

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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A Message of Thanks

"Dear Pilgrims,
Thank you for your gifts,
cards, and other Christmas
remembrances that you gave
to Anna and me. We
appreciate your kindness and
generosity. You are a
fabulous group of Christians,
full of God's love. Thanks
again!

Pastor Don and Anna Short"



Above:
Sunday School and helpers presented the Christmas Story on Dec 12 during
worship. Thank you to all who participated in the presentation, and especially to
Marcia Bougher for her guidance and can-do spirit.



Thank You!

Thank you to Stewart, Trevor,
and Brady Hilmes for clearing
the parking lot & sidewalks after
the big snowfall on Jan 5. We
appreciate it so very much!

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study is
happening on Saturday, Jan.
15th at 10 am in the quilting
room off the kitchen. **All** are
welcome!!!

Epiphany

The feast of Epiphany
("manifestation") concludes
the Christmas season with a
celebration of God's glory
revealed in the person of
Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and
Ephesians, that glory is
proclaimed for all nations and
people. Like the light of the
star that guided the magi to
Jesus, the light of Christ
reveals who we are: children
of God who are claimed and
washed in the waters of
baptism. We are sent out to
be beacons of the light of
Christ, sharing the good
news of God's love to all
people.

Game Night

Pilgrims & Friends are welcome to
meet at the church Wed, Jan. 19th
@ 7 pm for a game night! Bring
games you would like to play and a
snack to share. And a fun time will
be had by all!!!

Cookie Decorating and Exchange

Many thanks to Elaine Wade for
spearheading the cookie decorating
and exchange fellowship following
the service on Dec. 12. Check out
the photos from the activity on page
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Saints vs. Angels Food Drive Now Open

January 9th to Sunday February 13

SOUPER BOWL Competition
begins with receipt of the
newsletter!! Make it your mission
to add to the Saints or Angels
corner in the Narthex so that we can
help the Food Bank meet people's
needs these winter months. Be sure
to read Pastor's message for more
information.

The Souper Bowl Trophy will be
awarded to the winning team on
Feb. 20! Remember that the real
winners are all the people and
animals that we are helping during
these challenging times. Thank you
Pilgrims!

Congregational Meeting & Potluck

Our annual congregational meeting will
be on Sunday, January 30th, directly
after worship.

Items on the agenda will include:

- 1) Discussing & adopting the 2022
Annual Budget
- 2) Electing of 3 council members to
replace Pete, Tammy, and Don W.,
whose terms are complete
- 3) Appointing members to the
nominating committee
- 4) Appointing members to the
Endowment Committee
- 5) Reviewing church business

The Annual Report, including the
proposed budget, will be available on
Sunday January 23rd, to peruse and
study. **Committee chairs, please
submit your reports electronically to
pilgrimlutheran@hotmail.com by
Wednesday, Jan. 19th. If handwritten
please submit reports by Sunday Jan.
16.** Thank you for your cooperation.
All are welcome to attend the
congregational meeting. Only "voting
members" may vote on motions. Thank
you for your continued support of Pilgrim
Lutheran's mission.

Following our meeting we will gather in
the Fellowship Hall to share in a potluck.
Meat will be provided; **please bring a
side dish, salad or dessert to share!**

See you there!

December Message from our Pastor

Maybe January is your favorite month, but I must confess to you, it is not mine. The holiday season has just concluded, and we are still in the midst of the cold of winter. The weather is, for the most part, dismal, with clouds and cold temperatures much of the time. Occasionally, we may see a few sunny days, but they are not accompanied by warmth, so they do little to brighten the month for me. When January comes along, I find myself looking forward to April and May, when the weather will be warmer, and flowers will bloom again. Perhaps you love January but forgive me if I do not share that love. Yes, I love Jesus, but no, I am not fond of January.

Maybe it is because the holiday season is over that January seems so bleak. We get used to the lights and festivities of Christmas and the well wishes of the New Year's parties that, when all of the decorations are put away and the house is clean again, an emptiness settles in that feels as cold as the weather outside.

Would it be helpful if we had something to look forward to? If you would find that helpful, I have a couple of suggestions. First, January is the month when we hold our annual Saints vs. Angels food drive. We have two stations set up in the narthex at church and the congregation is divided into two teams. The team that collects the most weight in food donations by the second Sunday of February (Super Bowl Sunday), is the winner of the 'Golden Soup Pot Award'. I will honor the winning team in a very brief ceremony on the third Sunday of

February. Feel free to bring your food donations to the church on Sunday mornings or during office hours (Tuesday through Friday, 9am to noon).

How's that? You are unable to come to the church with a food donation? No worries! Monetary contributions help your team as well! Each dollar donated counts as a pound. Simply make a check out to Pilgrim Lutheran as usual but be sure to note that it is for the food drive in the memo line. We will make sure the correct team is credited. In any case, the real winners are those who receive the food donations! We are helping to reduce the food insecurity in Othello, and all contributions are welcome.

Helping others is a great way to beat the January doldrums, and it is a fine way to fulfill what Paul wrote to the Galatians; "Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. Do then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." (Galatians 6:9-10)

Have a great month and I will see you in church (or online).

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

Tues, Thurs, & Fri 3-5
Please call if you need info on anything!
Cell phone **509-761-1205**





INFO CORNER

12/5	Attendance: 46	Offering: \$ 3,893
12/12	Attendance: 49	Offering: \$ 1,493
12/19	Attendance: 34	Offering: \$ 1,098
12/24	Attendance: 60	Offering: \$ 1,882
12/25	Attendance: 11	Offering: \$ 107
12/26	Attendance: 18	Offering: \$ 2,386

2021 Offerings —	\$ 119,167
2021 Expenses—	\$ 121,218

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Men's Breakfast:						1
2 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship & Sunday School	3	4	5 12th Night	6 Epiphany	7	8
9 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship & Sunday School	10	11 Church Council @ 7 	12 9 am Quilting Mid-week Message	13	14	15 Women's Bible Study 10 am at church
16 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	17 Martin Luther King Jr.	18	19 Mid-week Message 9 am Quilting	20 7 pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting	21	22
23 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	24 Annual Reports Available 	25	26 Mid-week Message 9 am Quilting	27	28	29
30 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Congregational Mtg	31	Anniversaries - January 12 Pete & Lynn Olsen 29 Michael & Paula McKay 30 Ron & Jan Hilmes		Birthdays - January 1 Whitney Blaak 6 Erika Dominguez Moreno 9 Nancy Roth 9 Jeremiah Rodriguez 19 Manny Maine 20 Sally McFarlin 20 Eileen Lawrence 23 Dick Hudnall 25 John Betz 27 Pete Olsen 30 John Bunch		

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Mason found a good buddy in Elke, Carolyn's German Shepard



DATE	USHERS	READER	ACOLYTE	CLICKER	GREETER	Coffee Hour
Jan 2						
Jan 9		Annie S				Maryann & Anna
Jan 16	Larry & Maryann K	MaryAnn K			Nancy	Elaine W
Jan 23						Nancy R
Jan 30		Linda B				

Service Opportunity

Hi Pilgrims,
Please note the opportunities to serve our God by helping with the services on Sundays. It would be great to see this chart filled up again as we gather to worship, and work to spread the love of Jesus!



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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.



Fellowship after worship included lots of delicacies to try, Christmas carols to sing, and cookies to decorate!

Lectionary Readings for January

Jan 2	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Psalm 147:12-20	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:10-18
Jan 9	Isaiah 43:1-7	Psalm 29	Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17,21-22
Jan 16	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalm 36:5-10	I Corinth 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
Jan 23	Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10	Psalm 19	I Corinth 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21
Jan 30	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalm 71:1-6	I Coring 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.