

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Pilgrim Lutheran Church Angels

Did you know that Pilgrim Lutheran is sponsoring a baseball team this year? The Evangelism Committee decided that sponsoring a team would be a great way to get our name out into the community. And at the same time a great way to support the youth in our town! This photo was taken on Opening Day, April 22, as the teams proceeded down Main Street to Lion's Park. Following is a list of their remaining games. Please try to make it to at least one game before the end of the season! Let's show them some Pilgrim Love and support!

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| PLC Angels vs Tigers | May 5 | 7 pm Field 2 |
| PLC Angels vs A's | May 9 | 7 pm Field 2 |
| PLC Angels vs Yankee | May 12 | 5 pm Field 4 |
| PLC Angels vs D'backs | May 16 | 5 pm Field 4 |
| PLC Angels vs A's | May 18 | 5 pm Field 2 |
| PLC Angels vs Reds | May 19 | 7 pm Field 4 |
| PLC Angels vs Royals | May 23 | 5 pm Field 2 |
| PLC Angels vs Twins | May 25 | 5 pm Field 2 |

Women's Bible Study

Our Bible Study will be held at Coventry House May 13th at 10 am. There will be someone there at the entrance to direct you to the meeting place! Extra copies of the study can be found on the desk in the Narthex! Hope to see you there!



Synod Assembly

Synod Assembly will be held May 19-21 in Spokane. As your delegates, Anna Short and Kristi Spohr will be voting on a variety of items, including the election of a new bishop for the EaWA-Idaho Synod. There are 6 candidates. Please listen to their short videos on the synod website, <http://ewaidsynod.org/2017bishopelection.html> and let Anna and Kristi know of your preference. Thank you very much for your interest in electing a responsive bishop.

Sunday School Bees & Trees Update

Pilgrim Lutheran's Sunday School held a bake sale during Lent and continued to collect donations until Easter for the purpose of supporting the ELCA Good Gifts Bees and Trees campaign. Thanks to YOU, \$520 was collected for this program. That amount will purchase 2 groves of 10 trees each, as well as 16 bee hives. The forms and money has already been sent to the ELCA Good Gifts. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting our youth!



Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Shannon McKay. Please continue to keep Joleen, Stacy, Michael, Sara, and their families, in your prayers as they grieve his passing.



Pictured above are Larry and Barbara Maine, with Manny, and family members.

Women's Hiking Opportunity

On May 6, women will gather at the church parking lot to carpool to the Potholes where they will hike followed by lunch at Mar-Don Resort. For additional information, including times, what to wear, length of hike, etc. please contact Anna Short at the church office, 488-9952.



Recognition Sunday

Sunday, April 23, we recognized Barb and Larry Maine, and Manny! We are so thankful for the energy that Manny brings to our congregation, and the presence of Barb and Larry in our midst! Be sure to tell them thanks for all they have done over the years at Pilgrim Lutheran Church!

Yoga Postponed

Our yoga activity and luncheon planned for May 6th had to be postponed. Stay tuned for a new date and time for this fun activity. Thank you for your patience!



Mason and Addie Jo Summers are ready to lead the procession down the hall with the banner on Palm Sunday! They are always willing to help with our services.

From your Pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Whew! April was busy with Holy Week and Easter taking up much of the first half and then Bishop Wells came for a visit on the 23rd. The Reicherts hosted the 'Unique Dinner Show' on the 25th and I saw many of you there. We ended the month with dedicating many quilts once again to the glory of God and hearing about more opportunities for generosity through Compassion International. April was busy, but May will not be quiet.

May 7th is Good Shepherd Sunday. We will hear again how Jesus fulfills prophecy from Scripture as we connect Psalm 23 to John chapter 10. I always like Good Shepherd Sunday because many composers before us have made that connection and the music is very satisfying. I hope you will be in worship that day.

May 14th is Mother's Day. I'm pretty sure I don't need to remind you how important mothers are! We worship the author of all life and life would be impossible without mothers! We give thanks to God for all of you.

As important as those first two Sundays are in May, I am really looking forward to Synod Assembly, May 19-21. By Sunday, May 21st, we will know who our bishop will be when Martin Wells retires at the end of August. There are seven candidates. Your representatives, Anna and Kristi, have been given their biographical information. These are available on the synod web site along with companion videos of each of the candidates. You can check them out and tell your representatives your favorites. It may help Anna and Kristi choose. I have to be at Synod Assembly on May 21st, but worship will still happen here at Pilgrim. Please come and support those who will lead that day. Hopefully, the seven candidates have all read what Paul wrote to Timothy, "Whoever aspires to the office of bishop desires a noble task. Now a bishop must be above reproach." (1 Timothy 3:1, 2)

May closes with Memorial Day Weekend which is always the unofficial start of summer, but more importantly, a chance to pause and give thanks to God for those brave men and women who sacrificed their own lives for the cause of our freedom and the defense of our country. As Jesus said, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13) Our brothers and sisters in the military love their country more than life itself, and we thank God for them even as we work for the day when no one else will have to die to defend our nation. As you can see, May will be another fruitful and important month as we celebrate the risen Christ. See you in church.

Peace,
Pastor Don

Greetings Fellow Pilgrims!

May is an optimistic month. The days are longer, and the wind has mostly stopped blowing, but don't hold your breath! The bulbs have had their first blooms, and people are in their gardens and yards. Thank you to those who work hard to keep the parsonage and church yards trimmed, edged, mowed, weeded, sprayed and planted with beautiful flowers. We appreciate your hard work!

While we revel in the beauty of the earth, we need to keep in our hearts those Pilgrims who have left this earthly journey, and keep their families who are left here in our prayers. Please continue to hold up and walk alongside those who are mourning amongst us. Continue to pray for those amongst us who are struggling with health issues. There will be a Healing Service immediately after our worship service on May 7th. What is to be gained from attending a Healing Service? Those suffering from disease, discomfort, or anxiety, gain a sense of peace and confidence in the presence of God. Several of us have attended regularly, and can attest to the sense of peace it gives to each one of us. We thank Pastor Don for bringing this ministry to us.

Please consider joining the conversation on Sunday mornings at 9 am for the Bible Study in Acts. We have had some lively discussions as we ponder God's Word and its meaning for us, here. There is always room for more! May God's Peace fill our hearts as we receive and recognize the Holy Spirit working in us.

Happy Spring!

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

INFO CORNER

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| 4/2 | Attendance: | 43 | Offering: | \$ 3225 |
| 4/9 | Attendance: | 48 | Offering: | \$ 1855 |
| 4/16 | Attendance: | 98 | Offering: | \$ 2700 |
| 4/23 | Attendance: | 55 | Offering: | \$ 1549 |
| 4/30 | Attendance: | 40 | Offering: | \$ 1455 |

YTD Offerings — \$ 39,484

YTD Expenses— \$ 40,890

Bees & Trees Bake Sale \$ 520.00 Final Total
Noisy Offering to Synod 4/30 \$142—\$330 Total
Thank you for supporting your Church and it's
Mission! God loves a generous heart!

Memorial Service

On Wednesday, May 17th at 11 am at our church, there will be a Memorial Service for Bernard Brandt, former Pilgrim member for many years. His service will be followed by a luncheon. Please keep Bernard's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Council Members:

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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--|---|---|--|--|-----------|---|
|  | 1 | 2 Quilt Packing 9 am | 3 Quilting 9 am | 4 | 5 | 6 Women's Hike |
| 7 9 am Book of Acts 10 am Worship Healing Service | 8 | 9  Alfa y Omega 6 pm Committees @ 6:30 pm Council @ 7 pm | 10 Quilting 9 am | 11 | 12 | 13 Women's Bible Study 10 am |
| 14 9 am Book of Acts 10 am Worship | 15 | 16 Alfa y Omega 6 pm | 17 Quilting 9 am Bernard Brandt Memorial Service 11 am | 18 | 19 | 20 Synod Assembly → |
| 21 10 am Worship → | 22 | 23 Alfa y Omega 6 pm | 24 Quilting 9 am | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 10 am Worship | 29 Memorial Day  | 30 Alfa y Omega 6 pm  1-6 pm | 31 Quilting 9 am | Temple Tender Tuesdays—10 am Men's Group Breakfast- Saturdays 8am @ Casa Mexicana SUNDAY SCHOOL-May 7, 14, 21, 28 | | |

Birthdays-May

3 MaryAnn Kirkpatrick
5 Rick Bougher
7 Ashley Stephens
11 Clayton Wright
12 Jan Charlston
13 Pete Rodriguez
16 Daniel Short
17 Steve Jensen
18 Joseph Guzman

20 Sandy Russell
20 Keith Russell
21 Carrie Redding
21 Mike Krupa
23 John Stephens
23 Isaac Guzman
26 Kassie Tricola
26 Melissa Stephens
28 Ron Hilmes
31 Jan Hilmes

Anniversaries-May

10 Kassie & Matt Tricola

Tuesday May 9th
6:30 Committees Meet
7:30 Council

PLC News Wanted for the Newsletter
If you have **events** and or **topics** that need to be publicized in our newsletter, please call or text Kristi Spohr at 509-331-4406, or email the church at pilgrimlutheran@hotmail.com
Thank you!



Quilters Send 132 Quilts

Thank you to all of you who helped in assembling, packing, and weighing the boxes of quilts. It is very much appreciated by all the quilters and by those who receive them!

| DATE | USHERS | READER | Communion Assistant | ACOLYTE | Sacristan | BREAD | CLICKER | GREETER |
|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| May 7 | Steve & Emilee Jensen | Liz Jensen | Jan Charlston | | Liz Deasy | Cindy Eidahl | Anna Short | Kristi Spohr |
| May 14 | Marc S. Phil B. | Shirley McCullough | Annie Smith | | Fay Coats | | Anna Short | Paul & Bernie |
| May 21 | Sandi B. & Sharon B. | Annie Smith | | Kayla Spohr | Nancy Roth | Nancy Roth | Anna Short | Annie Smith |
| May 28 | Pete R. & Larry McC. | Barb Maine | Annie Smith | Linda Bork | | Cindy Eidahl | 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.

Pastor Short's office hours -Tuesday-Friday 9-12
Afternoons reserved for visitations, meetings, and appointments.
Anna's office hours- Tuesday & Thursday 9-11
Friday 9-11 & 2-4
If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please contact
Pastor Don Short at **509-761-1212**.

Easter Joy!

Many Thanks to everyone who participated in making our Lenten Season and our Easter Sunday so beautiful-Pastor Don and Anna, our musicians, Bob Reichert for directing choir, our breakfast makers, and decorators, our Easter Egg fillers and Hunt supervisors, and especially to God our Father for providing his Son that we may have Eternal Life through Him. Peace!



Lectionary Readings for May

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| May 7 | Acts 2:42-47 | Psalm 23 | I Peter 2:19-25 | John 10:1-10 |
| May 14 | Acts 7:55-60 | Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 | I Peter 2:2-10 | John 14:1-14 |
| May 21 | Acts 17:22-31 | Psalm 66:8-20 | I Peter 3:13-22 | John 14:15-21 |
| May 28 | Acts 1:6-14 | Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 | I Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 | John 20:19-31 |



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