

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Our Gratitude Overflows

Thank you to:

- Fay Coats for chairing the Lenten services and to all who worked with her and provided readings, the beautiful cross, bulletins, hymnals and tables, music, soup and bread, etc.....
- Bob Reichert and Donna Reichert for the Music Meditation Hours, and also to those who played instruments.
- To Pastor Don and Fay Coats for their leadership in providing meaningful Holy Week and Easter services.
- To Bob Reichert and the choir for the lovely Easter anthem.
- To Vicki Nau for singing so beautifully at Good Friday service.
- To Sharon Bray for working to provide all the bulletins necessary during this busy season.
- To Larry Maine for procuring the biscuits, sausage and gravy and to all who donated extra dollars to purchase breakfast items.
- To Marcia and crew for setting up and running the Easter Egg hunt for our children.
- To all who decorated the Fellowship Hall, prepared and served food, bussed the tables, and cleaned up the kitchen following the breakfast. You know who you are and we appreciate YOU!

Celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Installation of Pastor Short

Pastor Short's Installation at Pilgrim Lutheran Church will be held on Saturday, April 23rd at 2 pm. Pastor Helga Jansons will be doing the installation. Having the installation on Saturday allows guests to be here who otherwise would not be able to attend. We look forward to Pastor Jansons return to Pilgrim Lutheran to install Pastor Short. We will celebrate Pastor Short's installation as our Pastor with a coffee hour following the service. We hope that everyone can attend!!!

Thank you from Jan Charlston:

"I would like to say a big "thank you" to all that have been so kind to help me out during my arm surgery recovery. To those that prayed for me, brought food and flowers, sent cards, made home visits, and were my taxi service many times to take me places. And yes those who came over to help me put my sling on. God is good and has blessed me with a great church family. God bless everyone and thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Special Thanks

A special thank you to all of you near and far who have supported Pilgrim Lutheran with Thrivent funds. We understand that you can direct these funds to other entities and we appreciate that you have chosen Pilgrim Lutheran Church as your designated beneficiary! Thank you!!

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study takes place Saturday, April 16, at 10 am. PLC women, we hope to see you there! Great study & fellowship.

From the Quilters

The quilts will be on the pews Sunday, April 24th to be blessed by Pastor Don. We would appreciate help boxing them up on Monday, April 25th at 9 am. They will be picked up on Wednesday April 27th at 9 am and transported to Spokane.

Synod Assembly

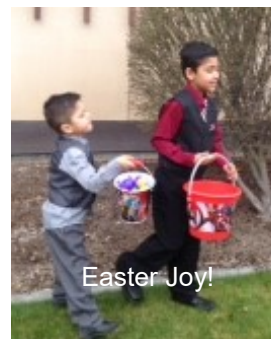
Synod Assembly will be held April 15-17. Please pray for Pastor Short, Danita Porter, and Shirley McCullough, who are your voting members and for Anna and Bill who will be accompanying them. We welcome and thank Eric Askren for filling the pulpit while Pastor Don is at the Synod Assembly.



Good Friday



Palm Sunday



Easter Joy!

Book Study-A Message from Linda Bork

Book study was held on April 3, and will be held again on April 17 at 9 am. Our group's focus is entering into the next phase, which is discussing options for helping the church move forward. The book's suggestions coincide with much of what was brought forward at the transformational ministry workshop held March 6 in Pasco. At our last meeting the following question was posed, "What does a successful church look like?" We prayerfully encourage everyone in the congregation to ponder that question, AND to come join the conversation on April 17th and beyond.

From our Pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is my first newsletter article to you. It is exciting to get a chance to share some thoughts with you this way! If you were able to hear my first sermon here in Othello, you know already I love baseball. Every spring a new baseball season starts and every team thinks that perhaps this will be the year they go all the way to the World Series. Every spring the world is full of possibilities. Every spring holds an abundance of promise!

It is the same with Easter. Did you know that we will spend the entire month of April celebrating Easter? It is a 50 day celebration that lasts clear into mid-May! All through the month we will notice signs of the resurrection around us. We will watch as the dead of winter gives way to the new life of spring. The fields are already showing green growth as the wheat and alfalfa crops take hold, and our flower beds are just beginning to burst with color. It reminds me of 2 Corinthians 5:17, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" We who are children of God are the witnesses to everything that God is making new, and God has been very busy at Pilgrim this spring! We have me, the new pastor, and Anna, a new member, and the first flowers of spring! It's great to be among you and watch the new creation of spring!

Happy Easter! --Pastor Don

From your Church Council:

"With God all things are possible."

A large portion of this publication is focused on thankfulness. We are thankful for so many blessings, and are especially aware of that during this beautiful season. The fact of the matter is that we owe all our thanks to Almighty God for putting us here, in this place, today, and to His Son Jesus, who died that we might live forever, and to the Holy Spirit, for working in it's mysterious ways to bring Pastor Short to Othello. Pastor and Anna have jumped right into life in Othello, have been introduced around the community, and Pastor will soon be installed here on Saturday April 23rd. We encourage the congregation to participate in this installation and extend our congratulations and support on this special day.

We also encourage the congregation to participate in the ongoing discussions concerning where we feel called to put our collective efforts into the community.

Wishing you a most joyous spring and God's Blessings.

Pastor Short's office hours are Tuesday-Friday 9-12
Afternoons reserved for visitations, meetings, and appointments.
Sharon's office hours are Tuesday & Thursday 10-12
Friday 10-4.

**If you are in need of emergency
pastoral care, please contact
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Council Members:

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INFO CORNER

3/6 Attendance:	62	Offering: \$ 3355
3/13 Attendance:	54	Offering: \$ 2716
3/20 Attendance:	57	Offering: \$ 1570
3/27 Attendance:	108	Offering: \$ 2624

YTD Offerings—\$ 30,715

YTD Expenses--\$ 19,114

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

Special Giving:

Souper Bowl: Food Bank & World Hunger Relief	\$200
Shrove Tuesday: Food Bank & Hospice	\$800
(Visiting Angels)	
Ash Wednesday: World Hunger Relief	\$210
Maundy Thursday: Lutheran Disaster Response	\$200
Easter Breakfast Offset:	\$293
Easter Breakfast Quilters	\$375
Total: \$ 2078	Thank you for your generosity!

April 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Temple Tender Tuesdays—10 am Men's Group Breakfast- Saturdays 8am @ Casa					1	2
3 Worship Book Group 9am Sunday School	4	5 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	6 Quilting 9-3 pm	7	8 Worship/Music meeting 3:30 pm	9
10 Worship Sunday School Choir 9 am	11	12 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	13 Quilting 9-3 pm	14	15 <u>Synod Assembly-Boise</u> →	16 Women's Bible Study 10 am
17 Worship Book Group 9am Sunday School →	18	19 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	20 Quilting 9-3 pm	21	22	23 Installation for Pastor Short 2 pm
24 Worship Sunday School Quilt Blessing Recognition Sunday	25 Quilt Packing 9am	26 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	27 Quilting 9-3 pm Quilts picked up- 9 am	28	29	30

Birthdays-April

3 Shirley McCullough
 4 Jorn Ogendahl
 5 Kevin Spohr
 8 Shannon McKay
 9 Jose Guzman
 10 Bruce Moore
 12 Robert Rogers
 14 Ethel Krug
 15 Becca Thornton
 16 T.J. Spurgeon Jr.
 16 Levi Quarles
 19 Judy Summers

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!

Christ has risen! Alleluia!

Choir Practice:

There will be choir
 practice on April 10 at 9
 am. The choir will be sing-
 ing at the service that day!

A message from Jim Nau:

Please watch the bulletins
 for information regarding
 two work parties during the
 month of April! Thank you!

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	ALTAR GUILD	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER
April 3	Marc Spohr Pete Rodriguez	Donna Adams	Fay Coats	Marc Spohr	Danita Porter	Donna Adams	Tammy Rodriguez	Tammy Rodriguez
April 10	Phil Bennison Pete Rodriguez	Shirley McCullough	Shirley McCullough	Anna Short	Donna Adams	Cindy Eidahl	Tammy Rodriguez	Tammy Rodriguez
April 17	Jim Weinkauff	Kristi Spohr	Sue Bunch		Nancy Roth	Nancy Roth	Marc Spohr	Annie Smith
April 24	Jim Weinkauff	Annie Smith	Shirley McCullough		Sue Bunch	Nancy Roth	Anna Short	Anna Short



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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.



THANK YOU, Pastor Don and Anna, for the fun St. Patrick's Day Open House held on March 17. Thank you for the opportunity to see the parsonage and how you have turned Pilgrim Lutheran's house into your home! All the food and decorations were great too!!



Palm Sunday Procession

Lectionary Readings for April

April 3	Acts 5:27-32	Psalm 150	Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-31
April 10	Acts 9:1-6	Psalm 30	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
April 17	Acts 9:36-43	Psalm 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
April 24	Acts 11:1-18	Psalm 148	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.