

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Pictured above: Sharon Mobley at the Othello Food Bank accepting Pilgrim Lutheran's \$476 from the proceeds of this year's Souper Bowl. Yay Pilgrims!

Holy Week Blessings 2021

Thursday April 1

Maundy Thursday in person & online @ 7 pm.

Friday April 2

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

Easter Festivities at Pilgrim Lutheran Sunday April 4

9:00 am Easter Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 am Easter Egg Hunt

10 am **Hallelujah-Christ Is Risen Easter Worship Service**

We hope to see you there!



Update on Personal Care Kits

Pictured above are over 100 personal care kits that have been gathered so far for our Lenten Initiative. We are continuing to collect them through Easter weekend and have set a goal of 200. If you are able to shop, grab the list on page 4 of this newsletter and have some fun shopping for others. If you would rather donate dollars, you may designate them to **PERSONAL CARE KITS** and we will make sure to use them wisely to add to the kits! Thank you, Pilgrims, for your continued care for others less fortunate than we are.

Women's Bible Study

This month, Women's Bible Study will be April 17th, 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 April's Gather magazine. Hope to see you there!

Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Sandi Bosch, and to the family of Fred Bosch at his passing on March 25th. Please keep Sandi and family in your thoughts and prayers as they move forward without Fred's big personality. So many Othello former students will miss him too. Watch the prayer chain for information on his memorial service. Thank you!

Adams County Pet Rescue

We received a lovely thank you from Adams County Pet Rescue for the donations of cash and food (the other half of the Souper Bowl) for the animals there. Stop by to take a look at the thank you, and drop off any additional donations into the John Deere Wagon in the Narthex!

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!



Take a Blessing Time Out

Many people have been working hard to organize tools, prepare storages and ease of access to banners, prepare beds for curbing and planting, doing extra cleaning due to COVID restrictions, painting, crack sealing, striping, etc. Spend a moment to give thanks for the folks who are working so hard to improve our church campus!

April 2021 Message from our Pastor

Dear Pilgrims,

Have you ever noticed that God reminds us of the resurrection every year? As we celebrate Easter on April 4th, God is bringing new life to the world around us. The trees are budding, there are fresh daffodils all around town, the forsythia is in full bloom, and leaves are beginning to appear on the trees. God is resurrecting the earth after the winter dormancy. Just as Jesus was dead for three days and then rose again, so the earth has appeared lifeless for three months during the cold, harsh winter, and now the earth is beginning to be reborn.

Solomon was aware of God's tendency to bring about resurrection. He wrote, "For now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come." (Song of Solomon 2:11-12a)

Most of the month of April will be spent basking in the Easter season, the longest and most important season of the church year. It is a time spent focusing on new life, renewal, and revived energy as we see how God has been at work forming the church. God moved the disciples from the grief of the loss of Jesus to the joy of the resurrection, and then continued moving the disciples to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the rest of the world. Because of the dedication of the disciples, the church was formed at Pentecost and quickly spread as far away as Rome, Greece and Asia and even on to Spain in just a few short years.

As we focus on the resurrection of Jesus at Easter and the resurrection of the earth as spring takes over from winter, maybe this would be a good season to think about the resurrection of other things, such as church attendance. Now that we are in Phase 3 of the State of Washington reopening plan, we are able to accommodate up to 50 percent of the capacity of our building. That means it is safe for you to come back to church. On any given Sunday, we almost never exceed our 50 percent capacity. Our average worship attendance is normally around 45 to 50 people, and the capacity of our building is about 175, so there is plenty of room. For now, we are still requesting that you wear a mask, even though most of the congregation is vaccinated. We still don't know if going without a mask is a risk to those who have not been vaccinated, so please, as a courtesy to your fellow Pilgrims, please wear a mask.

Come and visit with your friends and neighbors. Come and share in the fellowship of the risen Christ. Come and find yourself wrapped in the love of God that is shared with your fellow Pilgrims. Come and see what God is doing among us. Come, and I'll see you in church.

Peace,
Pastor Don Short

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:
pilgrimlcpastor@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**


Thank You Pilgrims!

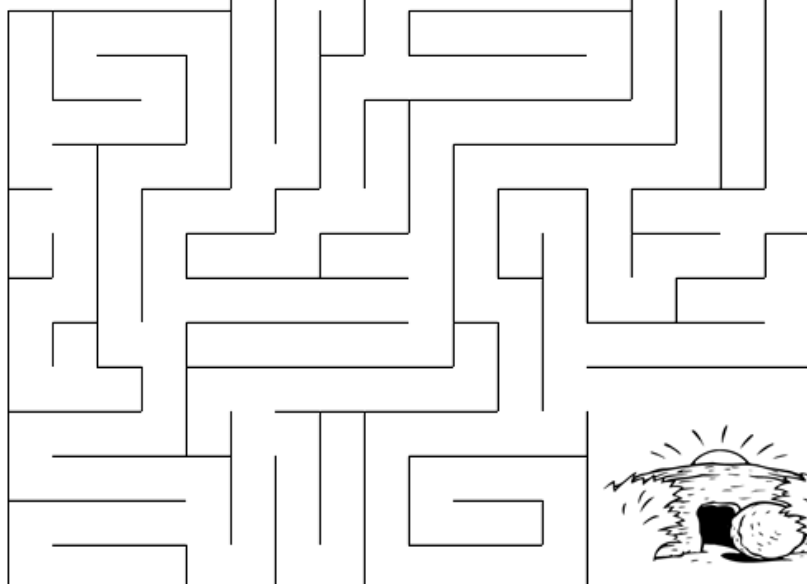
Pilgrim Lutheran Church continues to receive Thrivent Choice Dollars designated by members and friends of Pilgrim. These contributions are important and appreciated. Thanks so much for your continued support through Thrivent!

INFO CORNER

3/7	Attendance:	26	Offering: \$	1,195
3/14	Attendance:	34	Offering: \$	7,918
3/21	Attendance:	34	Offering: \$	3,095
3/28	Attendance:	30	Offering: \$	1,240
2021 Offerings —			\$ 32,565	
2021 Expenses—			\$ 28,135	

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Men's Breakfast: Men's Breakfast has resumed meeting Saturdays at 8 am Casa Mexicana			It's Holy Week— Pray for Pastor Don and Anna.	1 Maundy Thursday 7 pm @ church & online	2 Good Friday 7 pm online	3 Pray for everyone in our congregation to receive the vaccine!
4 EASTER 9 am Fellowship 9:30 Egg Hunt 10 am Worship	5 Pray for our Sunday School Children.	6 Thank God out loud for your church family!	7 Pray for Pastor Don & Anna on vacation!	8 Send your tithing to church.	9 Pray for world PEACE	10 Pray for farmers!
Pastor and Anna's vacation!						
11 10 am Worship & Sunday School Vacation Continued	12 Take a bike ride!	13  Church Council 7 pm	14 Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	15 Send a thank you message to Anna in the snail mail.	16 Stop & listen to the birds sing!	17 Women's Bible Study 10 am
18 10 am Worship & Sunday School	19 Send a cheerful note to another Pilgrim.	20 Take a walk around the block.	21 Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	22 <u>Earth Day</u> Plant a flower!	23 Call a friend that you haven't spoken to in a long time.	24 Make a Zoom, or FaceTime call w/ your family.
25 10 am Worship & Sunday School	26 Get outside for a walk in your neighborhood.	27 Pray for ALL the Front Line workers.	28 Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	29 Look for robins on your walk today!	30 Send an uplifting text to a friend.	



Thank you for wearing your masks correctly during our services.

Pilgrim Forest

On Thursday, April 1st, we will be planting pine cones in the lot behind the parsonage to establish our first "Pilgrim Forest!"

Birthdays—April

- 3 Shirley McCullough
- 4 Jorn Ogendahl
- 5 Kevin Spohr
- 8 Shane Wright
- 9 Jose Guzman
- 10 Bruce Moore
- 15 Becca Thornton
- 19 Judy Summers

Anniversaries—April

- 28 John & Laura Lawrence

← **Children's Maze**

Can you help Mary find the way to the empty tomb?

Bible Memory Verse

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

John 20:18 (NIV)



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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.**

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! 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 (or sealed in an envelope)
- 4) 1 sturdy comb **w/o** packaging
- 5) 1 metal nail clippers **w/o** packaging

Church Tools & Hardware

The church Tools and Hardware have been sorted, updated, and relocated.

They are now located in the back corner of the former Sunday School Office, off the Narthex, and next to Pastor's office. If you need tools or hardware for a church project or repair, please help yourself, (of course, return tools to their proper location when finished!).

If you have any question about the tools or available hardware, please contact Marc Spohr.

On Sunday, April 11, all surplus tools and hardware will be set out in the Narthex. Please help yourself!

Lectionary Readings for April

Apr 4	Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 118:1-2,14-24	Acts 10:34-43	Mark 16:1-8
Apr 11	Acts 4:32-35	Psalm 133	1 John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
Apr 18	Acts 3:12-19	Psalm 4	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
Apr 25	Acts 4:5-12	Psalm 23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18



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