

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Thank you!

Dear Pilgrims,
Thank you for the cards, gifts, and other remembrances you have given us this Christmas, and thank you for your support and patience during my recovery from shoulder surgery. We appreciate you and your caring spirit very much. With God's help, the New Year will be much better. Thank you also for supporting the people who have stepped into leadership roles in the absence of the pastor. God bless you all. Peace,
Pastor Don

Saints vs. Angels Souper Bowl

Our annual Souper Bowl has begun and the Narthex is filling up! Please bring any dog or cat food, and any human food to the Narthex and make sure to put it on the side with your last name initial. You can also donate \$\$\$-with each dollar the equivalent of a pound of food. All donations will be taken to the Food Bank and Adams County Pet Rescue the Tues following the Super Bowl! And our our Souper Bowl Trophy will be awarded on Feb 18th. Currently the Saints are well in the lead-Let's go Angels!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Calling All Hands On Deck

Shrove Tuesday is coming up quickly on Feb 13. A sign up sheet was passed around last Sunday. We still need more kitchen crew, Griddle Crew, and set-up crew. If you can help please sign up!
Ash Wednesday is Feb 14 at 7 pm
Soup & Bread begins Feb 21.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will be meeting **Saturday, Feb 10** at 10 am in the Quilting room off the kitchen. Come for fellowship, learning, and coffee! Bring your Jan/Feb copy of the Gather Magazine, your Bible, and an open mind! See you there!

Our Deepest Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Spohr family on the passing of Enid Sagvold, Kristi's mom. Mrs. Sagvold visited PLC many times in the past and at one time held a Kranse Kake cake demonstration in our kitchen for the ladies of the church followed by a salad luncheon. Please keep Kristi's family in your prayers.

Congregational Meeting Recap

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

- 1) Reviewed and Approved the minutes of the last Congregational meeting of Jan 29, 2023.
- 2) Elected 3 council members Marcia Bougher and Larry Kirkpatrick (both beginning their 1st year of their 2nd term and Linda Bork who will be beginning her 1st year of her first term.
- 3) Discussed and adopted the 2024 Mission Budget of \$155,280. Changes include a \$500 increase in Benevolences to the Synod, \$700 increase in utilities, \$400 increase in insurance, \$1680 increase in pastor's salary, and several areas where decreases were noted. See your annual report for more specific information regarding the budget.
- 4) Marc explained how the Bell Fund (cell tower money) is being spent, and saved. Essentially 1/3 to charity, 1/3 to church budget, and 1/3 to capital project savings each year.
- 5) Appointed Don Wade (outgoing council person, Ernie Summers (outgoing council president, and Marcia Bougher to the Nominating Committee for next year.
- 6) Reviewed the operations and functions of the Endowment Committee, and the names of folk on the Committee. Paula McKay, Trudy Doolittle, Steve Jensen, Sandi Bosch, and Carolyn Bunch.
- 7) Discussed the barricades placed at the church entrance on Elm Street. Pastor explained that they are there to prevent people racing their cars through the parking lot to avoid the stop sign on Elm. Their racing through the parking lot endangers the children who use our parking lot to walk through to Lutacaga, McFarland, and OHS. We voted to purchase stantions similar to the ones there which are borrowed from the city. They are easier to move than a gate would be, and much cheaper. They will only be up during school weeks, and down on weekends, vacations, and the summer.
- 8) Listened to highlights of the pastor's report.
- 9) We concluded with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned to the Fellowship Hall.

The Annual Report is available in the Narthex for anyone who was not able to come to the congregational meeting. Members are encouraged to pick up a copy and peruse the activities and expenses of the church operation. We are an active bunch!

Following the meeting we shared a wonderful meal, with multiple salads, casseroles, ham, turkey, & desserts as only Pilgrim can put together. **Many Thanks** to everyone who helped in the kitchen and who brought food to share!



Welcome!

We officially welcomed Evelyn Olson into the Pilgrim family on Jan 28, 2024. With the Affirmation of her Baptism and membership, we rejoice with her and look forward to working in God's Kingdom with her.



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God's
LOVE!

February Message

Dear Pilgrims,

Anna and I are currently on vacation in Hawaii, but that doesn't mean I'm not thinking about you. Larry Morris will be leading worship on February 4th, and you will be blessed to hear him preach.

As we turn the calendar away from the first month of the year, things at church suddenly get much busier! The Saints vs. Angels food drive is entering the home stretch with the Saints currently holding a comfortable lead. The food drive ends on February 11th, so you still have time to help your team if you bring your contributions in soon!

Right after the end of the food drive, we head right into Shrove Tuesday on February 13th. As usual, we will be holding our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, which became a Lutheran tradition shortly after Martin Luther and the gang formed the Lutheran Church! We have been doing this for a long time, and it seems like we're very good at it, so let's keep up the good work!

Of course, Shrove Tuesday is always followed by Ash Wednesday, and oddly enough, this year that falls on February 14th, St. Valentine's Day. Show your sweetheart how much love you have for your dear partner by coming to church to be reminded that, "You

come from dust, and to dust you shall return." Somehow, I don't think Hallmark ever put that on a Valentine's card.

February gets to be a little bit more fun after that. Each Wednesday during Lent, we will have a soup and bread supper in the Fellowship Hall, beginning on February 21st. Check the sign-up sheet in the narthex and volunteer to bring soup or bread, or simply come and enjoy the soup, bread, and fellowship that comes with every midweek Lenten supper. You are most certainly welcome! There will also be a soup and bread supper on February 28th, so we will finish the month of February well-fed.

Other things to look forward to this month include the installation of the 2024 church council which will take place on February 11th, and of course, every week we will gather around the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to have our sins forgiven and be strengthened for service in the world. So, come to church. There's plenty of room for you, we keep the worship space nice and warm on Sundays, and we meet for coffee and snacks after worship each week. Pilgrim Lutheran Church wants YOU to experience God's love and grace through life's pilgrimage of faith, so come, 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:
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**

Upcoming Meetings

Church Council
February 22 @ 7 pm
Worship & Music/ Fellowship
Feb 18 @ 11:30 after worship.
Coventry Worship
Feb 18 @ 3 pm

INFO CORNER

1/7	Attendance:	28	Offering	\$ 3,675
1/14	Attendance:	31	Offering	\$ 1,056
1/21	Attendance:	cancelled		
1/28	Attendance:	33	Offering	\$ 2,850

Year to Date Offerings: \$ 7,581
Year to Date Estimated Expenses: \$ 8,600

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

News Regarding Donations

Your Giving Statements for 2023 (Contribution Report) are available. If you were not at the Congregational Meeting, please contact Kristi or Marc Spohr. Did you know that you may direct your Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA to come straight to Pilgrim without claiming it as income. Consult your tax advisor for further information. Thank you to those who are already utilizing this method of donation, AND to those who are using **electronic bill pay** as well. The latter is a great way to ensure that your church gets your donation, even if you are out of town. Thank you!

Council Members

Marcia Bougher
Larry Kirkpatrick
Kristi Spohr
Ernie Summers
Linda Bork
John Lawrence



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 9 am Quilting	1	2	3
4 9 am Adult forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	5	6	7 9 am Quilting	8	9	10 Women's Bible Study @ Church 10 am
11 9 am Adult forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	12 Set up for Shrove @ 4 pm	13  5-7 pm Shrove Tuesday	14 9 am Quilting Ash Wednesday 7 pm 	15	16 Mid Winter Break 16th-20th	
18 9 am Adult forum 10 am Worship Sunday School 11:30 WMF meeting	19 	20	21 9 am Quilting Soup & Bread 6 pm	22  Council @ 7 pm	23	24 Full Moon
25 9 am Adult forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	26	27	28 9 am Quilting Soup & Bread 6 pm	29 	Birthdays-February 3 Maya Martinez 5 Henry Solbrack 7 John Bergstrom 9 John Lawrence 9 Tammy Rodriguez 11 Brady Hilmes 12 Lillian Solbrack 13 Tyler Evans 14 Joleen McKay 15 Trevor Hilmes 16 Roger Martinez 21 Lupe Mendoza 23 Audrey Stephanes 24 Jaxson Jahns 25 Dee Wright 27 Jennifer Porter 27 Elija Rodriguez	

Many Thanks!

- To Anna for working to put together the powerpoint and bulletin week after week, and especially when Pastor was unable to help
- To Pastor for bringing his ukestra idea into fruition
- To Bob & Donna for wonderful music, and Liz & Vicki for filling in when necessary
- To the Wade family for doing the luminaries at Christmas
- To Annie Smith for being our worship assistant
- To Tammy for putting up the Christmas lights and managing the property
- To Marc for changing out lightbulbs, maintaining the mower and snowblower, installing the grab bar in the ladies bathroom, preparing budget reports for the Council and financial reports for the Congregational meeting, and managing the church's budget
- To DeeDee for keeping our facility clean
- To Shirley for paying our bills
- To Kristi for putting together the newsletter
- To Trudy for the donation of the printer used in printing the newsletter
- To our Council & Committee members including Pastor Don for their work in continuing service to our Lord

Thank you to all you Pilgrims for your continued service and love of our Lord.

Anniversaries-February

20 Leonard & Joleen Bland

DATE	USHERS	READER	GREETER	ACOLYTE	CLICKER	SACRISTAN	BREAD	COMMUNION PREP	COFFEE HOUR
Feb 4	Marc	Evelyn	Pete		Tammy	Donna A	Donna A	Donna A	Donna A Marcia
Feb 11	Pete	Linda			Tammy	Anna	Donna A		
Feb 18		Shirley	Pete		Tammy	Liz	Donna A		Mary Ann Liz D
Feb 25	Pete	Linda			Tammy	Liz	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 **servicing** our community, **being** a good neighbor, and **embracing** the power of prayer.



Photo at left:

Carson, Trent, and Kristi Spohr dropping off over 10 pounds of pull tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Spokane on Jan 27. **God Bless you Pilgrims!** Keep those tabs coming to the Narthex-get your friends, neighbors and family involved in saving them for the Ronald McDonald House in Spokane.

A Lenten Prayer

Jesus, you are the bread of life
And the host of this meal.
Bless these gifts that we have gathered
That all people may know your goodness.
Feed us not only with this holy food
But with hunger for justice and peace.
We pray this in your name.
Amen

Lectionary Readings for February

Feb 4	Isaiah 40:21-31	Psalm 147:1-11, 20c	I Corinthians 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39
Feb 11	II Kings 2:1-12	Psalm 50:1-6	II Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
Feb 18	Genesis 9:8-17	Psalm 25:1-10	I Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15
Feb 25	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Psalm 22:23-31	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38



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