

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Mike Adams, who passed away on March 16th. Thank you to everyone who attended his graveside service on Sat April 20, and to all who helped in setting the up refreshments in the Fellowship Hall afterwards. Please continue to keep Donna, Dawn, Lori, Aaron, and their families, in your prayers as they grieve his passing.



**Pentecost Sunday-
May 19**

**Wear Red!! Let's fill
PLC with spirit-filled
pilgrims.**

**Remember, we are
also having a service
for Sue Bunch at 12
pm after our
fellowship time.**

Sunday School's Lenten Initiative Update WE DID IT!

With the help of the congregation's funding and Linda Crosier's purchasing, our Sunday School kids wrapped **204** personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. These are the most sought after items according to Pastor Short. They contain a towel, fingernail clippers, 2 bars of soap, a comb, and a toothbrush.

This is a new record for our church! Thank you to everyone who donated to the effort, to Linda for doing all the purchasing, to Marcia & Judy for overseeing the rolling by the students, to the students for taking ownership in the effort, and to Marcia and Rick Bougher for constructing the cross to display the progress toward the end goal! Well done faithful servants! What an incredible effort!

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study is cancelled for the month of May due to conflicting activities. Watch June's newsletter for the next Women's Bible Study date!

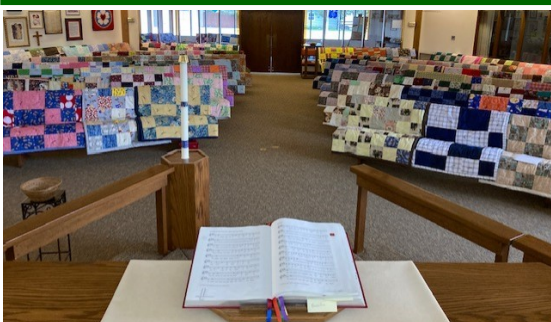


Photo above: Quilts-115

Photo right: Personal care kits-204



Photo Below: Men's Saturday Bible Study Breakfast. Photo credit to Steve Jensen!



Happy Mother's Day!



Above: Pastor, Anna and Addie Russell with her Confirmation Quilt.

Regional Gathering

The Northwest Intermountain Synod's Regional Gathering in Ellensburg is Saturday, May 18th. This will be an exciting opportunity to learn together, to reconnect with friends and build relationships with people from neighboring congregations. If you are interested in attending, please talk to Pastor Don about how to get registered.



Pastor and Anna enjoying the Dust Devils baseball game on April 28.

May Message from our Pastor

Dear Pilgrims,

Last summer, Pilgrim Lutheran hosted the first Summer Uke Project. Each Wednesday, for 10 weeks, fifteen students, many of whom were members of this congregation, gathered in the fellowship hall to learn to play the ukulele. At the conclusion of the class each student had developed basic proficiency for playing chords and fingerpicking on this delightful instrument. As the class celebrated the conclusion of our studies with a recital and party, one of your fellow members said, "I wish we could keep playing together somehow." From that simple wish, the Pilgrim Ukestra was born.

It is unbelievable that it has been less than a year since the formation of the Ukestra, but in that brief time we have witnessed a number of significant milestones. The ukestra first played for the congregation on August 20th, shortly after the conclusion of the Summer Uke Project. Next, we showed up at the Blessing of the Animals in October. Winter found the Ukestra presenting a Service of Lessons and Carols in the first event hosted only by the Ukestra. In January, we heard them at the Epiphany Concert at Othello Christian Church. April found the Ukestra playing at the Unique Dinner Show. After all of those events, where will the Ukestra show up next?

As a matter of fact, we will be right here at Pilgrim, playing special music on May 5th. But did you know that the Ukestra is getting noticed by our own Bishop Meggan Manlove? We have been invited to play for the Regional Gathering in Ellensburg! On May 18th, our own Pilgrim Ukestra will be part of

the worship at the gathering.

It has been less than a year since the formation of the Ukestra, but the ability and confidence of the group has grown significantly in that time. I know this is a May newsletter article, but there is an event that happens on June 1st that I want you to know about. We are excited to announce that the Pilgrim Ukestra will be hosting a Hawaiian style Ukulele Luau! You are invited to attend. We will require reservations in advance so that we know how much food to prepare, but this will be a chance for our own Ukestra to bring you a fun evening of Hawaiian style foods, luau decorations, and of course, music that features our favorite little string instrument, the ukulele. Reservations may be made through the church office or by contacting me, your pastor.

If you are wondering why we work so hard to play ukuleles in church, I can tell you exactly what I believe. I think God has invited us to play them and play them a lot! Psalm 98 tells us to "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody." (Psalm 98:4-5) Psalm 150 emphasizes the point by saying, "praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! (Psalm 150:5-6) It is by returning to God in song the talent that God has given us where our praises sing the loudest in heaven. So, enjoy the music of the ukestra, and I'll see you in church or online.

Peace,
Pastor Don Short



This little light of mine-I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Easter Day!

INFO CORNER


4/7	Attendance:	30	Offering	\$ 8,020
4/14	Attendance:	27	Offering	\$ 750
4/21	Attendance:	28	Offering	\$ 2,035
4/28	Attendance:	28	Offering	\$ 515

Year to Date Offerings: \$43,930
Year to Date Expenses: \$51,014

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

Anniversaries- May

- 10 Matt & Kassie Tricola
- 17 Roger & Angela Martinez
- 30 Maro & Erika Moreno

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Men's Breakfast: Saturday mornings 8 am @ Checo's			1 9 am Quilting Packing of Quilts & Kits	2	3	4
5 Healing Service 9 am Adult forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	6	7	8 9 am Quilting	9	10 Send a cheerful note to another Pilgrim.	11
12 9 am Adult forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Mother's Day	13	14  Council meets at 7 pm.	15 9 am Quilting	16	17 10 am Set Up for Sue Bunch memorial	18 Regional Gathering in Ellensburg
19 9 am Adult forum 10 am Worship Sunday School 12 Sue Bunch service	20 11 am Graveside for Sue Bunch	21	22 9 am Quilting 12 pm Endowment	23	24	25 Send an uplifting text to a friend
26 9 am Adult forum 10 am Worship No Sunday School	27 Memorial Day	28	29 9 am Quilting	30	31	JUNE 1

Birthdays-May

- 1 Jada Moreno
- 3 MaryAnn Kirkpatrick
- 3 David Reichert
- 7 Ashley Stephens Schromberg
- 11 Clayton Wright
- 12 Jan Charlston
- 13 Pete Rodriguez
- 17 Steve Jensen
- 19 Sandy Russell
- 19 Keith Russell
- 23 John Stephens
- 26 Kassie Tricola
- 26 Melissa Stephens
- 28 Ron Hilmes
- 31 Jan hilmes

Upcoming Events

- Church Council**
May 14 @ 7 pm
- Set up for Sue's Service**
May 17 @ 10 am
- Regional Gathering**
May 18 in E-burg
- Sue Bunch Memorial**
May 19 @ 12 Noon
- Graveside**
May 20 @ 11
- Endowment**
May 22 @ noon @ Desert Rose



April 28-PLC welcomes Pastor Phil Misner (Assistant to the Bishop) to the pulpit with Pastor Don Short

Healing Service
Directly after the service on **May 5th** Pastor Short will be doing a healing service for those who wish to participate.

DATE	USHERS	READER	GREETER	ACOLYTE	SACRISTAN Communion Prep	CLICKER	BREAD	COFFEE HOUR
May 5		Angela	<p>Thank you 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! Teamwork makes the dream work! Let's see if we can get a filled up sheet for May!</p>				Elaine	Elaine & Angela
May 12		Evelyn					Elaine	
May 19		Annie S				Tammy	Elaine	
May 26		Shirley				Tammy	Elaine	Annie & Shirley



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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**

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.**



May 1

Packing up the quilts and personal care kits for shipment to Lutheran World Relief.

Lectionary Readings for May

May 5	Acts 10:44-48	Psalm 98	I John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
May 12	Acts 1:15-17,21-26	Psalm 1	I John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
May 19	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34,35b	Romans 8:22-27	John 15:26-27;16:4b-15
May 26	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalm 29	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.