

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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## SEPTEMBER 2021



### **Pictured Above:**

The Ice Cream Social and Crazy Hat day, held on the 5th Sunday of August, was a rousing success. People gathered after worship to enjoy each other's hats, company, and an ice cream Sundae.

### **God's Work, Our Hands**

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is September 12. Pilgrim Lutheran Church will observe this day with our annual Blessing of the First Responders. Please invite any first responders you know to come for breakfast and a blessing. We will serve them breakfast at 8:30am and follow that up with a blessing at 9:30. If you know anyone who serves as a firefighter, police officer, sheriff's deputy, emergency medical technician or volunteers for the Sheriff's Posse, please be sure to invite them for this special event where we take time to thank them for their service to our community. See you there!

**Here is the special music used at our Ice Cream Social**  
"In Our Summer Bonnets"  
Modified by Fay Coats  
From "In Your Easter Bonnet"  
For Ice Cream Social July 21,  
2019 & Aug 29, 2021

In our summer bonnets, with  
all the frills upon it,  
We'll be the proudest  
Pilgrims at the Ice  
Cream Social,  
We'll be all in clover and  
when they look us over,  
We'll be the proudest Pilgrims  
at the Ice Cream Social.  
On the avenue, Seventh  
Avenue, the  
photographers will snap  
us,  
And we'll find that we're in the  
rotogravure,  
Oh, we could write a sonnet  
about our summer  
bonnets,  
And all the fun we're having at  
the Ice Cream Social.

### **Women's Bible Study**

Please join us on Saturday,  
September 11 for fellowship  
as we go through the Gather  
Magazine Bible Study  
together. We will meet in  
the quilting room at 10 am.  
Please bring your Bibles and  
September's Gather  
Magazine. We hope to see  
YOU there!

### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

The next scheduled Blood Drive here at Pilgrim Lutheran Church is Tuesday, September 28, from 1-6 pm. We have heard personally from the Red Cross that blood is in short supply right now. Please donate if you are able, and encourage your friends and neighbors to do so as well. This is a vital resource for our community, and we are glad to offer our space so that people may be helped by the blood gathered here. Thank you in advance for helping on Sunday the 26th after the service to set up for the blood drive.

### **Cowboy Sunday**

Coming to Pilgrim Lutheran Sunday September 19-Get ready for our FIRST EVER Cowboy Sunday. Cowgirls are, of course, welcome as well. Wear your finest Western Wear and channel your inner Clint Eastwood, John Wayne, Katherine Ross or Diane Lane. To help get you started, remember that a western style bandana worn over the nose and mouth (bandit style) is a legal face covering! However, please leave your six-shooters at home. Giddyup!



## September Message from our Pastor

Dear Pilgrims,

Here we go again. I don't know about you, but I am exasperated by the return of the mask mandate issued August 18th by the governor's office. I was enjoying going around without a mask. I was enjoying the few benefits that come with being vaccinated, but now, because there is a new variant called Delta, we are all at risk again, so our best course of action is to mask up for the sake of each other in worship. I think many of us are disappointed. I would even guess that many of us are frustrated. It is even possible that some of us are dismayed. I totally get it. I do not like wearing a mask either, but I think it is certainly my responsibility to ensure the safety of those who gather for worship, plus, as Paul reminded us in Romans 13, "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God." (Romans 13:1) I do not like the mask mandate, but I

will follow it for your sake. By the way, Paul wrote that while the Romans were the rulers of Israel. Paul did not like Roman rule either, but he was willing to comply with the government and taught his people to do the same. People seemed to live much longer if they obeyed the Roman laws.

I think wearing a mask again is a reasonable thing to do to combat COVID-19. It is not difficult, even though it is frustrating. Together, we will get through this pandemic eventually. Medicines will get better. More people will be vaccinated. Case counts will go down, but until then, as Joshua told the Israelites after the death of Moses, "Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Keep the faith, dear Pilgrims, and I will see your lovely, masked face in church.

Peace,

Pastor Don Short

### Pastor Short's office hours:

Tues-Friday 9-12 am  
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**.

Mondays are Pastor's Day off. Please limit contact to emergencies only.  
Thank you.

Pastor's Email:  
pilgrimlcpastor@gmail.com

### Anna's office hours (NEW)





Tues, Thurs, & Fri 3-5  
Please call if you need info on anything!  
Cell phone **509-761-1205**

### INFO CORNER

7/4	Attendance: 18	Offering: \$ 4,386
7/11	Attendance: 23	Offering: \$ 1,435
7/18	Attendance: 26	Offering: \$ 1,575
7/25	Attendance: 22	Offering: \$ 677
8/1	Attendance: 20	Offering: \$ 3,449
8/8	Attendance: 23	Offering: \$ 1,247
8/15	Attendance: 38	Offering: \$ 1,895
8/22	Attendance: 26	Offering: \$ 1,655
8/29	Attendance: 29	Offering: \$ 865

2021 Offerings — \$ 76,401  
2021 Expenses— \$ 75,454

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Men's Breakfast:</b> Men's Breakfast has resumed meeting Saturdays at 8 am Casa Mexicana			<b>1</b> Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	<b>2</b> Send a thank you message to Anna in the snail mail.	<b>3</b> Pray for farmers!	<b>4</b> Pray for Pastor Don and Anna.
<b>5</b> 10 am Worship	<b>6</b> Go for ice cream at Frutaleta's Labor Day	<b>7</b> Send an uplifting text to a friend.	<b>8</b> Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	<b>9</b> Call a friend that you haven't spoken to in a long time.	<b>10</b> Take a walk around the block.	<b>11</b>  Women's Bible Study 10 am at church
<b>12</b> G-parents Day 8:30 Breakfast 9:30 Blessing 10 Worship	<b>13</b> Make a design on the driveway with sidewalk chalk!	<b>14</b>  Church Council @ 7 pm	<b>15</b> Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	<b>16</b> Pray for our Sunday School Children.	<b>17</b> Call & say thanks to Pastor Don	<b>18</b> Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.
<b>19</b> 10 am Worship Cowboy Sunday	<b>20</b> Send a thank you to Anna by snail mail	<b>21</b> Peace Day	<b>22</b> Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	<b>23</b> Thank God out loud for your church family!	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b> Send your tithing to church.
<b>26</b> 10 am Worship	<b>27</b> Make a Zoom, or FaceTime call w/ your family.	<b>28</b> Red Cross Blood Drive 1-6 pm	<b>29</b> Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	<b>30</b> Take a bike ride!	Send a cheerful note to another Pilgrim.	

## Birthdays-September

2 Elaine Wade  
 4 Mason Russell  
 4 Leonard Meyer  
 5 Jacob Jahns  
 6 Carson Spohr  
 15 Kristi Spohr  
 21 Josiah Guzman  
 24 Jacob Johnston  
 26 Carrie Green  
 29 Audrey Jahns  
 29 Don Wade  
 30 Fay Coats

## Anniversaries-September

9 Jeff & DeeDee Graves  
 9 Marc & Kristi Spohr  
 9 Ernie & Judy Summers  
 17 Larry & Barb Maine  
 21 Steve & Liz Jensen



Governor Inslee has ordered a mask mandate for all indoor gatherings in the State of Washington so...

PLEASE WEAR A MASK

Thank you

We do not wear a mask because we like it. We do not wear a mask because we are told to. We wear a mask because we want to protect each other.  
 We understand there are medical issues for some of you and that you cannot wear a mask.

## Committee Meetings

Worship & Music  
Sept 9 at 7 pm

Church Council  
Sept 14 at 7 pm

Fellowship  
Sept 14 at 4 pm





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**September 2021**

**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.**

## Quilters Unite!

Our first day back to quilting is Wednesday, September 8th! We look forward to seeing everyone there!



### Lectionary Readings for September

Sept 5	Isaiah 35:4-7a	Psalms 146	James 2:1-10	Mark 7:24-37
Sept 12	Isaiah 50:4-9	Psalms 116:1-9	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
Sept 19	Jeremiah 11:18-20	Psalms 54	James 3:13-4:3	Mark 9:30-37
Sept 26	Numbers 11:4-6	Psalms 19:7-14	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50



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Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.