

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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### Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will be meeting **Saturday, April 20** at 10 am in the Quilting room off the kitchen. Come for fellowship, learning, and coffee! Bring your Mar/April copy of the Gather Magazine, your Bible, and an open mind! See you there!

### Easter Blessings at Pilgrim Lutheran:

#### Sunday March 31

- 8:30 **Easter Breakfast** in the Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 Choir Practice
- 9:30 **Easter Egg Hunt** for all the children
- 10:00 **Hallelujah-Christ Is Risen Worship Service**



Remember to bring fresh cut flowers for our "Flowered Cross". We hope to see you all on **EASTER SUNDAY!**

### St. Patrick's Day Feast



Pilgrim attendees were treated to a wonderful feast after worship, thanks to Anna & Pastor Short and Anna's sister Susan Hendrickson. They put on a lovely lunch with Bangers and Mash, Pistachio salad, peas, green grapes, and an assortment of green-topped cupcakes and cookies! It was spectacular, well-attended, and so delicious. And the decorations were beautiful! Many thanks to Anna, Susan, and Pastor for creating such a fun and festive St. Patrick's Day surprise for Pilgrims!



**Hallelujah!  
Christ is Risen!  
He is Risen Indeed!**

**Happy Easter to ALL!**

### Fellowship Opportunity

On Sunday, April 28 at 1:30 pm, Pilgrims are invited to attend a Dust Devils Baseball game in Pasco at the Gesa Stadium. Join members from Kenewick First Lutheran, First Lutheran of Pasco, Christ Lutheran in Walla Walla, and Lord of Life Lutheran in Kenewick(the Grape Cluster) in the Upper Box Seats! Seats are \$11 per ticket. Payment (checks payable to Lord of Life) are due to Deacon Heidi by April 21. Spoiler alert-Pastor and Anna are signed up already!

#### Thank You!

A great big thank you goes to Marcia and Rick Bougher for creating a strong cross to hold all of the personal care kits generated by the congregation and the Sunday School. Last year's nearly collapsed under the weight of all the kits, and we have way MORE this year.

### Sunday School's Lenten Initiative

Our Sunday School is endeavoring to put together 200 ELCA Personal Care Kits to be sent off with the Quilts in May. This will be a new record for our church. See Linda Crosier soon if you would like to contribute to the effort. Currently we have enough \$\$\$ for about 170. Easter Sunday is the last day that we are asking for contributions. Linda is doing all the purchasing, and the Sunday School kids are organizing, rolling, and wrapping all the kits. Thank you to everyone who has already donated and to those who donate between now and next week! A special thank you to Linda for purchasing, to the Sunday School children for wrapping, and to Marcia & Judy for organizing it all.

**Photo  
At Left:  
Personal  
Care  
Kits  
Cross**



#### Photo:

Anna & Susan in front of all the food they prepared for the congregation on March 17.



#### Photo:

Macie & Maxwell rolling up Personal Care Kits

**April Message from our Pastor**

Dear Pilgrims,

I have known of churches in the past where, once Easter was over, the congregation kind of evaporated until the beginning of the next program year in September. I hope that doesn't happen this year. After all, Easter was in March! That leaves a lot of time before summer for some fun church events. Personally, I hope you will make time for church this month, because there are a couple of events I think you will particularly enjoy.

Coming up on April 28th, our Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Phil Misner, will be with us. He has offered to preach and preside over worship, and I know he has experience doing that, because he served in Colfax for a long time before being called to the synod office. He happens to be a seminary classmate of mine, so I know he got a good seminary education.

Also on April 28th, for the first time ever, the Lower Columbia Cluster, of which we are a part, is holding an activity for all of the churches in the cluster. We have reserved a block of seats to see the Tri-Cities Dust Devils, the A affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels, play baseball. The opponent for the day is the Everett

Aquasox, the A affiliate of the Seattle Mariners. You may choose which team you prefer, but remember, we will be in the Tri-Cities, so be careful what you say if you decide to root for Everett!

Now, if you're thinking to yourself that it is frivolous to spend money and time at a minor league baseball game, I think I should remind you of what King Solomon had to say in the book of Ecclesiastes; "I commend enjoyment, for there is nothing better for people under the sun than to eat, and drink, and enjoy themselves, for this will go with them in their toil through the days of life that God gives them under the sun." (Ecclesiastes 8:15)

You see, even God thinks it is a good idea to get out and enjoy yourself once in a while, so why not enjoy yourself with a fun baseball game that takes place close to home? Tickets are only \$11, which is a lot less than a major league game, the block of seats is behind home plate, parking is less expensive, and it will take less time to get to Pasco for the game than to Seattle. So, come and enjoy yourself. I'll see you in church, or maybe even at the ball game!

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](mailto: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**

**Council Members**

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

**Photos Below:**

Trish & Maxwell, cupcakes, and a lively bunch enjoying the lunch!!

**INFO CORNER**

3/3	Attendance:	29	Offering \$ 3,670
3/10	Attendance:	26	Offering \$ 3,880
3/17	Attendance:	32	Offering \$ 835
3/24	Attendance:	35	Offering \$ 1,840
3/31	Attendance:	TBD after Easter :)	

Year to Date Offerings: \$29,920  
Year to Date Expenses: \$36,681

**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	5 Pastor & Anna vacation →	6
7 9 am Adult forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	8 →	9 Council meets at 7 pm.	10 9 am Quilting	11	12 Send a cheerful note to another Pilgrim.	13
14 9 am Adult forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	15	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 WMF meeting Coventry Worship	22	23	24 9 am Quilting	25	26	27 Send an uplifting text to a friend
28 9 am Adult forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	29	30	9 am Quilting	Men's Breakfast: Saturday mornings 8 am @ Checo's		

**Birthdays-April**

- 3 Shirley McCullough
- 4 Jorn Ogendahl
- 5 Kevin Spohr
- 9 Jose Guzman
- 12 Robert Rogers
- 19 Judy Summers

**Anniversaries- April**

- 28 John & Laura Lawrence

**Upcoming Events**

- Church Council**  
April 9 @ 7 pm
- Women's Bible Study**  
April 20 @ 10 am
- Worship & Music/ Fellowship**  
April 21 @ 11:30 after worship.
- Coventry Worship**  
April 21 @ 2:15 pm
- Dust Devils Baseball**  
April 28 @ 1:30 pm



**Thank you!!**  
A big thank you to Anna Short for putting the March newsletter together for me on SHORT notice!  
-Kristi

DATE	USHERS	READER	GREETER	ACOLYTE	SACRISTAN	CLICKER	BREAD	COMMUNION PREP	COFFEE HOUR
April 7		Shirley	<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! Please check the signup sheet to see what still needs to be done! <b>Teamwork makes the dream work! Let's see if we can get a filled up sheet for May!</b></p>				Elaine		Elaine & Angela
April 14		Annie S					Elaine		
April 21		Angela					Elaine		Annie S
April 28							Elaine		



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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.



**Photo on the left:**

Trent getting ready to dump all the Pilgrim pop tabs into the Ronald McDonald recycling bin at the Ronald McDonald House in Spokane. Thank you, Pilgrims, for saving SO many pop tabs this year and encouraging your friends, neighbors and families to do the same! It makes a big difference!

**Thank you!**

A heart felt thank you from the Spohr family to all Pilgrims and friends who prayed for Carson's health & recovery during his recent hospital stay. He has made a remarkable (miraculous) recovery. While at Sacred Heart Medical Center those 12 days, he was the direct recipient of help from the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) there in the Hospital. Thanks to the RMH, his own blanket was laundered and the family received snacks from them while they stayed with Carson over the course of those many days. From all of us, to all of you—hearty thanks for keeping Carson & his family in your prayers and God Bless you!

**Lectionary Readings for April**

April 7	Acts 4:32-35	Psalm 133	I John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
April 14	Acts 3:12-19	Psalm 4	I John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
April 21	Acts 4:5-12	Psalm 23	I John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
April 28	Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 22:25-31	I John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8