

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Welcome to PLC!

We welcome our new Pastor Donald Short and his wife Anna, who arrived March 1, to a group of 15 Pilgrims ready to unload the truck. Pastor Don begins his ministry here this week, and we look forward to getting to know him and Anna as they settle into life in Othello and at Pilgrim Lutheran Church.

THE SEASON OF EASTER

Here is the schedule for our Easter Season:

PALM SUNDAY March 20 - Worship 10 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY March 24 - Worship 7 pm

GOOD FRIDAY March 25 - Worship 7 pm

EASTER March 27 - Worship at 10 am

EASTER BREAKFAST 8:30 am

We celebrate our Lord's resurrection with worship services at 10:00 am on March 27. Breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30 to 9:30. AND there will be an Easter Egg hunt for the children! Remember to bring fresh cut flowers on Easter for our "Flowered Cross".

Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information as these events get closer!

Transformational Ministry

Our Synod is sponsoring a workshop on transformational ministry and leadership Mar. 5th. Pilgrim is sending a team consisting of Danita Porter, Linda Bork, Kristi Spohr, Ernie and Judy Summers, and Pastor Don Short. Discerning congregational mission, purpose, and vision, developing a ministry plan, leadership development, changing dynamics, and conflict management are on the list of subjects to tackle! Please keep them in your prayers for a fruitful day of Spirit-filled work.

Recognition Sunday

Sunday, February 21, we recognized two members who contribute every week to the health of our Pilgrim community, DeeDee Graves, and Linda Bork. DeeDee cleans our facility before every event, and Linda has taken the lead on the "Keeping Our Church Alive" book study as well as volunteering in many areas. Thank you so much for your presence in our lives.



Opportunities During Lent

Musical Meditation

Bob Reichert continues his reflection music on Wednesdays March 2, 9, and 16. Whether you are able to spend 15 minutes or the whole hour, it is a wonderful way to worship and contemplate God's many blessings. Thank you, Bob!

Soup and Bread Suppers

Our Lenten reflections are preceded by wonderful fellowship as we share a soup and bread meal together. Please sign up to bring either soup or bread at least once during Lent! The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex on the table. Thank you for your participation-we have some amazing soup recipes amongst us, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Lenten Reflections

Our messages this year are focused on the cross and the sights of the Passion of Christ. We have talked about the "Robe" and the "Nails", and have the "Dice", "I.N.R.I.", and the "Sponge" yet to talk about.

THANK YOU

Thank you to ALL who helped make SHROVE Tuesday dinner a wonderful success. Special thanks to Marc Spohr and Larry McCourtie for chairing the event, to Sharon Bray for the great notes, and to all the hard workers who helped serve over 100 people from our community. With your help we raised \$800 to be split between Hospice in Moses Lake which serves Othello people, and the Othello Food Bank!!!

We also give a shout out to the SOUPER BOWL extra mile giving which raised \$200 to be split between ELCA World Hunger Relief and the Othello Food Bank.



Spring Forward

Please remember to turn your clocks forward on Saturday night, March 12th!





Thank you,
Pastor
Steve

Letter to Pastor Steven Myers,

We officially said 'good-bye' to you on Sunday, Feb. 28th. However, we didn't really mean it! You will always be welcome at Pilgrim Lutheran. You weren't here that long – just over three months; however, in that short amount of time you became one with us. You preached the gospel faithfully and shared your knowledge of church history and the Bible with us. You visited the sick in their homes. You encouraged us from the pulpit and took part in our activities. You believed in us. However, the most important thing you did for us was what we needed most: you loved us! For that we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Your Pilgrim People*

Kristi's favorite quote from Pastor Steve—"Don't mess with the Big Guy!"

From your Church Council:

"With God all things are possible."

The name of this publication is "Pilgrim's Progress", and that is exactly what we have been doing these last few months. ... and at a really fast pace, hyper speed, if you will!!!

The term has ended for our interim pastor, and we said farewell to Pastor Myers last week. During Pastor Myers tenure, our church grew by leaps and bounds, and with God's help we took bold steps forward in attendance, stewardship, and strengthening the community of our church.

Shrove Tuesday came and went, and once again the congregation stepped up to serve the community and raise funds for worthwhile charities.

We were "crossed" on Ash Wednesday and continue Lenten season with soup and bread on Wednesday nights and music meditation Wednesday afternoons. (If you haven't joined us yet, you should! The soups have been delicious, the short meditations enlightening, and the music has been beautiful.)

Jim Nau brought to town his "Big Boy Farm Toys" and the back lot was cleaned of all branches, twigs, grass, etc. Check it out... it looks awesome!

The parsonage has been painted inside, the floors refinished, trees pruned and/or removed, and it's in tip-top shape for our new pastor.

Which leads to our most exciting "progress"... Pastor Don Short and his wife, Anna, have arrived and moved into the parsonage. We look forward to Pastor Don joining us in our church mission and providing pastoral guidance and support for our church family.

Your council is ready to lead the way and continue the positive progress here at Pilgrim Lutheran. If you need help or would like to help, please let a council member know, and keep up the good work... God's Work!!

If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please contact Pastor Don Short at **724-996-7332**.

INFO CORNER

2/7 Attendance:	44	Offering: \$ 3451
2/14 Attendance:	39	Offering: \$ 2165
2/21 Attendance:	49	Offering: \$ 2209
2/28 Attendance:	52	Offering: \$ 1724

YTD Offerings—\$ 20,450

YTD Expenses--\$ 9,070

Thank you for supporting your church!

In Memoriam

Milt Eidahl, long-time member of Pilgrim Lutheran church passed away in early February. Milt was an excellent wood-worker and his legacy at Pilgrim Lutheran is his handmade cross on the wall behind the altar. Thank you to everyone who made his memorial service so special. Please continue to keep Milt's family in your prayers. We will miss him.

Council Members:

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Jim Nau	_____	509-989-0327
Ernie Summers	_____	509-989-1206

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Temple Tender Tuesdays —10 am Men's Group Breakfast - Saturdays 8am @ Casa		1 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	2 Quilting 9-3 pm Soup & Bread 6 pm "The Dice"	3	4	5
6 Worship Book Group 9am	7	8 Alfa y Omega 6 pm Council 7 pm	9 Quilting 9-3 pm Soup & Bread 6pm "I.N.R.I."	10	11	12 Women's Bible Study 10 am
13 Worship Sunday School Spring Forward	14	15 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	16 Quilting 9-3 pm Soup & Bread 6 pm "Sponge"	17 	18 19 Sandhill Crane Festival 	
20 Worship Book Group 9am Palm Sunday 	21	22 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	23 Quilting 9-3 pm	24	25	26
27 EASTER Breakfast @ 8:30 Easter Egg Hunt	28	29 Alfa y Omega 6 pm Blood Drive	30 Quilting 9-3 pm	31	Musical Meditation 12-1 pm Lenten Wednesdays March 2, 9, 16	

Birthdays-March

1 Darla Spurgeon
 7 Ella Moore
 8 Shane Wright
 9 Marc Spohr
 11 Will Coats
 13 Phil Bennison
 14 Jose Guzman Jr.
 16 Mike Adams
 17 Ryan Moore
 17 Payton Roberts
 18 Bob Reichert
 22 Jacob Thornton
 29 Bernard Brandt

Anniversaries-March

15 Stewart & Abby Hilmes

Choir Practice

For those who would like to
 sing at the Easter Service,
 there will be practice at 9 am
 Sunday, March 13. Thank
 you Bob Reichert!

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!

The next Blood Drive at Pilgrim will be Tuesday,
 March 29, 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!!! Thank you!!

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	ALTAR GUILD	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER
Mar. 6	Jim Weinkauff Steve Jensen	Linda Bork	FayAnn McCourtie	Bill Porter	Liz Deasy	Nancy Roth	Tammy Rodriguez	Annie Smith
Mar. 13	Larry & FayAnn McCourtie	Donna Adams	Donna Adams		Donna Adams	Donna Adams	Tammy Rodriguez	Danita Porter
Mar. 20	Jim Weinkauff Steve Jensen	Linda Bork	Sue Bunch			Cindy Eidahl	Tammy Rodriguez	Sandi B. Sharon B
Mar. 27		Liz Jensen			Nancy Roth	Nancy Roth	Tammy Rodriguez	Tammy Rodriguez



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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.



Our thanks and appreciation to Tammy and Pete Rodriguez for buffing and applying the new finish to the parsonage floor. These two members worked tirelessly for two days, and the floor looks fabulous!

Our thanks and appreciation to Jim Nau for bringing in his machinery and truck to clear out the back lot behind the parsonage. We had created quite a huge pile of grass and tree and scrub trimmings thanks to our work parties!

Thank you to Marcia Bougher, Danita Porter, and Kristi Spohr for doing the final cupboard clean up at the parsonage on Sunday, and to Marc Spohr for opening up and closing the parsonage up each day to keep it aired out after the floor work.

Lectionary Readings for March

Mar. 6	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalm 32	II Corinth. 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Mar. 13	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalm 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
Mar. 20	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 22:14-23:56
Mar. 27	Isaiah 65:17-25	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinth. 15:19-26	Luke 24:1-12



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