

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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### Synod Assembly Recap

**Global Mission: We Walk Together, May 17 – 19, 2019**

By Fay Coats

Global mission was our theme and main focus throughout the weekend as we met together with the Eastern WA/Idaho Synod Assembly. Accompaniment became our buzz word as we studied mission rooted in relationship which means mutuality, inclusivity, vulnerability, sustainability and empowerment. Pastor Moses Nwaka (who worshipped with us at Pilgrim May 12th) and Pastor Eliud Payowela from our sister congregation in Tanzania were there the entire weekend. We have walked with our sister synod for 25 years. Some of us remember Bishop Bob Keller who served as pastor at Pilgrim Lutheran in the early 1960s. He was the one who established the relationship between the Ulanga Kilombero Diocese and the EaWAID Synod. Throughout the Assembly, the importance of telling the stories of what our church – the ELCA- is doing worldwide was stressed. Our Living Lutheran Magazine has a mission story each month; it is on page 38 in the May issue of the magazine and tells how ELCA World Hunger sends funds to the Milagro center in Guatemala City, which is run by the Augustinian Lutheran Church of Guatemala.

Bishop Kristen Kuempel addressed the Assembly at the opening worship service on Friday reminding us that we walk together or we don't walk at all – that we are all a part of the family of God with our great diversity. Lots is happening in our Synod. Bishop Kuempel has made significant staff changes at the synod level – some as cost cutting measures and some to support congregations and people of the synod. Mary Morrow has been called to serve as director of Evangelical Mission for our Synod. She is officially employed by the ELCA Church wide office and they pay her salary. Pastor Phil Misner has been hired as assistant to the Bishop taking on many responsibilities. He is assisting congregations throughout the synod in the call process and working with Bishop Kuempel to help congregations in conflict or transitions.

More emphasis has been placed on the churches meeting together in clusters to remain connected. There's also a new website and improved social media. The bishop asked us to go back to our congregations with the following message: "Thank you, a big thank you! Your mission support to the synod is the highest it has been in ten years. We use your dollars to support the National ELCA and local ministries like Lutherhaven, Campus Ministries, Luther Heights, and various congregational needs

During the business session a resolution was passed to receive New Day Lutheran Church from Idaho Falls as a congregation of the EWAID synod. Also approved was a resolution to change the name of the synod to Northwest Intermountain Synod, to better reflect all the people and congregations who call it home.

You may recall that our Synod voted at last year's Assembly to meet in full Assembly this year which we just did. Then, in 2020, we will have regional meetings, the closest of which to us will be May 16th in Moses Lake for a one day gathering. We will meet again in full Assembly in 2021 at the Red Lion Inn in Pasco, WA. This type of schedule will then be evaluated and a decision will be made whether to adopt this schedule permanently.

Our Synod offering this year was divided between Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and the Ulanga Kilombero Diocese in Tanzania.

### Vacation Bible School!

"Everyone is busy in the summer. There are travel plans and sports camps and Vacation Bible School. **What if Vacation Bible School included a sports camp?** This year the Othello Church of the Nazarene is hosting our combined Vacation Bible School and the theme is "Mega Sports Camp". There will also be lots of activities besides sports so that everyone enjoys VBS. It all takes place from 5:30 to 8 pm so that the rest of the day is free for summer fun. Registration forms are available in the church narthex or from the church office. All children entering Kinder through grade 6 are welcome. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the church office or the Othello Church of the Nazarene. Thank you. See you there!"—Pastor Don

### Garden Party and Pentecost Vigil

The congregation is invited to the parsonage for a Garden party and Pentecost Vigil from 4-6 pm on Saturday, June 8th. Hotdogs, chips, and drinks will be provided, and s'mores will follow the vigil. Please bring a side dish and a chair! Fun and fellowship for all ages, and an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful backyard of the parsonage.

### Pentecost Red

Please Wear Red June 8 for our Pentecost Vigil and June 9 to church where Rylee, and Myles McKay will be confirmed. We wear red to recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and in that of the confirmands.



### Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will be on break during the summer months with one exception. On Saturday, August 3rd, Pilgrim's women are invited to a Bible study retreat at Lord of Life Lutheran church in Kennewick. More information and details will follow in July. All are welcome!

### June Message From Our Pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Here comes summer! I wonder how many people wait all year for the three months of summer. We plan our vacations around it, we plan our leisure time around it, we anticipate it during the long, cold winter months, and then, finally it is here! We get to fulfill all of those plans we made. Now I wonder how many people made lots of plans but either don't have the time or don't have the funds to fulfill them.

It seems like we often set ourselves up for disappointment. We make plans and we say to ourselves, "This is going to be the best summer ever!" Then we take our vacation and the pool at the resort is undergoing renovations, the beach is too crowded, the traffic is terrible, people lose patience and experience road rage, the food at the restaurant we were so looking forward to is bad and the service is slow. We had such great plans, but things beyond our control cause us frustration, anger and disappointment.

I hope you can find some good, quality time to relax and refresh during these summer months. I hope you find some places of fulfillment where things go well, and your soul is fed. I hope your vacation works just the way you wanted it to. But if not here are some hopeful words to carry with you through your disappointments; "for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.'" (Hebrews 13:5) Jesus will be with you no matter what. At the end of the book of Matthew, Jesus comforted his disciples with the words, "I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

Jesus will be with you when your car stalls on the freeway and you need a tow into town and the shop can't fix your car until they get a part and that's going to take 'a few days'. Jesus will be with you when the cabin you rented is locked and the manager has gone home and didn't leave a number to call or a key to get in. Jesus will be with you when you're two hundred miles from home and your child develops a fever in the middle of the night. Jesus will be with you. He will never leave you or forsake you. Jesus will be with you forever, and there is no way Jesus will disappoint you.

Jesus will be with you even when everything goes perfectly. Jesus will be with you when the food at the restaurant is amazing. Jesus will be with you when the view from your hotel room is stunning and you just want to sit there and watch the sunset in each other's arms. Jesus will be with you when you discover you qualify for a free upgrade. Jesus will be with you at those times as well. So, enjoy your summer travels. Enjoy the long, warm days of summer. Enjoy the life Jesus has given you. After all, it was Jesus who said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. Enjoy yourself this summer and I'll see you in church (when you are not on vacation).

Peace,

Pastor Don Short

### Pastor Short's office hours

Wednesday-Friday 9-12 pm

Tuesdays 9-11 am

Tues pm 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

**Starting June 12, hours will change to 9-11 am**

Cell phone 509-761-1205

### Pilgrim Lutheran Church Council Members

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### Additional Articles and Voices Requested!

If you would like to publicize your committee's event or have a photo you would like in the Pilgrim's Progress, please contact Kristi Spohr at 509-331-4406. Thanks very much!




### INFO CORNER

5/5	Attendance: 30	Offering: \$ 2,655
5/12	Attendance: 44	Offering: \$ 1,477
5/19	Attendance: 39	Offering: \$ 1,735
5/26	Attendance: 90	Offering: \$ 1,220

YTD Offerings — **\$47,783**

YTD Expenses — **\$49,080**

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Men's Group Breakfast-</b> Saturdays 8am @ Casa Mexicana <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL-</b> Sunday School reconvenes in September!						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 10 am Worship <b>Healing Service</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Alfa y Omega 6 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Garden Party- Pentecost Vigil</b> 4-6 pm
<b>9</b> 10 am Worship <b>Confirmation Pentecost Sunday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Alfa y Omega 6 pm <b>Council 7 pm</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Flag Day</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 10 am Worship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Alfa y Omega 6 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Women's Outing to M-F &amp; Walla Walla 9 am</b>
<b>23</b> 10 am Worship	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Alfa y Omega 6 pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 10 am Worship <b>Noisy Offering</b>		<b>Anniversaries-June</b> 8 Renee & Garrett Bagley 10 MaryAnn & Larry Kirkpatrick 16 Liz & Randy Deasy 19 Stephanie & Jeremiah Rodriguez 24 Erika & Joshua Rodriguez 29 Anna & Don Short				<b>Birthdays-June</b> 1 Joleen Bland 2 Lena Mendoza 2 James Thornton 5 Austen McKay 9 Ernie Summers 11 Dianne Kidd 12 Stephanie Rodriguez 13 Fred Bosch 14 Alex Mendoza 18 Abby Hilmes 19 Roger Thieme 19 Sue Long-Hosek 19 Matias Mendoza 24 Aubrey Moreno 25 Kayla Spohr 29 Paula McKay

**← Mass Baptism at Pilgrim Lutheran**  
On April 28, 2019, Pastor Short baptized FIVE children into the family of God— a first at Pilgrim Lutheran and for Pastor Don. Ava Mendoza, Sofia Mendoza, Thiago Mendoza, Olivia Mendoza, and Stormy Widmer-WELCOME to the family of God. We wish God's Blessings on you as you grow in faith.  
Pictured Left: Families and sponsors gathered for the baptisms behind the baptismal font.

DATE	USHERS	READER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	SACRISTAN	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER	COFFEE HOUR
<b>June 2</b>	Pete R	Carolyn Bunch	Fay Coats		Liz Deasy	Nancy Roth	Tammy Rodriguez	Elaine W	Elaine W Marcia B
<b>June 9</b>	Pete R	Annie Smith	Anna Short		Liz Deasy	Nancy Roth	Tammy Rodriguez	Paul & Bernie	Bernie & Shirley
<b>June 16</b>	Pete R	Marcia Bougher	Annie Smith	Jacob Thornton	Sue & Carolyn	Nancy Roth	Tammy Rodriguez	Trudy D	Tammy, Pete, Annie
<b>June 23</b>	Pete R	Angela Martinez	Angela Martinez	Maxwell Martinez	Fay Coats	Nancy Roth	Tammy Rodriguez		
<b>June 30</b>	Pete R Leonard M	Annie Smith	Annie Smith		Anna Short		Tammy Rodriguez	Sue & Carolyn B	



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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.



### Shoulder to Shoulder

Pastor Moses and Pastor Don stand **Bega kwa Bega (shoulder to shoulder)**, just as we stand with our sister synod, Ulanga Kilombero Diocese (UKD) of Tanzania. May 12th we welcomed Pastor Moses Nwaka from the UKD, and he gave us a wonderful presentation of the work of the ELCA in his synod. We are grateful of the time he took from his schedule to visit us. Thank you, Pilgrims, for your spontaneous and generous donation of \$519 to our sister synod in Tanzania! Pastor Moses gleefully accepted one of our Welcome mugs.



### Lectionary Readings for June

June 2	Acts 16:16-34	Psalms 97	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26
June 9	Acts 2:1-21	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:14-17	John 14:8-17
June 16	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	Psalms 8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
June 23	Isaiah 65:1-9	Psalms 22:19-28	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
June 30	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21	Psalms 16	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62



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