

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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### Pilgrim Congregational Retreat

The end of September is coming up fast! Congregants are invited to participate in our retreat scheduled for Sept 28-29, 2019 at Camp Lutherhaven. Are you ready to be spiritually renewed and refreshed in the beautiful outdoors of our Creator? The retreat is open to all ages, and promises to be both filled with activities and with time for reflection and spiritual growth. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. You won't want to miss it! See the retreat brochure for more information, or speak with Bob Reichert or Randy Deasy.

### Painter(s) Wanted

Pilgrim Lutheran's budget includes money this year for the painting of the parsonage. If you know of a reputable painter who would like to take on this project, please get in touch with Tammy Rodriguez so that she may contact him or her. Thank you!!

As part of being your Mission Interpreter for the synod and our church, I thought it would be a good time to introduce you to Lutheran World Relief and part of what they do. It seems a good time to talk about the school kits that the quilters send out every year.

Lutheran World Relief has been partnering with [Children's Gift Ministry](#) (CGM) since 2015 to distribute school kits to 14,000 children annually in some of the most vulnerable communities throughout Honduras. In coordination with the Assembly of God church network, CGM mobilizes a network of more than 3,000 volunteers throughout the country to accomplish this important work, reaching areas that would otherwise be inaccessible.

CGM Country Director Pastor Jose Portillo says these seemingly simple gifts have a transformative difference on the lives of children and families in these communities.

"For families living in extreme poverty, they put all their energy into putting food on the table. School materials are mandatory for students to enroll and for poor families, it is a cost many of them just can't handle," says Pastor Portillo.

Ken Harrell, founder and executive director of CGM, says he is thankful for the meaningful partnership between Lutheran World Relief and CGM.

"Providing children with an opportunity to get an education is our high calling and changing the nation through education is our challenge. We are so very grateful for the partnerships that make this possible," he says.

*After watching her children receive their school kits, happily ruffling through their notebooks and the rest of the contents of their backpacks, Rosa was filled with joy.*

*"I feel very blessed for what we have received because I wasn't expecting this at all. God really shows himself in interesting ways," she says.*

### Update on Super Bowl of Caring:

9.7 Million in dollars and food items has been collected through Souper Bowl of Caring this year alone. Washington State contributed \$24,648.54, and Pilgrim Lutheran was part of it all!

### Cell Tower Update for September

More progress has been made on the goal of finally allowing AT&T Wireless to rent space from us for a cell tower in our vacant lot. A hearing was held on July 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss any community concerns about the tower. Some concern was expressed about the fact that it was being listed as a 'bell tower' and there were concerns about noise levels. As a condition of the permit and to be good neighbors we have agreed that the tower will be silent. There will be bells for show only. They will not ring. After the hearing examiner decided that the cell tower was within the scope of the conditional use permit and ruled that the findings of fact and rule of law would permit its construction, the permit was issued on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Residents may appeal the decision until August 26<sup>th</sup>.

In the meantime, Ernie Summers has been working diligently with the consultants in Sequim to finalize the conditions of the lease agreement. Once the final details are in place and the city issues a building permit the construction may begin. Continue to check upcoming newsletters or talk to Ernie, any council member, or Pastor Don if you have any questions.

Thank you all who attended the city council meeting in July concerning the cell tower.

## September Message from Pastor

Dear Christian Brothers and Sisters,

Garrison Keillor always began his "Lake Wobegon" stories with the sentence, "It's been a quiet week in Lake Wobegon." Then he would describe some amusing story, many of which had a Lutheran twist. Well, with my apologies to Mr. Keillor, it's been a quiet summer at Pilgrim Lutheran, but all that is about to change. We have lots coming up in September, so please plan to spend your Sundays right here among your friends.

We start it off on September 8<sup>th</sup> with Brunch and Blessing for our First Responders. We will share brunch with them at 8:30 and take time to thank them for their service to our community, and then we will ask God to bless them at 10 am. If you know of any law enforcement officers, fire fighters or emergency medical technicians, please feel free to invite them to this event, even if they are not serving the community of Othello. We wish to give thanks to God for their willingness to serve.

Also, on September 8<sup>th</sup> is an opportunity to serve your community and some wildlife as well. We will be picking up litter in the Columbia National Wildlife Refuge in the afternoon. We will meet at the Drumheller Channel Overlook on McManamon Road at 2 pm, pick up litter for about an hour and then share refreshments at the home of Judy and Ernie Summers. We are grateful for them, not only for their work on the Fellowship Committee and as Council President, but the fact that they live so close to the refuge is a great convenience!

We will end September with a very special event that I hope you will attend. We will gather at Lutherhaven Bible Camp on Lake Coeur d'Alene for the weekend of the All Church Retreat. The Endowment Committee is covering the entire cost of the event for all participants, so please make plans to be with us. We will have lots of activities including a chance to sing your favorite hymns, along with the opportunity to test your marshmallow roasting skills as we share some s'mores. At the last retreat there was even some pinochle playing, so there are sure to be activities that you enjoy.

In the middle of September is always the Adams County Fair and Rodeo. Our church is not directly involved, but many of your friends and neighbors will have things on display and will be participating at some of the fair activities. I encourage you to support your neighbors and friends by meeting us at the fair. As you can see there will be a lot going on this month, and much of it will be very enjoyable. I hope this gets you off to a great start of Fall, and I'll 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

### INFO CORNER

8/4	Attendance: 43	Offering: \$ 2,121
8/11	Attendance: 35	Offering: \$ 1,647
8/18	Attendance: 25	Offering: \$ 1,875
8/25	Attendance: 57	Offering: \$ 2,468

YTD Offerings — \$ 72,733

YTD Expenses— \$ 76,175

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> Healing Service 10 am Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Quilting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
810 am Worship 8:30 am Brunch Blessing of First Responders	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Alfa y Omega 6 pm 7 pm Church Council	 <b>11</b> Quilting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Women's Bible Study: 10 am
<b>15</b> 10 am Worship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Alfa y Omega 6 pm	<b>18</b> Quilting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10 am Worship Rally Sunday	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Alfa y Omega 6 pm BLOOD DRIVE 1-6 pm	<b>25</b> Quilting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10 am Worship Fifth Sunday Noisy Offering	<b>30</b>		Men's Group Breakfast- Saturdays 8am @ Casa Mexicana			

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**Anniversaries-September**

9 Marc & Kristi Spohr  
 9 Jeff & Deedee Graves  
 9 Ernie & Judy Summers  
 17 Larry & Barb Maine  
 21 Steve & Liz Jensen

**Birthdays-September**

2 Elaine Wade  
 4 Mason Russell  
 4 Leonard Meyer  
 5 Jacob Jahns  
 6 Carson Spohr  
 15 Kristi Spohr  
 21 Josiah Guzman  
 24 Jacob Johnston  
 26 Carrie Green  
 29 Audrey Jahns  
 29 Don Wade  
 30 Fay Coats

**Attention:**

If you do not see your birthday or anniversary on these lists, please contact Anna in the office so that they may be added to the master list.  
 Thank you!

DATE	USHERS	READER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	SACRISTAN	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER	COFFEE HOUR
<b>Sept 1</b>	Pete R.	Anna S.	Fay C.		Fay C.	FayAnn	Tammy R.	Tammy R.	Anna S.
<b>Sept 8</b>	Pete R.	Annie S.	Anna S.		Anna S.	FayAnn	Tammy R.	Sandi B.	Sandi B.
<b>Sept 15</b>	Randy D.	Annie S.	Anna S.		Liz D.	Elaine W.	Anna S.	Carolyn and Sue Bunch	Carolyn and Sue Bunch
<b>Sept 22</b>	Pete R.	SJM	Annie S.		Anna S.	Elaine W.	Tammy R.	SJM	Annie S.
<b>Sept 29</b>	Larry/Barb M.	Donna A.	Donna A.		Fay C.				



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**September 2019**

**Welcome Raelynn to God's Family,**  
pictured are Pete & Lynn,  
grandparents, and parents Jacob,  
Kelsey, and big brother Jaxson.

**Thank you to the Maine's for hosting  
the church picnic this year. We had  
a great time!**



### Lectionary Readings for September

Sept 1	Proverbs 25:6-7	Psalm 112	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14
Sept 8	Deuter. 30:15-20	Psalm 1	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33
Sept 15	Exodus 32:7-14	Psalm 51:1-10	I Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
Sept 22	Amos 8:4-7	Psalm 113	I Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
Sept 29	Daniel 10:10-14, 12:1-3	Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22	Revelation 12:7-12	Luke 10:17-20



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