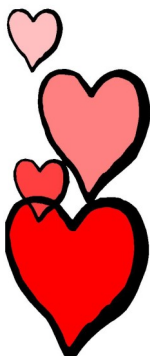


# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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## We Three Pilgrim Kings- Jim Nau, Ernie Summers, Don Wade

Thank you to all who participated in making the service of the Epiphany of our Lord so wonderful. The music, message, props and altar area were beautiful! And the bulletin board with the Magi looks great! Thank you to Fay Coats!



Happy  
Valentine's Day!  
Share God's  
LOVE!

**Saints vs. Angels Souper Bowl**  
Who will win the coveted trophy this year? This year our emphasis has been on cash donations, because that is what the Food Bank has said is most needed at this time. Donations will be split between the Food Bank & Pet Rescue unless you specify on the memo line of your check. Thank you for your donations!

## Shrove Tuesday-coming up fast!

Preparations are being made for our Shrove Tuesday event to host the community for pancakes and sausage dinner. This takes place on Feb 21 from 5-7 pm. Set up for the dinner is scheduled for Monday Feb 20 at 3 pm. We will need all hands on deck! Watch the Narthex for the volunteer sign-up page! Thank you!

## Ash Wednesday Service February 22 at 7 pm

**Soup & Bread Suppers Begin Wednesday March 1 at 6 pm.**  
Watch the Narthex for Signups!

## Women's Bible Study

We are looking forward to Women's Bible Study on **Feb 11, and March 11.** We meet at 10 am in the Quilting Room next to the kitchen. Bring your Bible, Gather Magazine, and be ready for some good discussion and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

## Congregational Meeting Update

At our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, January 29th, we took the following action:

- 1) We reviewed & approved the minutes of the Congregational meeting held January 2022.
- 2) We approved Anna Short to be one of our delegates to Synod Assembly in Pasco on April 28,29,30. We need one additional person to attend. Talk with pastor if you are interested.
- 3) We elected Kristi Spohr & Ernie Summers to 2nd terms on Council and elected John Lawrence to his 1st term.
- 4) We approved Ernie Summers, Kristi Spohr, and Annie Smith to the nominating committee.
- 5) We elected Sandi Bosch and Carolyn Bunch to the Endowment Committee.
- 6) We reviewed written & oral summaries of our committees and their activities in 2022.
- 7) We listened to Pastor's brief review of his report.
- 8) We discussed & adopted the 2023 Mission Budget of \$153,730.
- 9) We were notified of the bequest by Roger Thieme to our congregation and that the basketball hoop in the Fellowship Hall will be taken down and replaced with a sign to be determined.
- 10) We concluded with the Lord's Prayer

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) A greeting from ELCA Presiding Bishop Eaton.
- 2) Bishop Kristen Kuempel's Letter to Congregations
- 3) Pastor Short's Annual report to the congregation
- 4) Committee reports from Fellowship, Evangelism, Christian Ed., Worship & Music, Property & Management, and Endowment Committees
- 4) 2022 Financial Report
- 5) A listing of our church's Financial Assets
- 6) Our 2023 Mission Budget
- 8) Data & Summaries from our Pastoral & Congregational Performance Evaluations
- 9) A Summary of Mission Support Beyond our Church.

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."**

**February Message from our Pastor**

Dear Pilgrims,

When I was a much younger person, I enjoyed roller coasters. I have ridden a few over the years. I like the twists and turns and the ups and downs of roller coasters, but what I enjoy most of all is when the roller coaster gets to the top of its highest point and then goes down a steep decline. The sudden acceleration gives me a real rush! It is very exciting, and a little bit nerve wracking to ride the roller coaster, but I'm always just a little bit disappointed when the ride is over. Anna's back is not up to riding roller coasters anymore, so those days are over for us.

It seems like this month will be a little bit of a roller coaster ride for us. After the high point of the fellowship of a friendly game night on Feb 1st, we will drop down for a bit with meetings until we climb up and reach another high point as we raise money for our Saints versus Angels food drive that culminates on the 12th . We will take a slight dip until the 19th when we reach the high point of the Transfiguration of our Lord, but then comes the sudden drop, the thrilling descent into the curve of the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on the 21st, followed by Ash Wednesday on the 22nd. Then,

we will cruise back into the station and get off the roller coaster as February comes to an end.

It should be a fun ride, because February also includes such things as Groundhog Day on the 2nd, President's Day on the 20th, and of course, Valentine's Day on February 14th. Lots of ups and downs will mark our month, but the one constant thing we can depend on is that God will love us, no matter what, and God calls upon us to love one another. That is the way we honor God and share God's love.

As Paul wrote to the Romans, "Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord." (Romans 12:9-11) Showing love to one another is a great thing to do in a month that includes Valentine's Day, not to mention being a good thing to do all the time. We will show love for one another throughout the whole month, even with all our ups and downs. Have a great month and I'll see you in church or online.

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 Hours:** Tues 9-12 pm  
Thurs 9-12, 1-2 pm  
Fri 9-12

Please call if you need info on anything!  
Cell phone **509-761-1205**

**Council Members**

Marcia Bougher  
Larry Kirkpatrick  
Kristi Spohr  
Ernie Summers  
Don Wade  
John Lawrence  
Pastor Short

**Noisy Offering of Jan 29**

The Noisy Offering taken Jan 29 garnered \$51.25 for the Lutheran Disaster Response for the California Flooding. Way to go, Pilgrims!

**News Regarding Donations**

Your Giving Statement for 2022 (Contribution Report) is available. To receive it, please contact Kristi or Marc Spohr. Did you know that you may direct your **Required Minimum Distribution** from your IRA to come straight to Pilgrim without claiming it as income. Consult your tax advisor for further information. Thank you to those who are already utilizing this method of donation, AND to those who are using **electronic bill pay** as well. The latter is a great way to ensure that your church gets your donation, even if you are out of town. Thank you!

**INFO CORNER**

1/1	Attendance:	30	Offering:	\$ 3,144
1/8	Attendance:	32	Offering:	\$ 814
1/15	Attendance:	29	Offering:	\$ 5,526
1/22	Attendance:	26	Offering:	\$ 665
1/29	Attendance:	37	Offering:	\$ 1,735

Jan Offerings	\$11,884
Expenses	\$ 6,891
2022 Offerings —	\$ 117,560
2022 Expenses—	\$ 132,706

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 9 am Quilting Game Night 6-8 pm	2	3	4
5 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship & Sunday School Healing Service	6	7	8 9 am Quilting	9 7 pm Worship & Music Meeting	10	11 10 am Women's Bible Study @ Church
12 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship & Sunday School	13	14 Valentine's Day Church Council @ 7 pm	15 9 am Quilting	16	17	18
Mid-Winter Break Feb 17-21						
19 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship & Sunday School & Sunday School	20 President's Day Shrove Set Up at 3	21 Shrove Tuesday 5-7 pm	22 9 am Quilting Ash Wednesday 7 pm	23	24	25
26 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship & Sunday School	27	28				

**Upcoming Meetings**  
**Church Council-**  
 Tues. Feb 14 & Mar 14 @ 7 pm  
**Worship & Music-**  
 Thurs. Feb 9 & Mar 9 @ 7 pm  
**Fellowship-**  
 Set up for Shrove Mon Feb 20 at 3 pm  
 Regular Meeting Mar 19 after church

**Men's Breakfast:**  
 Saturday mornings in February & March 8 am @ Checo's

**Birthdays and Anniversaries for February & March on back page**

## March 2023

**Spring Forward**  
 Don't forget to set your clocks ahead to Daylight Savings Time before going to bed on Saturday **March 11.**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 9 am Quilting 6 pm Soup & Bread 6:30 Message	2	3	4
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Sandhill Crane Festival March 24-26						
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**Feb/Mar 2023**

**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	14	Joleen McKay
5	Henry Solbrack	15	Trevor Hilmes
7	John Bergstrom	16	Roger Martinez
9	Tammy Rodriguez	21	Lupe Mendoza
9	John Lawrence	23	Audrey Stephens
11	Brady Hilmes	24	Jaxson Jahns
12	Lillian Solbrack	25	Dee Wright
13	Tyler Evans	27	Jennifer Porter
		27	Elija Rodriguez

**Birthdays–March**

1	Darla Spurgeon	15	Kolton
2	Janna Erickson	16	Mike Adams
7	Ella Moore	16	Matt Tricola
8	Shane Wright	17	Peyton Roberts
9	Marc Spohr	17	Ryan Moore
9	Shea Wedekind	18	Bob Reichert
11	Hadley Erickson	22	Jacob Thornton
14	Jose Guzman Jr.	23	Emma & Cash Erickson
		25	Maxwell Martinez

**Anniversaries–February**  
20 Leonard & Joleen Bland

**Fellowship Hall Carpet**  
We have been noticing several places in the Fellowship Hall where the carpet has been snagged, specifically in the area of the risers at the south end, and at the entrance area. Please do not drag the risers on the carpet to move them- seek help if they need to be moved for an activity. Your cooperation is very much appreciated. Thank you!

**Lectionary Readings for February**

Feb 5	Isaiah 58:1-9a	Psalm 112:1-9	I Corinth. 2:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20
Feb 12	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Psalm 119:1-8	I Corinth. 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
Feb 19	Exodus 24:12-18	Psalm 2	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
Feb 26	Joel 2:1-2,12-17	Psalm 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6,16-21



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