

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Hallelujah

Christ is
Risen!

He is
Risen
Indeed!



Blessing the Personal Care Kits

Update on Personal Care Kits

On Sunday, April 25, Pastor Don and the congregation blessed the **PERSONAL CARE KITS** that had been collected since the beginning of Lent. In all, 142 Care Kits will be donated and sent off. We thank everyone who contributed the physical goods, and who contributed monetarily to help with this project. It was great to see the Sunday School take this on, and the congregational support that they received. Thank you Pilgrims!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Our next Blood Drive will be held Thursday, May 20th, from 1-5:30 pm. Help would be appreciated to set up the Fellowship Hall after church on May 16th. Thank you in advance and if you can also donate blood, that would be great as there is a blood shortage right now.



Pentecost Weekend

On Saturday, May 22nd at 6 pm, there will be a Pentecost Vigil in the Parsonage backyard. After the Vigil, we will roast marshmallows and eat s'mores. Please bring your own chairs and roasting sticks!

Sunday, May 23rd, is Pentecost Sunday at Pilgrim. Everyone is encouraged to wear **Red** as a sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit. At this service, the Confirmation Class will be confirmed in their faith and you will hear excerpts of their faith statements in the sermon. A reception with cake will follow worship to honor Audrey and Alizah Jahns, and Mason Russell. Please come and enjoy what God is doing!

Women's Bible Study

This month, Women's Bible Study will be May 15th, 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!

Memorial Service for Barbara Brandt

On Friday, May 14th here at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, there will be a Memorial Service for former Pilgrim Barbara Brandt at 2 pm. Following the service, there will be a meal, after which there will be a graveside service. Pilgrims and community members wanting to honor Barb are welcome. We look forward to welcoming Barb's family back to PLC for this occasion.



Easter Egg Hunt!

PHOTOS

On the left: Children searching for eggs prior to the Easter Service

On the right: The planting crew for the landscaping work party April 24th. They braved inclement weather but were able to get all the large items in the ground! Many thanks to everyone who helped in the Herculean effort! More photos on the back page.



The Landscaping Crew for Planting

May 2021 Message from our Pastor

Dear Pilgrims,

During the church year, there are certain celebrations that tend to draw people to church. Christmas and Easter are the most popular. Each December we decorate our church for Christmas, and lots of people come to sing the Christmas carols, hear the Christmas story, and light a candle to welcome the Christ child on Christmas Eve. The rituals of Christmas bring meaning to our celebration and comfort to our spirits.

The process is similar on Easter Sunday. We gather for Easter fellowship, our children hunt Easter eggs, and we hear again how Christ defeated sin and death by overcoming the power of the crucifixion and rising from the dead to open for us the gateway to eternal life. The stories and rituals of Easter bring comfort to our hearts and we rejoice in the promise of the resurrection, especially when it comes to our own resurrection from the dead!

Those two particular events on the church calendar draw the most people to worship. Those two events are the most popular. Those two events tend to outshine other church calendar events, probably because they are important events in the life of Jesus. But there is one event that is very important in the life of the CHURCH that deserves some attention.

50 days after Easter the church celebrates Pentecost. It is a very important day in the life of

the church because we traditionally recognize Pentecost as the day the whole Christian church got started. We will read the story from the book of Acts again and hear again how the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and gave them the ability to speak in other languages. We will hear how God inspired Peter to give a sermon that invited people to join the new church, and we will hear how that first day of the church created 3,000 new converts.

It is a stirring story. It has all the special effects and drama of a great movie, but it happened in real life. It is the story of how the church, the whole Christian church, got started, and it includes us. **WE** are part of the story because **WE** are part of God's church. So, come and participate. Come and see how God is still active and working in and among God's people. Come and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit, giving us comfort with God's constant presence and giving us the ability to do great and amazing things as God wills. Come and experience the love that God has cast upon this congregation and come and experience God's grace. May 23rd is Pentecost Sunday. Show your enthusiasm for the Holy Spirit by wearing red and come! Join in the party! 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**.

Mondays are Pastor's Day off. Please limit contact to emergencies only. Thank you.

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**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness,
blow through the wilderness
calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.




INFO CORNER

Easter 4/4	Attendance: 65	Offering: \$ 4,490.63
4/11	Attendance: 24	Offering: \$ 1,102
4/18	Attendance: 39	Offering: \$ 2,017
4/25	Attendance: 28	Offering: \$ 1,900

2021 Offerings — \$ 42,074

2021 Expenses— \$ 38,767

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				Thank you for wearing your masks correctly during our services.		1 Make a Zoom, or FaceTime call w/ your family.
2 10 am Worship & Sunday School	3 Pray for our Sunday School Children.	4 Thank God out loud for your church family!	5 Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	6 Worship & Music @ 7 pm	7 Pray for Pastor Don and Anna.	8 Pray for farmers!
9 10 am Worship & Sunday School Mother's Day	10 Take a bike ride!	11  Church Council @ 7 pm	12 Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	13 Send a thank you message to Anna in the snail mail.	14 Memorial Service for Barbara Brandt @ 2 pm Followed by Meal & Graveside Service	15 Women's Bible Study 10 am
16 10 am Worship & Sunday School	17 Send a cheerful note to another Pilgrim.	18 Take a walk around the block.	19 Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	20 Red Cross Blood Drive 1-5:30	21 Call a friend that you haven't spoken to in a long time.	22  Pentecost Vigil 6 pm
23 Pentecost 10 am Worship & Sunday School Confirmation	24 Get outside for a walk in your neighborhood.	25 Pray for ALL the Front Line workers.	26 Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	27 Look for robins on your walk today!	28 Send an uplifting text to a friend.	28 Send your tithing to church.
30 10 am Worship & Sunday School	31 Memorial Day	Make a design on the driveway with sidewalk chalk!	The Day of Pentecost All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV) Based on Acts 2:1-21			



Anniversaries-May

10 Matt & Kassie Tricola
 17 Roger & Angela Martinez
 30 Maro & Erika Moreno

Birthdays-May

1 Jada Moreno
 3 MaryAnn Kirkpatrick
 3 David Reichert
 5 Rick Bougher
 7 Ashley Stephens
 11 Clayton Wright
 12 Jan Charlston
 13 Pete Rodriguez
 17 Steve Jensen
 18 Joseph Guzman
 19 Sandy Russell
 19 Keith Russell
 23 John Stephens,
 23 Isaac Guzman
 26 Kassie Tricola
 26 Melissa Stephens
 28 Ron Hilmes
 31 Jan Hilmes

Entrance Mats

Marc advises that we should be receiving the new entrance mats soon. At that time, our current entrance mats are available to anyone who is interested. Talk to Marc Spohr if interested.

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PENTECOST	FILLED	HEAR	HOUSE	WIND
HEAVEN	FIRE	TONGUES	LANGUAGE	OTHER
DAY	HOLY	SOUND	SPIRIT	SPEAK



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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.**



1. Using the auger
2. East side plantings
3. New fence around the AC
4. Wrestling with potting soil

Lectionary Readings for May

May 2	Acts 8: 26-40	Psalms 22:25-31	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8
May 9	Acts 10:44-48	Psalms 98	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
May 16	Acts 1:15-17,21-26	Psalms 1	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
May 23	Acts 2:1-21	Psalms 104:24-34,35b	Romans 8:22-27	John 15:26-27,16:4b-15
May 30	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalms 29	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17



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