

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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### Ukestra & Lessons & Carols, Oh My!

Our Ecumenical Advent Service of Lessons & Carols was wonderful. The Ukestra (sans Pastor Don) was led by George Roper, and he also provided the prelude with his beautiful bells. What a treat to sing so many Christmas Carols with the Ukestra! Afterwards, the audience was invited to snack on a wide assortment of Christmas cookies, cocoa, and coffee! It was a beautiful evening! Thank you to everyone who participated and to those who provided refreshments! Photo below!



### Epiphany A Season of Light

As the days become longer and brighter, let us turn our hearts to God and let His Light Shine in and through us!

Christ, Be our Light  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness,  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

### Congregational Meeting & Potluck

Our annual congregational meeting will be on Sunday, January 28th, directly after worship. Items on the agenda will include:

- 1) Electing of 3 council members to replace Don Wade (finishing his 2nd 2-year term), Marcia Bougher and Larry Kirkpatrick (both finishing their 2nd year of their 1st terms. Marcia & Larry have graciously agreed to be nominated to a second term.
- 2) Discussing & adopting the 2024 Annual Budget
- 3) Appointing members to the nominating committee
- 4) Appointing at least 1 member to the Endowment Committee
- 5) Reviewing church business

The Annual Report, including the proposed budget, will be available on Sunday January 21st, to peruse and study. **(Kindly turn in all committee reports to Anna by Tuesday, Jan. 9th)** If you can send them to the church electronically [pilgrimlutheran@hotmail.com](mailto:pilgrimlutheran@hotmail.com), please do so. That will make it ever so much easier for Anna to put the packet together. **Thank you for your cooperation and your promptness!**

All are welcome to attend the congregational meeting. Only "voting members" may vote on motions. Thank you for your continued support of Pilgrim Lutheran's mission.

Following our meeting we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to share in a potluck. Meat will be provided; **please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share!**

**See you there!**

### Our Deepest Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Sue Bunch, who passed away Dec. 16. Please keep Sue's children, Mark, Randy, and Kirk, and their families in your prayers. Sue was such a wonderful ambassador for Pilgrim. She loved the Lord and took part in many roles at church over the years. We will miss her and remember her spirit, faithfulness, and welcoming smile.!

### Children's Christmas Program Thanks!

Many thanks go out to Marcia Bougher for her organization of the Christmas Program. Given Dec 10, it featured narration and lots of singing of Christmas Carols as the Christmas story was told. Also thanks to the Fellowship Committee for the Cookie Decorating and Cookie Exchange following the service! A wonderful time was had by all! Photo to the right.



### Saints vs. Angels Food Drive Open Soon

#### SOUPER BOWL

Competition begins with receipt of the newsletter!! Make it your mission to add to the Saints or Angels corner in the Narthex so that we can help the Food Bank and Pet Rescue meet people's and animals' needs these winter months. The Souper Bowl Trophy will be awarded to the winning team on Feb. 18th after worship! **Thank you Pilgrims!**

### Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will be meeting **Saturday, Jan 20** at 10 am in the Quilting room off the kitchen. Come for fellowship, learning, and coffee! Bring your Nov/Dec copy of the Gather Magazine, your Bible, and an open mind! This month we will be focusing on the Bible Study in the Nov/Dec issue, and it begins on page 18. See you there!

January Message

Hello Pilgrims,

This is Charley, the pastor's cat. Pastor's in the hospital right now. He has no idea that I know how to work a computer keyboard. He thinks I'm just an ordinary cat. I don't think we should upset him with the truth, so let's just keep this between us for now. Remember, I have claws sharp enough to slash your car tires, so if you know what's good for you, you'll stay quiet.

You think Anna will find out? She's so busy keeping the church going and visiting the pastor, I hardly ever see her. So, I'm not worried about getting caught.

Callie, my accomplice (also a sharp-clawed feline, but with a bad attitude) is with me here in the office. She doesn't know how to use a computer, or anything else that doesn't reek of catnip, but we are discussing this carefully so you completely understand what we want.

See, we are both rescue cats. We were saved by fortune and kindness by our slaves—I mean people, who looked at us and saw that we had a future and were kind enough to take us into their lives. They share their home with us, they feed us, they make sure we have clean litter boxes to use, and they even play with us. It's funny to see what I can get a human to do

with a piece of string!

We are writing to remind you that January is the month of the Saints vs. Angels food drive. I am wearing my paws out on this poorly designed keyboard so that you remember to include us pets in your food drive. Pasta sauce is my fine for humans, and the jars are heavy enough to help your team, but us cats find it useless. Last year, you bought tons of human food and dog food, but really, you could get some canned cat food and really help your team! Just like dogs, cats are fine companion animals and can provide hours of fun and enjoyment to any household. Now, get out there and get some cat food, then get some more for good measure, and may the best team win (that's the one with the most cat food, in my opinion) Now, remember, I was never in the office. You don't know anything about cats and computers, and I am an ordinary cat. Memorize that, and your tires are safe. Don't make me spray your car door handle (think about that one). Now, may the peace of God be with you!

Charley ☐☐



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:

Tuesday 9-12 Thursday 9-1 Friday 9-12

Please call if you need info on anything! Cell phone 509-761-1205

Prayers Please!

Please continue to pray for Pastor Don's recovery. He had surgery on Dec. 11, had some complications & spent a week in the hospital. He is home now and Anna is trying to keep him comfortable and inactive. Pray for both him and Anna, that they may have patience with the healing process, and with each other as Don heals! In addition, we have several members with medical issues, and/or injuries that need our prayers. Thank you!

Budget Considerations

PLC Council has been looking at the budget for 2024 this month to prepare for the annual meeting. We continue to try to figure out ways to give out more whilst working to bring our budget more in line with our actual offerings. Please contact one of the council members if you have a budget idea that you would like them to consider. Council members are listed under the Info Corner.

INFO CORNER

12/3	Attendance:	34	Offering:	\$ 4,209
12/10	Attendance:	29	Offering:	\$ 2,189
12/17	Attendance:	31	Offering:	\$ 1,393
12/24	Attendance:	31	Offering:	\$ 932
12/31	Attendance:	25	Offering:	\$ 875

Year to Date Offerings: \$ 123,889

Year to Date Expenses: \$ 151,731

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

Epiphany Handbell Concert

Sunday, January 7 3 pm Othello Christian Church 915 E Rainier St. Our PLC Ukestra will also be performing! All are invited & welcome!!

Council Members

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 9 am Quilting	4	5	6  Epiphany
7 9 am Adult forum 10 am Worship Sunday School 3 pm Handbell Concert	8	9  Council @ 7 pm	10 9 am Quilting	11	12	13
14 9 am Adult forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16	17 9 am Quilting	18	19	20 Women's Bible Study @ Church 10 am
21 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School 11:30 WMF meeting	22	23	24 9 am Quilting	25 Full Moon	26	27
28 10 am Worship Sunday School Congregation Mtg/ Potluck	29 No School for Conferences	30	31 9 am Quilting	<div style="border: 2px dashed blue; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Anniversaries-January</b></p> <p>12 Pete &amp; Lynn Olsen 29 Michael &amp; Paula McKay 30 Ron &amp; Jan Hilmes</p> </div>		
			<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Birthdays-January</b></p> <p>1 Whitney Blak 6 Erika Moreno 9 Nancy Roth 9 Jeremiah Rodriguez 19 Manny Maine 20 Sally McFarlin, 20 Eileen Lawrence 23 Dick Hudnall 27 Pete Olsen 30 John Bunch</p> </div>			



**Many Thanks!**

Thank you to the **Jensen family** for again donating the beautiful wreaths for our front doors, and to the **Deasy family** for our beautiful new Christmas tree. We enjoyed the fellowship of decorating it on Nov 29, as well as the chili provided by the **Fellowship committee!**

**ELCA Good Gifts Recap**

Our ELCA Good Gifts ornaments generated \$ 900 toward a variety of global barnyard items, school fees, uniforms and supplies, water filters, vaccinations, meals at soup kitchens, and so much more. Thank you all for your donations, and support for this important work done by the ELCA. Thank you to Anna and Fay for spearheading this annual campaign, and to Anna for collecting the donations.

**Upcoming Meetings**

**Church Council**  
Jan 9  
**Worship & Music/ Fellowship**  
Jan 21 @ 11:30 after worship.  
**Coventry Worship**  
Jan 21 @ 3 pm  
**Congregational Meeting & POTLUCK**  
Jan 28 after worship

DATE	USHERS	READER	GREETER	ACOLYTE	CLICKER	SACRISTAN	BREAD	COMMUNION PREP	COFFEE HOUR
Jan 7		Evelyn	<p><b>Thank you</b> to all who have signed up in advance! Please note the large number of empty spaces, and come prepared on Sunday to help out wherever you can! <b>Teamwork makes the dream work!</b></p>		Tammy	Liz D	Donna A		Fellowship
Jan 14		Shirley			Tammy	Liz D	Donna A		Liz D
Jan 21		Annie S			Tammy		Donna A		Sandi Linda
Jan 28		Donna A			Tammy		Donna A		





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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.



We rejoice with Ashley & Taige Schomburg at the Baptism of their daughter, Rosalie Jean on Dec 17. Also pictured here are the grandparents, Melissa & Bud Stephens and great grandparents, Marcia & Rick Bougher as well as sponsors, Taylor, Kylie, & Audrey.



**Luminaries**  
Thank you to the Wades and to Maxwell for putting up the luminaries to enhance our Christmas Eve worship. They were eye-catching and a wonderful addition!

**Lectionary Readings for January**

Jan 7	Genesis 1:1-5	Psalm 29	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
Jan 14	I Samuel 3:1-10[11-20]	Psalm 139:1-6,13-18	I Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
Jan 21	Jonah 3:1-5,10	Psalm 62:5-12	I Corinthians 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
Jan 28	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Psalm 111	I Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28