

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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A Big Thank You

Dear Pilgrims,
Anna and I were certainly surprised by the Grandparents Shower you all gave us! We were able to deliver all of your gifts to Jonah and his parents just after Memorial Day weekend. They were all thrilled with your generosity. You were quite generous with the clothes, toys, & monetary gifts, and you were wise enough to give Jonah clothes for 6 months and larger. He fits into 6 months clothes now, even though he is only two and a half months old. Your toys will certainly enhance his play time, and your monetary gifts will be deposited into his college saving account, thanks to a suggestion made by one of you in your card. Thank you, kind and generous people! We are truly blessed by all of you.

Pastor Don, Anna, Andrew, Cortney, and Jonah (and even Kiska, the dog)



Above: Jonah Short modeling one of his cute outfits from the shower!

Ice Cream Social and Hat Day Coming Soon!

Plans are being made for our fun ice cream and hat social. Let's see who can put together the most creative and/or outlandish hat! This will take place on our casual Sunday, July 30th after worship. Be there for all the fun, laughter, and fellowship!

Blessing of the Well and the Quilts

Below: Maxwell and Maya lay hands on the well and quilts as Pastor blesses them.



Great Job Pilgrims

Monday, May 8, Marc delivered over 30 pounds of pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald House. They were thrilled and as luck would have it, the person who picks up the tabs was there, and they went straight to the recycling center, (after the photo op, of course.) Keep on saving the tabs, and have your children, friends, and neighbors save them too! It's win-win for everyone!



Happy Father's Day!!!

A Special Thank You

Thank you to our wonderful musicians, all those playing the piano & organ, those who sing in the Pilgrim Singers, and those who put together small ensembles to brighten and enrich our worship services!



Pilgrim Singers on April 30th, 2023

June/July Message from our Pastor

Dear Pilgrims,

Can you hear it? I suppose it may be difficult to hear the approach of summer, but here it comes, ready or not! The weather is warmer, it has been weeks since we had a frost, the overnight temperatures are well above freezing, the flowers are blooming, and even the cherries are getting ripe for harvest already. There is something in the way the birds chirp so early in the morning that tells me summer is quickly approaching, and many people are feeling the travel bug, getting itchy for exploring other places.

It is good to get out there and explore. It is good to see different sights and check things off of your bucket list. It is good to visit people and places that you cannot see every day. Maybe you are planning to connect with distant relatives, or maybe you have always wanted to go to a certain well-known place like Niagara Falls or Mt. McKinley or someplace like that. Whatever the reason, summer seems like the perfect time to do some traveling.

There was an apostle that felt something similar. At first, he was called Saul, after the first king of Israel, but then one day, while he was on a trip to Damascus, he encountered Jesus whom he knew had been crucified only a little while before. When Jesus identified himself, Saul was struck with blindness and had to be led into the city where he

met an apostle named Ananias. (See Acts 9)

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Ananias restored Saul's sight, Jesus renamed him Paul, and he became a man on a mission. He went all over the Mediterranean area preaching the gospel, spreading Christianity among the Gentiles. He formed churches in Philippi, Thessalonica, Ephesus, Corinth, and Athens, and kept right on going until he got to Rome. It seems like Paul's love of travel was insatiable, but there was this one time when the Holy Spirit told Paul and his travel companions not to go to Asia, but instead go to Macedonia. It was then that Paul met Lydia, who helped him form the church in Philippi. (See Acts 12-16)

You see, sometimes God sends us on missions we do not expect. Sometimes, even when we think we have our whole trip meticulously planned, the Holy Spirit sends us off in a new direction. Take my advice, enjoy your trip, obey all traffic laws, and when the Holy Spirit sends you off in a direction where you did not plan to go, simply say, "Yes, Lord" and enjoy the ride. God just might have a wonderful surprise in store. Have a lovely June and July, and let's keep in touch, either in person or online. See you in worship.

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**



Vicki & Pastor on vocals, Anna on the recorder, and Pastor on the guitar singing "I'll Fly Away." They sang this for Roger's Memorial and again May 7th.

Council Members

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

Anniversaries - June

- 8 Renee & Garrett Bagley
- 10 MaryAnn & Larry Kirkpatrick
- 16 Randy & Liz Deasy
- 19 Jeremiah & Stephanie Rodriguez
- 24 Joshua & Erika Rodriguez
- 29 Don & Anna Short



Well Project Update



\$2700 toward the well project resulted in 1 well, 6 water filters & 1 bunch of BEES sent to ELCA Good Gifts!!
Way to go Pilgrims!!!

INFO CORNER



5/7	Attendance: 28	Offering: \$ 4,110
5/14	Attendance: 28	Offering: \$ 1,490
5/21	Attendance: 30	Offering: \$ 1,500
5/28	Attendance: 28	Offering: \$ 804.23
6/4	Attendance: 27	Offering: \$ 3,088
6/11	Attendance: 35	Offering: \$ 1,005

2023 Offerings — \$ 56,217

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
11 10 am Worship Mtg: Fellowship w/ Worship & Music after service	12	13  Church Council @ 7	14  Flag Day	15	16	17
18 10 am Worship 3 pm Coventry Worship Father's Day	19	20	21 First Day of Summer Summer Solstice	22	23	24
25 10 am Worship	26-28 Vacation Bible School — 5 to 7:30 pm @ Othello Nazarene-Hosted by Othello Ministerial Association			29	30	

July 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 10 am Worship Healing Service	3	4  Happy 4th of July	5	6	7	8 10 am Women's Bible study
9 10 am Worship	10-12 Pastor Vacation			13	14	15
16 10 am Worship Mtg: Fellowship w/ Worship & Music after service 3 pm Coventry Worship	17	18  Church Council	19	20	21	22
23 10 am Worship	24-26 Pastor Vacation			27	28	29
30 10 am Worship Ice Cream Social & Hat Day	31 Noisy Offering					

DATE	USHERS	READER	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION Bread	COMMUNION PREP Set Up	COMMUNION Helper	CLICKER	GREETER	Coffee Hour
June 11	Maryann & Larry	Evelyn		Donna A	Anna		Tammy		Anna & Don
June 18		Linda B		Donna A	Liz D	Evelyn	Tammy		Elaine & Angela
June 25	Marc/Kristi	Annie S		Donna A.			Anna		Kristi



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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.**



Upcoming Meetings
Church Council-
Tues. July 18th @ 7 pm
Note 3rd Tues instead of 2nd Tues
Worship & Music/ Fellowship
Sunday, May 21st , **after worship.**

Anniversaries - July
24 Tammy & Pete Rodriguez
24 Kevin & Stacey Spohr
31 James & Becca Thornton

Birthdays - June
1 Joleen Bland
2 Lena Mendoza
2 James Thornton
5 Austen McKay
5 James Weinkauff
9 Ernie Summers
11 Dianne Kidd
12 Stephanie Rodriguez
14 Alex Mendoza
18 Abby Hilmes
19 Sue Long-Hosek
19 Matias Mendoza
24 Aubrey Moreno
25 Kayla Spohr
29 Paula McKay

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
19 Kayla Martinez
21 Annie Smith
25 Kelsey Jahns
26 Larry Kirkpatrick
27 Molly Jensen
27 Desiree Howes
28 Sofia Mendoza,
28 Max Tricola
31 Joshua Rodriguez Jr.

Happy 62nd Anniversary to Larry & MaryAnn Kirkpatrick.
We surprised them with a **62** cake made by Elaine Wade!

Lectionary Readings for June

June 4	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Psalm 8	II Corinth 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
June 14	Hosea 5:15-15:6:6	Psalm 50:7-15	Romans 4:13-25	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
June 21	Exodus 19:2-8a	Psalm 100	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8
June 28	Jeremiah 20:7-13	Psalm 69:7-10	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39

