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Blessing of the First Responders God's Work, Our Hands Sept 12, 2021

All First Responders were blessed on Sept 12 with a delicious breakfast, individual Kind Bars with a thank you attached, an individual blessing from Pastor Don and thank yous from the congregation. This is one of our favorite Sundays where we get to thank the people in our community who keep us safe. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event so special, and to the First Responders who attended.

Sunday October 31

There will be lots of activity on Sunday, Oct. 31. First, it is Reformation Sunday, so wear RED or come dressed as your favorite church reformer. (See Pastor's message for more ideas. Second, there will be a noisy offering since it is also the 5th Sunday. So save your change and bring it with you that Sunday. Third, it is also Casual Sunday so look forward to some special music as well.



Pictured Above:
Pastor Don Short and Anna Short dressed for Cowboy Sunday on September 19, 2021



Happy Autumn!!

Adult Forum

Pastor Don is leading an adult Bible Study at 9 am each Sunday. We are currently studying the Book of Romans, and all are encouraged to attend.

Blessing of the Animals-Oct. 10

You are invited to bring your animals to worship Oct. 10 for a Blessing. Please read Pastor Don's message inside for more information regarding your pets!



Pastor Appreciation Month

October is designated as Pastor Appreciation Month. We love and thank Pastor Don ALL the time (or maybe we should!) for everything he does for our church and for our members, and community. It would be great if some time during the month, each person would personally thank Pastor Don & Anna for what they each bring to our congregation. We are so thankful that the God put the two of us together and that both continue to bring us safely through these times.

Women's Bible Study

Our October Women's Bible Study will take place at the Upper Saddle Gap Ranch Barn. Thank you to Pete and Lynn Olsen for sharing their beautiful space with us. We will be gathering there on October 16th at 10 am. Explicit Directions to the Barn can be found on the back page of this newsletter. It is good for us to study God's Word, and to share fellowship together as a means to beat the social isolation that many people are feeling. Plan to join if you are able! We hope to see you there. We use the current month's Bible Study in the Gather magazine. For more information, please contact Fay Coats.

October Message from our Pastor

Dear Pilgrims,

Did you realize that October marks the beginning of the last quarter of 2021? We are three fourths of the way through the year. Fall is upon us. People are digging sweaters out of storage, the leaves are changing and falling from the trees, espresso stands are beginning to sell pumpkin spice lattes, and the stores are likely beginning to put up their Christmas decorations.

There are a lot of fun things that come with fall. In sports we can look forward to the baseball playoffs and the World Series. We can enjoy high school football locally and watch our favorite college and NFL teams on TV. Some people run cross country or participate in fall soccer. Anna and I will likely take a hike or two in the Columbia Wildlife Refuge. There are lots of fun activities that occupy us during the fall.

At church it is no different. There are things that happen in October that only come around once a year. On October 10th, in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, we will observe the annual blessing of the animals. Please feel free to bring a pet to worship that day. We will bless all the animals on the front porch of the church immediately after worship. The only caution is that the cleanliness of the animal is

the responsibility of the owner. If your animal makes a mess, you must clean it up. Thank you.

The last Sunday of October is going to be another special Sunday for us. To the rest of society, it will be observed as Halloween, but for us Lutherans, it is Reformation Sunday. It was on October 31st in 1517 that Martin Luther posted his 95 theses and began the Reformation that led to the formation of the Lutheran church. I guess that makes it our church birthday. Come to church wearing red for Reformation, or, since it is Halloween, come dressed up as your favorite reformer (Martin Luther, Philip Melanchthon, Ulrich Zwingli, Prince Friedrich of Saxony, or any other reformers you can find. Look them up on the Internet for costume ideas.)

There are lots of fun things coming in October, so much so that it reminds me of one of my favorite passages in Jeremiah; "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:11-13) See you in church.

Peace,

Pastor Don

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)

Tues, Thurs, & Fri 3-5

Please call if you need info on anything!

Cell phone **509-761-1205**






INFO CORNER

9/5	Attendance: 22	Offering: \$ 4,045
9/12	Attendance: 27	Offering: \$ 1,446
9/19	Attendance: 32	Offering: \$ 755
9/26	Attendance: 27	Offering: \$ 3,145

2021 Offerings — \$ 85,792

2021 Expenses— \$ 89,552

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					1 Pray for farmers!	2 Pray for Pastor Don and Anna.
3 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship	4 Go for ice cream at Frutaleta's	5 Send an uplifting text to a friend.	6 Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	7 Call a friend that you haven't spoken to in a long time.	8 Take a walk around the block.	9
10 9 Adult Forum 10 Worship	11 Make a design on the driveway with sidewalk chalk!	12  Church Council @ 7 pm	13 Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	14 Pray for our Sunday School Children.	15 Call & say thanks to Pastor Don	16 Women's Bible Study 10 am at church
17 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship	18 Send a thank you to Anna by snail mail	19 Send a thank you message to Anna in the snail mail.	20 Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	21 Thank God out loud for your church family!	22	23 Send your tithing to church.
24 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship	25 Make a Zoom, or FaceTime call w/ your family.	26	27 Listen to tonight's message from Pastor Don.	28 Take a bike ride!	29 Send a cheerful note to another Pilgrim.	30 
31 Noisy Offering Reformation Sunday 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship			Anniversaries-October 8 Sandy & Shane Russell 29 Elaine & Don Wade 29 Sue & Ron Hosek		Committee Meetings Worship & Music Oct 14 at 7 pm Church Council Oct 12 at 7 pm	

Birthdays-October

1 Donna Adams
 5 Donna Reichert
 9 Erika Rodriguez
 11 Trent Spohr
 11 Jayden Rodriguez
 12 Addie Jo Russell
 15 Danita Porter
 16 Treva Reichert
 18 Aaron Stephens
 19 Jonathan Rodriguez
 21 Cindy Eidahl
 23 Stewart Hilmes
 26 Eric Porter
 26 Rob Reichert
 26 FayAnn McCourtie
 28 Marcia Bougher
 28 Miah Rodriguez
 29 Barb Maine
 31 Maro Moreno

Photos from Cowboy Sunday

This was such a fun event-Let's do it again next year!





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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.

**Directions to Upper Saddle Gap Ranch Barn
(Women's Bible Study)-October 16**

From town drive out Hwy 24 to Bench Rd.,
turn right on Bench by Bob's,

go straight until you come to McKinney Rd.
turn left on to McKinney Rd. and head towards W. Hatton Rd.

At W. Hatton Rd. turn right on to W. Hatton Rd.
Head up the hill when you reach the start of the gravel road on W. Hatton Rd. it is 1.2
miles to the Olsen Outfit.

You will see a red barn and red buildings off to the left. Driveway has a lone Pine Tree at
gate. Please drive down driveway to Barn, park and welcome!

**Red Cross Blood
Drive**

Thank you to all
who helped with
the Blood Drive,
setting up, taking
down, and giving
blood! It is all
appreciated, and
life-giving!

Lectionary Readings for October

Oct 3	Genesis 2:18-24	Psalm 8	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
Oct 10	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15	Psalm 90:12-17	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
Oct 17	Isaiah 53:4-12	Psalm 91:9-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
Oct 24	Jeremiah 31:7-9	Psalm 126	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52
Oct 31	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalm 46	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36



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