

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Women's Bible Study

The April women's Bible study will be on April 18 at 10 am in the quilting room. Due to the Gather magazine not arriving last month, it was opted to go down to Lord of Life Lutheran Church where they were holding a women's retreat on a Bible study around Dr. Seuss. It was a fun Bible study, plus we reconnected with women we have not seen in a while, as well as met some new.

Sandhill Crane City Cleanup

Thank you to all who participated in the city cleanup on March 18 for the Sandhill Crane Festival held March 24-26. Pilgrims once again cleaned up 14th Avenue from Olympia Street to Highway 26. Afterward, we gathered at the church for hot coffee and brunch. Thank you, Elaine for making the treats for us!

Celebrations and Congratulations

Emilee Jensen (Steve and Liz Jensen's daughter) and Jovanni are expecting their first baby July 3. You are all invited to a baby shower on April 29 at 5 pm at The Iron Works.

Pastor Don and Anna became first time grandparents with the birth of their grandson, born to Cortney & Andrew Short. His name is Jonah Benjamin.

Synod Assembly

Synod Assembly is being held in Pasco April 28 & 29. Pastor Don, Anna, and Fay Coats will be attending. We are voting for bishop this year. Along with voting for the bishop we will be voting for members of the synod council.

Please keep Pastor Don, Anna, and Fay in prayer as they travel back and forth to Pasco.

Shrove Tuesday Update:

Shrove Tuesday was a huge success. We served over 100 folks that evening, made lots of pancakes, and had a great time. The donations we received were divided between the Othello Food Bank and Adams County Pet Rescue. We added those proceeds to what you donated during the Saints vs. Angels Souper Bowl Food Drive, and added a little bit from our AT&T bell tower proceeds, and we were able to give both agencies checks for \$2,000 each! Thank you so much for your generosity of time, talent, and treasure. You are a blessing.

Holy Week Blessings

Sunday April 2, 10 am

Palm Sunday Processional from the Fellowship Hall

Thursday April 6, 7 pm

Maundy Thursday Ecumenical Worship @ Pilgrim Lutheran Church.

Friday April 7, 10 am

Set up in the Fellowship Hall for the Easter Breakfast

Friday April 7, 7 pm

Ecumenical Good Friday Worship @ First Presbyterian Church

Saturday April 8, 10 am

Decorating Work Party to prepare the sanctuary for Easter

Sunday April 9 @ 7 am

Easter Ecumenical Sunrise Service at Kiwanis Park

Sunday April 9 Easter Festivities at Pilgrim Lutheran:

8:30 **Easter Breakfast** in the Fellowship Hall

9:00 Choir Practice

9:30 **Easter Egg Hunt** for all the children

10:00 **Hallelujah-Christ Is Risen Worship Service**

Remember to bring fresh cut flowers for our "Flowered Cross".

We hope to see you all on **EASTER SUNDAY!**



**Hallelujah!
Christ is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed!**

Happy Easter to ALL!



Lenten Update!

We had a great turnout for our Lenten Soup suppers this year, with yummy soup, lots of bread, and good worship service. **Thanks to everyone who brought soup, bread, dessert, and who helped to clean up!**

Lenten Project!

The Pilgrim Lutheran Sunday School Children have taken on a well project. From now until Pentecost Sunday (May 28th), the Sunday school children will be selling bricks made of Styrofoam to symbolize a well. Each well costs \$2,500, but our children are determined to reach their goal. On their first week they were able to raise \$1,800, so they are well (pardon the pun) on their way to completing their well. Keep up your donations! Maybe we can build two! **Update as of 3/27: \$1967.**

April Message from our Pastor

Dear Pilgrims,

It is only my opinion, but I believe Americans like us do not celebrate enough. Think about most celebrations you have attended. Some last, at most, a few hours. If people are having a really good time, some may even last all day. Here in Othello, at least, we try to celebrate Independence Day all day on the fourth of July, and some people will light fireworks for days before and after, but even then, the longest that celebration is stretched out is about a week.

Have you ever been part of a celebration that has lasted fifty days? If you are a Christian, the answer is yes! Our Easter celebration begins on April 9th. We will celebrate by having breakfast together, holding an Easter egg hunt for the children, and then worshipping our risen Savior, all on Easter Sunday. But our celebration does not stop there! We will celebrate Easter all the way up to the Day of Pentecost on May 28th, a full fifty days later!

During our Easter celebrations, we will hear about the confusion that is caused when someone rises from the dead. We will hear about the joy that erupts when the followers of Jesus realize that death is not the end for either Jesus or themselves. We will hear how Jesus overcomes the doubt and fear that comes from dealing with the unexpected and unknown, and finally, we will celebrate how the Holy Spirit comes among us to keep the church on the path of righteousness, following in the way Jesus taught us.

It will take us a full fifty days to cover all of the wonderful things that came from Jesus rising from the dead on Easter, so come along and join the fun! Put on your party clothes. Wear your party shoes. You may even wear a party hat if you like (we'll just call it an Easter bonnet). Let's celebrate! Let's party! Let's show the world that when Jesus rose from the dead on Easter, that changed everything for the whole world, and nothing will ever be the same again. Happy Easter! Let's party!

Peace,
Pastor Don

Pastor Short's office hours:

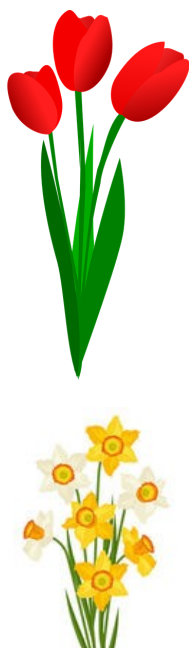
Tues-Friday 9-12 am
Afternoons reserved for visitations, meetings, and appointments.
If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please contact Pastor Don Short at **509-761-1212**.

Mondays are Pastor's Day off. Please limit contact to emergencies only. Thank you.

Pastor's Email:
pilgrimlcpastor@gmail.com

Anna's office hours (please note change)

Tuesday 9-12, Thursday 9-1, Friday 9-12
Please call if you need info on anything!
Cell phone **509-761-1205**





INFO CORNER

2/5	Attendance: 31	Offering: \$2003
2/12	Attendance: 32	Offering: \$3265
2/19	Attendance: 26	Offering: \$1125
2/26	Attendance: 37	Offering: \$1717
3/5	Attendance: 34	Offering: \$3745
3/12	Attendance: 31	Offering: \$1750
3/19	Attendance: 32	Offering: \$ 938
3/26	Attendance: 34	Offering: \$ 830

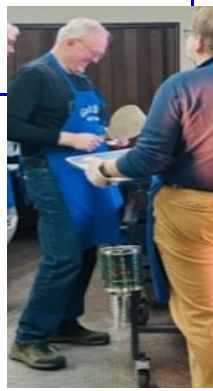
2023 Offerings — \$ 26,417
2023 Expenses— \$ 40,747

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 @ Checo's						1 We will be planting pine cones in the lot behind the parsonage to establish our first "Pilgrim Forest!"
2 Palm Sunday 10 am Worship & Sunday School Healing Service	3 Pray for Pastor Don and Anna.	4	5 9 am Quilting	6 Maundy Thursday 7 PM @ Pilgrim	7 10 am Breakfast Set Up Good Friday 7 pm First Presbyterian	8 Set Up for Easter 10 am
9 Easter Sunday 8:30 Breakfast 9:30: Easter Egg Hunt 10 am Worship Service	10	11 Hymn Comm. 11:30 ★ Church Council @ 7	12 9 am Quilting	13	14	15 10 am Women's Bible study
16 10 am Worship Coventry 3 pm	17 Send your tithing to church.	18	19 9 am Quilting	20	21	22 
23 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	24	25	26 9 am Quilting	27	28	29 Synod Assembly →
30 Potluck 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School						

Upcoming Meetings
Church Council-
 Tues. April 11 @ 7 pm
Worship & Music / Fellowship
 Sunday, April 16, after worship.

Anniversaries-April
 28 John & Laura Lawrence



There are still spots to be filled on the calendar. Don't forget we have a potluck at the end of the month!

DATE	USHERS	READER	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION PREP Bread	COMMUNION PREP Set Up	CLICKER	GREETER	Coffee Hour
Apr 2		Donna A.		Not needed		Anna		
Apr 9		Linda B.		Not needed		Anna		No coffee hour
Apr 16		SJM		Not needed		Anna		Carolyn And Sue
Apr 23		Donna A		Donna A.		Tammy		
Apr 30				Donna A.		Tammy		Pot luck



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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.

Birthdays - April

- 3 Shirley McCullough
- 4 Jorn Ogendahl
- 5 Kevin Spohr
- 19 Judy Summers



We just love working together for the benefit of our community! Thanks to everyone who came to decorate, work and clean up for Shrove Tuesday! What a great team effort!

Lectionary Readings for April

Apr 2	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalms 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 27:11-54
Apr 9	Jeremiah 31:1-6	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 28:1-10
Apr 16	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Psalms 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
Apr 23	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
April 30	Acts 2:42-47	Psalms 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.