

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Holy Week Blessings

Sunday April 14, 10 am
Palm Sunday Processional

Sunday April 14, 4-6 pm
Journey Through the Life of Jesus @ Othello Christian Church (Pilgrim participants, please be there @ 2 pm)

Thursday April 18, 7 pm
Maundy Thursday Ecumenical Worship @ First Presbyterian Church

Friday April 19, 7 pm
Good Friday Ecumenical Tenebrae Service at Pilgrim

Sunday April 21 @ 7 am
Easter Ecumenical Sunrise Service at Kiwanis Park

Easter Festivities at Pilgrim Lutheran:

8:30 **Easter Breakfast** in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 **Easter Egg Hunt** for all the children

10:00 **Hallelujah-Christ Is Risen Worship Service**

Remember to bring fresh cut flowers for our "Flowered Cross".

We hope to see you all on EASTER SUNDAY!

Adult Forum

Adult Forum Bible Study is continuing on April 7 and 28. We are still in the study of the Gospel of Matthew. Please consider joining the discussion Sunday mornings! For more information, contact Pastor Don.

Women's Bible Study

Women will be gathering April 6th in the quilting room for their monthly Bible Study from the Gather Magazine. Extra copies are available on the table in the Narthex or by calling Fay Coats at 509-855-3911. All are welcome!

Our Sincere Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathy to MaryAnn & Larry Kirkpatrick and the entire Yager family on the passing of our friend and fellow Pilgrim Shirley Yager. Please continue to lift them in prayer as they grieve for their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Shirley will be missed by all of us! We give great thanks to everyone who helped make Shirley's Memorial so wonderful. To everyone who worked in the kitchen and to those who brought food for the meal, thank you!

From the Groundskeeper

Our church does have a paid groundskeeper, however, congregational involvement is encouraged and appreciated. If you would like to prune, plant, weed, or otherwise improve the church landscape, please let me know. Thanks,
Marc Spohr 331-6390



Shrove Tuesday Workers

Left to Right:
Pastor Don, Marc Spohr, Tammy Rodriguez, and Anna Short
More Shrove Tuesday photos on the back page!

Shrove Tuesday Update

Thank you to all who set up tables and decorations, who worked tirelessly at the dishwasher, who bussed tables, who prepared sausages and pancakes, and otherwise made the 2019 Shrove Tuesday a wonderful event. The event garnered \$1015 to be split between Pet Rescue and Assured Hospice. Fantastic work everyone!



ELCA Good Gifts

Our Pilgrim Lutheran Sunday School's Lenten emphasis is on the giving of goats through the ELCA Good Gifts. On March 24, Stephanie, a goat owner, presented our congregation with info showing WHY goats are such a great gift to individuals, and families in the third world. Each goat costs \$50, or \$100 for a pair. Sunday School's goal is to be able to give several pair by Easter. Thank you to all who participate in this promotion!

April Message From Our Pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Of all of our Christian holidays that fill the calendar every year, Easter is both the most wonderful and the most strange. It is wonderful because it is our joy filled celebration of the resurrection. It is our annual party to celebrate Jesus Christ rising from the dead. It is the one day of the year set aside to proclaim to the world that death is no longer the end for any of us.

But Easter is a strange holiday, too. Its kind of tough to plan for. Why does the date change every year? Lots of times we plan for outdoor Easter activities, such as an Easter-egg hunt, only to have them altered because of weather considerations. Retailers have it tough as well. Most retailers that count on Easter business to boost profits have to have a variety of Easter outfits that will fit nicely under cold weather garments as well.

So why does the date of Easter change every year? Christmas doesn't change, it is always December 25th. Valentine's Day is always February 14th, and St. Patrick's Day is always March 17th. The Annunciation of Jesus is always March 25th and even Holy Cross Day is always September 14th, and Reformation Day is always October 31st. Who decided Easter should change from year to year?

In the year 325 Emperor Constantine told the council of Nicea that he wanted Easter to be celebrated on the same day throughout the Roman Empire. The council referred to the Bible, where the Scripture tells us that Jesus was crucified right before the Jewish Passover festival and rose just as the Sabbath from that festival had ended. That means Easter depends on when the Passover festival is celebrated.

The 13th chapter of Exodus describes how God instructed the Jews to keep the Passover feast from year to year, and based on Jewish tradition, it comes on the first full moon after the first day of spring. That means Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the first day of spring, and that date changes from year to year. Because Easter changes from year to year, so do days like Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Pentecost. So Constantine got his wish, we all celebrate Easter together, but it just takes a little extra planning to make sure you know what day to plan your Easter egg hunt. This year we will celebrate Easter on April 21st, and I hope it will be nice and warm. See you in church!

Peace,
Pastor Don Short

Pastor Short's office hours

Wednesday-Friday 9-12 pm
Tuesdays 9-11 am

Tues pm reserved for text studies & Wed-Fri afternoons reserved for meetings, visitations, and appointments.

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

Anna's office hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 2-4 pm
Cell phone 509-761-1205

Spring Greetings

What a crazy long winter it was! After last month and so many cancellations of activities, I am nervous to put anything on the calendar for this next month. But trees are budding out, bulbs are blooming, (even a day after the snow left my garden), students are on Spring Break next week, and soon Easter will be here. Spring is looking good!

Please consider helping out on the duties roster where there are several openings and God Bless you as we pilgrimage through this holy season.

Thank you!

Celebrating God's family life with all of you fellow Pilgrims,
Kristi Spohr

Pilgrim Lutheran Church Council Members

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Tammy Rodriguez	509-855-6073
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Additional Articles and Voices Requested!

If you would like to publicize your committee's event or have a photo you would like in the Pilgrim's Progress, please contact Kristi Spohr at 509-331-4406. Thanks very much!

INFO CORNER




3/3	Attendance: 44	Offering: \$ 2,285
3/10	Attendance: 39	Offering: \$ 2,575
3/17	Attendance: 43	Offering: \$ 5,393
3/24	Attendance: 54	Offering: \$ 2,005
3/31	Attendance:	Offering: \$

You will find Attendance and Offering for 3/31 in May's Info Corner. Thank you!

YTD Offerings — \$28,325


YTD Expenses — \$26,805

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Welcome <i>April</i></p>	<p>1 Snow Make Up Day <i>April Fool!</i></p>	<p>2 </p>	<p>3 Quilting 9 am Soup & Bread 6 pm</p>	<p>4 Meditation @ 7</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 10 am Women's Bible Study</p>
<p>7 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship & Sunday School Healing Service</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9  Alfa y Omega 6 pm Council 7 pm</p>	<p>10 Quilting 9 am Soup & Bread 6 pm</p>	<p>11 Meditation @ 7</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 No Adult Forum 10 am Worship & Sunday School Palm Sunday</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Alfa y Omega 6 pm</p>	<p>17 Quilting 9 am</p>	<p>18 7 pm Maundy Thursday Ecumenical @ First Presbyterian</p>	<p>19 7 pm Good Friday Ecumenical Tenebrae Service @ Pilgrim</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 8:30 Easter B-fast 9:30 Egg Hunt 10 am Easter Service</p>	<p>22 Earth Day</p>	<p>23 Alfa y Omega 6 pm</p>	<p>24 Quilting 9 am</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 12 pm Rotary Golf Tourney </p>
<p>28 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship & Sunday School Quilter's Coffee Hour</p>	<p>29 9 am Quilt Packing Please Help!</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Men's Group Breakfast- Saturdays 8am @ Casa Mexicana SUNDAY SCHOOL-Sunday School April 7, 14, & 28</p>			



On March 13, 2019, Anna used her ice chipping skills to break up the dam on the roof! Thanks, Anna!

Tuesday April 9
7:00 pm Council 

Quilters Coffee Hour

Quilters are hosting a coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall on April 28 to show their appreciation for all that Pilgrim does to help them. The quilts will be on the pews for blessing as well!

Christ in Our Home

Christ in our Home devotionals are now available in the Narthex for the months of April, May, and June 2019. Hurry to get yours, they are going quickly!

Anniversaries-April

No Anniversaries this month!

Birthdays-April

- 3 Shirley McCullough
- 4 Jorn Ogendahl
- 5 Kevin Spohr
- 9 Jose Guzman
- 10 Bruce Moore
- 15 Becca Thornton
- 16 TJ Spurgeon Jr.
- 19 Judy Summers

DATE	USHERS	READER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	SACRISTAN	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER	COFFEE HOUR
April 7		Shirley McCullough	Shirley McCullough	Jada	Fay Coats	Nancy Roth	Anna Short	Paul and Bernie	Shirley McC
April 14		Annie Smith		Alizah		Cindy Eidahl	Tammy Rodriguez	Trudy Doolittle	Linda C Sandi B
April 21	Trudy D &	Kristi Spohr	Annie Smith	Jada	Nancy Roth	Nancy Roth	Tammy Rodriguez	Elaine & Don Wade	Cindy E Annie S
April 28		Linda Bork				Cindy Eidahl	Tammy Rodriguez		Quilters



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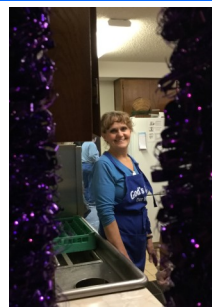
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April 2019

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.



Left to Right:

Sue Bunch-our gracious hostess, managing the donation table 2) Our Pancake crew-Pete, Jim, Leonard, Pastor Short, Marc, and Elaine 3) Tammy-our dishwasher extraordinaire, and 4) Napkin folders-Marcia, FayAnn, Shirley, and Ernie

Thank you to everyone who participated and to those who came to eat! It was a great evening!

Lectionary Readings for April

April 7	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalms 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
April 14	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalms 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 23:1-49
April 21	Isaiah 65:17-25	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	I Corinthians 15:19-26	Luke 24:1-12
April 28	Acts 5:27-32	Psalms 150	Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-31



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