

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Dinner Church

We are trying something new. This month we will introduce a new opportunity to share worship and fellowship at the same time. We are starting **Dinner Church**. This is something that has been tried in various parts of the country, where we gather to share a meal and our dinner conversation is steeped in Scripture. Please invite your friends and make this a success! We'll see you then. We eat together as the first Christians did, learning together, reading God's Word, and praising our Savior.

When: Wednesday, February 12

Time: 6 pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

What: A time for us to gather, prepare a meal together, eat together, read the Bible together, and converse with each other in a relaxed environment

Why: See above!!!

For more information: Contact Pastor Short or Fay Coats

Women's Bible Study

Please join us in the Quilting Room off the kitchen for fellowship and Women's Bible Study on Saturday, February 8th at 10 am. Copies of the study can be found on the desk in the Narthex. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you!



Shrove Tuesday Preparations

Shrove Tuesday preparations are underway. The next **Fellowship Meeting** is on February 11 at 2 pm and will be devoted to its planning. Everyone is welcome to help in putting on this event. **Signups will be out shortly!** **Shrove Tuesday is February 25th** this year.

Congregational Meeting Update

At our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, January 26th, we took the following action:

- 1) We discussed & adopted the 2020 Mission Budget of \$132,657.
- 2) We elected Tammy & Pete Rodriguez to second terms on council and elected Don Wade to his first term.
- 3) We adopted a new constitution that aligns with the new name of our synod, the Northwest Intermountain Synod of the ELCA.
- 4) We reviewed written & oral summaries of our committees and their activities in 2019.
- 5) We reviewed & approved the minutes of the Congregational meeting held January 2019.

Following our meeting, we gathered in the Fellowship Hall for a great potluck and fellowship with each other. **Thank you to everyone for bringing such wonderful food to share!**

If you have not yet spent some time looking at the Annual Report, **please do so.**

It includes:

- 1) Bishop Kristen Kuempel's Letter to Congregations
- 2) Pastor Short's Annual report to the congregation
- 3) Committee reports from Fellowship, Evangelism, and Endowment Committees
- 4) 2019 Financial Report
- 5) A listing of our church's Financial Assets
- 6) A listing of our Mission Support Beyond our Church
- 7) Our 2020 Mission Budget
- 8) Data & Summaries from our Pastoral & Congregational Performance Evaluations

These reports give us a snapshot of all the activities our congregation has been involved with and as a whole, it is pretty cool! It is important to understand our budget and assets so we know what it is we have to work with in our mission to fulfill our calling as Christians. And as Marc says every year—"Our mission is not about money, but it takes money to do our mission."

Fellowship Committee Meetings for 2020

Fellowship Meetings for the year have been set for the **2nd Tuesday of the month** starting at 2 pm. The meeting dates have been posted in the office and they will also be on the this calendar each month. If there is a change in the date, please contact Kristi Spohr with the new date so the newsletter calendar will be accurate. Thanks for your help!

Mission Interpreter's Report

We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.

Over 240 ELCA missionaries serve in more than 40 countries around the world, invited by global church partners to work together hand-in-hand. Some are doctors in rural areas. Others teach children where there are few opportunities to go to school, or work in seminaries that prepare pastors and future church leaders. Others support, nurture and preach in some of the fastest growing Lutheran congregations in the world. And still others are young adults, engaging in a life-changing, year-long experience through the Young Adults in Global Mission.

The ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program invites ELCA young adults ages 21-29 into a transformative, year-long journey in international service. As they offer themselves in service, ELCA young adults are shaped by the witness of our global neighbors. They share in the journeys of companion churches and organizations in one of nine countries around the world.

A year of service through the Young Adults in Global Mission program invites young adults to become the hands and feet of Jesus in the world, providing critical support to ministries and projects in communities of need. It also invites volunteers into a journey of self-reflection, providing space to consider their sense of identity, God's work in the world, and their place within it all.

As the ELCA, we support this mission. I will bring more stories of these young people who serve in many different countries and in many different capacities. —Anna

February 2020 Message from our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have good news for you! This year, Valentines Day comes well before Ash Wednesday. We won't reach Ash Wednesday until February 26, and St. Valentine's Day is February 14th, so this year you can eat all the chocolate hearts you want!

I think it is good to make your loved ones smile on Valentine's Day. I think we should be allowed to indulge ourselves and have some pleasure, especially in the dead of winter. I think giving your loved one a treat and having some fun is appropriate on Valentine's Day, and I think Jesus would agree with me. The Bible says, "A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." (Proverbs 17:22 ESV) So, go out to dinner. Buy the flowers and candy. Have a little fun on Valentine's Day and remind yourselves of the importance of love. Share time with your loved ones and appreciate them for who they are.

Notice I am not speaking specifically to couples in a romantic relationship. Sharing time with the people you love can be done by anyone who is loved by someone else, and as the people of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, we share the love God first gave to us. We share the love of Jesus Christ who was so full of love for the world that he was willing to suffer death on a cross and die for our sake, to take away our sin and restore us to right relationships with God and with one another. We share the fellowship that God started at Pentecost when the disciples were joined by 3000 people that heard the good news of Jesus Christ and became the early church.

Another important day to note this month is Shrove Tuesday on February 25th. We will have the opportunity to share fellowship with our friends and neighbors and eat pancakes! When we do this, we again connect to the church of former days. The tradition of a Shrove Tuesday pancake meal can be traced back to the 15th century! Truly, being a part of the body of Christ connects you to the church of all times and in all places. Enjoy yourself this February. Enjoy the love of St. Valentine's Day. Enjoy the feast of Shrove Tuesday. Even enjoy Ash Wednesday on the 26th, when we are reminded that we come from dust and to dust we shall return, because it is only through that passage that we inherit the joy of eternal life. Enjoy the little extension we get to February this year because it is a leap year, but most of all, enjoy being a part of the body of Christ, the whole Christian church on earth, where the fellowship we share is the same love that Jesus shared with his disciples, the same love that the disciples shared with those early church converts, the same love that has carried the church through all times and in all places. Enjoy yourself 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

1/5	Attendance:	45	Offering:	\$ 2,011.32
1/12	Attendance:	37	Offering:	\$ 2,150
1/19	Attendance:	41	Offering:	\$ 1,872
1/26	Attendance:	45	Offering:	\$ 6,477.87
2020 Offerings —			\$	12,511.19
2020 Expenses—			\$	8,644

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



Saints vs. Angels Food Drive Update
 January 12th to February 2nd



Winner of the **SOUPER BOWL** Competition will be announced at the Feb. 9 service! Of course, we are all winners because through all of our efforts Adams County Pet Rescue AND the Othello Food Bank are going to benefit from our donations! Thank you to everyone who brought people food, animal food, and \$\$\$\$\$! **A fun observation:** last year cases of water dominated the donations, this year huge bags of animal food dominated! Apparently we like to go BIG!

ELCA Good Gifts & Coyote Ridge Update

Final numbers from the Advent Fair in December are as follows:

\$500 to Coyote Ridge Dog Training Program through Pet Rescue

\$640 to ELCA Good Gifts

Way to Go, PILGRIMS!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Men's Breakfast: Meeting each Saturday in February at Casa Mexicana Sunday School: Meeting each Sunday in February						1 
2 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Healing Service	3	4 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	5 8:30-2:30 Quilters	6	7	8 Women's Bible Study 10 am
 Pastor @ Faithful Innovation Coaching Clinic-ELCA						
9 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School & Council Installation	10	11  Alfa y Omega 6 pm Fellowship Meeting 2 pm Endowment 11 am Church Council 7:00	12 8:30-2:30 Quilters Dinner Church 6 pm Fellowship Hall	13	14 No School ♥HAPPY Valentine's DAY♥	15
16 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	17 President's Day No School	18 Alfa y Omega 6 pm No School	19 8:30-2:30 Quilters	20	21	22
23 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Celebration of the Arts-Bethel Church 4 pm	24	25 Alfa y Omega 6 pm Shrove Tuesday 5-7 pm 	26 8:30-2:30 Quilters Ash Wednesday Worship 7 pm	27	28	29  Happy Leap Day! Leap into March!
				February Birthdays are found on the back page!		

Adult Forum Book and Video Series

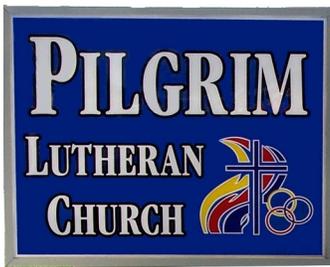
Adult forum meets Sunday mornings at 9 am. We are currently studying the book, "The Hole in Our Gospel" by Richard Stearns. The book study includes a video series and workbook exercises to go in depth on the topic of Christian service. Stearns asserts that the majority of Christians would rather not deal with the poor and uses Matthew 25 as his justification for his call to action. Those of us who come are finding it to be a very engaging book. It complements our emphasis on ELCA Good Gifts quite well. Come and see what all the excitement is about.
 —Pastor Don

Anniversaries-February

20 Leonard & Joleen Bland

February Council Meeting
 Council will meet on Feb. 11 at 7 pm in the Council Room.

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	Sacristan	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER	Coffee Hour
Feb 2	Pete Rodriguez	Annie Smith	FayAnn McCourtie		Anna Short	Nancy Roth	Tammy Rodriguez	Liz Deasy	Liz D Katie B
Feb 9	Trudy Doolittle	Donna Adams	Donna Adams		Nancy Roth	Donna Adams	Tammy Rodriguez	Larry & MaryAnn Kirkpatrick	Sandi B Cindy E
Feb 16	Larry & Barb Maine	MaryAnn Kirkpatrick	Annie Smith		Nancy Roth	Nancy Roth	Trudy Doolittle	Carolyn/ Sue Bunch	Sue B Carolyn B
Feb 23	Pete Rodriguez	Shirley McCullough	Fay Coats		Fay Coats	Cindy Eidahl	Trudy Doolittle	Sally McF Nancy R	Annie S Heidi B



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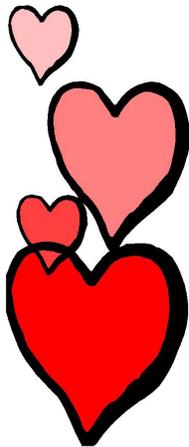
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Mission Statement: PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH is led by the Holy Spirit **to invite** everyone to experience **God's Love and Grace** through life's pilgrimage of faith.

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.**

Birthdays-February

- 3 Maya Martinez
- 5 Henry Solbrack
- 7 John Bergstrom
- 9 Tammy Rodriguez
- 11 Brady Hilmes
- 11 Lillian Solbrack
- 13 Tyler Evans
- 14 Joleen McKay
- 15 Trevor Hilmes
- 16 Roger Martinez
- 21 Lupe Mendoza
- 23 Audrey Stephens
- 25 Dee Wright
- 27 Jennifer Porter
- 27 Elija Rodriguez



Celebration of the Arts

February 23, 2020-4 pm
Hosted by Bethel Assembly of God
915 S. 1st Ave

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength!
Paintings, drawings, photography, music, textiles, written and spoken works, digital arts, and MORE!

If you would like to participate with your artwork, please contact Bethel Assembly of God (509) 488-9203 or email info@bethel.one

Children!

This year we are collecting digital photography taken by **YOU!**
If you have a picture or two you would like to submit to be included in a slideshow, please email them with your name and age to info@bethel.one

Lectionary Readings for February

Feb 2	Micah 6:1-8	Psalm 15	I Corinth. 1:18-312	Matthew 5:1-12
Feb 9	Isaiah 58:1-9a(9b-12)	Psalm 112:1-9	I Corinth. 2:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20
Feb 16	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Psalm 119:1-8	I Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
Feb 23	Exodus 24:12-18	Psalm 99	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.