

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Ecumenical Ensemble-Playing at the Advent Service of Lessons and Carols at the Presbyterian Church on December 18th. Left to right: Tonya Lewis, Pastor Don Short, Paul Firth, Pastor Adam Janes, George Roper

Thank You Pilgrim Lutheran

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Anna and I are so grateful for your generosity to us during the Christmas season. We thank you for all of the cards, gifts, and other remembrances you have given us. We enjoyed the candy, drinks, and fruit very much, and the monetary gifts will be put to good use. We are especially grateful for all you gave to the ELCA Good Gifts and the Coyote Ridge Dog Training Program. You also generously improved the Christmas of many patients at Eastern State Hospital. You are a very generous congregation and we are privileged to participate in the worship of Jesus Christ with all of you. Many blessings for 2020. Peace,
Don and Anna Short

ELCA Good Gifts & Coyote Ridge Update

Thank you generous Pilgrims for your wonderful donations to these 2 worthy programs. Your donations of \$1077 will be split between the ELCA Good Gifts and the Adams County Pet Rescue for the Coyote Ridge Dog Training Program! Thank you!



It's a Wrap!

Congratulations and thank you to Bob & Donna Reichert on the 41st Cantata presented prior to Christmas. It was another beautiful Cantata and we thank you and all the singers for their efforts at bringing this music to the Othello and Moses Lake communities. More photos on the back page.

Children's Christmas Program

On Dec 8, Pilgrims were treated to the story of Jesus's birth, complete with costumes, Christmas carols, and narration. Thank you to all of the Sunday School teachers for working with the children to make this program so grand! At left: The Manger Scene
Another photo on the back page.



Congregational Meeting & Potluck

Our annual congregational meeting will be on Sunday, January 26th, directly after worship. Items on the agenda will include:

- 1) Discussing & adopting the 2020 Annual Budget
- 2) Election of council members
- 3) Appointing members to the nominating committee
- 4) Appointing members to the Endowment Committee
- 5) Appointing members to the NW Intermountain Synod Regional Gathering in Moses Lake which takes place in May
- 6) Reviewing church business

The Annual Report, including the proposed budget, will be available on Sunday January 19th, to review prior to the meeting. **(Kindly turn in all committee reports by Jan. 15th)** If you can send them to the church electronically

pilgrimlutheran@hotmail.com, that will make it ever so much easier for Anna to put the packet together. Thank you for your cooperation.

All are welcome to attend the congregational meeting. Only "voting members" may vote on motions. Thank you for your continued support of Pilgrim Lutheran's mission.

Following our meeting we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to share in a potluck. Meat will be provided; **please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share!**

See you there!

A Very Warm Thank You

Pilgrim Lutheran extends a sincere thank you to Roger Thieme for the purchase of our new projector and laptop in honor of Howard Jensen. It is such a generous contribution to our worship experience and we thank you. Thank you also to Trudy Doolittle and the crew who helped set up the projector and laptop, spending literally hours here at the church to make sure that the installation was perfect. Thank you to all involved in this endeavor! It is working fabulously!

Women's Bible Study

Please join us in the Quilting Room off the kitchen for fellowship and Women's Bible Study on Saturday January 11, at 10 am. Copies of the study can be found on the desk in the Narthex. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you!

January 2020 Message from our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Having spent twenty years in the optical industry, when I see the numbers '2020', I can't help but think of clear vision. As an optician, it was always my goal to help patients get the best vision possible, and 20-20 was the goal. Now that I am a pastor, I consider it my duty to help YOU get the best vision possible, but, of course, we're talking about a different kind of vision.

For Christians, our vision comes from God and always includes the task of sharing God's love. Our vision is to encircle the community where we live with the love of God so that others may feel the love that God has for them. We accomplish this vision by listening for what God is calling us to do. Our church vision statement says, "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." We cannot accomplish that vision without God and without God's love.

Too often, I think we try to be too subtle. We try to accomplish God's mission in anonymous ways so that we don't draw attention to ourselves. I'm not sure God would agree with that attitude. In Habakkuk, God instructs the prophet to make a billboard! God says, "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay." (Habakkuk 2:2,3)

God will accomplish God's mission to bring peace and joy to all the earth. My job is to help you find your place in accomplishing that mission. Your job is to be willing to answer God's call. There is a lot of work to do, but 2020 is just the right year to do it. I pray that you will catch the vision yourself and get more involved with all God is doing at Pilgrim Lutheran Church as we prepare for the final vision as described in Daniel, "As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed." I encourage you to get involved here at Pilgrim, so you don't miss the vision. God has great things in store for us in 2020! See you in church.

Peace,

Pastor Don Short

Pastor Short's office hours:

Tuesday 9-11, Text Study afterwards

Wednesday-Friday 9-12

Afternoons reserved for visitations, meetings, and appointments.

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

Pastor's Email: pilgrimcpastor@gmail.com

Anna's office hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 2-4 pm

Cell phone **509-761-1205**

INFO CORNER

12/1 Attendance:	40	Offering:	\$ 22,401
12/8 Attendance:	74	Offering:	\$ 1,757
12/15 Attendance:	35	Offering:	\$ 2,065
12/22 Attendance:	51	Offering:	\$ 2,236
12/29 Attendance:	27	Offering:	\$ 11,370
Christmas Eve	139	Offering:	\$ 1,652
Christmas Day	15	Offering:	\$ 240
2019 Offerings —	\$ 140,341		
2019 Expenses—	\$ 122,692		

Thank you, Pilgrims, for supporting your Church and it's Mission!

Saints vs. Angels Food Drive

January 12th to February 2nd

This year we will once again participate in the **Souper Bowl**, but with a slight twist. The congregation is separated into two teams--Saints vs. Angels. If your last name begins with: B,C,D,F,H,I,L,N,P,R,U,W,Z You are a **SAINT!**

If your last name begins with: A,E,G,J,K,M,O,Q,S,T,V,X,Y You are an **ANGEL!**

Please bring non-perishable food and pet food donations or monetary contributions to help your team win! Food will be weighed to see which team brings the most pounds of food. **Only 5 cases of water are allowed per team!!**

Monetary contributions are added in at the rate of \$1 = 1 lb. Please specify whether monetary contributions should go to the Othello Food Bank or to ACPet Rescue.







Undesignated monetary donations will be given to the Othello Food Bank. The team with the highest weight total by February 2nd (Super Bowl Sunday) will be the winner. All contributions by both teams will be donated to the appropriate charitable organization in early February.

Designated reception stations are located in the narthex. Please look for your station and help your team! Saints vs Angels Let's GO!

May the most generous team win!!

Thank you.

Peace, Pastor Don Short

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Men's Group Breakfast: Jan 11 @ Checo's Jan 18 @ Pilgrim Lutheran Jan 25 @ Casa Mexicana			1 	2	3	4 
5 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Healing Service	6	7 Alfa y Omega 6 pm  Church Council 7:00	8 8:30-2:30 Quilters	9	10	11 Women's Bible Study 10 am
12 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	13	14 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	15 8:30-2:30 Quilters	16	17	18
19 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21 Alfa y Omega 6 pm Blood Drive 1-6 pm 	22 8:30-2:30 Quilters	23	24	25
26 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Annual Meeting-Potluck	27 Pastor Short at Byberg Preaching Conference in Seaside OR 	28 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	29 8:30-2:30 Quilters	30 	31 <u>Birthdays-January</u> 1 Whitney Blaak 6 Erika Dominguez 9 Nancy Roth 9 Jeremiah Rodriguez 19 Manny Maine 20 Sally McFarlin	



Thank You!
 Thank you, Steve & Liz Jensen, and to Liz's dad Dallas Boge for the gorgeous tree and wreaths to help us celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas season! We appreciate these additions so much! We had a fun time decorating the tree together after the First Advent service on Dec 4th. Here is Marc starting at the top with the Angel!

January Blood Drive
 The next Blood Drive at Pilgrim will be Tuesday, January 21, from 1-6 pm. We would greatly appreciate help in setting up for the Blood Drive, and taking down to prepare for the quilters the following day. **Thanks very much in advance!**

Anniversaries-January
 8 Bruce & Mandy Moore
 12 Pete & Lynn Olsen
 29 Michael & Paula McKay
 30 Jan & Ron Hilmes

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	Sacristan	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER	Coffee Hour
Jan 5	Pete R.	Don Wade	Fay Coats		Fay Coats		Tammy Rodriguez	Don Wade	Marcia B & Anna S
Jan 12	Kristi/Marc Spohr	Annie S	Anna Short		Nancy	Nancy	Anna Short	Nancy R Sally Mc	Kristi S
Jan 19		MaryAnn Kirkpatrick	Annie Smith		Liz Deasy	Nancy	Trudy Doolittle	Liz Deasy	MaryAnn K Nancy R Sally Mc
Jan 26	Kristi/Marc Spohr	Shirley McC	Sue Bunch		Anna S.	Nancy	Tammy Rodriguez	Carolyn/ Sue Bunch	Potluck



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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.**



Left to Right:

Children praying before the Christmas Program,
Macie Enid Tricola, daughter of Kassie and Matt
Tricola, Cantata singers, and Bob directing the
41st Cantata

Lectionary Readings for January

Jan 5	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-7,10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
Jan 12	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 29	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
Jan 19	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 40:1-11	I Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
Jan 26	Isaiah 9:1-4	Psalm 27:1,4-9	I Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.