

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Potato Bar Update

Many thanks to all who came to church to decorate the fellowship hall prior to the meal, those who worked the meal, AND to those who helped spread the news and came to EAT! We had a wonderful turnout, and were able to raise \$1000 to be split between Pet Rescue and the Othello Food Bank. Thank you to Harvest Fresh for providing and wrapping the potatoes! It was a great evening of fellowship and an effort of love.



Warm Welcome

Please extend our Pilgrim hand of friendship and welcome to Don and Elaine Wade. Don and Elaine joined our Pilgrim Family in September, along with their daughter, Angela Martinez and family(pictured last month in the Pilgrim's Progress.) You may already have tasted some of the treats prepared by Elaine in the Kaffe Haus! Welcome!

Women's Bible Study

Women will be gathering November 10 at 10 am 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!

Joy, Laughter, and Kind Hearts Abound in Othello

Once again the quilters have used their dedication and creativity for God's work. We strive to make 300 quilts, so it takes many hours to meet this goal. Quilters return each week to delve into the fun of making quilts to share with the world. Everyone has a favorite job but is willing to lend a hand wherever it is needed. This is one of the reasons why we can produce so many quilts.

Recently, the congregation saw the quilts displayed on the pews so they could be blessed. It is a beautiful sight. The following Monday, several quilters and church members gathered to pack up 83 quilts and 72 school kits for the October shipment. Laughter and teasing made this task so much fun. Pastor Don and Jim Nau took our hard work to Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Kennewick. They kindly included our shipment when they took theirs to Spokane. More kind hearts!

We never ship our entire supply of quilts. We keep some to add to the Christmas Baskets, help with the foster children at Bailie's Ranch, and the Veterans' Hospital. The stories that are shared about the recipient's response when given a quilt always warms our hearts, adds to our joy, and bolsters our desire to sew more quilts.

We appreciate when a quilt is purchased because this helps us with our expenses. Thankfully the Quilters are a line item in the church budget. And of course, we accept cash or check donations. These kindnesses help us with God's work.--Sharon Bray



Congregational Meeting & Potluck

November 4 after worship, we will be meeting in the fellowship hall. There is one item on the agenda.

- Council seeks input and authorization to negotiate for the church regarding a possible cell tower to be placed on Pilgrim's back lot.

Following our meeting we will share in a potluck. Could families with last names:

A-L bring Main Dishes, M-R bring Salads, and S-Z Desserts?

Thanks very much and we hope to see you all there!



Pastor Don & Anna Recognition

On October 14, Pilgrim gathered in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate and show appreciation to Pastor Don and Anna. We thanked them with a celebratory cake and money tree which they will use to go on a well-deserved getaway! We are so grateful to Pastor Don and Anna for the faithfulness with which they serve God, our congregation, and Othello.



November Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive at Pilgrim will be Tuesday, November 20th, 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!**



From your Pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A few days ago I was on my way to Moses Lake when I had to dodge a potato that was rolling down the road. I was grateful that I was able to maneuver in such a way that the potato didn't do any damage to my car, and I must admit I was amused because I think this is mostly a problem that would occur in an agricultural area. I've never seen a potato rolling down the streets of Seattle or Tacoma. The potato in the road reminded me of God's provision. I probably would have thought differently if the potato had landed on my windshield, but just watching it bounce down the road made me think that God has provided, not only for the farmer who grew the potato, but for people who will process the ones still on the truck into consumable products.

Those potatoes mean jobs for farmhands, jobs for food processors, jobs for restaurant workers, jobs for grocery store workers, jobs for truck drivers, and other jobs in between. All of those jobs mean families will eat well this Thanksgiving, and for these and other blessings I give thanks to God. I am grateful for all that God provides daily.

November seems to always focus on Thanksgiving, even though some retail stores would rather focus on Christmas. I like Thanksgiving a lot because we pause as a nation to honor all that God has done for us, not just with potatoes, but with all kinds of wonderful gifts.

I am particularly thankful for you. I am grateful for the opportunity to see you each Sunday. I am grateful for your generosity that has provided for not only Anna and me, but also for so many other giving opportunities we have shared together. I am grateful for your kindness on October 14th when you observed 'Clergy Appreciation Sunday' with so much kindness and generosity that Anna and I were able to have an unexpected getaway together. Thank you for your kindness and your generous hearts!

I have to admit, though, that the best part of being your pastor is leading worship on Sunday morning. We get together and sing songs, pray together and share our burdens and gifts. I like preaching to you also. I hope you like it as well, but I really enjoy having a chance to share with you the fruit of my weekly labor of study and interpretation of Scripture. I am gratified when you comment after worship that the sermon made you think, or struck a nerve, or gave you comfort, or any reaction you can name. I am grateful that God has called me into this opportunity to be of service to you in God's name.

So let's get together this Sunday and every Sunday. Let's do what Paul suggested to the Colossians, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God." Come to worship with a grateful heart, not just at Thanksgiving time but all the time! I think you will really enjoy being grateful. See you in church.

--Pastor Don Short

Pastor Short's office hours

Tuesday-Friday 9-12

Tues-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

10/7	Attendance: 57	Offering: \$ 2,613
10/14	Attendance: 45	Offering: \$ 2,327
10/21	Attendance: 27	Offering: \$ 899
10/28	Attendance: 46	Offering: \$ 2,907

YTD Offerings — \$93,887

To be in line with our tithing commitments at this time of year (43 weeks), we should be at \$104,837. Let's rally and finish strong to meet our faith offerings!

November Greetings from your Church Council Secretary,

Some of you who sing in choir may remember the following anthem we did several years ago. The words came to me as I struggled to find the words for this section of the newsletter. The song is based on Ephesians 5:19-20.

"Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say I am strong, Let the poor say I am rich
Because of What the Lord has done for us. Give Thanks!

Let us focus this month on what God has done for us here at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, in the past, and right now, this very instant! Let us give thanks! Let me begin: Thank you to each and every one of you for your influence and presence in my life.

My life is so much richer with all of you in it!

Thank you, I love you.

Celebrating God's family life with all of you fellow Pilgrims,

Kristi

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Men's Group Breakfast- Saturdays 8am @ Casa Mexicana except November 10 SUNDAY SCHOOL -Sunday School every week in November!			1 Cantata 7:30-9:30	2	3
4 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Congregational Meeting & Potluck	5	6 Alfa y Omega 6 pm Cantata 7:30-9:30	7 Quilting 9 am	8 Cantata 7:30-9:30	9	10 Women's Bible Study 10 am
11 10 am Worship Sunday School Veterans Day 	12	13  Council 7 pm Alfa y Omega 6 pm Cantata 7:30-9:30	14 Quilting 9 am	15 Cantata 7:30-9:30	16	17
18 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Healing Service	19	20 Cantata 7:30-9:30  Blood Drive 1-6 pm Alfa y Omega 6 pm	21 Quilting 9 am	22  Thanksgiving	23	24
25 10 am Worship Sunday School	26	27 Cantata 7:30-9:30 @ Fellowship Hall	28 Quilting 9 am	29 Cantata 7:30-9:30 @ Fellowship Hall	30 Birthdays-November	

TREATS for November

- Nov 4: Potluck
- Nov 11: Elaine Wade & Angela Martinez
- Nov 18: Shirley Jean & Marcia Bougher
- Nov 25: Cindy Eidahl

Anniversaries-November

- 11 John & Jeannine Bergstrom
- 26 Shayne & Dee Wright

Tuesday November 13
7:00 pm Council 

Grape Cluster Meeting November 4-by Kirsten Sauey Hofmann



All congregations and their members are invited to join us for our next Cluster Meeting on Nov 4 at Pasco First at 2pm. As a devotion together, we will remember those who have died in the last year in all of our congregations. We will hear about things going on at the Synod level - a report on Mission Support, and Churchwide level - information about ELCA Future Directions 2025 with goals and priorities for the next seven years of ministry in our denomination. We will entertain ideas for new Synod names that incorporate our partners in Oregon and Wyoming. And we'll elect a new Cluster Treasurer. All are welcome! Questions can be directed to your Pastor. Hope to see you November 4!

- 2 Donald Short
- 4 Emilee Jensen
- 5 Myles McKay
- 6 Linda Bork
- 7 Sue Bunch
- 10 Taylor Green
- 12 Vicki Nau
- 16 Veda Thomas
- 16 Larry Maine
- 17 Evan Wright
- 17 Julissa Virgen Rodriguez
- 19 Barb Brandt
- 21 Shane Russell
- 21 Rylee McKay
- 24 Bernie Snyder
- 24 Sharon Bray
- 25 Lynn Olsen
- 27 Jeannine Bergstrom
- 27 Shawn Mendoza
- 30 Ron Hosek

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	Sacristan	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER
Nov 4	Larry M Larry McC	Shirley McCullough	Shirley McCullough		Liz Deasy		Tammy Rodriguez	Sandi Bosch
Nov 11	Randy D Pete R	Linda Bork	Annie Smith		Liz Deasy	Cindy Eidahl	Tammy Rodriguez	Elaine Wade
Nov 18	Pete R	Annie Smith	Annie Smith				Tammy Rodriguez	
Nov 25	Leonard M Pete R	Annie Smith					Tammy Rodriguez	



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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.

Babette's Feast

Coming up on the 25th of November will be our first activity of the Advent Season. We will be showing the movie, Babette's Feast in the sanctuary. Watch bulletins for times and alternative children's activities.



Blessing of the Animals-Oct 7



November 11- Veterans Day

We are privileged to welcome a veteran, Pastor George Schwantes to Pilgrim Lutheran Church on November 11th, Veterans Day. He will be filling in for Pastor Don that day. George is a retired ELCA pastor currently living in Richland, having moved there to be close to his youngest son in 2015. George and his wife, Carole have been married for 59 years. They have four adult children, and after the death of their oldest daughter, raised **three** grandchildren.

During Pastor Schwantes' career he has served congregations in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Maryland. George also served as a chaplain in the National Guard. His last assignment was during the first Gulf War where he served at the Pentagon as Staff Chaplain, Army National Guard. Let's give him a warm Pilgrim welcome!

Lectionary Readings for November

Nov 4	Deuteronomy 6:1-9	Psalm 119:1-8	Hebrews 9:11-14	Mark 12:28-34
Nov 11	I Kings 17:8-16	Psalm 146	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
Nov 18	Daniel 12:1-3	Psalm 16	Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25	Mark 13:1-8
Nov 25	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	Psalm 93	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37



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