

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

THE NEWSLETTER OF PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH OTHELLO, WASHINGTON

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## JULY 2017



### Vacation Bible School

**When:** July 10-14

**What time:** 3 pm to 6 pm

**Where:** Othello Christian Church 915 E. Rainier Street (on the corner of 9th and Rainier)

Vacation Bible School is sponsored this year by members of the Othello Christian Church, Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Othello First Presbyterian Church, and Othello Church of the Nazarene. Several people from our own church 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! Sign up sheets are available on the Welcome Table in the Narthex and can be filled out in advance and brought to the Christian Church on July 10.



Pictured above in their hats:

Marcia Bougher, Annie Smith, Donna Adams, Donna Reichert, Shirley McCullough, & Nancy Roth (more photos on the back page of the newsletter).

### Worship with Hats

On June 25, our Worship Without Walls was postponed due to the heat of the day, but the party atmosphere continued by worshipping in hats and indulging in Ice Cream sundaes afterwards. Thank you to the Worship & Music Committee for sponsoring this event!

### Newly Baptized

June 11 we welcomed Janna Erickson, Hadley and Kolton into our Pilgrim family through baptism. In addition, Jon Erickson affirmed his membership. It is wonderful to have Jon and his family back in our community and look forward to getting to know them better. Welcome!!!

### Church Congregational Retreat

Our Endowment Committee is sponsoring a retreat for our congregation on **Sept 23-24** at Camp Lutherhaven. Pick up a retreat brochure on the Welcome Table for all the details. Put this weekend on your calendar and plan to attend for spiritual growth, music, fun and recreational activities!



Pictured left to right:  
Hadley, Janna, Kolton, and Jon Erickson

### Reformation Oktoberfest

**Oct 29, 2017**

**Worship at 10  
Luncheon & Root Beer  
Garden to follow!**

A team is being formed to plan this exciting commemoration.

We think we will need the following committees:

1. Worship & Music
2. Food & Root Beer garden
3. Decorations
4. Entertainment
5. Publicity.

We will have a committee sign-up sheet available on Sunday, July 2nd. Please contact Fay Coats for more information.

Thank you!

### School Kits Needed

Soon we will see signs advertising "Back to School" sales on supplies needed for kids to start school. The need for school kits is even greater than ever as refugees continue to arrive in already crowded camps. School kits are sent around the world benefitting children in 1) orphanages, 2) areas where families can barely afford the fees necessary to send their children to school much less purchase supplies, and 3) refugee camps. Items needed for one school kit include:

**Four 70-sheet 8 1/2 x 10 1/2 inch notebooks** (this size is important) wide or college ruled

**One pencil sharpener**

**One blunt scissors** (safety scissors for children with embedded steel blades)

**Five unsharpened #2 pencils** with erasers

**Five black or blue ballpoint pens** (no gel ink)

**One 2 1/2 inch eraser**

**One box of 16 or 24 crayons** (Crayola brand is best)

**One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other**

If you are not a shopper but would still like to contribute, monetary donations can be made instead. Please contact Sandi Bosch or Fay Coats.

### From the Brandt Family

"To Pilgrim Lutheran Family,

There are not enough words to express our gratitude for all you did for us. Your love was such a balm for our aching hearts after losing Bernard. You are a powerful witness to Jesus."

Bill & Patty Ervin  
Barbara Brandt

### From your Pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each July brings with it a sense of patriotism because we celebrate our nation's independence on the fourth of July, Independence Day. We celebrate the day we declared our independence from the British monarchy and made the decision to be our own country. Since then we have, as a nation, seen lots of developments; some very positive and some not very positive. There are many things our nation does very well. We have a motto on our currency that shows our devotion to God. We state on every bill and coin, "In God We Trust." We have also entrusted God to bless our nation. Most of us could sing the song, "God Bless America" from memory. We sing our allegiance to God in songs like, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and even "My Country 'Tis of Thee" where we acknowledge God as our King.

Our nation was founded on the idea that we are one nation, under God, as we say in our pledge of allegiance. But sometimes our devotion gets misguided. When I was a child I learned a well-meaning song that sang, "This Land in Your Land, This Land is My Land." However, in actuality, this land is God's land! It always has been. Psalm 24 makes clear that all lands belong to God; "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers." (Psalm 24:1&2) We live in a great nation, but it belongs to God. We take time to honor those who have sacrificed for our freedom from tyranny, and we honor those who won for us our independence, but we must never forget that we are completely dependent on God because, "In him we live and move and have our being" as Paul told the Greeks at the Areopagus in Acts 17:28.

We are responsible for what happens in our land. Psalm 8 has reminded us that God has given us "dominion over the works of God's hand; all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air and the fish of the sea." As we go about our summer activities perhaps we could find time to give thanks to God for the wonder and beauty of creation and to give thanks to God for inspiring people to take care of what God has entrusted to us. It is our responsibility to be good stewards of the land God has provided. Care for the earth; be kind to one another and seek the good of our neighbors. As you enjoy your summer picnic thank the farmers around here who grew the food, and the food plants and distributors that got it into your hands, but more importantly, thank God who created it all in the first place. This land is NOT our land, it is God's land, but God has blessed America and God will continue to bless us while we seek to do God's will, that which is well-pleasing in God's sight. Enjoy your summer and I'll see you in church.

Peace,

Pastor Don Short

### 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**.

### Council Members:

Larry McCourtie	_____	509-989-6645
Kristi Spohr	488-9950	509-331-4406
Sandi Bosch	_____	509-346-5211
Marcia Bougher	_____	509-750-5288
Jim Nau	_____	509-989-0327
Ernie Summers	_____	509-989-1206

### INFO CORNER

6/4	Attendance:	52	Offering:	\$ 3158
6/11	Attendance:	56	Offering:	\$ 2247
6/18	Attendance:	30	Offering:	\$ 736
6/25	Attendance:	34	Offering:	\$ 2011

YTD Offerings — \$ 55,620

YTD Expenses— \$ **57,800**

Thank you for supporting your Church and it's Mission! God loves a generous heart! Remember to continue your tithing during the summer months! Our Church and it's Mission depend on it!

### Fellowship and Learning

These past months the adult Sunday morning class has been studying the events in the Book of Acts. Just before Easter PBS broadcasted a program called **The Last Days of Jesus** which gave a great deal of history surrounding Christ's death and the politics occurring in the Roman empire which influenced much of what is written for us in the Passion story we have today. It is not out on disc but was recorded on a home DVR so you are invited to view this program with the class at the home of Mike and Donna Adams July 10th at 6:30. Dessert will be served and if desired snacks can be brought for sharing. Contact them at 346-2514 if an address or directions are needed. Hope to see you there. Drive time 20+ minutes. —Donna




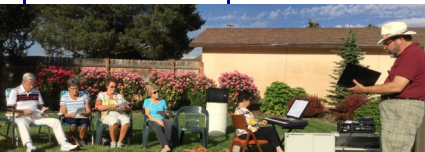
### Greetings Fellow Pilgrims!

Thank you to all who participated in the work party June 19th. There was a excellent crew and they made great strides in cleaning up our church property. We have definitely entered the summer season. Temperatures are hot, and the fires are around us. Please pray for our firefighters as they seek to keep our property, and **US** safe this summer.

We would love to see a good turnout to the activity directly above this message. Put it on your calendar and plan to attend. It is a great opportunity to learn more about Christ, and each other.

Blessings to all as we celebrate God's country! Have a safe July 4th!

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Temple Tender Tuesdays</b> —10 am <b>Men's Group Breakfast</b> - Saturdays 8am @ Casa Mexicana <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> - Sunday School starts back up in September!						1
<b>2</b> 8 am Worship 10 am Worship Healing Service <b>NO Bible Study</b>	3	<b>4</b>  Alfa y Omega 6 pm	5	6	7	8
<b>9</b> 8 am Worship 9 am Book of Acts 10 am Worship	<b>10</b> Movie night @ Mike & Donna Adams-6:30	<b>11</b>  Committee Meetings 6:30 Council 7:30 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	<b>Vacation Bible School July 10-14 3-6 pm</b>			15
<b>16</b> 8 am Worship 9 am Book of Acts 10 am Worship	17	<b>18</b> Alfa y Omega 6 pm	19	20	21	22
<b>23</b> 8 am Worship 9 am Book of Acts 10 am Worship	24	<b>25</b> Alfa y Omega 6 pm Blood Drive 1-6 pm 	26	27	28	29
<b>30</b> 8 am Worship 9 am Book of Acts 10 am Worship	31	<b>Summer Worship Times—8 &amp; 10 am</b>				

**Birthdays-July**

2 Liz Deasy  
 4 Jack McFarlin  
 4 Sandi Bosch  
 6 Anna Short  
 8 Mandy Moore  
 9 Aleta Cheek  
 12 Ivan Vallejo

16 Paul Snyder  
 21 Annie Smith  
 25 Kelsey Olsen  
 26 Larry Kirkpatrick  
 27 Molly Jensen  
 27 Desiree Howes



**Tuesday July 11**

6:30 Committees Meet  
 7:30 Council

**Anniversaries-July**

23 Paul & Bernie Snyder  
 24 Pete & Tammy Rodriguez  
 31 James & Becca Thornton

Pentecost Vigil-June 3, 2017

Unless noted with an 8, all signups refer to the 10 am service! Thank you to all who are willing to serve by signing up in advance, and also being willing at a moment's notice! :)

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	Sacristan	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER
July	Larry & Barb Maine	Paul S	Anna S		Anna S	Cindy E	Marcia B	Paul & Bernie Snyder
July 9		Donna A	Sue B	8 Bill P	8 Bill & Danita 10 same!	Nancy R	Anna S	John & Carolyn B
July 16	Sandi B & Sharon B	8 Shirley M 10 Annie S	8 am Shirley		Nancy Roth	Nancy Roth		Annie Smith.
July 23		8 am Linda 10 am Kristi	FayAnn		Donna Adams	Donna Adams		Kristi Spohr
July 30	Leonard M	Marcia B	Annie S		Nancy R	Cindy E		Sandi B & Sharon B





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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.



Janna, Kolton, & Hadley in front of the Welcome Banner on June 11. Congratulations and WELCOME!



Nancy Roth & Anna Short with their hats June 25 at the Sundae Social.



Proud Mom, Lynn Olsen, with her daughters, Meghan, and Kelsey, the latest graduate!



**Pilgrim's Graduates**, Kelsey Olsen, from WSU, Emilee Jensen from Othello High School, and Sandy Russell from CWU, with Addie.

### Lectionary Readings for July

July 2	Jeremiah 28:5-9	Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
July 9	Zechariah 9:9-12	Psalms 145:8-14	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
July 16	Isaiah 55:10-13	Psalms 65:9-13	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
July 23	Isaiah 44:6-8	Psalms 86:11-17	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
July 30	I Kings 3:5-12	Psalms 119:129-136	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



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