

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Welcome James!

At our service May 28, we welcomed James Weinkauf as a fellow member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church. We look forward to getting to know James better as we pilgrimage together. Pictured are James, Pastor Short, and Larry McCourtie.

Pentecost Prayer Vigil

On Saturday June 3, at 6 pm, Pilgrims will gather on the back lot behind the parsonage for a controlled fire where we will celebrate Pentecost together. We will write our prayer concerns on paper which we will then throw into the flames to be carried up in smoke. "Let our prayers rise up as incense before you." (Psalm 141)

Afterwards, as our hearts are renewed, we will celebrate by making S'mores! Be sure to bring your own chairs, and roasting sticks, if you have them! See you there for a fun and meaningful service & fellowship.



New Baptismal Bowl

Our Baptismal Font has a new bowl donated by Donna and Mike Adams. Pastor Short dedicated the new bowl at the beginning of the service on May 28. We give thanks to the Adams and praise to God!

Summer Worship Times—8 & 10 am

Thank you!

Dear Family at Pilgrim Lutheran. I can only say thank you for all your love and concern for me these last two months. There are just no other words.
Love, Shirley McCullough



Women's Bible Study

Please be aware that women's Bible study will be taking the summer off and will be starting up again on September 9th at 10 am at the Coventry House. Thanks to all who have participated this year. Have a wonderful summer!



Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Bernard Brandt. His Memorial Service was held here on May 17, and it was a blessing for us to be able to greet so many from Bernard's family. Please continue to keep Barbara and the family in your prayers as they grieve his passing.



Synod Assembly Update and Thank You

Synod Assembly was held May 19-21 in Spokane. As your delegates, Anna Short and Kristi Spohr thank you for the privilege of representing our congregation at the Assembly. We appreciate the prayers you offered on our behalf.

Pastor Kristen Kuempel was elected to the position of Bishop on the 4th ballot. The budget was passed and Bishop Wells was gently roasted and presented with several gifts after his tenure of 18 years as Bishop of the EaWA-Idaho Synod. The Synod also showed appreciation to Pastor Helga Jansons who will be leaving work at the synod level to accept a call to pastor at an individual church.

Fond Farewell

Sunday June 4th, we will have a sending service for Jan Charlston, long time member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church. Jan will be moving to Davenport to be closer to her children in Davenport and Spokane. We wish Jan all God's Blessings on this transition even though we will miss her tremendously.



Vacation Bible School

Plans are coming along for Vacation Bible School to be held Monday through Friday, July 10-14 at the Othello Christian Church, located at 9th Ave and Rainier Street. It begins at 3 pm each day and ends at 6 pm. Members from the 4 churches above have spent hours creating a wonderful atmosphere for learning and fun for the students. Please encourage children you know to have their parents get them signed up! Stay tuned for more info coming in the Sunday Bulletins!

From your Pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There was a lot of excitement around the election of our new bishop at synod assembly. As the six candidates spoke I was glad to hear each of them talk about how the Holy Spirit is at work not only in the church, but in the lives of those who were candidates for bishop. Each of them spoke about prayer and devotion. Each of them spoke about seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they undertake the task of church leadership, so when Pastor Kristen Kuempel from First Lutheran in Kennewick was finally elected on the fourth ballot we knew it was the work of the Holy Spirit. We had prayed for God to guide each ballot. We had prayed for God to be present on those who were candidates, and we had prayed with thanksgiving for those who were not selected and for the long tenure of Bishop Wells.

It was kind of like when Samuel anointed David as king of Israel to succeed Saul. Do you remember that story? Jesse had eight sons. Seven of them were passed over by God. Nobody expected David to be anointed because he was the youngest. He had no worldly experience. He was just a kid, but that was exactly who God wanted. You can read the whole story in 1 Samuel 16. Pastor Kuempel has no bishop experience but she is exactly who God wanted so we will give her our full support. It was a privilege to see God at work in our synod. Thank you for keeping your representatives and me in prayer at assembly.

Now that June is here we have some other exciting things coming up at Pilgrim, some of which may be labeled. "The second annual..." For instance, on June 3rd we will celebrate the second annual Pentecost Vigil with s'mores. Hopefully this year the weather will be good enough to hold it in the vacant lot behind the church where we can have a wood Pentecost fire. Last year we were grateful for Jim's propane fireplace, but a real wood fire would bring more authenticity to our celebration. We will see what God has in mind for us.

The second annual 'Worship Without Walls' is also coming in June. Get your hats ready for some outdoor worship on June 25th. I plan to decorate my hat with a little bit more color than I did last year and I am already collecting things with which to adorn my sombrero.

In between those two events will be some other great opportunities such as celebrating the accomplishments of our graduates on June 4th, which is also Pentecost Sunday so please wear red to worship, not only to recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit, but the Othello Huskies color is red and the Washington State University color is also red (some call it crimson but I can't tell the difference) so we can celebrate with Emilee and Kelsey all they have done. We will also celebrate some baptisms and Anna and I will take some vacation time in June. There's a lot going on, but God will be with us in all of it, just like God was with us at synod assembly. See you in church!

Peace,
Pastor Don Short

Greetings Fellow Pilgrims!

Summer is officially here! Flowers and weeds are growing quickly, Pentecost is here, and July 4th is waiting in the wings. We have so many things to be thankful for in this season past. Thank you Donna Reichert for the beautiful Mother's Day song that you sang during the service, thank you to all who have presented special music during our spring services. Special thanks to our Fellowship committee and to all who participated in making Bernard Brandt's service so meaningful.

Starting this Sunday: We will be worshipping at 8 am and at 10. Please be ready to help with worship duties at the 8 am hour. We will see how the new time is accepted and utilized!

Please continue to hold up in prayer our Pilgrims who are hurting and reach out to them so that they know you are thinking of them.

Check out the bulletin board for a cute thank you from the Pilgrim Lutheran Church Angels for sponsoring them as a baseball team this year. Their coach, Johnny Rodriguez, was kind enough to coach two teams this year which kept him very busy!

May you be blessed with the presence of the Holy Spirit in your lives!

Larry, Kristi, Sandy, Ernie, Jim, & Marcia

INFO CORNER

5/7	Attendance:	40	Offering:	\$ 2533
5/14	Attendance:	39	Offering:	\$ 1711
5/21	Attendance:	35	Offering:	\$ 1990
5/28	Attendance:	32	Offering:	\$ 1647

YTD Offerings — \$ 47,288

YTD Expenses— \$ **49,850**


Noisy Offering to Synod \$440 Total

Thank you for supporting your Church and it's Mission! God loves a generous heart!

If you are in need of emergency pastoral care during Pastor Don's vacation from June 12-20, please call Pastor Adam Janes of Othello Christian Church at 509-350-6852.

Council Members:

Larry McCourtie	_____	509-989-6645
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Sandi Bosch	_____	509-346-5211
Marcia Bougher	_____	509-750-5288
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 Mexicana SUNDAY SCHOOL -Last day-June 4 Sunday School starts back up in September!				1	2	3 Pentecost Vigil 6 pm
4 8 am Worship 9 am Book of Acts 10 am Worship Graduate Recognitions Healing Service	5	6 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	7	8	9	10 Emillee's Grad Party 3-7
11 8 am Worship 9 am Book of Acts 10 am Worship	12	13 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	14	15	16	17
Pastor and Anna on vacation June 12-20 						
18 10 am Worship	19	20 Committee Meetings 6:30 Council 7 pm Alfa y Omega 6 pm	21	22	23	24
25 8 am Worship 10 am Worship Worship w/o Walls	26	27 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	28	29	30	

Birthdays-June

1 Joleen Bland
 2 Lena Mendoza
 2 James Thornton
 5 Austen McKay
 9 Ernie Summers
 12 Stephanie Rodriguez
 13 Fred Bosch
 19 Roger Thieme
 19 Sue Long-Hosek
 25 Kayla Spohr
 29 Paula McKay

Anniversaries-June

2 Sally & Jack McFarlin
 8 Renee & Garrett Bagley
 10 Mary Ann & Larry Kirkpatrick
 16 Randy & Liz Deasy
 22 Tim & Darla Spurgeon
 29 Don & Anna Short

Tuesday June 20

6:30 Committees Meet
 7:30 Council



Congratulations

Congratulations to John Stephens, grandson of Marcia & Rick Bougher on his high school graduation. He plans to attend CBC this fall. Congratulations also to Sandy Russell who is graduating from Central Washington University!


Pastor Short's office hours

Tuesday-Friday 9-12
 Afternoons reserved for visitations, meetings, and appointments.

Anna's summer office hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9-11

If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please contact Pastor Don Short at **509-761-1212**.

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	Sacristan	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER
June 4	Leonard Meyer Leonard Bland	Kristi Spohr	Shirley McCullough		Anna Short	Cindy Eidahl	Anna Short	Jan Charlston
June 11	Pete Rodriguez	Marcia Bougher				Cindy Eidahl	Tammy Rodriguez	.
June 18	Pete Rodriguez	Annie Smith	Sue Bunch		Nancy Roth	Nancy Roth	Tammy Rodriguez	
June 25	Steve Jensen	Liz Jensen			Sue Bunch	Nancy Roth	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.



Pictured here are Dalton Weyns and Marc Spohr after one of the ballgames. Thanks to everyone who was able to attend a ballgame to support the Angels.

Baseball Fun
Our Pilgrim Lutheran Church Angels had a great season. It was our church's first time in recent history sponsoring a team and the banner provided by the City turned out very nice! Team members were treated by PLC to ice Cream at Frutaleta's on Wednesday, May 31, at the close of their season! Way to go, PLC Angels!



Lectionary Readings for June

June 4	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	I Corinth. 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23
June 11	Genesis 1-2:4a	Psalm 8	2 Corinth. 13:11-13	Matthew 28: 16-20
June 18	Exodus 19:2-8a	Psalm 100	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8
June 25	Jeremiah 20:7-13	Psalm 69:7-10,16-18	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39



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