

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Congregational Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, January 31, 2016 immediately following worship.

Items on the agenda will include:

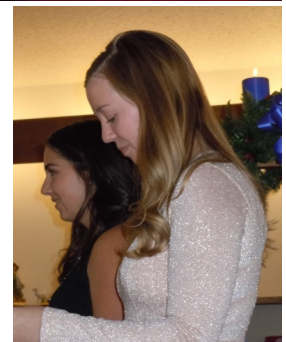
- Discussing and adopting the 2016 Annual Budget
- Voting on the transitional pastor
- Voting to use renewal money to paint the inside of the parsonage
- Filling 3 council positions
- Choosing Representatives for the Synod Assembly
- Appointing members to the nominating Committee
- Choosing members for the Endowment Committee
- Reviewing church business

The annual report, including the proposed budget, will be available on Sunday, January 24, to review before the meeting. **(please turn in committee reports by Jan. 10)**

All are welcome to attend, but only "voting members" may vote on motions. Thank you for your continued support of Pilgrim Lutheran's mission. We look forward to seeing you there!



Bethlehem Bound-A Children's Christmas Play



Thank you to all the children, young adults, parents, grand-parents, Sunday School teachers, and Pastor Myers who participated in the production of "Bethlehem Bound" on December 20. Special thanks goes to Marcia Bougher for her vision in seeing this wonderful play to fruition. Thank you, Marcia and all!!!

Church Council Openings

Church Council-we have three openings for church council positions starting in 2016. If the Holy Spirit is leading you to serve in this way, please contact a member of the nominating committee: Ernie Summers, Donna Reichert, Donna Adams, or Steve Jensen. Also, there are positions coming open on the **Endowment Committee**. Please contact Linda Bork if interested. Thank you for your willingness to serve!



American Red Cross
Together, we can save a life

The next Blood Drive at Pilgrim will be Tuesday, January 26th, from 1 to 6 pm. 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!!

Women's Bible Study

Saturday, January 9th at 10 am.
Our Bible Studies, led this time by Shirley McCullough, are informal and a wonderful time of learning and fellowship. Extra copies of the Bible study are on the table in the Narthex! We hope to see you there!

Keeping Our Church Alive

Linda Bork has been heading up a book study on Keeping Our Church Alive for the last several months. Discussions continue in January on the 10th and 24th at 9 am.

If you haven't yet read the short and insightful book, please contact Linda, and consider joining the conversation. The ideas brought forth in this book AND in the discussions around it will help us move boldly and confidently into the future with guidance from the Holy Spirit.



From Pastor Steven Myers:

My daughter thinks I need a gps thingy in my car. Why? I replied. I already have a perfectly good compass right there in my rear view mirror. And, I've always had a pretty good built-in sense of orientation. I rarely find myself in the wrong place.

Last Saturday morning I left Moses Lake about 8:30, drove W on US 90 to the Yakima road, then S toward the Biggs bridge. Except somewhere after Yakima, I lost faith in the compass, which had for some time been showing something which I thought had to be wrong.

Except the compass wasn't wrong. I was wrong by not trusting the compass. My trip to Portland was taking me to the Tri-Cities. I got myself turned around and after driving several "NO OUTLET" country roads got onto the Gorge road, found the Biggs bridge, etc., and got to Portland just at dark.

New Year's resolution: Trust the compass.
Which is to say, Trust Jesus, our compass.

Pastor Steve



From your Church Council:

"With God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26

Monthly Update:

Happy New Year fellow Pilgrims!

First of all, council would like to acknowledge and thank Pastor Myers for all his efforts in leading our services and visiting our members. It has been a joy to get to know him, and we appreciate his vitality and the love shown to us.

Secondly, you need to know that Pilgrim has finished the year strong. We have had increased attendance at services and activities, and our financial situation is improved going into 2016. The council appreciates all of you who have supported our church in so many ways during this transitional period.

Finally, on December 19 council began an initial interview with Pastor Donald Short via Skype where we visited to determine if we were both looking toward the same goals. Last Sunday we were able to host Pastor Short and his wife Anna at Pilgrim Lutheran where he led the service, and greeted the congregation afterwards at a coffee hour. They were able to tour the parsonage, and have lunch with the council before continuing the interview.

Believing that the Holy Spirit has been directing this process, we look forward to the congregational meeting on January 31, where we will prayerfully discuss and determine our direction, trusting in Jesus, our compass!

Blessings to each and every one of you in this coming year!

Jim W., Danita, Kristi, Sandi, Larry, Jim N., and Shirley

REMINDER: Congregational meeting on Jan. 31—See you there!!!

INFO CORNER

12/6 Attendance:	38	Offering: \$1196.00	YTD Offerings—\$119,815
12/13 Attendance:	44	Offering: \$3388.00	YTD Expenses--\$ 99,550
12/20 Attendance:	70	Offering: \$1716.00	
12/24 Christmas Eve	112	Offering: \$ 808.00	Thank you for supporting your church!
12/27 Attendance:	60	Offering: \$2785.00	

If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please contact Pastor Steven Myers at 509-389-0075, keeping in mind that he is unavailable Mondays-Thursdays 9 am-12 pm. These are the hours that he volunteers at a local alternative school.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3 Happy New Year!	4	5 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	6 Epiphany Quilting 9-3 pm	7	8	9 Women's Bible Study 10 am
10 Sunday School Book Group 9am	11	12 Alfa y Omega 6 pm Council 7 pm	13 Quilting 9-3 pm	14	15	16
17 Sunday School Recognition Sunday	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	20 Quilting 9-3 pm	21	22	23
24 Sunday School Book Group 9am	25	26 Blood Drive 1-6 pm Alfa y Omega 6 pm	27 Quilting 9-3 pm	28	29	30
31 Worship Sunday School <u>Congregational Meeting</u>	Temple Tender Tuesdays —10 am Men's Group Breakfast - Saturdays 8am @ Casa					

Birthdays- January

3 Kai Frerichs
 9 Nancy Roth
 9 Jeremiah Rodriguez
 16 Sally McFarlin
 19 Manny Maine
 22 Bill Schlagel
 23 Dick Hudnall
 25 John Betz
 27 Pete Olsen

Anniversaries-January

8 Bruce & Mandy Moore
 12 Pete & Lynn Olsen
 16 Larry & FayAnn McCourtie
 25 Carol & Howie Strom
 29 Michael & Paula McKay
 30 Jan & Ron Hilmes

This list may not be complete!!!
 If you know of someone who should be on this list, or if your birthday or anniversary should be and is not on this list, **PLEASE** text or phone the information to Kristi Spohr at 509-331-4406. Thank you very much!

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	ALTAR GUILD	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER
Jan. 3	Sharon Bray Sandi Bosch	Shirley McCullough	Shirley McCullough		Nancy Roth	Nancy Roth	Tammy Rodriguez	Shirley McCullough
Jan. 10	Jim Weinkauff Dick Hudnall	Barb Maine	Jan Charlston		Fay Coats	Cindy Eidahl	Marc Spohr	Annie Smith
Jan. 17	Kristi & Marc Spohr	Liz Jensen	Shirley McCullough		Sue Bunch	Nancy Roth	Tammy Rodriguez	Shirley McCullough
Jan. 24	Jim Weinkauff	Shirley McCullough	FayAnn McCourtie		Nancy Roth	Nancy Roth	Tammy Rodriguez	Annie Smith
Jan. 31	Larry & FayAnn McCourtie	Donna Adams	Donna Adams		Danita Porter	Donna Adams	Tammy Rodriguez	Danita Porter



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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.

A BIG Thank You

-to Linda Bork for paying
The Lutheran
subscription costs for
those who still wished to
receive it. This takes
the cost out of the
annual budget for 2016
and is greatly
appreciated. Please
take an opportunity to
thank her!!!

A BIG Thank You

-to Sharon Bray for buying the new projector bulb
for the sanctuary
-to Bill Porter for installing it
-to Marc & Kayla Spohr for their support efforts
-to Adam Perez for resetting the hours and
screen size!
Adam also helped us set up a skype account
enabling the Church Council to do an initial
Skype interview with Pastor Short. If you get an
opportunity to thank Adam for his help, please do
so.

A BIG Thank You

-to Roger Thieme for continuing to fund
this wonderful newsletter each month,
and
-to Trudy Doolittle for faithfully
printing it off when we are trying to meet
a deadline.
You are appreciated by Pilgrim
Lutheran Church!!

When you see Roger or Trudy, be sure
to give them a big thank you!

Lectionary Readings for January

Jan. 3	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Psalm 147:12-20	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:10-18
Jan. 10	Isaiah 43:1-7	Psalm 29	Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Jan. 17	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalm 36:5-10	1 Corinth. 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
Jan. 24	Nehemiah 8:1-10	Psalm 19	1 Corinth. 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21
Jan. 31	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalm 71:1-6	1 Corinth. 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.