

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Lenten Worship

Our Lenten Wednesdays continue with worship opportunities online. Be sure to go to FaceBook: PilgrimLutheranChurch-ELCA to hear a message from Pastor Don each Wednesday during Lent.



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With our Thanks & Gratitude

March 1, 2021 represents the 5th Anniversary of Pastor Don & Anna's arrival in Othello and the beginning of his & her ministry here. We are so very grateful for their service to our Lord and Savior and to Pilgrim Lutheran Church. Pilgrim Lutheran and Othello have been blessed in so many ways by Pastor Don & Anna, and we wish them many more wonderful years with us! Thank you! A mini (Covid19-style) celebration to commemorate the day was held after worship on Feb. 28 with treats provided by Elaine Wade. We thank you, Elaine, for helping make this day so special! Photo of the healthy treats and recipe found on page 4.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive at Pilgrim will be Tuesday, March 16 from 1 to 6 pm. A quick set up for it will happen after service on the 14th. We would greatly appreciate help in setting up, and taking down. If you feel called to donate blood, that is greatly needed and appreciated as well!! Thank you!!



Women's Bible Study

We had a lovely Bible Study in February and are looking forward to the next one. This month, Women's Bible Study will be March 20th, at 10 am, at the church. Please be flexible as our orders from the Governor may change. All Covid-19 protocols will be followed. Please bring your Bibles, and March's Gather magazine. Hope to see you there!

Adams County Pet Rescue Visit

On Saturday, March 6, Pilgrim members are invited to visit Pet Rescue at 2 pm to view their facility as a thank you for the donations made to them following our Souper Bowl. We donated \$476 & filled their store room to the brim with pet food! Great job Pilgrims! Hope to see you there.

Saints vs. Angels Souper Bowl

Such a close Souper Bowl! According to Pastor Don, this is the closest Souper Bowl he has ever seen. The winning team was announced after worship on Feb. 14th-the Angels in a come-from-behind victory took the trophy this year! Everyone **WINS** with 2134 pounds of food raised...well over one ton! **PLUS \$476** was donated to both Pet Rescue & the Othello Food Bank!! Thank you Pilgrims! Trophy Photo on Page 4.

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday March 28

Palm Sunday Worship at 10 with Procession

Thursday April 1

Maundy Thursday in person & online @ 7 pm.

Friday April 2

Good Friday online only -worship provided by Region 1 Bishops.

Watch for your April Newsletter for information re: **EASTER** services.

The Best Workout

Every morning when I waken,
Every night before I rest,
I do the kind of exercise
That suits my lifestyle best.
I can do my kind of workout
Almost anywhere I please-
Standing, sitting, lying down,
Or even on my knees.
It doesn't take a lot of time
But pays off every day,
For my favorite kind of
exercise
Is just to stop and pray.

Thank you to Sally McFarlin for submitting this beautiful poem .

AED (Defibrillator) Education

On February 14, directly after our worship service, Linda Bork provided a quick video demonstration on how to use the AEDs. They are located in our Narthex below the light switch, and at the south end of the church inside the Fellowship Hall entrance. Our next step will be to have a refresher course on CPR. We have a list of interested people and Linda is looking into getting a trainer to the church for us. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available, and let Anna know if you are interested in attending.

Thank you!

March 2021 Message from our Pastor

Dear Pilgrims,

The entire month of March will see this congregation observing Lent. We began our Lenten journey on February 17th when it was Ash Wednesday. During that solemn service we were invited to the discipline of Lent, which states, “As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from the love of God and the love of our neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love.”

Our congregation has been called to create Personal Care Kits to ship to Lutheran World Relief for the sake of those who have suffered great loss and tragedy recently. On the Lutheran World Relief website, it talks about who benefits from our giving. “People might wonder, do the Kits we make with loving care ever become a part of our long-term development projects? The answer is yes! In Hualgayoc, Peru, school children received Personal Care Kits in a recent distribution at their school and their teachers used the kits to reinforce the important message of hand-washing and personal hygiene. These lessons tied in with another project that LWR is working on in Peru to help bring dairy farmers to world class standards, which involves personal hygiene when milking the cows.

You contribute so much to our overseas partners. For instance, Elsa Marina Amaya was just a child when her entire village of Waller Bordo, Honduras, was destroyed by Hurricane Mitch in 1998. The destruction was so complete that everyone carried their few remaining belongings across the river to rebuild the village on higher ground.

Today Elsa has three young daughters of her own — ages 9, 3 and 6 months. When back-to-back storms Eta and Iota swept through her village last fall, they brought a level of devastation that Elsa and her neighbors had hoped they'd never see again.

Even before the storms hit two weeks apart in November 2020, Elsa was struggling to make ends meet. In the past she has provided for her family by working as a cook. But when COVID-19 reached Central America last spring, all the kitchens closed, and her income dried up. By the time Eta and Iota arrived, Elsa had been unable to find work for months so she could feed herself and her children. Holding her daughter Rosa Linda in her arms, she reflects on how the past year went from bad to worse — until your love arrived right when it was needed most. She said her biggest needs are the basics for their health and survival.

Elsa isn't alone. While most of the homes in Waller Bordo were spared the worst of the damage, the storms' heavy rains completely wiped out the village's primary livelihoods — corn and palm oil production. Their hard work and hope for the future were literally swept away. Now these families have no idea how they'll feed their children or pay their bills in the months to come.

Your love reached these families just when they felt most forsaken. In fact, the hygiene supplies Elsa and her neighbors have received from Lutheran World Relief are the only outside help they've received since the storms.

Thousands of families in this region of Honduras are facing hardship and uncertain futures in the wake of these devastating storms. But your love has given these suffering families hope that might keep them from making the dangerous journey north, searching for a better life away from the only homes they've ever known.


Even three months later, food and safe drinking water are in short supply. Some are living in makeshift tents without any means to rebuild their homes; others are living in temporary public shelters or crowding in with friends or family, with no space for social distancing. Coffee and cacao farmers have lost an entire season's worth of crops. Meanwhile, because the storms damaged the levees that help to contain the river, any amount of rain causes a new bout of flooding — making the recovery process all but impossible.

Thank you for helping these families when they need it most. So far, your love has reached 12,630 people from 2,526 families as they weather the aftermath of disaster. Your love is protecting them from COVID-19 and other diseases through hygiene supplies. Thank you for reaching these neighbors with your love when no one else could. Though the needs are still vast, we're committed to helping these neighbors recover — until your love reaches every neighbor.”

This newsletter offers instructions on what is needed for the personal care kits. Please feel free to drop off items anytime during church office hours or on Sunday morning. If it is more practical for you to contribute financially, monetary contributions are always welcome. Simply mark “Care Kits” on your check and it will be sent to the proper place. Thank you. I'll see you in church or online.

Peace,

Pastor Don Short

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Stop & listen to the birds sing!	2 Pray for our Sunday School Children.	3 Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	4 Look for robins on your walk today!	5 Send a birthday card to someone on the list below! Call Anna for an address if you need to.	6 PLC Pet Rescue visit @ 2 pm
7 10 am Worship & Sunday School	8 Get outside for a walk in your neighborhood.	9 Church Council 7 pm	10 Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	11 Have your children or grands send a note to a Pilgrim.	12 Plant a flower!	13 Set Your Clocks Forward Tonight
14 10 am Worship & Sunday School Set up for Blood Drive	15 Pray for everyone in our congregation to receive the vaccine!	16 Blood Drive 1-6 	17 Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don. 	18 Send a thank you message to Anna in the snail mail.	19 Do a workout w/ the poem on page 1.	20 Women's Bible Study 10 am
21 10 am Worship & Sunday School	22 Send a cheerful note to another Pilgrim.	23 Take a walk around the block.	24 Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	25 Send your tithing to church.	26 Call a friend that you haven't spoken to in a long time.	27 Make a Zoom, or FaceTime call w/ your family.
28 10 am Palm Sunday Worship & Sunday School	29 It's Holy Week—Pray for Pastor Don and Anna.	30 Pray for ALL the Front Line workers.	31 Thank God out loud for your church family!	Thank you for wearing your masks correctly during our services.	Birthdays—March 1 Darla Spurgeon 2 Janna Erickson 7 Ella Moore 8 Shane Wright 9 Marc Spohr 9 Shea Wedekind 11 Hadley Erickson 14 Jose Guzman Jr. 15 Kolton (Erickson) 16 Mike Adams 16 Matt Tricola 17 Ryan Moore 17 Payton Roberts 18 Bob Reichert 22 Jacob Thornton 23 Emma & Cash Erickson 25 Maxwell Martinez	

Pastor Short's office hours:

Tues-Friday 9-12 am
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 (NEW)

Wed & Thurs 7:00-9:00 am
Friday 8-9 am & 4-5 pm
Please call if you need info on anything!
Cell phone **509-761-1205**

Lenten Initiative

We are continuing our Lenten collection of Personal Care Kit Items through Easter! Please bring items to the Narthex and leave them for the Sunday School Children to roll up and tie! They **LOVE** to help! Care Kit items listed below! Thank you!

Personal Care Kit Supply List

- 1) One lightweight bath-size towel
- 2) 2 bath-size bars of soap, any brand, in packaging
- 3) 1 adult toothbrush in packaging
- 4) 1 sturdy comb w/o packaging
- 5) 1 metal nail clippers w/o packaging

News Regarding Donations

Your Giving Statements for 2020 (Contribution Report) have been delivered to you in person at the congregational meeting or sent to you by mail. If you have not received yours, please contact Kristi or Marc Spohr. For 2020, even if you do not itemize, you may deduct part of your annual charitable contributions. Consult your tax advisor for further information.

INFO CORNER

2/7	Attendance:	26	Offering:	\$ 3,000
2/14	Attendance:	27	Offering:	\$ 1,815
2/21	Attendance:	24	Offering:	\$ 945
2/28	Attendance:	35	Offering:	\$ 1,925
2021 Offerings —		\$ 19,117		
2021 Expenses—		\$ 17,632		

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



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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.**



Souper Bowl Trophy Filled to the brim with chocolates!

**Elaine Wade's Low Carb
Chocolate Chip Cookies**

1/2 c. butter
1/2 c. brown sugar substitute
(Swerve or Golden Monkfruit)
1/2 c. white sugar substitute
(Swerve or Lankanto)
2 c. plus 2 T. almond flour
2 T. Coconut flour

2 eggs
1-1/2 t. vanilla extract
1/2 t. salt
1 t. baking Soda
1 c. sugar free chocolate chips
(Lillys)
1 c. chopped nuts (walnuts, or pecans) optional

Cream sugar & butter together until fluffy (I use a stand mixer) (about 3 min), add eggs one at a time and mix, then add vanilla. Wisk together dry ingredients, then gradually add to creamed mixture. Mix together, then add chips and nuts. Do not over mix. Chill the dough for about 1 hour. Bake at 350 for 9 min on a parchment lined baking sheet. Allow the cookies to sit on the hot pan for 5 min before transferring off to cool. Cookies made with almond flower need to cool completely or they will crumble.



Lectionary Readings for March

Mar 7	Exodus 20:1-17	Psalms 19	I Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22
Mar 14	Numbers 21:4-9	Psalms 107:1-3,17-22	Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
Mar 21	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalms 51:1-12	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
Mar 28	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalms 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 15:1-47



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