

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Sunday, Sept 11

On Sunday, Sept 11 (Congregational Retreat Weekend), we will have a service in Othello led by Pastor Larry Morris. We have really enjoyed his previous visits and look forward to welcoming him again to Othello. If you are not attending the retreat, we encourage you to come and hear his message and give him a warm Pilgrim Lutheran welcome.

Red Cross Blood Drive
Pilgrim Lutheran Church
Tuesday September 27th
1-6 pm



Your help taking down tables & chairs after church on the 25th, and putting them back up @ 7 pm after the Drive is greatly appreciated!
Thank you!



In the **90 minutes** it takes to mow the yard, **2,700 units of blood** may be transfused to patients.



Thank you Ernie & Judy Summers

On Aug 10, our congregational picnic was held at the home of Ernie & Judy Summers. They provided the drinks, chicken and brats, and everyone attending brought salads, hotdishes, fruit, and desserts. Let's just say that no one went away hungry. It was a lovely, HOT day so we were thankful for their shady backyard and patio. Thank you to Ernie & Judy for sharing their home with us, and for the meat that was prepared. Thank you to everyone for bringing accompanying dishes, and for coming to the picnic! It was a great turnout! Photos below.



Retreat is Coming Up

On September 10-11, 2022 Pilgrim has a Congregational Retreat scheduled. A hardy group of Pilgrims is looking forward to a day and night retreat on the banks of Lake Coeur d'Alene at our own Camp Lutherhaven. Check-in is anywhere from 8:45 to 12:30 in the Welcome Center and lunch is at 12:30. The rest of the afternoon, evening, and Sunday morning are filled with group activities, discussions, recreational activities, hymn sing, worship, and s'mores. And good food! Watch the bulletin for carpooling opportunities.



Cowboy Sunday

Coming up quickly on Sept 18 is Cowboy Sunday. We celebrate the Adam's County Fair & Rodeo that happens the preceding week, and have fun dressing up in our western duds and hats. Photo opportunities are available after the service in the fellowship hall. There will be a western backdrop complete with saddles for authenticity! Come one, come all!

Landscaping News

We have begun the process of refreshing the landscaping of the parsonage. On July 20, Pilgrims met for a work party/ hamburger potluck at the parsonage. A couple hours of work netted some very nice results and the fellowship & food were tip top! There is more to do, but the weather has not cooperated with us, as it's been too hot to complete. We'll have another work party soon. Stay tuned.

Adult Forum

After the summer break, Adult Forum is starting up again on Sunday, Sept 18 at 9 am. The study will focus on the book of Galatians. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will be held Saturday, Sept 17, at 10 in the Fellowship Hall at Pilgrim. We are looking forward to seeing you all there! Bring your Gather Magazine for September and your Bible! If you need a copy of the study, please talk to Anna beforehand so she can make you a copy!!

Crazy Hat & Ice Cream Social

Thank you to the Fellowship Committee, and everyone who worked to make July 24th Fellowship after worship so fun and delicious! The hats were amazing, and the ice cream sundaes and floats were wonderful. A great time was had by all who participated! Thank you! Photos on the back page!

September Message from our Pastor

Dear Pilgrims,

Get ready! September is going to be a busy month. It will be a good chance to invite your friends and neighbors to come to worship with you, so take note of all that is happening and invite everyone you know so that no one misses out.

September 4th is the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, and we will change the worship liturgy to welcome the fall season. You may be wondering why we change the liturgy. After all, if you like the liturgy the way it is, why change it? We change from time to time to keep the liturgy fresh, and to give ourselves the opportunity to explore the vast heritage of church music that has been celebrated in the Lutheran church for over 500 years. Martin Luther was a musician as well as a pastor, after all, and before he was a Lutheran pastor, he was an Augustinian monk, which means he followed the ways and traditions of St. Augustine. And it was St. Augustine who famously said, "The one who sings, prays twice." So, come and hear, sing, and enjoy the different liturgy that begins on September 4th.

September 11th will see some of the congregation worshipping at Camp Lutherhaven during our church retreat that weekend, the 10th and 11th of September. Worship will also be held at Pilgrim in town that day, and Pastor Larry Morris from Kennewick will be presiding. He will most likely bring poetry with him since he is a poet. Come and enjoy the rhythm of his words, or the music of nature in Idaho.

You will definitely want to make plans to be here on September 18th! That is the day of our Second Annual

Cowboy Sunday. You are encouraged to wear Western or Cowboy attire and come prepared to hear some country gospel music and sing some old-time hymns. After worship, we will gather in the fellowship hall for some cowboy themed refreshments and a chance to enjoy some cowboy style decorations. It should be lots of fun, so please make plans to be here, and bring your smile and your neighbors!

September 25th is our chance to make right what has been wrong for a little while. We have not had the opportunity to congratulate and recognize the achievements of the Hilmes boys since they graduated from college, one from Big Bend College and one from Gonzaga. They have been busy working and we have not been diligent about making sure their accomplishments get recognized, but that will be rectified on Sunday, September 25th when we have a Blessing of the Graduates for them, and then host a cake and coffee reception in their honor immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

See how full September is? We will have a lot of fun celebrating God's goodness to us, God's presence with us, and God's promises for a bright future for us. The Spirit of Christ, God's own Holy Spirit is our guide and our instigator, prompting us to do so many good things for God's good world, because as it says in Hebrews, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." Who knew sacrifice could be so much fun? 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.

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Council Members

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

INFO CORNER

7/3	Attendance: 19	Offering: \$ 5,076
7/10	Attendance: 31	Offering: \$ 1,040
7/17	Attendance: 27	Offering: \$ 2,466
7/24	Attendance: 46	Offering: \$ 1,010
7/31	not noted	Offering: \$1,327
8/7	Attendance: 25	Offering: \$2,237
8/14	Attendance: 29	Offering: \$ 2,900
8/21	Attendance: 29	Offering: 967
8/28	Attendance: 34	Offering: \$3,995

2022 Offerings — \$ 79,037
2022 Expenses— \$ 78,817

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Men's Breakfast: Saturday mornings 8 am @ Casa Mexicana				1	2	3
4 10 am Worship	5 	6	7	8	9	10 Church Retreat @ Lutherhaven
11 10 am Worship Pastor Morris	12	13 Church Council @ 7	14	15 7 pm W & Music	16	17
18 10 am Worship Fellowship Comm. Cowboy Sunday	19	20	21	22	23 Thank God out loud for your church family!	24
25 10 am Worship Hilmes Boys Recognition	26	27	278	29	30	



Thank you Mendoza kids/Rodriguez grandkids + 1
 A big thank you to Shaun, Alex, Matias, and Christina Valdez who pulled a mountain of weeds to ready the backyard of the parsonage for new bark and landscaping fabric!



MaryAnn w/ her cute hat!

Anniversaries - September

9 Jeff & Deedee Graves
 9 Marc & Kristi Spohr
 9 Ernie & Judy Summers
 17 Larry & Barb Maine
 21 Steve & Liz Jensen

Upcoming Meetings

Church Council-
 Tues. Sept 13 @ 7 pm

Worship & Music-
 Thurs. Sept 15 @ 7 pm

Fellowship-
 Sept 18 after worship

Birthdays - September

2 Elaine Wade
 4 Mason Russell
 4 Leonard Meyer
 5 Jacob Jahns
 6 Carson Spohr
 12 Arlo Jahns
 15 Kristi Spohr
 21 Josiah Guzman
 24 Jacob Johnston
 26 Carrie Green
 29 Audrey Jahns
 29 Don Wade
 30 Fay Coats

DATE	USHERS	READER	GREETER	ACOLYTE	CLICKER	COMMUNION PREP Set Up	COMMUNION PREP Bread	COMMUNION Assistant	Coffee Hour
Sept 4		Angela		Maxwell	Anna	Fay C	Nancy		Angela & Elaine
Sept 11	Pete	Annie	Linda C		Tammy	Nancy	Nancy		
Sept 18	Pete R	MaryAnn	Larry & Mary Ann		Anna	Fay C	Nancy		Worship & Music-Cowboy Sunday
Sept 25	Pete	Donna A	Carolyn & Sue		Tammy	Anna	Nancy		Fellowship



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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.**



Candida from the Hat &
Ice Cream Sundae
Social!



Lectionary Readings for September

Sept 4	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Psalm 1	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33
Sept 11	Exodus 32:7-14	Psalm 51:1-10	I Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
Sept 18	Amos 8:4-7	Psalm 113	I Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
Sept 25	Amos 6 1a,4-7	Psalm 146	I Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.