

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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### Pentecost Vigil and Service Let's Hear It for the Holy Spirit!!

Saturday, June 4, at 6 pm, we gather on the east lawn outside the fellowship hall to observe Pentecost with a vigil service. Following the vigil, we will have a BBQ of polish sausage, hot dogs, and sauerkraut, provided by Pastor Don & Anna, and any salads, desserts, and chips that we may bring! Water, iced tea, and coffee are provided. There will be an open fire for roasting marshmallows for s'mores. Come join the fun!!

**Don't forget to wear RED for the Holy Spirit on Sunday!!**

### SAVE the DATE

Vacation Bible School is happening soon!

Who: Kids entering K-6th

Where: Othello First Presbyterian Church

When: June 20-24, 2022

Time: 2-4:30 pm

For more information, or how to help, please contact Pastor Don on his cell phone, or Marcia Bougher.

### Traveler's Blessing-May 15

After Worship on May 15, worshipers gathered in the parking lot to be blessed for their travels this summer. On the road, plane, or ship, Pastor Don blessed each of the people, asking God for protection and safety for all travelers. It was a wonderful way to begin summer travels. All travelers from Pilgrim are invited to send a postcard to the church, and we will make a board with all the greetings to share.

Photo of the blessing below.



### Photos:

Top-the group at the reader board with Pastor Don  
Middle-Circling up for prayer & devotion & cycling route  
Lower-Gary, Nick, & Dan from the Fuller Center for Housing  
Below-Pilgrim Fellowship preparing dinner for the cyclists Wed night



### Hosting the Fuller Center for Housing

May 25-26, Pilgrim hosted a group of cyclists traveling across the United States.

Members of the Fuller Center for Housing, they focus on providing maintenance on physical buildings, and making buildings accessible to handicapped people. While here in Othello, they worked on roofing a shed for the Food Bank, as well as several other prearranged projects. We provided them with a safe place to sleep, bicycle storage, and dinner Wed, and Thurs nights. Many thanks to the Fellowship committee for putting the baked potato and chili dinner for them on Wed night. We also provided lasagna and the fixings for Thursday's dinner. Friday morning, after circling up for a devotion, and prayer by Pastor Short, and receiving the directions for the cycling route that day, they gathered by our reader board for a photo. Then, the cyclists took off for Ritzville, followed by their support vehicles.

It was easy to see that God was leading and providing for them as they make their way to Portland, Maine! What a privilege to be able to share our space with them, and show them some wonderful Pilgrim Lutheran hospitality!



### Women's Bible Study

**Many thanks** to Fay Coats for hosting the May Women's Bible Study at her home. This month, Saturday, June 11, we will meet **at Fay's** at 10 am for the Gather magazine Bible Study. If you need a copy of the Gather magazine please contact Pastor Short at his mobile # on page 2.

## June Message from our Pastor

Dear Pilgrims,

I cannot remember a colder spring in the Pacific Northwest. I think we even had frost in May, and I remember going to the Easter Sunrise Service at 7am Easter Sunday in my overcoat, gloves, and scarf. It was 31degrees Fahrenheit that morning. We even still have the heat on at church because it has not been warm enough to switch our system over to the air-conditioning system, and here it is, June already!

Scientists are quick to point to climate change as the cause of our cold spring. I will not argue with them, but it seems to me that sometimes the weather is just unpredictable. Sometimes we simply don't get what we expect. Sometimes we are surprised by what God brings in the weather.

It reminds me of something I learned when I was in seminary. I learned a saying that I have applied to much of my life since. My internship supervisor was fond of saying, "We plan, and God laughs." In other words, we make our plans based on expected circumstances and probable outcomes, but sometimes God changes things and makes it necessary for us to change our plans, sometimes very quickly.

For instance, imagine being Peter, whose original name was Simon bar Jonah. He grew up in the fishing village of Bethsaida on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. He and his brother, Andrew, made a decent living working as fishermen for Zebedee, who owned a small fishing fleet. Zebedee had two sons, James, and John, and the five of them got along well enough. They probably all figured this is what they were going to do for the rest of their lives. They were going to fish and provide their village with food for the foreseeable future.

That all changed when a man from Nazareth came to town. He called himself Jesus, and there was just something about him that stirred Simon, Andrew, James, and John to their depths. He spoke, and they simply couldn't help but listen. Even Zebedee seemed stirred by the way this man spoke about God and the way God loves each of them.

So, when Jesus suddenly turned to Simon and told him, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Simon simply couldn't help himself. He HAD to follow. He knew that if he didn't follow Jesus, he would never be able to rest comfortably again. Following Jesus wasn't an option, it was now a compulsion. Andrew, James, and John seemed to feel it, too, so they all left the fishing business and became disciples. It was as simple, and as life-changing, as that.

I have a feeling God is at work at Pilgrim as well. The way we do ministry is changing rather rapidly. Just three years ago, we had a website and a Facebook page, but the content was written words and still pictures, and that was it. God didn't cause the pandemic, but God is using the pandemic as a way for us to expand what it means to be church. People are now able to attend worship without having to enter our church building. We have a livestreamed service, we record and post videos to our website, and we upload content to our Facebook page that gets shared all over the world. All that change in less than three years! It goes to show that Paul was right when he wrote, "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28) I wonder what else God will bring our way. 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:  
pilgrimcpastor@gmail.com

**Anna's office hours (please note change)**

Wed, Thurs, & Fri 3-5  
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

### INFO CORNER

5/1	Attendance: 32	Offering: \$ 3,651
5/8	Attendance: 26	Offering: \$ 879
5/15	Attendance: 38	Offering: \$ 3,905
5/22	Attendance: 43	Offering: \$ 1,520
5/29	Attendance: 27	Offering: \$ 1,000




2022 Offerings —	\$ 50,132
2022 Expenses—	\$ 54,103

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

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Gathering  
Attendees →**





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Men's Breakfast:</b> Saturday mornings 8 am @ Casa Mexicana			1	2 Send an uplifting text to a friend.	3	4  6 pm Pentecost Vigil & BBQ
5 Pentecost Sunday 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Healing Service	6	7 Take a walk around the block.	8 Send your tithing to church.	9 7 pm Worship & Music	10 Go for ice cream at Frutaleta's	11 Women's Bible Study 10 am at church
12 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Fellowship Comm.	13 Pray for Pastor Don and Anna.	14  Church Council @ 7	15 Pray for farmers!	16 5-7 pm 3rd Thursday Dinner	17 Send a thank you to Anna by snail mail	18 Pray for VBS to be a blessing for all.
19 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship	20	21	22	23	24	25
Vacation Bible School 2-4:30 pm Monday-Friday						
26 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship	27 Send a cheerful note to another Pilgrim.	28	29	30		

## Upcoming Meetings

### Church Council-

Tues. June 14 @ 7 pm

### Worship & Music-

Thurs. June 9 @ 7 pm

### Fellowship-

Sunday, June 12 after worship

## Packing Up the Quilts & Personal Care Kits

Thank you to everyone who helped pack up the quilts and health care kits on May 4, and to Ernie and Pastor for delivering them on May 6 to Spokane!

## Anniversaries - June

8 Renee & Garrett Bagley  
10 Larry & MaryAnn Kirkpatrick  
16 Randy & Liz Deasy  
18 Marvin & Debbie Polacek  
19 Jeremiah & Stephanie Rodriguez  
24 Joshua & Erika Rodriguez  
29 Don & Anna Short



Children's Sermon May 15

## Birthdays - June

1 Joleen Bland  
2 Lena Mendoza  
2 James Thornton  
5 Austen McKay  
5 James Weinkauff  
9 Ernie Summers  
11 Dianne Kidd  
12 Stephanie Rodriguez  
14 Alex Mendoza  
18 Abby Hilmes  
19 Roger Thieme  
19 Sue Long-Hosek  
19 Matias Mendoza  
24 Aubrey Moreno  
25 Kayla Spohr  
29 Paula McKay

DATE	USHERS	READER	GREETER	ACOLYTE	CLICKER	COMMUNION PREP Set Up	COMMUNION PREP Bread	COMMUNION Assistant	Coffee Hour
June 5	Pete R	Linda B			Tammy		Elaine		Shirley Marcia
June 12	Trudy	Annie S			Anna		Elaine		
June 19	Pete R	Shirley			Tammy	Liz	Elaine	Annie	Liz
June 26		Anna S			Anna	Anna S			Annie



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**June 2022**

**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.



### Happy 80th Birthday Pete!

Family & friends gathered May 15 after the service to celebrate Pete Rodriguez's birthday. Treats included cookies, and cupcakes with the above message, as well as fruit and a large cake. Pictured are Pete & Tammy, Pete w/ treats, and Pete with 7 or 8 kids: Josh, Tracy, Pete, Anna, Anthony, Lena, Jeremiah, Peter.



### Lectionary Readings for June

June 5	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34,35b	Romans 8:14-17	John 14:8-17[25-27]
June 12	Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31	Psalm 8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
June 19	Isaiah 65:1-9	Psalm 22:19-28	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
June 26	I Kings 19:15-16,19-21	Psalm 16	Galatians 5:1,13-25	Luke 9:51-62



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