

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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### Aloha!

June started with a whole lot of fun as the Pilgrim Ukestra hosted their first ever Luau. Hawaiian style food was served including pulled pork, fried rice, macaroni salad, coleslaw, and pineapple. Delicious carrot cake was available for dessert. Most of the food was expertly prepared by Elaine Wade.

Then, when the music started, it was time for the Ukestra to shine! They played traditional Hawaiian songs like, "Hawaii Aloha" and "Aloha Oe", along with the crowd pleaser "Limbo Rock" starring Maxwell Martinez as lead singer. The limbo bar was managed by Shawn and Alex Mendoza, and many children joined the Limbo line. It was a fun evening, a chance for the Ukestra to share our talent with the community, and a chance for the community to support the Ukestra, which they did with over 50 people in attendance, and a total of donations of nearly \$500.00! Thank you to everyone who made the Luau possible, especially Angela Martinez for her fabulous decorating talent, Elaine for her cooking, Maxwell for his enthusiasm, and the rest of the Ukestra for being willing to take on the task of preparing a lot of music for entertainment. Let's do this again! Mahalo! (Thank you!)

Aloha!



Spotlight on Angela & Maxwell Martinez, and Elaine & Don Wade.

### Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will be held June 15th at 10 am in the library at the Coventry House. Come with Bibles, May/June Gather Magazine, and share fellowship, and Bible study. See you there.

### Regional Gathering Update

The Northwest Intermountain Synod's Regional Gathering in Ellensburg was attended by Anna & Pastor Short, and Annie Smith from Pilgrim. People from all over Eastern Washington heard Grace Pomroy from Luther Seminary cover many aspects of stewardship, but one particular item stood out strongly. Grace showed us a graph that displayed current attendance trends in the ELCA. The graph showed that if current trends continue, weekly attendance across the whole country in ELCA churches would total just over 15,000 by the year 2041, way down from our current average of over 900,000. The best strategy to combat this trend is to pray for the church, but along with that we are encouraged to think about ways to use our facilities differently. Pray for Pilgrim Lutheran as we discover what God is doing with us, and our future. —Pastor Don

### Congratulations Addie

Addie Russell's confirmation took place on June 2. Addie is the daughter of Shane & Sandy Russell, and granddaughter of Ernie & Judy Summers. Pastor read parts of her personal statement during the sermon and noted that she took a new route to confirmation in the ELCA. Addie participated in a weekend long confirmation workshop at Camp Lutherhaven in May, where they studied, took part in a service project, and wrote their statement of faith. Addie was presented with her quilt, a cross from the Holy Land, and her certificate of confirmation. She was also celebrated with a special cake and cookies in the fellowship hall afterwards. We welcome Addie and congratulate her! Thank you to everyone who helped make her day so special!



### VBS

#### "Bible Breakout"

Vacation Bible School begins June 17 and runs for 5 days at Pilgrim Lutheran Church. From 2-5 pm each day, students will be learning Bible Stories, participating in games and crafts, and having snacks, of course! Be sure to let grandkids, children, and neighbors know of the fun Vacation Bible School we have at Pilgrim Lutheran this year. It is a collaboration of Pilgrim Lutheran, First Presbyterian, Othello Christian Church, and the Nazarene Church. We thank Marcia Bougher, and Lena Mendoza for taking the lead in preparing for VBS and making sure that it runs along smoothly. If you can help, please contact, Pastor or Marcia.

## June Message from our Pastor

Dear Pilgrims,

If you feel like you don't have enough to do in June, come to church and we'll find something for you. We have plenty going on this month. We start with the Pilgrim Ukestra presenting their first Ukulele Luau on Saturday, June 1st. Then, the very next day, Addie Russell will be confirmed as a full member of the church. Right off the bat, June is very exciting, but that's not all.

Psalm 1 reminds us that "Happy are those who do not follow the advise of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law they meditate day and night." (Psalm 1:1-2). Myles McKay has finished his high school education, so we will celebrate his graduation on June 16th, along with Father's Day. You are welcome to come and congratulate Myles on his accomplishment.

The very next day, on June 17th, Pilgrim Lutheran will be hosting the Community Vacation Bible School right here in the church building. The theme this year is "Bible Break Out". We will hear all kinds of stories of when God helped His followers escape dangerous situations. Stories from both the Old and the New Testaments are featured, and there is still time for you to volunteer to help. Vacation Bible School runs from June 17th through June 21st. from 2 to 5pm.

Ah, but June is not done! Beginning June 19th, and

running every Wednesday through mid-August, I will be leading the Summer Uke Project. People who have no musical experience and have never touched a musical instrument are welcome to sign up to participate. Each participant will be provided with a music stand and ukulele, an instruction book and 10 group lessons led by yours truly. Graduates may join the Pilgrim Ukestra after the class ends. That's how the Ukestra got started in the first place. Registration is now open. Class size is limited to 15 students.

Finally, on the last day of June, we will end the month with Casual Sunday. James will be coming from Moses Lake to help lead music with us on his guitar, and if everything goes well, we may even have another out-of-town visitor to help us. The month begins with stringed instruments, has stringed instruments in the middle, and ends with more stringed instruments, and with it all comes people singing. I'm pretty sure God is pleased with that, since Psalm 100 says, "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing." (Psalm 100:1) We've got that covered all month long.

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**

### INFO CORNER

5/5	Attendance:	26	Offering \$	3,488
5/12	Attendance:	20	Offering \$	1,350
5/19	Attendance:	38	Offering \$	831
5/26	Attendance:	20	Offering \$	495

Year to Date Offerings: \$50,094

Year to Date Expenses: \$64,071

**We have a little catch up to do even before we start summer.  
We have been so blessed!**

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

### Council Members

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

### Anniversaries- June

8 Renee & Garrett Bagley  
10 Larry & MaryAnn Kirkpatrick  
16 Liz and Randy Deasy  
18 Marvin & Debbie Polacek  
19 Jeremiah & Stephanie Rodriguez  
24 Joshua & Erika Rodriguez,  
29 Don & Anna Short

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT			
Men's Breakfast: Saturday mornings 8 am @ Checo's						1			
2 Healing Service 10 am Worship	3	4	5	6	7 Send a cheerful note to another Pilgrim.	8			
9 10 am Worship	10	11 Council this month is cancelled	12	13	14 Flag Day School's OUT!	15 10 am Bible Study @ Coventry			
16 Father's Day 10 am Worship Senior Myles McKay	17	18	19	20	21	22			
Vacation Bible School 2-5 pm									
23 10 am Worship	24	<div>Upcoming Events</div> <div>June 15 10 am Women's Bible Study at Coventry Church</div> <div>June 16 Myles McKay Graduation celebration</div> <div>June 17-21 2-5 pm Vacation Bible School</div> <div>June 28 10 am Set up for Potluck</div> <div>June 30 Casual Sunday Potluck after worship</div> <div>July 9 7 pm Council Meeting</div> <div>July 21 following worship Worship/Music/Fellowship Meeting</div>			27 National Sunglasses Day!	28	29		
30 Casual Sunday 10 am Worship 5th Sunday POTLUCK	<div>Healing Service</div> <div>Pastor will be doing a healing service directly after worship on July 7th.</div>				<div>Summer Ukulele Project Begins Wednesday June 19, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall! Call Pastor Don for more information!</div>				
<div>Happy 4th of July!!</div> <div>Luau décor was on Point!</div>									
DATE	USHERS	READER	GREETER	ACOLYTE	SACRISTAN Communion Prep	CLICKER	BREAD	COFFEE HOUR	
June 2	Maxwell	Linda		Maxwell		Tammy	Donna	Elaine & Angela	
June 9		Carolyn		Maya	Liz	Tammy	Donna	Liz D	
June 16	Larry	MaryAnn				Tammy	Donna	Donna A	
June 23		Angela				Tammy	Donna		
June 30		Annie S				Tammy	Donna	POTLUCK	





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**June 2024**

**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.



"Blessed Assurance" presented by the **Pilgrim Ukestra** on May 5th

#### **A word About our Doors**

1. Please make sure that our outside doors are latched when you leave the building-especially the main door. If you open the south end door for a meeting, please make sure it is locked when you leave! **Thank you!**
2. With our AC units running, we need to keep the doors to the hallway closed at both ends, as well as the sanctuary doors when not in use. **Thank you!**

#### **Birthdays-June**

- 1 Joleen Bland
- 2 Lena Mendoza
- 2 James Thornton
- 5 Austen McKay
- 5 James Weinkauff
- 9 Ernie Summers
- 11 Dianne Kidd
- 12 Stephanie Rodriguez
- 14 Alex Mendoza
- 18 Abby Hilmes
- 19 Sue Long-Hosek
- 19 Matias Mendoza
- 24 Aubrey Moreno
- 25 Kayla Spohr
- 29 Paula McKay

#### **Lectionary Readings for June**

June 2	Deuteronomy 5:12-15	Psalm 81:1-10	II Corinthians 4:5-12	Mark 2:23-3:6
June 9	Genesis 3:8-15	Psalm 130	II Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35
June 16	Ezekiel 17:22-24	Psalm 92:1-4,12-15	II Corinthians 5:6-10,14-17	Mark 4:26-34
June 23	Job 38:1-11	Psalm 107:1-3,23-32	II Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41
June 30	Lamentations 3:22-33	Psalm 30	II Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43



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Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.