

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

THE NEWSLETTER OF PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH OTHELLO, WASHINGTON

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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, February 9th at 10 am. Copies of the study can be found on the desk in the Narthex.



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### Saints vs. Angels Food Drive January 13th to February 3rd

#### Super Bowl Update!

If you haven't been to church in the last 2 weeks, you are missing out on a great event and visual! There are huge amounts of food in cases, bundles, and bags of cat and dog food for donation lining the walls and windows of our Narthex! There is still time to participate! 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!**

You can still bring non-perishable food and pet food donations to help your team win! A monetary donation is added in at the rate of \$1= 1 lb. **Please specify** whether monetary contributions should go to the Othello Food Bank or to Adams County Pet 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. The Othello Food Bank will be here on Feb 4 to pick up donations. If you would like to help, please contact Pastor Don. May the most generous team win!!

### Congregational Meeting Update

Our annual congregational meeting was held Sunday, January 27th, directly after worship.

During this meeting we:

- 1) Selected Fay Coats & Anna Short to be Representatives to the Synod Assembly to be held on May 17-19, in Boise.
- 2) Elected Annie Smith & Steve Jensen to 1st terms on Council, and Marcia Bougher to her 2nd term on Council.
- 3) Appointed Ernie Summers & Kristi Spohr to serve on the Nominating Committee.
- 4) Appointed Becca Thornton, Trudy Doolittle, & Pete Olsen to the Endowment Committee.
- 5) Heard & read reports from Pastor Short and the committees of our church.
- 6) Appointed Tammy Rodriguez, Larry Maine, & FayAnn McCourtie to the Evaluation Committee.
- 7) Accepted the 2018 Financial Report as presented.
- 8) Approved a 2019 Mission Budget of \$131,020.
- 9) Heard from Council President Ernie Summers on the progress of the Cell Tower Project.

If you have any questions concerning the business of the Annual meeting, please contact any of the Council members or Pastor Short! Following our meeting, we adjourned to the Fellowship Hall for the very **best potluck of 2019**. (First one, but it's going to be hard to beat!) Seriously, thank you to everyone for bringing your wonderful dishes and for the setting out and cleaning up. We had enough food and more! Thank you for your continued support of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, it's activities, and it's mission.



### Adult Bible Study

Starting Sunday, February 3rd, Adult Forum will be focusing on the book of Matthew. This new Bible study will cover how the writer of the gospel of Matthew portrays Jesus and how that makes a difference for us today. What does the book of Matthew have for us, and why should we study this gospel? Come Sundays at 9 am to find out. Pastor Short will lead the discussion and all questions are welcome as we learn in depth what Matthew has to offer. See you there! -Pastor Don

### Thank you Pilgrims!

Pilgrim Lutheran Church is grateful for the service of people who have stepped up for the past few years to help in committees. Thank you very much to all of our outgoing committee and council members. The Endowment Committee is especially thankful for the leadership of Bob Reichert and the secretarial skills of Steve Jensen. They leave big shoes to fill, but our new recruits are up to the task. The Evaluation Committee will miss Bill Porter, but the new faces on that committee will help as well. Look out for the new members of the Nomination Committee. Kristi and Ernie will be helping Pete and Joe recruit lots of new faces to empower our congregational life together. The church council will miss the leadership of Kristi Spohr and Sandi Bosch, but with new people stepping up in their positions the council remains in good hands. Thank you to all those who have given so much of themselves and we appreciate the willingness of new committee and council members to serve our family of faith. -Pastor Don

**From Our Pastor:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I was in a store the other day and I noticed there are lots of products available for the celebration of Valentine's Day. Of course, the most prominent shape seen for Valentine's Day is the heart. Some hearts are pierced with arrows to signify the effect of Cupid, the god of love, and the effect of his arrow of love that has found someone's heart.



Naturally, real hearts don't look like this, but even the American Heart Association uses the emphasis on hearts in February to help raise awareness of heart health. It is a good thing to focus on because the heart is a vital organ. Without a healthy heart a person will not live long and cannot function well. To live a full, vital life, a healthy heart is important. Even the Bible says, "Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life." (Proverbs 4:23)

In the Bible, verses that emphasize the heart make it clear that, while biologically we feel emotions in our minds, spiritually we feel them in our hearts. The heart is the center of our desires and passions. We express this with sayings like, "Put your whole heart into it" or "follow your heart". The Bible confirms how we feel. There are verses that speak to our emotional well-being, such as, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." (Proverbs 3:5,6)

Jesus was also known to get to the heart of the matter. He told his followers, "Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:20,21)

Scientists are still working on how hearts and emotions are connected, but it is well known that when a person is excited about something their heart rate quickens and blood pressure rises. It is a healthy response to being interested and invested in certain ideas and activities. Wouldn't it be great if we could have that kind of excitement about coming to church? Wouldn't it be great if we were so excited about what Jesus has to say to us that our pulse quickens and our blood pressure rises just before the reading of the gospel? Wouldn't it be great if we were so excited about worship that we just couldn't wait to get here? Maybe it is not as far-fetched as you think! A recent study published in the AARP journal said that people were 14% healthier by attending worship! Keep your heart healthy and I'll 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: pilgrimlcpastor@gmail.com

**Anna's office hours**

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

**INFO CORNER**

1/6	Attendance:	50	Offering:	\$ 3388
1/13	Attendance:	37	Offering:	\$ 1865
1/20	Attendance:	41	Offering:	\$ 1034
1/27	Attendance:	46	Offering:	\$ 1408
YTD Offerings —		\$ 7,695		
YTD Expenses—		\$ 7,540		

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

**Eucharist Ministry Recruitment**

We are looking for additional people to participate in our Eucharist Ministry Team.

**What does it entail?**

Typically a team of two goes to Coventry and gives communion to our members there plus a few others who have expressed interest and gratitude at our including them in the ministry.  
We usually meet in the TV room there, read the Gospel and give a brief review of that Sunday's sermon. Sometimes we talk of how it applies to them at Coventry before giving communion. We talk of activities at the church and activities that they are involved with at Coventry. Our schedule during the year depends on when our teams are available. Typically Anna posts a schedule and we try to adhere to it. If there is a conflict with dates, it isn't hard to find someone to take your place. I find that when a long time goes by without my turn, I really miss visiting with each of the individuals there. If you are interested in participating in Pilgrim's Eucharist Ministry, please contact Pastor Short!  
And Thank you!  
-Kristi Spohr

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Men's Group Breakfast- Saturdays 8am @ Casa Mexicana</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL-Sunday School every Sunday</b>						
<b>3</b> 10 am Worship Sunday School Healing Service	<b>4</b> Souper Bowl Food Pick up by the Food Bank	<b>5</b> Alfa y Omega 6 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Women's Bible Study @ 10 am
<b>10</b> 10 am Worship & Sunday School	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6 pm Alfa y Omega 12 pm Endowment Committee 7:00 pm Church Council	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Happy Valentine's Day	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 10 am Worship & Sunday School	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Alfa y Omega 6 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 10 am Worship & Sunday School	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Alfa y Omega 6 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>		



**Thank YOU!**

Look at the chart below, Pilgrims! More people taking on new positions during our services on Sunday. I am so very proud of all of us. This is going to be a fantastic year! It certainly makes it easier for me when putting the newsletter together! Wonderful!

**Endowment Committee**

The Endowment Committee will be meeting on February 12th at 12 noon at Pilgrim Lutheran. This is a change from where the committee has met in the past so they wanted to make everyone aware of the change... Thanks.

**Church Council**

The first meeting for the newly elected and returning council members will be on February 12 at 7 pm in the Council Room/ Kaffe Haus. We wish them all a fruitful year of work on behalf of the church. Thank you to all.

**Birthdays-February**

- 5 Henry Solbrack
- 7 John Bergstrom
- 9 Tammy Rodriguez
- 11 Brady Hilmes
- 12 Lillian Solbrack
- 13 Tyler Evans
- 14 Joleen McKay
- 15 Trevor Hilmes
- 21 Lupe Mendoza
- 23 Shirley Yager
- 24 Audrey Stephens
- 25 Dee Wright
- 27 Jennifer Porter
- 27 Elija Rodriguez

**Anniversaries-February**

- 20 Leonard & Joleen Bland

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	Sacristan	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER	Coffee Hour
<b>Feb 3</b>	Larry Maine	Linda B.	Anna S	Maxwell	Anna Short	FayAnn McCourtie	Tammy Rodriguez	Larry & MaryAnna K	Barb Maine Cindy Eidahl
<b>Feb 10</b>	Trudy D	MaryAnn Kirkpatrick	Shirley McCullough	Alizah	Fay Coats	FayAnn McCourtie	Kayla Spohr	Paul & Bernie S	Kayla & Kristi Spohr
<b>Feb 17</b>	Anna S	Annie Smith		Adelle	Sue Bunch	Cindy Eidahl	Tammy Rodriguez	Carolyn & Sue B	Joleen B FayAnn M
<b>Feb 24</b>	Kristi & Marc S	Annie Smith	Annie Smith		Nancy Roth	Cindy Eidahl	Tammy Rodriguez	Nancy Roth	MaryAnn K Marcia B Shirley M



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**February 2019**

**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.**

**Get Ready!**

One of our favorite events of the year is coming up on March 5th, **Shrove Tuesday**. It seems late this year, but it is always a great opportunity to greet our Othello Community and throw out the welcome mat. We also provide some wonderful food and a festive atmosphere in which to enjoy the Mardi Gras celebration. We will be organizing soon and look forward everyone working together to make this year the very best ever! Look for signups for Shrove Tuesday in mid-February. Shrove Tuesday is a great segue into Ash Wednesday and our Lenten Studies with Soup and Bread suppers. Look for Signups toward the end of the February.



**Angels**  
←  
**Saints**  
→

Photos taken January 30. Going for a **TON** of food! Everyone wins in this great contest!



**Lectionary Readings for February**

Feb 3	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalm 71:1-6	I Corinth 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30
Feb 10	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalm 138	I Corinth 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11
Feb 17	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Psalm 1	I Corinth 15:12-21	Luke 6:17-26
Feb 24	Genesis 45:3-11, 15	Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40	I Corinth 15:35-38, 42-50	Luke 6:27-38



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Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.