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"Katie Luther, First Lady of the Reformation"

When: October 15, 2017

What time: 2 pm

Where: Reichert Showhouse

Katie Luther will be portrayed by Reverend Gwen Ehrenborg from Camano Island. She is a retired Methodist pastor and is a recognized authority on both Katie and Martin Luther and the Reformation Era. Plan to attend this event as part of our Commemoration of this year's 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Pilgrim Lutheran is sponsoring this live performance in conjunction with Reichert Showhouse and Thrivent Financial Services. There is no charge for admission although a free-will offering will be taken.

Reformation Commemoration Festivities at PLC

Planning is in full swing by the committee for a splendid day of fellowship on October 29, beginning with worship at 10 am. Choir will be singing during the worship. An Oktoberfest meal, complete with a root beer garden, will be served after worship. Then we will have a hymn sing prior to viewing Rick Steve's PBS Special "Luther and the Reformation" at 1 pm, and the festivities will conclude with a prayer service at 2 pm. The community is invited and welcome, so gather your neighbors and come to the party.



The posting of the 95 Theses by Martin Luther in October 1517.

Blessing of Othello's First Responders

September 10 marked our Second Annual Blessing of Othello's First Responders in grateful appreciation of their efforts on a daily basis. Where many must run for safety, our First Responders run into danger to put out fires, care for wounded, and protect our safety from those who would harm us. This Blessing Service is a great way to let them know how much they are loved and appreciated. It is meaningful to us to be able to thank them personally.



Congregational Retreat

Camp Lutherhaven brought all it's best for Pilgrim Lutheran Retreat on Sept 23-24. The weather was wonderful, warm, and sunny. Meals were delicious and filling. The seminars were thoughtful and thought-provoking. Garrett, our hospitality coordinator was present and attentive. Thank you to the **Endowment Committee** for the opportunity to study together in such a beautiful location. Thank you to **Bob Reichert** for all the coordinating prior to the event, and for putting together the brochure for us all. If you were not able to attend, please know that you were heartily missed! Photos on the back page!

Blessing our Sunday School Teachers and Students

Pastor Short gave a blessing to all the teachers and students of Pilgrim's Sunday School on Sept 17. We thank all the teachers and students for their efforts during the coming year.

Painting Opportunity

Pilgrim will have a work party Saturday, October 7, at 10 am to scrape and paint the trim on the parsonage. We would like to get this completed before the winter comes to protect the wood. If you would rather not paint, there is prep work to complete and weeds to pull... Please consider coming to lend a hand! Many hands make light work for everyone! Thank you!



From your Pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is the month when all of the planning and all of the preparation and all of the organization that has been taking place over the past few months come together. This is the month in which we will commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation that was initiated by Martin Luther on October 31st, 1517. Lots of special events are planned around the country and even around the world. Right here in Othello we will observe the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in two very special events.

First, we will welcome Gwen and Todd Ehrenborg to town on October 15th as Gwen presents the one-woman drama, "Katie Luther, First Lady of the Reformation". If you enjoy history, particularly church history and how it affects world events, this will be a show you will want to make plans to see. Be at Reichert Showhouse on October 15th at 2 pm.

Second, we will have our own Reformation Festival Worship on October 29th at 10 am. The choir will sing, the Sunday school children have something special planned, and there will be some special music in worship as well. That's not even all of what we have planned for that day! Immediately after worship we will begin our Reformation Oktoberfest. We will share a meal with German bratwurst, we will share some entertainment and we will even have a Root Beer Garden! That will be fun, but even that isn't the end of events for the day.

After we eat, at about 1 pm, the Reicherts will lead a Luther hymn sing-a-long. Then we will view Rick Steves' "Luther and the Reformation", which was prepared for Public Television for the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Once the video is done we will finish the day with a brief prayer service to ask God to be with us and guide us over the next 500 years.

It will be a full month, but it will be incomplete without you! We need you to be bold and tell your friends about all we have planned. We need you to come and support our celebrations. We need you to be bold and speak up if you have ideas about ways to improve our plans. We need you to be like the members of the early church who prayed for boldness in Acts chapter 4:29 and 30; "Lord, look upon us and grant to your servants to speak your word with boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." Our plans won't work without you, so I'll see you in church.

Peace,

Pastor Donald Short

Pastor Short's office hours

Tuesday-Friday 9-12

Afternoons reserved for visitations, meetings, and appointments.

Anna's office hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 2-4

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

INFO CORNER

9/3	Attendance:	35	Offering:	\$ 2398
9/10	Attendance:	65	Offering:	\$ 2586
9/17	Attendance:	34	Offering:	\$ 3750
9/24	Attendance:	31	Offering:	\$ 228 @ Camp Lutherhaven

Harvey Relief \$505 Irma Relief \$375

YTD Offerings — \$ 82,331

YTD Expenses— \$ 82,112

Thank you for supporting your Church and it's Mission! God loves a generous heart! Remember to continue your tithing for the Sundays you are not here! Our Church and it's Mission depend on it!

Greetings from your Church Council


What a wonderful space Camp Lutherhaven is for spiritual reflection, renewal, and contemplation of God's beautiful kingdom! We came back filled with a plethora of ideas and renewed enthusiasm for getting to God's work with our hands! Thanks to all who attended and to the Endowment Committee for funding the experience.

Pastor Short will be leading a 2 week session on spiritual practices on Oct 1 and 8 at 9 am prior to worship. We discussed this at Camp Lutherhaven and thought it would be worthwhile! Hope to see you there.

Something the quilters can use help with is the placing of quilts on the pews, Oct. 4 at 9 am, the packing of the quilts on Tues Oct. 10 at 9 am, and then delivery of them to Lord of Life Lutheran Church on Wed. Oct. 11 between the hours of 9 am-noon. If you can help with any of these activities it would be greatly appreciated. Until a quilting coordinator is announced, please let Anna know in the office if you are able to help. Thank you!

The fellowship and evangelism committees are actively looking for help with all the upcoming activities. Please consider what you can do to help in those areas. Spread the LOVE!

God's Blessings,
Larry, Kristi, Sandy, Ernie, Jim, & Marcia

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9 am Spiritual Practices 10 am Worship Sunday School Blessing of the Animals	2	3 Cantata Rehearsal 7:30-9:15	4 Setting the quilts on the pews 9 am	5 Cantata Rehearsal 7:30-9:15	6	7
		Pastor Short @ Bishop's Convocation in Boise				
8 9 am Spiritual Practices 10 am Worship Quilt & School Kit Blessing Sunday School & Healing Service	9	10  Alfa y Omega 6 pm Cantata Rehearsal 7:30-9:15 (optional) Committee Meetings	11 Fellowship & Worship Committee @ 4 pm	12 Cantata Rehearsal 7:30-9:15	13	14 Bible Study @ Coventry 10 am
15 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Worship Sunday School 2 pm Katie Luther @ Reichert Showhouse	16	17 Alfa y Omega 6 pm Council 7:30	18 Cantata Rehearsal 7:30-9:15	19	20	21
22 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Worship Sunday School	23	24 Alfa y Omega 6 pm Cantata Rehearsal 7:30-9:15	25	26 Cantata Rehearsal 7:30-9:15	27	28
29 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Worship Sunday School Reformation Activities	30	31 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	Temple Tender Tuesdays—10 am Men's Group Breakfast- Saturdays 8am @ Casa Mexicana SUNDAY SCHOOL-Every week in October!			

Birthdays-October

1 Donna Adams
5 Donna Reichert
9 Erica Virgin Rodriguez
12 Addie Jo Russell
15 Danita Porter
16 Treva Reichert
18 Aaron Stephens
21 Cindy Eidahl
23 Stewart Hilmes
26 Eric Porter
26 Fay Ann McCourtie
26 Rob Reichert
28 Marcia Bougher
28 Miah Rodriguez
29 Barb Maine

Anniversaries-October

5 Sandi & Fred Bosch
8 Sandy & Shane Russell
14 Henry & Lillian Solbrack
29 Sue & Ron Hosek

Tuesday October 10

6:30 Committees Meet
7:30 Council



A Word About our Mission Budget

PLC Council has allocated \$500 toward the Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Activities. As committees and individuals purchase food and materials for this celebration, please note the **Account # 5014** on your reimbursement forms so that Shirley and Marc can track the expenditures accurately. Thank you. I hope this is helpful! -Kristi

Let's talk about FACEBOOK

Please continue to **SHARE** Pilgrim's Facebook Posts so that all of Othello & those out of town know all that is happening here during the month of October. This is an effective way to spread the news. Please ask Anna Short in the office, Kristi and/or Kayla Spohr if you have any questions. Let's canvas this town with our Good News!

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	Sacristan	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER
Oct 1		Donna Adams	Anna Short		Anna Short	Donna Adams		
Oct 8	Pete R &	Annie Smith		Addie Russell	Bill & Danita Porter	Cindy Eidahl	Tammy R	Tammy R
Oct 15	Pete R &	Barb Maine	Annie Smith		Liz Deasy		Tammy R	Tammy R
Oct 22	Kristi S &	Kristi Spohr	Shirley McCullough				Tammy R	Tammy R
Oct 29		Linda Bork				Cindy Eidahl	Tammy R	Tammy R



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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.



**Church
Retreat at
Camp
Lutherhaven**



Lectionary Readings for October

October 1	Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32	Psalms 25:1-9	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
October 8	Isaiah 5:1-7	Psalms 80:7-15	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
October 15	Isaiah 25:1-9 50:15-21	Psalms 23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
October 22	Isaiah 45:1-7	Psalms 96:1-9	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
October 29	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalms 46	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36



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