

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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### Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday was a big success this year. Thank you to all those who helped prepare and for those who came to eat and brought their friends. This year we gave to Assured Hospice and Pacific Northwest Veterans Alliance. They both received \$750. Thank you to all for your generosity.

A good time was had by everyone there with one comment made that "they looked forward to this time of year and they were glad that we held this." Thanks everyone!!

### Souper bowl 2024

Souper Bowl was also a success this year. ACPR is very appreciative of the support given to them. The food bank was also a recipient of our Souper Bowl giving this year. Thank you so much for the bagged food and for the dog and cat food. Congratulations to the Saints for the most weight, but actually Adams County Pet Rescue and the Food Bank were the winners.

A fun time was had by many folks on Shrove Tuesday including those who helped to make it happen and those who came to eat.

### Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Service: 10 am  
Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7 pm at The Christian Church.  
Good Friday, March 29, 7 pm, at Pilgrim Lutheran Church.

Easter morning breakfast: 8:30  
Children's Easter Egg Hunt: 9:30  
Easter Service: 10 am



Please keep in prayer those we know in our hearts and those on our prayer chain, especially Carson, grandson of Kristi and Marc.



Keep March 17 on your calendars.

Pastor Don and Anna are planning a St. Patrick's Day surprise with the help of Anna's sister Susan. This will happen right after church on Sunday in the fellowship hall. Wear green and hope to see you all on that day!

HAPPY EASTER



Share God's LOVE!

**March Message from our Pastor**

Dear Pilgrims,  
 the famous saying for March is, 'in like a lion, out like a lamb' and both the lion and the lamb are symbols for Christ. Did you know that? Jesus is the Lion of Judah, and he's also the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. It is the Lion of Judah who gives us the strength to meet our daily challenges, and it is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world who meets us in our failures and leads us back to the fold of grace. These metaphors are meant to help strengthen our faith, along with reading the pages of scripture to see what God has done and continues to do for God's faithful people.  
 During the month of March, we will be spending much of our time talking about the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. As we continue our Lenten journey that began on February 14<sup>th</sup> with Ash Wednesday, we are led through the stories of Jesus to his final journey to the cross, where he laid down his life for your sake and for mine. You are welcome to participate in this journey to the cross, especially at our Midweek Lenten Services where we share a soup and bread supper at 6, followed by worship at 6:30. The theme this year is lament, and it is surprising how useful lament can be. Come and find out for yourself.

Holy Week begins on March 24<sup>th</sup> with Palm Sunday, and we will join our brothers and sisters of the Christian Church on Rainier Street for Maundy Thursday worship on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Our Lenten journey ends with the final trek to the cross on Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. We will host a Service of Tenebrae at Pilgrim at 7pm.

Easter Sunday ends the month of March on the 31<sup>st</sup>, but it begins a seven weeklong celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We will celebrate how death was conquered and sin defeated by the death and resurrection of Jesus, and how his resurrection opened for us the gateway to our own eternal life. It will be a grand celebration, so be sure to get here early, especially since breakfast starts at 8:30am.

One more special thing to know about March is that St. Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday this year, and we will celebrate his day in grand fashion after worship on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Wear green and come and enjoy as we remember the man that Christianity.com described as, "the next great Christian missionary after Paul." There are a lot of great things happening at Pilgrim this month. I hope you will come and be a part of it all. God's peace be with you.  
 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:**

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**  
**March 12 @ 7 pm**  
**Worship & Music/ Fellowship**  
**March 10 @ 11:30 after worship.**  
**Coventry Worship**  
**March 17 @ 2 pm**

**INFO CORNER**

|      |             |    |             |      |
|------|-------------|----|-------------|------|
| 2/4  | Attendance: | 28 | Offering \$ | 3146 |
| 2/11 | Attendance: | 30 | Offering \$ | 1445 |
| 2/18 | Attendance: | 31 | Offering \$ | 2215 |
| 2/25 | Attendance: | 24 | Offering \$ | 5288 |

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

**News Regarding Donations**

If you itemize your taxes, your Giving Statement for 2023 (Contribution Report) is available. To receive it, 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   |
|--|---|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|
|        |   |  | 9 am Quilting                             |   | 1                                     | 2<br>Send a cheerful note to another Pilgrim. |
| 3<br>9 am Adult forum<br>10 am Worship<br>Sunday School                                | 4   | 5  | 6 9 am Quilting<br><br>Soup & Bread 6 pm  | 7                                       | 8                                     | 9<br><b>Set your clocks forward one hour</b>  |
| 10 9 am Adult forum<br>10 am Worship<br>Sunday School                                  | 11  | 12 <br>Council meets at 7 pm. | 13 9 am Quilting<br><br>Soup & Bread 6 pm | 14                                      | 15                                    | 16<br>Women's Bible Study @ Church 10 am      |
| 17 9 am Adult forum<br>10 am Worship<br>Sunday School<br>St. Patrick's Day Celebration | 18  | 19 <br>First Day of Spring    | 20 9 am Quilting<br><br>Soup & Bread 6 pm | 21                                      | 22                                    | 23 Send an uplifting text to a friend         |
| 24 9 am Adult forum<br>10 am Worship<br>Sunday School                                  | 25  | 26   | 27 9 am Quilting                          | 28<br>Maundy Thursday at OCC on Rainier | 29<br>Good Friday at Pilgrim Lutheran | 30 Take a bike ride.                          |
| 31<br>EASTER   |  |  |   |   |                                       |   |

Bible Study will be on March 16 in the fellowship hall, led by Fay Coats.

**Birthdays-March**

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|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Darla Spurgeon   | 15 Kolton Erickson | 23 Emma & Cash Erickson      |
| 7 Ella Moore       | 16 Mike Adams      | 25 Maxwell Martinez          |
| 8 Shane Wright     | 16 Matt Tricola    |                              |
| 9 Marc Spohr       | 17 Payton Roberts  | No anniversaries this month. |
| 9 Shea Wedekind    | 18 Bob Reichert    |                              |
| 11 Hadley Erickson |                    |                              |

**MARCH 10**  
Don't forget to move your clocks forward!



| DATE   | USHERS | READER   | GREETER | ACOLYTE | CLICKER | SACRISTAN/ COMMUNION PREP | BREAD  | COFFEE HOUR     |
|--------|--------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| Mar 3  | Marc   | Evelyn   |         |         | Tammy   | Donna A                   |        | Elaine & Angela |
| Mar 10 | Pete   | Linda    |         |         | Tammy   | Anna                      |        | Liz D.          |
| Mar 17 |        | Annie S. |         |         |         | Liz                       | Elaine | Anna & Don      |
| Mar 24 | Pete   | Linda    |         |         | Tammy   | Liz                       | Elaine | Linda & Sandi   |
| Mar 31 |        | Angela   |         | Maxwell | Tammy   | Anna                      | Elaine | No Fellowship   |

We still have a few spots left to sign up for bringing an egg bake to church on Easter Sunday. Thank you to those who have signed up already.



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March 24



**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.



Whether you make one or a few Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits as a solo kit-maker, or hundreds as part of a kit assembly with your congregation, every kit you make will be cherished by the person who receives it in their time of need.

Our Sunday School kids are going to put together personal care kits this year as their Lenten project. This year instead of providing articles for the care kits, please bring money. Linda Crosier has generously offered to buy all the articles needed to make the kits. Lets support our kids in getting 100 kits or more made this year!

### Lectionary Readings for March

|          |                   |                      |                       |               |
|----------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| March 3  | Exodus 20:1-17    | Psalm 19             | I Corinthians 1:18-25 | John 2:13-22  |
| March 10 | Numbers 21:4-9    | Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 | Ephesians 2:1-10      | John 3:14-21  |
| March 17 | Jeremiah 31:31-34 | Psalm 51:1-12        | Hebrews 5:5-10        | John 12:20-33 |
| March 24 | Isaiah 50:4-9a    | Psalm 31:9-16        | Philippians 2:5-11    | Mark 15:1-39  |
| March 31 | Isaiah 25:6-9     | Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 | 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 | Mark 16:1-8   |



**book of faith**  
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.