

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Game Night-Jan 19

Pilgrims gathered Jan 19 for games and treats in the Fellowship Hall. Three tables of games were active and the games included Uno, Pass the Pig, Golf, and Ticket to Ride. Snacks were awesome, and everyone had a grand time, and concluded that we should have these nights regularly! Photos below...



Guest Pastor!

Pastor Larry Morris will be in the Pilgrim pulpit on **Feb. 13**, while Pastor Short and Anna are attending a friend's wedding. Pastor Morris is a retired ELCA pastor living in the Tri-Cities. He is also a poet and has published books of his collected poems, one of which is called, 'Among Us'. It contains poems appropriate for worship, and Fay Coats & MaryAnn Kirkpatrick recited a poem of his from that book on Reformation Sunday last year.

Of his poetry, Pastor Morris was quoted in the Living Lutheran Magazine saying, "Good poetry is like good art. It is more than just words on the page. There's a spark. There's a spirit." You have the opportunity to share in the movement of the Spirit as Pastor Morris shares his gift with us on February 13th at our 10 am worship service. **Be sure to come!**

Women's Bible Study

Please join us in the Quilting Room off the kitchen for fellowship and Women's Bible Study on Saturday, February 19th at 10 am. Copies of the GATHER magazine study can be found on the table in the Narthex. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you!

Congregational Meeting Update

Our annual congregational meeting was held Sunday, January 30th, directly after worship.

Actions taken included:

- 1) Discussion & adoption of the 2022 budget at \$142,178.
- 2) The election of Larry Kirkpatrick, & Marcia Bougher to council, and the re-election of Don Wade to a 2nd term on council.
- 3) The appointment of Paula McKay to the endowment committee
- 4) The review and approval of committee reports and minutes from the 2021 annual meeting.

The Annual Report, including the approved budget, is available in the Narthex for anyone who was not able to come to the congregational meeting. Members are encouraged to pick up a copy and peruse the activities and expenses of the church operations. Following our meeting we shared a wonderful meal, with multiple salads, casseroles, ham & desserts, as only Pilgrims can put together!! **Many Thanks** to everyone who helped in the kitchen and who brought food to share!

Happy
Valentine's
Day

Souper Bowl Continues

Contributions of food (human and animal) & cash will be taken up to and including Feb. 13th. Simply put your food staples in the Saints or Angels side of the Narthex, and mark any checks with Saints or Angels in the memo line. Who will win the coveted trophy & chocolate? Find out on Feb. 20th at worship!

News Regarding Donations

Your Giving Statement for 2021 (Contribution Report) is available. To receive it, please contact Kristi or Marc Spohr. For 2021, even if you do not itemize, you may deduct part of your annual charitable contributions. In addition, you may direct your Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA to come straight to Pilgrim without claiming it as income. Consult your tax advisor for further information.

February Message from our Pastor

Dear Pilgrims,

When February comes around each year, what are your first thoughts? Do you think of Groundhog Day? I have been to Punxsatawney, Pennsylvania and I have seen Gobbler's Knob where Phil, the groundhog, makes his prediction year after year. The event is more excitement than accuracy, though, since Phil's record for accuracy is around 60%. Most meteorologists these days have an accuracy rating of around 85%-90%, so the information Phil gives us is much less than what you could get from modern methods.

No, February is not best known for Groundhog Day. What about President's Day? We celebrate the great minds that have guided our nation over the centuries, from George Washington to Abraham Lincoln and beyond, but not everyone is in agreement about who the great presidents are, so perhaps that is not the best thought for February, either.

No, it seems to me that the thing we think about the most in February is St. Valentine's Day. One quick walk through almost any store will show you that the primary focus for this month is on Valentine's Day. Even though the day was set aside to commemorate a martyred saint, it has come to be associated with the

feelings of love between people. Many people send Valentine's cards, give Valentine's candy, or send Valentine's flowers to the people they love.

But believe it or not, love is never just between two people. In every loving relationship, God is there. God shows up because God IS love. Love comes from God and God calls us to be loving to one another, as we are reminded in 1John 4:7-8. The only way we can love someone else is because God has given us love to share. "We love because he first loved us." (1John 4:19)

So, listen carefully this month, whether in person or online, to the Scripture readings. You will hear much about how much God loves you, and you will hear much about our call to love one another. You will hear that God gives us enough love to share, even with our enemies. You will hear Jesus say, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." (Notice Jesus never says to tolerate abuse, but to pray for the abuser.) Share the love God has given you and the world will be better for it. I'll 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: pilgrimlcpastor@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

1/2	Attendance: 22	Offering: \$ 2,295
1/9	Attendance: 60	Offering: \$ 2,935
1/16	Attendance: 28	Offering: \$ 2,660
1/23	Attendance: 17	Offering: \$ 525
1/30	Attendance: 34	Offering: \$ 1,390

2022 Offerings —	\$ 9,805
2022 Expenses—	\$ 9,811

Thank you, Pilgrims, for supporting your Church and its Mission!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Men's Breakfast: To be determined		1	2 9 am Quilting Mid-week Message	3	4 Pray for farmers!	5 Call & say thanks to Pastor Don
6 Install Council 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship & Sunday School	7	8  Church Council @ 7	9 9 am Quilting Mid-week Message	10 7 pm Worship & Music	11 Pastor & Anna	12 out of town
13 10 am Worship & Sunday School	14 Happy Valentine's Day! Share God's LOVE!	15 Send your tithing to church.	16 9 am Quilting Mid-week Message	17 5-7 pm 3rd Thursday Dinner	18 Send an uplifting text to a friend.	19 Women's Bible Study 10 am at church
20 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	21 	22	23 Mid-week Message 9 am Quilting	24	25	26 Thank God out loud for your church family!
27 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	28			Birthdays-February 3 Maya Martinez 5 Henry Solbrack 7 John Bergstrom 9 John Lawrence, 9 Tammy Rodriguez 11 Brady Hilmes 12 Lillian Solbrack 13 Tyler Evans 14 Joleen McKay 15 Trevor Hilmes 16 Roger Martinez 21 Lupe Mendoza 23 Audrey Stephens 24 Jaxon Peter Jahns 25 Dee Wright 27 Jennifer Porter 27 Elija Rodriguez		

Anniversaries-February

20 Leonard & Joleen Bland

Lent is Coming

Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, and Lenten services are coming up fast beginning March 1...We will be sharing soup and bread for Mid-Week services- be sure to watch the church bulletins for information regarding these great activities to prepare us for Easter.

Upcoming Meetings**Church Council**

Tues. Feb 8th @ 7 pm

Worship & Music-

Thurs. Feb 10th @ 7 pm

Fellowship-

Sunday, Feb 20th after worship

Council Members

Don Wade
Annie Smith
Ernie Summers
Kristi Spohr
Marcia Bougher
Larry Kirkpatrick

DATE	USHERS	READER	ACOLYTE	CLICKER	GREETER	Coffee Hour
Feb 6		Shirley M		Tammy		Anna S
Feb 13	Larry & Maryann K	Annie S		Tammy		Sue & Carolyn B
Feb 20				Tammy		Annie S
Feb 27		Linda B				Linda C Sandi 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.**



Mike, Carol, Nancy, & Sue

Celebrating Nancy Roth

Nancy recently celebrated her 90th birthday with a fellowship after worship and another party with the quilters, the following Wed. Congratulations Nancy!! We love you!



Quilters celebrating Nancy's 90th Birthday!!

Lectionary Readings for February

Feb 6	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalm 138	I Corinth 15:1-11	Luke 5: 1-11
Feb 13	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Psalm 1	I Corinth 15:12-20	Luke 6:17-26
Feb 20	Genesis 45:3-11,15	Psalm 37:1-11,39-40	I Corinth 15:35-38,42-50	Luke 6:27-38
Feb 27	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 99	II Corinth 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]



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Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.