & Elaine
Wade, Angela, Maya, and
Roger Martinez, and
sponsors, Aunt Catherine
Curtis and brother
Anthony Martinez.
Left: Baptism of Maya
Martinez



Above:
Angela and Maxwell lighting the Paschal candle.

Lectionary Readings for October

Oct 7	Genesis 2:18-24	Psalm 8	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
Oct 14	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15	Psalm 90:12-17	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
Oct 21	Isaiah 53:4-12	Psalm 91:9-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
Oct 28	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalm 46	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.