

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Women's Bible Study

The May women's Bible study will be Saturday, May 13 at 10 am in the quilting room.

Please let Anna know if you need to have a copy of the Gather Magazine Bible Study made for you. Hope to see you there. It is a great time for coffee, fellowship, and study.

Celebration of Life for Roger Thieme

On Saturday May 6th, here at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, there will be a Memorial Service for Roger Thieme at 2 pm. Following the service there will be a light meal served. Pilgrims and community members wanting to honor Roger are welcome! We look forward to welcoming Roger's family back to PLC for this occasion and extend our most sincere sympathy and love at their great loss.

Pentecost Weekend (Vigil & Sunday)

We will be having a Pentecost Vigil on **Saturday, May 27** at 6 pm. BBQ and S'Mores will be provided. We are asked to bring salads and chips to accompany the burger and hotdogs. The Vigil will be held off the east door of the Fellowship Hall on 7th Ave, just like last year. We will also have an opportunity to send our prayers directly to God in the smoke from the fire.

Sunday, May 28th is Pentecost Sunday. Everyone is encouraged to wear **RED** as a sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit, and per usual, Pastor Short has something up his sleeve! Come and see!



Celebrations and Congratulations

Congratulations to Molly Jensen on the completion of Massage School **AND** Aesthetician School. Many Pilgrims were at the party on April 22nd to celebrate her achievement and wish Molly well in her new vocation. See back page for photo.

On April 23rd, Pilgrims held a **Surprise Grandbaby** shower for Pastor Don and Anna after worship. They were truly surprised and touched. They received a money tree and a plethora of gifts for Jonah Benjamin, their first grandchild! See back page for more photos.

Coventry Worship

Pastor Don has resumed worship services at Coventry on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 3 pm in the afternoon. He and Anna would welcome any additional members who would like to participate and add to the worship experience for the residents at Coventry. See Pastor for more information if needed.

Quilters Unite

April 30, Pilgrim held its Blessing of the quilts. Quilts were spread on every pew and decorated the front of the sanctuary making it colorful and gorgeous! We also saw a presentation of the process for the making of the quilts, something we had not seen for quite some time. It followed the quilts from the acquisition of material to the packing and sending them off to the Ingathering in Spokane. Thank you to Linda Crosier for putting together the informational PowerPoint, and to all of the quilters for the time, energy, and dedication they show every year in the making of the quilts. It is truly a special Sunday when the quilters and quilts bless the congregation as the congregation blesses the quilts to send them out to parts unknown!



Celebrating new grandparents Pastor Don & Anna Short & the birth of Jonah Benjamin

Lenten Project Update

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, and they have already earned enough for 1 well and more! Keep up your donations! Maybe we can build two! **Update as of 4/30: \$2700.**

May Message from our Pastor

Dear Pilgrims,

The weather finally seems to be getting warmer! The flowers are blooming, and sprinklers are working to keep lawns in our area nice and green. Irrigation systems are helping to grow the crops in the fields, and there are more sunny days than cloudy ones, or at least it seems that way.

I am grateful for the warmer weather. I am joyous to put away my winter coat and be able to just grab a sweater on the way out the door these days. I think spring is probably my favorite time of the year. It is fun to watch the flowers bloom, to see the new growth on the shrubs and trees, and to get out and enjoy the warmer weather.

For some people, when the calendar changes to May, one of their first thoughts is about what to do for mom for Mother's Day. May 14th will be here before you know it, and you know you want to honor your mother, after all, that's one of the Ten Commandments! But what should you do for her? How do you honor mom for giving you life? I have an idea. Bring mom to church!

You and your mom can come to church, and you can show her off to all of your church friends. You and your mom can come to church, and you can give thanks to God for the gift of life God gave you through this woman. You and your mom can come to church and share together the gift of the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion.

Come on, get dressed up, give mom some flowers, and come to church together. Maybe the pastor will even mention the value of mothers in his sermon that day.

And then, after we have so much fun on Mother's Day on the 14th, be sure to come back for Pentecost Vigil on May 27th at 6pm for the vigil service, a barbecue, and some s'more's for dessert. The next day we will celebrate the birthday of the whole Christian church on Pentecost! We will wear red and sing songs to commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon those anxious disciples who were waiting in that upper room so long ago.

It must have been quite a scene, the way Luke describes it in the book of Acts, "When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them and a tongue rested on each one of them." (Acts 2:1-3)

I'm not sure our worship will be so exciting that we'll catch fire (perhaps it might), but I think we will leave worship full of the Holy Spirit ourselves, and ready to take the message of Jesus to the streets. Oh yes! May is going to be 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.

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



Happy Mother's Day!



Easter Breakfast!

Go in peace.
Serve the Risen One!



Council Members

- Marcia Bougher
- Larry Kirkpatrick
- Kristi Spohr
- Ernie Summers
- Don Wade
- John Lawrence

INFO CORNER

4/2	Attendance: 31	Offering: \$ 8,200
4/9	Attendance: 94	Offering: \$ 3,153
4/16	Attendance: 38	Offering: \$ 1,715
4/23	Attendance: 40	Offering: \$ 1,070
4/30	Attendance: 34	Offering: \$ 2,895

2023	Offerings —	\$ 44,310
2023	Expenses	\$ 51,847

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 9 am Quilting	4 2:30 Set up sanctuary, narthex, etc, and tables in Fellowship	5 10 am Prepare kitchen & Fellowship Hall	6 9:30am Set Up Roger Thieme Memorial 2 pm
7 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship & Sunday School Healing Service	8	9  Church Council @ 7	10 9 am Quilting	11	12	13 10 am Women's Bible study
14 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship & Sunday School	15	16	17 9 am Quilting	18	19	20
21 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship & Sunday School 3 pm Coventry Worship	22	23	24 9 am Quilting	25	26	27  Pentecost Vigil 6 pm
28 Pentecost 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	29	30	31 9 am Quilting	Birthdays-May 1 Jada Moreno 3 MaryAnn Kirkpatrick 3 David Reichert 5 Rick Bougher 7 Ashley Stephens Schomburg 11 Clayton Wright 12 Jan Charlston 13 Pete Rodriguez 17 Steve Jensen 18 Joseph Guzman 19 Sandy Russell 19 Keith Russell 23 John Stephens 23 Isaac Guzman 26 Kassie Tricola 26 Melissa Stephens 28 Ron Hilmes 31 Jan Hillmes		

All Hands on Deck to prepare for Roger's Memorial-May 6

- 2:30 pm Thurs May 4th-Readying the sanctuary, cry room, council room, and Narthex & tables in the Fellowship Hall
 - 10 am Fri May 5th-Preparing the Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
 - 9:30 am Sat May 6th-Preparing pop-up tents outside
- Thank you!!!**

Upcoming Meetings
Church Council-
 Tues. May 9th @ 7 pm
Worship & Music/ Fellowship
 Sunday, May 21st , after worship.

Many Thanks

Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped decorate the sanctuary for Easter, who helped setting up the Fellowship Hall and decorating it so beautifully to celebrate our Risen Lord and Savior. The food was amazing, and What a wonderful day it was. Special thanks to all who organized the Easter Egg hunt for the kiddos!

Anniversaries-May

- 10 Kassie & Matt Tricola
- 17 Angela & Roger Martinez
- 30 Erika & Bulmaro Moreno

Men's Breakfast:

Saturday mornings 8 am @ Checo's

DATE	USHERS	READER	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION Bread	COMMUNION PREP Set Up	CLICKER	GREETER	Coffee Hour
May 7	Marc S	Shirley M		Donna A	Anna S			Anna S
May 14		Donna A		Donna A			Annie S	Donna A
May 21		Linda B		Donna A	Bill & Danita			Paula M
May 28		Don W	Maxwell	Donna A.			Annie S	Elaine & Angela



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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 **servicing** our community, **being** a good neighbor, and **embracing** the power of prayer.

Congratulations Molly!!!



Big Smiles!



So many fun gifts for baby Jonah!



**New
Easter Banner
-
It's Beautiful!**

Lectionary Readings for May

May 7	Acts 7:55-60	Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16	I Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 14	Acts 17:22-31	Psalms 66:8-20	I Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
May 21	Acts 1:6-14	Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35	I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
May 28	Acts 2:1-21	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	I Corinthians 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23



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