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ELCA Northwest Intermountain Region Regional Gathering Report

On May 21st, Pastor Short, Kristi Spohr, and Fay Coats attended the Northwest Intermountain Regional Gathering at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Moses Lake. We experienced first-hand intergenerational worship, many upbeat worship songs, a message from Bishop Kuempel, and an update from the Lutherhaven's interim director. For more information, please contact one of the attendees.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Pilgrim Lutheran Church
Tuesday July 19th
1-6 pm



Your help taking down tables & chairs after church on the 17th, and putting them back up @ 7 pm after the Drive is greatly appreciated! We did receive a notice from the Red Cross saying that the need is great (especially Types O negative and B negative) at this time, so if you are able, please consider donating blood as well.
Thank you!

Help for the Food Bank

Prior to our June meeting, the Council heard from Sharon Mobley about the Food Bank's shortfall in funds. After discussion at our meeting it was decided to give \$250/month from our Bell Tower fund to the Food Bank until the end of 2022. At that time we will revisit the issue to see how the Food Bank is doing and determine what level of support we would like to continue. Pilgrim joins several other churches in supplying much needed cash to the Food Bank.

Help Needed

We are needing help with the duties surrounding worship services during the summer. You will notice that the chart is not in this newsletter but will be posted on the bulletin board. Please consider stepping into a new role if asked, and/or volunteer as you come into the Narthex for worship. It will definitely be appreciated! Thank you!

Hiking Opportunity

On July 16, ladies and friends of the church are invited to participate in a Badger Mountain hike in Tri-Cities. Please meet in the Pilgrim Lutheran parking lot so we can leave at 7 am and beat the heat of the day!! For more information, please call Anna Short on her cell.



Pentecost Vigil

Saturday, June 4, Pilgrims gathered on the east lawn to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the church with a Pentecost Vigil and a BBQ/Potluck. It was a lovely evening after wind and rain threatened to put the party indoors. Pastor's guitar and Anna's recorder added to great music. Everyone wrote prayers on paper, put it into the flames and watched the smoke go upwards. Photo below...



Above: A Fun Food Truck Party was had by all at VBS

June 20-24 saw kids gather at Othello Presbyterian Church for Vacation Bible School. Pictured to the right are Marcia Bougher & Addie Russell & friend at VBS.



Save the Date

September 10-11, 2022
Pilgrim Congregational Retreat
At Lutherhaven
Brochures available
Reserve early as we only have 30 slots.



Landscaping News

The Landscaping Committee has replaced most trees that failed last year with some changes. It determined that the south end needed rock rather than bark because the bark continued to blow away. June 3,4,6,7, the team of Linda Crosier, Tammy & Pete Rodriguez, Marc & Kristi Spohr, raked bark off the south end, leveled the dirt, applied landscaping fabric, and spread 4 1/2 yards of rock. It should be virtually maintenance free for a VERY long time! Please do not walk on the rock, or plant any flowers in the rocks. This is a clean look specifically for ease of care at the south end. Thanks very much.

Additional news: Sandi Bosch has donated a beautiful pot in Fred's honor. It is found on the east side of the church at the entrance to the alcove. Thank you, Sandi-It adds beauty to our landscape!

To Honor Fred Bosch



July Message from our Pastor

Dear Pilgrims,

Has the high cost of fuel altered your travel plans for the summer? Anna and I have decided to make a few adjustments in our vacation destinations this summer also. Last year, we took a nice, long road trip across the state of Montana and into North Dakota. We spent time looking at Theodore Roosevelt National Park and spotting bison, deer, prairie dogs and wild horses, and we attended the Medora Musical. This year we are spending our vacation time camping again, but we will be staying closer to home.

Last year, among our spontaneous travels, we happened across the small town of Red Lodge, Montana. We were charmed by its small-town character and wowed by the beauty of the Beartooth Mountains that surround it. This year, all we can do is pray for the people of Red Lodge. The town has been devastated by the same floodwaters that closed Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming.

If you have been looking at the news, you have seen the damage that just a few days of flooding has done. People have lost homes, businesses have closed down, and some roads are completely washed out. Some places will not be accessible for a very long time. So, we wonder what we can do. How can we be helpful to our brothers and sisters in Montana and Wyoming? How can we work to bring peace to those who are recovering from the wildfires in New Mexico, or the tornado damage in Illinois, or the damage from high winds along the eastern seaboard?

First and foremost, this summer I would encourage you to pray. Oftentimes we feel like we pray, and it seems like nothing happens. We feel as though prayer is an ineffective tool against all the forces of nature, or even the forces of evil that seem to surround us daily. I can tell you that, even though it doesn't seem like we are making an impact, prayer works. I am living proof. You prayed for me when I was recovering from health problems and surgery, and now I am doing quite well.

So, let's give the same fervent prayers for the people of Montana and Wyoming. Let's pray for the people of Red Lodge, Yellowstone, and all other communities impacted by the flooding. While we're at it, we can pray for all the people impacted by natural disasters, and pray that we might find a solution to their causes. Pray, knowing that God is listening, and God is at work. As it says in 1John 5:14-15, "This is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of him."

Let's boldly ask God to be there for the people recovering from natural disasters. Let's pray and believe confidently that God is at work, answering our prayers. Let's pray, and keep on praying knowing that whatever we ask for, if it is God's will, it will be done. As Martin Luther was fond of saying, "Pray, and let God worry." If you need me, I will likely be camping, but I won't be too far away. We'll see you in church or 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 summer office hours are variable and changing, but are typically in the morning.

Please call if you need info on anything!
Cell phone **509-761-1205**



INFO CORNER

6/5	Attendance: 39	Offering: \$ 5,076
6/12	Attendance: 24	Offering: \$ 1,040
6/19	Attendance: ?	Offering: \$ 1,185
6/26	Attendance: 27	Offering: \$ 585

2022 Offerings —	\$ 58,019
2022 Expenses—	\$ 61,696

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

Council Members

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

Upcoming Meetings






Church Council-
Tues. July 12 @ 7 pm
Tues. Aug 9 @ 7 pm

Fellowship-


July 17 after worship
Aug 21 after worship

Worship & Music-

Thurs. July 14 @ 7 pm
Thurs. Aug 11 @ 7 pm

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Men's Breakfast: Saturday mornings 8 am @ Casa Mexicana		Take a walk around the block.	Phone a friend!		1 Send an uplifting text to a friend.	2
3 10 am Worship	4 	5	6	7 Send your tithing to church.	8 Go for ice cream at Frutaleta's	9 Women's Bible Study 10 am at church
10 10 am Worship Healing Service	11 Pray for Pastor Don and Anna.	12  Church Council @ 7	13	14 7 pm Worship & Music	15 Send a thank you to Anna by snail mail	16
17 10 am Worship Fellowship Comm.	18	19	20 	21	22 Thank God out loud for your church family!	23 Take a bike ride!
24 10 am Worship Ice Cream Social and Hat Day	25 Send a cheerful note to another Pilgrim.	26	27 	28	29	30
31 10 am Worship	Pastor Don and Anna vacation days			 2 Potluck/work parties are tentatively scheduled for Wednesdays July 20 and 27 in the backyard of the parsonage. We are adding much needed bark and landscaping fabric to make it more easily managed. Watch the bulletin on the 17th for more info!		

August 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 10 am Worship Healing Service	8	9  Church Council @ 7	10	11 7 pm Worship & Music	12	13 Women's Bible Study 10 am TBD where
14 10 am Worship	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 10 am Worship Fellowship Comm.	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 10 am Worship	29	30	31	Church Picnic to be determined in August. Pay attention to the Bulletins for more information.		



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July/August 2022

Birthdays-July

2 Liz Deasy
3 Alizah Jahns
4 Sandi Bosch
6 Anna Short
6 Raelynn Alice Jahns
7 Angela Martinez
8 Mandy Moore
9 Aleta Cheek
12 Ivan Vallejo
19 Kayla Martinez
21 Annie Smith
25 Kelsey Jahns
26 Larry Kirkpatrick
27 Molly Jensen
27 Desiree Howes
28 Sofia Mendoza
31 Joshua Rodriguez Jr.

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.**

Birthdays-August

2 Jeff Graves
3 Nina Vallejo
3 Stacey Spohr
6 Bill Porter
6 Jaylene Roberts
14 DeeDee Graves
17 Pam Ochoa
17 Laura Lawrence
23 Meghan Johnston
31 Jens Ogendahl

Anniversaries-July

24 Pete & Tammy Rodriguez
31 James & Becca Thornton

Anniversaries-August

3 Jim & Vicki Nau
4 Marcia & Rick Bougher
5 Meghan & Jacob Johnston
7 Bill & Danita Porter
14 Lupe & Lena Mendoza
15 Bob & Donna Reichert
27 Mike & Donna Adams

Surplus Opportunity!

At our last Council meeting, we decided to surplus our old John Deere push mower. If interested, please talk to Marc Spohr.



Lectionary Readings for July

July 3	Isaiah 66:10-14	Psalm 66:1-9	Galations 6:[1-6], 7-16	Luke 10:1-11,16-20
July 10	Deuteronomy 30:9-14	Psalm 25:1-10	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
July 17	Genesis 18:1-10a	Psalm 15	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
July 24	Genesis 18:20-32	Psalm 138	Colossians 2:6--15[16-19]	Luke 11:1-13
July 31	Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14; 2:18-23	Psalm 49:1-12	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21



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Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.