

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

THE NEWSLETTER OF PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH OTHELLO, WASHINGTON

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## NOVEMBER 2022



### Blessing of the First Responders

Othello's First Responders were treated to a wonderful breakfast on Oct. 2nd in the Fellowship Hall. In addition, following the breakfast, Pastor Short gave each Responder a personal blessing, and our pilgrims thanked each one for their dedicated and continued work to keep our community safe. It is a privilege to be able to express our deep gratitude to those in our community who take care of us during emergencies. Thank you to everyone who helped provide the breakfast and candy-filled Pilgrim mugs to the First Responders.



**Above:** Pastor Don and Anna were celebrated on Oct 16-Pastor Appreciation Sunday. They were also given gift certificates to a couple restaurants here in town. We sincerely thank them for the dedicated work in God's Name here at Pilgrim Lutheran, and wish them many blessings in the next year!



### Potato Feed Update

On October 7, Pilgrim hosted a Community Potato Feed to support the Food Bank, and the Pacific Northwest Veterans' Alliance. Between 5-7 pm our kitchen and Fellowship Hall were abuzz with Pilgrims working hard to serve, potatoes, chili, and all the trimmings to the community members who came out to support these worthwhile causes. The event garnered \$800 and the Church Council added another \$200 from the Bell Tower fund. That means that the Food Bank and the Pacific Northwest Veterans' Alliance each received \$500. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this event so successful. We appreciate each and every one of YOU!

### 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.

### All Saint's Day

**Nov 6** is coming up quickly! Pilgrims are invited to bring photos and other momentos of their loved ones who have joined the saints in light. They will be displayed on the lower altar shelf and the altar rail to remind ourselves that we are surrounded by a wonderful group of witnesses.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

Pilgrim Lutheran Church  
Tuesday November 22nd  
1-6 pm



Your help taking down tables & chairs after church on the 20th and putting them back up @ 7 pm after the Drive is greatly appreciated!  
Thank you!

### Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will be held Saturday, Nov 19th 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!!



### Quilts & School Kits

Our quilters are hard at work turning out quilts! 37 quilts and 101 school kits were sent out on Oct 14!!! Way to go quilters & Sunday School!

## November Message from our Pastor

Dear Pilgrims,

When the calendar reaches November, what comes to mind for you? For some of us, I would imagine we begin to think about the holiday season. After all, in a few weeks it will be Thanksgiving. There will be parades and football games, we will enjoy a Thanksgiving meal with family and friends, and that is traditionally the start of the Christmas shopping season, with Black Friday following the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday.

Maybe some people think about the upcoming election. We will choose our elected leaders on November 8th, and even though this is not a presidential election, the balance of congress could be swayed by the result of the voters' choices. Some states are choosing governors, and this state will be choosing the state secretary who oversees our elections, so there are some important offices that will be filled with the results of this upcoming election. Does that fill your thoughts?

Maybe your thoughts turn to the change of seasons. Fall is in full swing with November chill, and even our clocks change to remind us of the shorter days and longer nights. The cold winds take the remaining leaves from the trees, and we begin to feel the first grips of winter. Like it or not, the cold weather is coming.

November seems to be a month of transitions. We are surrounded by the changing of things. Even at church, things will change some this month. The altar will be decked in a different altar cloth nearly every week. November 6th, it will be white to mark All Saints Sunday. It will be green again on the 13th and 20th, but then it will be blue on the 27th for the first Sunday of Advent.

Amid all of this change, we may start to feel overwhelmed. We may start to feel a bit disoriented. We may start to feel a bit rudderless, but we have an anchor. We have a place to put all of our anxiety and fear. We have someone we can count on through the changing of the seasons, the good times and the bad times, the joy and the sorrows of life. We can count on God always.

When the Israelites were feeling distraught because the leaders of Israel were turning again to their own riches and ignoring God, leading to certain ruin, like before the exile, God reassured them of God's unending presence by saying, "I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished." (Malachi 3:6). Just as God has always been with God's people throughout history, God will be with you through November and always. Have a lovely month and I'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 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



**NOTE:**  
Sometimes I (Kristi Spohr) get calls asking for Pastor's email or cell phone # or Anna's cell #. You might cut the corner of the newsletter off with this info and tuck it in your wallet or put it on your fridge!

### INFO CORNER

10/2	Attendance:	39	Offering:	\$ 4,260
10/9	Attendance:	30	Offering:	\$ 1,250
10/16	Attendance:	24	Offering:	\$ 1,453
10/23	Attendance:	34	Offering:	\$ 2,710
10/30	to be added next month due to printing date			

2022 Offerings — \$ 97,070  
2022 Expenses— \$ 107,043


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

### Give Thanks Word & Music by Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich"—because of what the Lord has done—for us.  
Give Thanks!





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Men's Breakfast:</b> Saturday mornings 8 am @ Casa Mexicana		<b>1</b> Cantata Practice 7:30-9:30	<b>2</b> 9 am Quilting Pastor Don's BDAY	<b>3</b> Cantata Practice 7:30-9:30	<b>4</b> Be sure to turn your clocks <b>BACK</b> one hour tomorrow night!	<b>5</b> 
<b>6</b> 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship & Sunday School	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  <b>Election Day!</b>	<b>9</b> 9 am Quilting	<b>10</b> Cantata Practice 7:30-9:30	<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b>  Make a pumpkin pie!
<b>13</b> 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship & Sunday School	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Cantata Practice 7:30-9:30 Church Council @ 6	<b>16</b> 9 am Quilting	<b>17</b> Cantata Practice 7:30-9:30 6 pm W & Music	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10 am Women's Bible Study @ Church
<b>20</b> 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship & Sunday School Fellowship Comm.	<b>21</b> Thank God out loud for your church family!	<b>22</b>  Cantata Practice 7:30-9:30 <b>Blood Drive 1-6 pm</b>	<b>23</b> 9 am Quilting	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 1st Sun Advent 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship & Sunday School	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Cantata Practice 7:30-9:30	<b>30</b> 9 am Quilting	<b>Sunday School</b> Sunday School is in full swing as we enter the fall season. Be sure to ask if Marcia or Judy need help!		

**Upcoming Meetings****Church Council-**

Tues. Nov 15 @ 6 pm

**Worship & Music-**

Thurs. Nov 17 @ 6 pm

**Fellowship-**

Nov 20 after worship

**Anniversaries-November**

11 John &amp; Jeannine Bergstrom

26 Shayne &amp; Dee Wright

**IMPORTANT NOTE**

The **END** of Daylight Savings Time takes place on November 6th, in the wee hours of the morning. Please set your clocks **BACK** one hour before retiring on Saturday, **Nov. 5th.**

**Birthdays-November**

2 Don Short  
 4 Emilee Jensen  
 5 Myles McKay  
 6 Linda Bork  
 10 Taylor Green  
 12 Vicki Nau  
 16 Veda Thomas  
 16 Larry Maine  
 17 Evan Wright  
 17 Julissa Rodriguez  
 21 Shane Russell  
 21 Rylee McKay  
 24 Bernie Snyder

24 Sharon Bray  
 25 Lynn Olsen  
 27 Jeannine Bergstrom  
 27 Shawn Mendoza  
 29 Audrey Reichert  
 30 Ron Hosek



DATE	USHERS	READER	GREETER	ACOLYTE	CLICKER	COMMUNION PREP Set Up	COMMUNION PREP Bread	COMMUNION Assistant	Coffee Hour
Nov 6	Larry K	Shirley	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						Shirley
Nov 13	Pete	Donna A				Tammy	Nancy	Donna A	
Nov 20	Pete	Linda B				Tammy			Vicki
Nov 27	Pete	Evelyn				Tammy			



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**November 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.**



**Blessing of the 1st Responders!**  
Oct 2nd, 2022



**Blessing of the Animals**  
Oct 9th, 2022

### **Blessing of the Animals**

On Oct 9, Pilgrim held a blessing of the Animals! It was very well attended and included a few animals and workers from Adams Co Pet Rescue.

### **Lectionary Readings for November**

Nov 6	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Psalm 149	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
Nov 13	Malachi 4:1-2a	Psalm 98	II Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
Nov 20	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Psalm 46	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
Nov 27	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44



**book of faith**  
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.