

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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VBS-Wilderness Escape: Where God Guides & Provides

About 50 students gathered at Pilgrim over the week of June 21-25 for our collaborative Vacation Bible School. Under the excellent tutelage of Marcia Bougher, Pastor Short, and their bevy of volunteers, students followed Moses (George Roper) across the desert, and learned to trust God to provide for them. Because of the extreme heat, they found themselves inside the church on the last day, but otherwise utilized outdoor spaces in the parsonage backyard, the back lot, and under the pine trees! Everyone had a fantastic time, and managed to raise \$493.87 (the congregation added the balance to make \$500) toward the purchase of alpacas through World Vision. Thank you to **ALL** who worked to make this a wonderful experience for the day campers!

Red Cross Blood Drive

The next scheduled Blood Drive here at Pilgrim Lutheran Church is Tuesday, July 20th, from 1-6 pm. We have heard personally from the Red Cross that blood is in short supply right now. Please donate if you are able, and encourage your friends and neighbors to do so as well. This is a vital resource for our community, and we are glad to offer our space so that people may be helped by the blood gathered here. Thank you in advance for helping on Sunday the 18th after the service to set up for the blood drive.



Pictured above:

Molly and Emilee Jensen with their cake, and with Pastor Short and Fay Coats.

Congratulations to our 2021 Graduates, Molly and Emilee Jensen! Molly is a recent graduate of Washington Virtual Academy, and will be attending Ottawa University, in Surprise, Arizona this fall. Emilee graduated from University of Idaho Moscow this spring and is working at Lamb-Weston in Warden. On June 20th, during the service, Fay Coats presented them with gifts from the congregation, a quilt made by Pilgrim's quilting group for Molly, and a hand-held cross from olive wood in the Holy Land for Emilee. It is our hope that they continue to feel God's Love for them through our congregation! Well done Molly and Emilee!



VBS Photos

Top: Getting ready to follow Moses through the Red Sea

Middle Left: Activities in the Fellowship Hall

Middle Rt: Refreshments under the tents **Bottom:** Happy campers!

July 2021 Message from our Pastor

Dear Pilgrims,

I like lots of hymns, but one of my favorites is, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms", especially the second verse that says, "Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms." As Christians, we have learned to lean on Jesus for lots of things. We lean on him for faith, for salvation, for an example of God's love, and for the teachings he gave that show us how to live more faithfully with one another. Leaning on Jesus teaches us to trust in the Word that God has given to us. Leaning on Jesus is how we learn to be true disciples.

Jesus told us exactly that in John 8; "Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.'" Leaning on Jesus is how the path of discipleship gets brighter and brighter, because Jesus is the light of the world (John 8:12), and Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, (John 14:6). Now, you may be wondering, how do we continue in Jesus' word? Well, as a matter of fact, the answer again is Jesus! How do we know? Because Jesus is the

Word made flesh (John 1:14). Our mission is simple. We are to follow Jesus. Do you want to be a better disciple? Follow Jesus. Do you want to be a more faithful Christian? Follow Jesus. Do you want to deepen your spiritual life? Follow Jesus. Just like most Children's sermons, the answer is almost always Jesus.

How do we know we are following Jesus? If you feel the love of God, you are following Jesus because God is love, and Jesus is God made flesh, and as Pilgrims, we are "led by the Holy Spirit to invite everyone to experience God's love and grace through life's pilgrimage of faith." We simply go where God is loving and join in with what God is doing. So, as you travel around and enjoy the summer months, share the love that God has given to you, and you will be following Jesus. May the love of God be with you and bless you, and I will see you in church.

Peace,

Pastor Don Short

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.



Women's Bible Study

Pictured above is the group of women who came together June 19 to do the Gather Magazine Bible Study on Fay Coats's back patio. Our next Bible Study will be on July 24 at the church, at 10 am. Please bring your Bibles and July's Gather Magazine. We hope to see YOU there!

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:
pilgrimlcpastor@gmail.com

Anna's office hours (new for the summer)

Wed, Thurs, Fri 9-12

Please call if you need info on anything!
Cell phone **509-761-1205**



INFO CORNER

6/6	Attendance: 38	Offering: \$ 4,560
6/13	Attendance: 33	Offering: \$ 640
6/20	Attendance: 34	Offering: \$ 1,559
6/27	Attendance: 28	Offering: \$ 885

2021 Offerings — \$ 59,217

2021 Expenses— \$ 56,519

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 Saturday, July 3rd is the exception, as there is Rotary Breakfast at the Park.				1	2 Pray for farmers!	3 Pray for Pastor Don and Anna.
4  10 am Worship	5 Pray for safe travels for Pastor & Anna	6	7	8	9	10
Pastor Don & Anna on Vacation						
11 10 am Worship	12	13	14	15	16	17
Pastor Don & Anna on Vacation						
18 10 am Worship	19	20 Red Cross Blood Drive 1-6 pm	21 Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	22 Thank God out loud for your church family!	23	24 Women's Bible Study 10 am at church
25 10 am Worship	26 Make a Zoom, or FaceTime call w/ your family.	27	28 Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	29 Take a bike ride!	30 Send a cheerful note to another Pilgrim.	31 

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 10 am Worship	2	3 Send your tithing to church.	4 Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	5	6	7
8 10 am Worship	9 Send a thank you to Anna by snail mail	10 Church Council @ 7 pm	11 Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	12	13 Call a friend that you haven't spoken to in a long time.	14
15 10 am Worship	16	17 Go for ice cream at Frutaleta's	18 Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	19 Call & say thanks to Pastor Don	20	21
22 10 am Worship	23	24	25 Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	26	27 Pray for our Sunday School Children.	28
29 10 am Worship Ice Cream Social	30	31 Make a design on the driveway with sidewalk chalk!		Thank you to everyone who provided photos for this month's Pilgrim's Progress! It really helped a LOT!		



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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.**

Birthdays-July

2 Liz Deasy	12 Ivan Vallejo
3 Alizah Jahns	19 Kayla Martinez
4 Sandi Bosch	21 Annie Smith
6 Raelynn Jahns	25 Kelsey Jahns
6 Anna Short	26 Larry Kirkpatrick
7 Angela Martinez	27 Molly Jensen
8 Mandy Moore	27 Desiree Howes
9 Aleta Cheek	28 Sofia Mendoza
	31 Joshua Rodriguez Jr.

Anniversaries-July

24 Pete & Tammy Rodriguez
31 James & Becca Thornton

Birthdays-August

2 Jeff Graves
3 Nina Vallejo
3 Stacey Spohr
6 Bill Porter
6 Jaylene Roberts
14 DeeDee Graves
17 Pam Ochoa
17 Laura Lawrence
23 Meghan Johnston
31 Jens Ogendahl

Anniversaries-August

3 Jim & Vicki Nau
4 Marcia & Rick Bougher
5 Meghan & Jacob Johnston
7 Bill & Danita Porter
14 Lupe & Lena Mendoza
15 Bob & Donna Reichert
27 Mike & Donna Adams

Your HELP Requested!

If you know of a birthday or anniversary that is not mentioned above or during the year, please contact Kristi at 509-331-4406, or Anna at the church. Thank you!

Lectionary Readings for July

July 4	Ezekiel 2:1-5	Psalm 123	II Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
July 11	Amos 7:7-15	Psalm 85:8-13	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
July 18	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Psalm 23	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
July 25	II Kings 4:42-44	Psalm 145:10-18	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21



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