

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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VBS-Wilderness Escape: Where God Guides & Provides

Plans are in the works for Pilgrim Lutheran Church to host Vacation Bible School this year. It runs from June 21st through June 25th from 3-5:30 pm. Pilgrim needs adult volunteers to lead the children through their stations in the wilderness! Let's get the word out so we have LOTS of children to teach about God's Love! Please plan to help if you are able! There is a volunteers meeting on June 6th at 2 pm, here at the church. We hope to see you there.

A Message from the Red Cross

We received an email from Audrey Thompson, at PNW Blood services, with the following message, "I want to share that at the blood drive on May 21st at Pilgrim Lutheran, the Red Cross collected 19 units of blood, saving up to 57 lives! Thank you again for hosting us."

Thank you to everyone who helps prepare and take down the Fellowship Hall for this important community activity!



Pictured above:

Alizah and Audrey Jahns, Pastor Short, and Mason Russell.

Congratulations!

Pentecost Sunday was a big day at Pilgrim Lutheran! Audrey and Alizah Jahns were baptized, and Audrey, Alizah, and Mason Russell were confirmed after completing confirmation studies with Pastor Short. These young adults were properly celebrated and congratulated with cake and fellowship following the service. Thank you to everyone who worked to make this day special for Alizah, Audrey, and Mason!

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness,
blow through **OUR** wilderness
calling and free;

Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir **US** from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.



Graduate Sunday

Our 2021 Graduates, Molly (OHS) and Emilee (U of I) will be honored on June 20th at our worship service and afterwards in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend and give them our heartiest congratulations.

Thank you!

A big thank you to Peter Anderson and K'nucky Turf for the donation of sod to complete our landscaping project. Thank you also to Marc Spohr for contacting Peter, for laying the sod and babying it until it takes hold. Sod is pictured to the left.

Women's Bible Study

This month, Women's Bible Study will be June 19th, at 10 am. The weather should be wonderful so we plan to meet on Fay Coats's back patio. Please bring your Bibles, and June's Gather magazine. Hope to see you there!

A Note from Patty Ervin

Thank you to everyone involved in helping to make Barbara Brandt's Memorial so special. Please stop by the Welcome Board in the Narthex to read the note from Barb's family. Patty had several people say that they enjoyed reading Barb's life story so much that she has made a copy of it and has sent it to the church. It will be placed in the library/meditation room on the counter so that we can read it at our leisure. Thank you, Patty!

A Special Request

Everyone loves to see pictures of events and special Sundays at Pilgrim Lutheran Church. Your Newsletter editor, Kristi Spohr, requests help in documenting these events with photos so that they may be added to the newsletter in a timely fashion. You may simply take the photo with your phone and text it to Kristi, or send it by email to the church. Likewise, if you know of an upcoming event, or want to inform the congregation, please send a short article to Kristi via the church email or by text. Thank you in advance for helping to make the newsletter a fun and helpful publication.

June 2021 Message from our Pastor

Dear Pilgrims,

I was reading an article the other day that estimated there will be 51 MILLION RVs on the roads of America this summer! By anyone's estimate, that is a huge number of campers. Campsites will be crowded, resorts will be busy, and the smell of campfires will permeate the air, perhaps overtaking the smell of the pine trees in the forests.

Anna and I will be among the 51 million. We will be camping for a couple of days at the beginning of this month, then again in the middle, and we have a nice, long vacation planned for July where we will be gone for almost two weeks. We even have a short getaway planned for August. We plan to put a few miles on that motorhome of ours this summer. It doesn't do any good sitting in the driveway.

It is enjoyable to get away from the stress of everyday life for a little while and do something relaxing like camping. It is an important part of taking care of yourself. Too often in this country we read of how many people never take a vacation and how many people work too much. According to 20-something finance, "In the U.S., 85.8 percent of males and 66.5 percent of females work more than 40 hours per week." That is not helpful for anyone, because "for many of us, more work leads to more stress and a lower quality of life, and stress is the #1 cause of health problems – mentally and physically." (<https://20somethingfinance.com/americanhours-worked-productivity-vacation/>)

We Americans are getting pretty lousy at remembering the commandment God gave us to, "Remember the Sabbath Day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor

and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work." (Exodus 20:8-10a) According to the U.S. Travel Association, 55% of Americans do not use their paid vacation days, and in 2019, a record 768 MILLION paid vacation days went unused.

People seem to be reluctant to take time off because they are afraid they will miss something important at work, but it turns out that the opposite seems to be true. "A growing body of research shows taking time off actually increases productivity by making workers more resilient, improving cognitive function, creativity and problem-solving." according to Bryan Robinson, Psychotherapist.

Even Jesus knew it was good to take some time off now and again. After his disciples returned from the mission where he sent them out, two by two, to heal and teach in Jesus' name, they "gathered around Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.'" (Mark 6:30-31)

So, this summer, take some time to enjoy yourself. Get some sabbath rest. Relax and do something that makes you smile, and the world will be a better place. You will return rested and refreshed, and ready to take on God's mission once again. I'll see you in church (when you get back from vacation).

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

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**



Masking Update

Those who are vaccinated do not need to wear a face mask.

Those who are not vaccinated, the CDC recommends you wear a face mask, though it is an option.



INFO CORNER

5/2	Attendance:	26	Offering:	\$ 2,169
5/9	Attendance:	33	Offering:	\$ 2,055
5/16	Attendance:	26	Offering:	\$ 1,468
5/23	Attendance:	60	Offering:	\$ 3,010
5/30	Attendance:	34	Offering:	\$ 796

2021 Offerings — \$ 51,573

2021 Expenses— \$ 48,153

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
Men's Breakfast: Men's Breakfast has resumed meeting Saturdays at 8 am Casa Mexicana						
6 10 am Worship 2 pm-VBS Meeting @ church	7	8  Church Council @ 7 pm	9 Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	10 Worship & Music @ 7 pm	11	12
13 10 am Worship	14 Flag Day	15	16 Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	17	18	19 Women's Bible Study 10 am @ Fay Coats
20 10 am Worship Father's Day Graduate Sunday	21	22	23	24	25	26
Vacation Bible School 3-5:30 @ Pilgrim Lutheran						
27 10 am Worship &	28	29	30 Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.			

Anniversaries-June

8 Renee & Garrett Bagley
 10 Larry & MaryAnn Kirkpatrick
 16 Randy & Liz Deasy
 18 Marvin & Debbie Polacek
 19 Jeremiah & Stephanie Rodriguez
 24 Joshua & Erika Rodriguez
 29 Don & Anna Short

Birthdays-June

1 Joleen Bland
 2 Lena Medoza
 2 James Thornton
 5 Austen McKay,
 5 James Weinkauff
 9 Ernie Summers
 11 Dianne Kidd
 12 Stephanie Rodriguez
 14 Alex Mendoza
 18 Abby Hilmes
 19 Roger Thieme
 19 Sue Long-Hosek
 19 Matias Mendoza
 24 Aubrey Moreno
 25 Kayla Spohr
 29 Paula McKay

James Thornton Accepted into Nursing School!

James Thornton has been going to school full-time and working part-time for the past year in preparation for a career change. All his hard work has paid off; he recently received the good news that he has been accepted into the Big Bend School of Nursing Program at the college in Moses Lake. This is a very competitive program and it is an honor to have been accepted. Congratulations, James! In addition, James also makes time to play guitar for our Casual/Contemporary Services at Pilgrim which are held if a month has five Sundays. Becca Thornton helps hubby James accomplish all this as she works full-time and helps care for their two sons - Jacob, 6, and Jace who will be two in September. We are proud of all of you!
 Submitted by Fay Coats

Attention:

The landscaping areas around the church have been sprayed with Round Up. Please refrain from weeding until the middle of the month. Thank you!

Thank you!

A big thank you to Tammy and Pete Rodriguez for seeing to it that the crack sealing and striping were completed on our parking lot. (Pictured on page 4) It looks fresh and clean. Between that, our landscaping, the cell tower, and our new mats, these grounds are looking great!

It's Getting Warmer Outside

Remember to check on each other as the weather heats up. Make sure you stay hydrated while working outside! Wear your sunglasses! And lastly, thank God that we live in a beautiful area with abundant irrigation!



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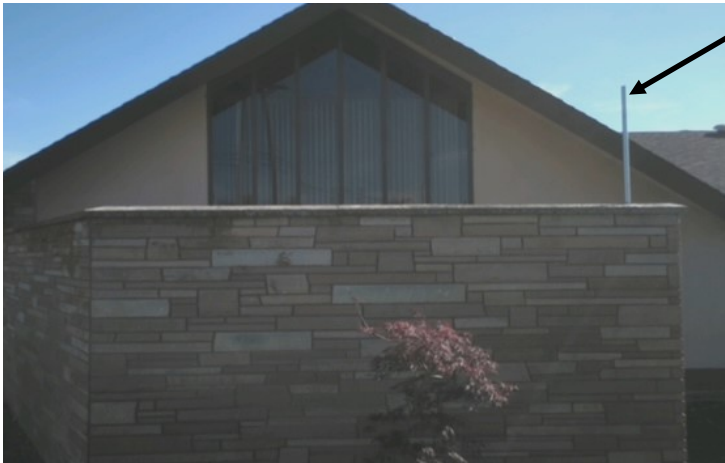
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Mission Statement: PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH is led by the Holy Spirit **to invite** everyone to experience **God's Love and Grace** through life's pilgrimage of faith.

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.**



Looking for information

Marc is looking for information regarding the pipe pictured and the one on the southeast wall of the church sanctuary. Does anyone know what their purpose was? One answer given was that they were for lighting, but to our knowledge there is no electricity to them. Please contact Marc or Kristi Spohr with any info you may have. Thank you!



Lectionary Readings for June

June 6	Genesis 3:8-15	Psalms 130	II Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35
June 13	Ezekiel 17:22-24	Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15	II Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17	Mark 4:26-34
June 20	Job 38: 1-11	Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32	II Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41
June 27	Lamentations 3:22-39	Psalms 30	II Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43



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