

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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### Council Installation

Kristi Spohr, Larry Kirkpatrick, Marcia Bougher, & Ernie Summers were installed on Feb 6 during worship. Larry and Marcia begin a First Term on Council, Kristi and Ernie will begin their 2nd year. Absent were Don Wade, who will begin his 2nd Term, and Annie Smith, who will finish her 2nd term this year.

### Women's Bible Study

Please join us in the Quilting Room off the kitchen for fellowship and Women's Bible Study on Saturday, March 12th at 10 am. Copies of the GATHER magazine study can be found on the table in the Narthex. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you!



### Shrove Tuesday Set Up Crew

A good group of Pilgrims gathered Monday Feb 28 to decorate and set up for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feed. It's going to be a fun night-photos to follow next month!

### Souper Bowl Results

Congratulations to all the Angels and the Saints who participated in the Souper Bowl event raising money and food for humans & animals! \$715 was raised and 1,129 lbs of food were gathered to dispense to the proper entities. Thank you to Rick Bougher for gathering everything up and delivering it for Pilgrim. It was a close match but the Saints pulled out the victory this year, 1,006-838! Accepting the trophy for the Saints on Sunday Feb 20 was Carolyn Bunch who immediately broke out in song-"Oh When the Saints Come Marching in..." This is a grand competition and of course, the winners are all the animals and humans who are able to benefit from the proceeds. Thank you Pilgrims!!



Carolyn accepting the Souper Bowl Trophy from Pastor Don



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

### Don't Forget

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 13th. Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on March 12!!

### Noisy Offering Update

The Noisy Offering taken Jan 30 garnered \$170 for the Lutheran Disaster Response. Thank you Pilgrims!

### Lenten Services & Initiative

**Services**-Our Mid-week Lenten Soup and Bread Dinners begin Wednesday, March 9, followed by a brief service with the Holden Evening Prayer and discussion. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for soup & bread, for March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6. There are still a few slots available, so please fill in where you are able! We are looking forward to gathering again around a meal. So many people commented about how nice it was to have the potluck after the congregational meeting. Bring your friends-this is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts for Easter!

**Initiative**-Under the able direction of Fay Coats, and Marcia Bougher, the Sunday School is collecting items for personal care kits during Lent. The items needed are towels, large (regular) size bars of soap, nail clippers, toothbrushes, and sturdy combs. Please consider what you can donate, and bring to the Narthex where there will be containers in which to put them. The Sunday School will be in charge of wrapping them together as instructed by the Lutheran World Relief.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive at Pilgrim will be Tuesday, March 22 from 1 to 6 pm. A quick set up for it will happen after service on March 20. We would greatly appreciate help in setting up, and taking down. If you feel called to donate blood, that is greatly needed and appreciated as well!! Thank you!! Just in case you were wondering, the Red Cross collected 26 pints of blood on Jan 18 at our church. Thank you for all your help!

**March Message from our Pastor**

Dear Pilgrims,

It doesn't take much to see that our world is dealing with a lot of stress right now. One quick scan of the news and you will see stories of political turmoil, global unrest, the aftermath of the pandemic or some other natural disaster, worries over climate change, environmental degradation, and even the baseball labor dispute, football players upset over coaching changes or salaries or being traded to the wrong team or whatever. There are lots of sources of stress these days.

It seems to me that we could all use a place to find rest. We could all use a place of solace. We could all use a place where we are accepted and loved unconditionally. We could come as we are, have a conversation with friends, get caught up on pleasant topics like how so-and-so likes her new car, or how he enjoyed that trip with the family. We could all use a nice break from the stress, so I would like to suggest you come to the Wednesday Evening Soup and Bread Suppers.

You will be seated at a table, and more than likely a round table. You will have soup, and sometimes a couple of varieties to choose from, and you will have bread, also with perhaps a couple of varieties to choose from. There will be butter for your bread and both hot and cold beverages available. There will also be conversation. You have the option to choose to participate in the conversation, or even simply to listen and learn what is important to the people around you.

Hopefully, after you have had a nice meal and some pleasant conversation, you will be refreshed enough to participate in a brief Evening Prayer worship service. We will be using the Holden Evening Prayer as our liturgy, which lends itself well to contemplation and relaxation. We will hear messages from Lutheran World Hunger and find out what work they are excited about this Lenten season. We will also have more conversation that is centered on how Pilgrim Lutheran will be able to participate in what God is doing both locally and globally.

These midweek Lenten Services are important, not only to us as a church, but also to God as our leader. They help us to fulfill a couple of important Scriptures which reflect our Lutheran understanding of law and gospel. Paul lays down the law in the letter to the Galatians by saying, "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2) But Jesus offers us his message of gospel in Matthew when he says, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30) Plus, if you come both Sundays and Wednesdays, you will have two opportunities to hang out with me, your pastor, just in case you find you miss me during the week. Heaven knows I like to be with you! See you in church or online.

Peace,

Pastor Don

**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 (please note change)**

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



**INFO CORNER**

2/6	Attendance:	28	Offering:	\$ 3,615
2/13	Attendance:	30	Offering:	\$ 927
2/20	Attendance:	24	Offering:	\$ 465
2/27	Attendance:	31	Offering:	\$ 2,162

2022 Offerings —	\$ 16,974
2022 Expenses—	\$ 18,250

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

**Many Thanks**

Many thanks to Pastor Larry Morris for coming to Othello and leading the service on Feb 13. We really enjoyed his approach to worship, and the poems that he shared as part of the sermon. We also enjoyed meeting his wife Cheryl. Thank you to all who came on that day and offered such a great welcome!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Men's Breakfast:</b> Saturday mornings 8 am @ Casa Mexicana		<b>1</b> Shrove Tues 	<b>2</b> 9 am Quilting 7 pm 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Call & say thanks to Pastor Don	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship & Sunday School	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  Church Council @ 7	<b>9</b> 9 am Quilting Soup & Bread 6 pm	<b>10</b> 7 pm Worship & Music	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Spring Forward Women's Bible Study 10 am at church
<b>13</b> Daylight Savings Begins 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship & Sunday School	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Send your tithing to church.	<b>16</b> 9 am Quilting Soup & Bread 6 pm	<b>17</b> 5-7 pm 3rd Thursday Dinner 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> City Clean Up More info to follow
<b>20</b> 9 am Ad. Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Fellowship Comm after worship	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Blood Drive 1-6 pm	<b>23</b> 9 am Quilting Soup & Bread 6 pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>26</b> Sandhill Crane Festival —————→	
<b>27</b> 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9 am Quilting Soup & Bread 6 pm	<b>31</b>	<b>Birthdays—March</b> 1 Darla Spurgeon 2 Janna Erickson 7 Ella Moore 8 Shane Wright 9 Marc Spohr 9 Shea Wedekind 11 Hadley Erickson 14 Jose Guzman Jr. 15 Kolton Erickson 16 Mike Adams 16 Matt Tricola 17 Ryan Moore 17 Payton Roberts 18 Bob Reichert 22 Jacob Thornton 23 Emma & Cash Erickson 25 Maxwell Martinez	

**Giving Statements**  
Your Giving Statements for 2021 (Contribution Report) have been delivered to you in person at the congregational meeting or sent to you by mail. If you have not received yours, please contact Marc Spohr. For 2021, even if you do not itemize, you may deduct part of your annual charitable contributions. Consult your tax advisor for further information.

**Upcoming Meetings**  
**Church Council**  
Tues. Mar 8th @ 7 pm  
**Worship & Music-**  
Thurs. Feb 10th @ 7 pm  
**Fellowship-**  
Sunday, Mar 20th after worship

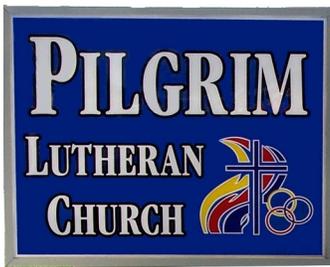
**March 20**  
In addition to the **Worship & Music Committee Meeting** to be held after worship on March 20, we also need to have people stay to set up for the **Red Cross Blood Drive**, which will happen on Tues. the 22nd of March. Thankfully set up should be easier with the lighter tables that we now have in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks everyone!

**Council Members**  
 Marcia Bougher  
 Larry Kirkpatrick  
 Annie Smith  
 Kristi Spohr  
 Ernie Summers  
 Don Wade



DATE	USHERS	READER	ACOLYTE	CLICKER	GREETER	Coffee Hour
Mar 6	Don W	Donna A			Nancy	Elaine W
Mar 13		Carolyn				
Mar 20	Don W	Angela M	Maxwell M		Don W	Elaine W Angela M
Mar 27		Linda B				

**Service Opportunity**  
Hi Pilgrims, On March 19, we have committed to help with the city cleanup for the Sandhill Crane Festival. Please watch the bulletins for all the details. Afterwards, we will gather to enjoy fellowship & snacks/brunch together.



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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.**



**Pop Tab Update**

Please keep saving those pop tabs! On Feb 14, Kristi Spohr, with help from Kevin Spohr, delivered the pop tabs from our Narthex Wagon to the Ronald McDonald House in Spokane. They are very appreciative of our efforts and we are glad to be able to help.

**Schedule for Soup and Bread Suppers**

March 9  
**Soup**-Sandi, Linda C., Bernie  
**Bread**-Nancy & Sandi  
March 16  
**Soup**-Marcia, Carolyn, Elaine  
**Bread**-Elaine  
March 23  
**Soup**-Linda B, Elaine, Angela  
**Bread**-Kristi & Elaine  
March 30  
**Soup**-Anna, Kristi, Shirley  
**Bread**-  
April 6 is completely open!

**Lectionary Readings for March**

Mar 6	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalm 91:1-2,9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
Mar 13	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Psalm 27	Philipp. 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
Mar 20	Isaiah 55:1-9	Psalm 63:1-8	I Corinth 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
Mar 27	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalm 32	II Corinth 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3,11b-32



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Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.