

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Blessing of the First Responders Oct . 2

Our Blessing of the First Responders takes place this Sunday, Oct. 2nd, beginning at 8:30 with a breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a Blessing at 9:30 in the church parking lot. It is a privilege to be able to express our deep gratitude to those in our community who take care of us during emergencies.



Photo above:

Earlier this summer Pastor Short held an Affirmation of Christian Vocation and Blessing for Carolyn and Randy Bunch and their Beverly Aesthetics business. It is a lovely facility, and promises to fill a need in our community! We wish God's continued blessing on them

Adult Forum

Adult Forum is in full swing Sunday mornings at 9 am. The study focuses on the book of Galatians. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will be held Saturday, Oct 15th, at 10 in the Fellowship Hall at Pilgrim. We are looking forward to seeing you all there! Bring your Gather Magazine for October and your Bible! If you need a copy of the study, please talk to Anna beforehand so she can make you a copy!!

Baked Potato Feed

Come One, Come All to the Pilgrim Lutheran Baked Potato Feed, benefitting our own Othello Food Bank and Pacific Northwest Veterans' Alliance. The Pacific Northwest Veterans' Alliance is an immediate assistance program for Veterans and their families in 3 counties of Eastern Oregon, and organized by Sue & Ron Hosek. It helps with lodging, utilities, gas, and food.

The Potato Feed takes place on **Friday, October 7** prior to the Othello Huskies Homecoming Game, **between 5-7 pm**. Invite your friends, relatives, and students for a nice warm meal, and donate to 2 really great organizations helping people.



Thank You

Many thanks to the Endowment Committee for funding the Church Retreat held at Camp Lutherhaven Sept 10-11. Special Thanks to Trudy Doolittle for setting up and managing the housing portion of the camp. We had a great time in Bible Study, canoeing, singing, worshipping, gaming, and crafting. It was especially nice to be able to do a service project for the camp. One group cleaned yurts, and the other group folded towels, sheets, blankets, and kept the washing machines and dryers busy. Garrett (in charge of our stay) was very appreciative.

Photos on pages 2 & 3.



Blessing of the Animals

Coming up on Oct 9 is the Blessing of the Animals. You are welcome to bring your pets to the service & for blessings which will take place after the service. You are responsible for them while they are in the building.

Wrapped in the Warmth of God's Love

On Sept 25, Pilgrim recognized Trevor and Brady Hilmes for graduating from Gonzaga, and Columbia Basin College respectively. We wrapped them each in a quilt of their choice, and each of them was presented with an olive wood cross. Pastor also held an affirmation of Christian vocation for them. Trevor is an accountant and will soon begin working in Portland, and Brady will continue to work in the family business, Hilmes Construction. Following the service, a reception was held in the Fellowship Hall. We wish God's Blessings on them both!

Photos Below:

Trevor in the green quilt & Brady in the brown quilt, and at the reception in their honor.



October Message from our Pastor

Dear Pilgrims,

What do you think of when the calendar turns to October? Do you think mostly about Halloween? Lots of people put up elaborate Halloween decorations this month. Do you think about football games? The professional, college, and high school football teams are all playing hard throughout this month, so there is plenty of football to watch. Do you think about all the pumpkin spice flavored foods available this time of year? Some people love a good pumpkin spice latte. Personally, you can have all of them you want. It is not my favorite. Maybe you start thinking about all the stuff coming up, like Thanksgiving and Christmas, and you begin preparing for those things. Perhaps you look forward to the straw maze that shows up at the fairgrounds every year. All of this stuff is what makes this time of year fun, and maybe a bit hectic. Personally, I will be focused on what we are doing together here at Pilgrim Lutheran Church.

For instance, on October 7th, before you head over to the high school to watch their homecoming football game, complete with the homecoming court, and elaborate half-time show, you may want to swing by the church and get your fill of baked potatoes with all the fixin's. We will be holding our potato feed that evening from 5-7, and you have the opportunity to fill your potato with chili, cheese, butter, maybe even some sour cream and bacon, or anything else our church team of ladies offer. I guarantee you will not leave here hungry!

Even before we feed the whole town with baked potatoes, we will bless our first responders on October 2nd, with breakfast at 8:30 and the blessing at 9:30. After that, we will bless the animals on October 9th, immediately following worship. You are welcome to bring your pets to worship as long as you take responsibility for them and anything they do while in the building.

We will finish the month of October with Casual Sunday on the 30th. It is also Reformation Sunday where we traditionally wear red to church, but since it is so close to Halloween, you may come to worship in costume if you like, although I would suggest you leave the devil costumes at home, considering how Jesus treats the devil! You don't want to take any chances!

You might be wondering why we do all of this busy stuff at Pilgrim. Why don't we just have church, like regular churches? I think it is because of what David wrote in Psalm 9 where he says, "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High." (Psalm 9:1-2) We do all of what we do as a way of giving thanks to God for all of what God has already done for us. So, come and see what the Lord has done, is doing, and will do here at Pilgrim Lutheran Church. Join in the fun! I'll see you in church and online. 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:
pilgrimlcpastor@gmail.com

Anna's Hours:

Thurs, Friday 2-4 pm
Please call if you need info on anything!
Cell phone **509-761-1205**

Council Members

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



POTLUCK

Sunday, Oct. 30, we will be having a potluck after worship. Watch the bulletins for more info.

INFO CORNER

9/4	Attendance:	25	Offering:	\$ 3,947
9/11	Attendance:	29	Offering:	\$ 764
9/18	Attendance:	29	Offering:	\$ 879
9/25	Attendance:	34	Offering:	\$ 1,593

2022 Offerings —	\$ 85,364
2022 Expenses—	\$ 96,084

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



Canoeing on Lake Coeur d'Alene.



Mountains of Laundry

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Men's Breakfast: Saturday mornings 8 am @ Casa Mexicana		Sunday School Sunday School is in full swing as we enter the fall season. Be sure to ask if Marcia or Judy need help!		October is designated as Pastor Appreciation month. Let's show some Pilgrim LOVE to Pastor Don and Anna!!		1
2 8:30 Blessing of First Responders 10 am Worship & Sunday School Healing Service	3 Send your tithing to church.	4	5 9 am Quilting	6 Send a thank you note to Anna.	7 Potato Feed 5-7	8
9 Blessing of Animals 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship & Sunday School	10	11 Church Council @ 7 	12 9 am Quilting	13 7 pm W & Music	14 Take a bike ride!	15 10 am Women's Bible Study & Church
16 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship & Sunday School Fellowship Comm.	17 Thank God out loud for your church family!	18	19 9 am Quilting	20 5-7 pm 3rd Thursday Dinner	21 Phone a friend!	22
23 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship & Sunday School	24	25	26 9 am Quilting	27	28	29
30 Casual Sunday 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship & Sunday School	31  Halloween	Upcoming Meetings Church Council- Tues. Oct 11 @ 7 pm Worship & Music- Thurs. Oct 13 @ 7 pm Fellowship- Oct 16 after worship		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		



Our Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Rodriguez families on the loss of sweet Jennifer Rose. Infant daughter of Joshua & Erika Rodriguez, and granddaughter of Tammy & Pete Rodriguez, we pray for the peace that only our loving Father can provide at this difficult time.

Anniversaries-October

8 Sandy & Shane Russell
 29 Elaine & Don Wade
 29 Sue & Ron Hosek

DATE	USHERS	READER	GREETER	ACOLYTE	CLICKER	COMMUNION PREP Set Up	COMMUNION PREP Bread	COMMUNION Assistant	Coffee Hour
Oct 2			Please note that there are many opportunities to help out with Sunday services this month. If everyone does a little bit, then one person won't have to do multiple tasks. That would really be helpful!!! It would also be helpful if people signed up in advance so I can be sure to get it in the newsletter! Thanks so much in advance!! Kristi			Anna			Breakfast with First Responders
Oct 9		Evelyn				Fay C.			Nancy
Oct 16		MaryAnn				Nancy			MaryAnn
Oct 23		Donna A				Nancy			Sandi & Linda C.
Oct 30		Angela		Maxwell		Fay C.			POTLUCK



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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.**



Candid photos from
the Cowboy
Sunday Social!

Lectionary Readings for October

Oct 2	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	Psalms 37:1-9	II Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
Oct 9	II Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c	Psalms 111	II Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
Oct 16	Genesis 32:22-31	Psalms 121	II Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
Oct 23	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22	Psalms 84:1-7	II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
Oct 30	Isaiah 1:10-18	Psalms 32: 1-7	II Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	Luke 19:1-10



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.