

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Lent & Easter Schedule

April 2

6 pm Soup & Bread Lenten Service (5 senses-Touch)

April 9

6 pm Soup & Bread Lenten Service (5 senses-Taste)

April 13

10 am Palm Sunday-Meet in the Fellowship Hall for procession OR meet us in the sanctuary.

If you can bring candy today after the service we will be filling up Easter eggs for the kids to hunt on Easter.

April 17

7 pm Maundy Thursday Service @ Othello Christian Church

April 18

7 pm Good Friday Service @ First Presbyterian Church

April 19

10 am Decorating the Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall for Easter

April 20

8:30 Easter Breakfast
9:30 Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 Easter Service
2:15 pm Coventry Worship

Don't forget to bring fresh flowers to decorate our spring cross in the sanctuary!

Many advance thanks to everyone working to make our Easter Day a special one-celebrating the resurrection of Jesus should be an exuberant day, one filled with hope, joy, and special memories.



Hallelujah

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

Happy Easter to ALL!



Women's Bible Study

This month's Bible Study will be held on Saturday, April 12th at 10 am in the Coventry House TV Room. Bring your Bible & your copy of the Gather Magazine or grab one from the Narthex. See you there for study, fellowship, sharing & some great discussions.

Synod Assembly

There are still opportunities for folks to attend the Synod Assembly on May 3rd from 10 am-3 pm through Zoom with Pastor, and Anna. Please let them know if you are interested so that you can get signed up and get an individual password for the Zoom call.

Shrove Tuesday Update

What a super fun night it was to serve sausage, pancakes, and applesauce to our friends, neighbors, and community members. We fed over 100 souls, and in so doing garnered \$1,070 to be split between the Lutheran Community Services Northwest and Othello Cancer Support Group. Pilgrim Council added additional dollars from the Bell Fund making an even \$600 for each charity. Thank you to everyone who contributed in some way to this effort. It takes people to pick up and take back the grill, put down the plastic, make the batter, flip the pancakes, serve up the food, set the tables, clear and reset them, and clean up when all the guests have finished eating. Wonderful job team!!

Photos Below Left: Pancake flippers Right: Serving our community



Our Lenten Pilgrimage

We still have 2 Soup & Bread Lenten evenings for service and discussions. These nights have been well attended with wonderful soups, and great sharing of memories with the focus on the 5 senses. Thank you to everyone bringing bread, soup, making the coffee and (gasp), dessert! Thank you to Pastor, Anna, and Fay for putting the theme together.

Below: Soup & Bread Lenten evening March 19



Newsletter Article for April 2025

Dear Pilgrims,

Through this season of Lent, we have explored the five senses God has given us. We have discussed how each of these senses is a gift from God, and how using our five senses enhances how we experience the gift of God's creation.

What occurred to me though, as I spent time meditating on all of the senses God has given us, is that they are all made primarily for receiving. We open our eyes, and we can behold the beauty of creation, but we cannot do the seeing for someone else. The closest we can come is with descriptions. We listen with our ears, and we hear the music of the natural world in the songs of the birds, the whispering of the wind, and the rustling of the trees and grass, but we cannot do the hearing for someone else. We take a deep breath, and we can smell the scents of the earth; the flowers, the leaves breaking through their buds into the new spring growth, and even the smell of the earth itself, with rich soil ready to provide abundance, but again, we cannot do the smelling for someone else. When we reach out to touch the leaves and flowers, our fingers feel the softness of the green leaves and the flower petals, but others must do the touching for themselves to feel the same things. And even when we eat virtually anything, we eat from the abundance of all that God has provided, but some people like different foods than others. We cannot taste something for someone else. All of our senses are for receiving, only.

All of these senses are given to us so that we are able to enjoy the world that God has created, but then, what is our responsibility to care for this gift? What can we give to others, so that they may also enjoy creation? I think this is where stewardship of the land comes

in. From the beginning of creation, humans have been in charge of taking care of the earth. Genesis 2:15 says, "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it."

A properly tilled and kept garden will flourish for a long time, and that is what we have been called to do by God. But notice one very important thing; the garden still belongs to God! God never signed over the ownership of the garden to either Adam or Eve, or anyone else in all of creation. Psalm 24 begins with the words, "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers." (verses 1-2). God even comes right out and announces in Psalm 50, "Every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine." (verses 10-11).

God has ruled the earth for millions of years, but God has given us the job of caring for it. In order to do that, perhaps we could be more mindful of how we use what God has provided. Let's take care of ourselves by trying to eat right and get a little exercise, and let's take care of God's creation by being more mindful with purchases. Maybe we should use plasticware less and the dishwasher more. Maybe we should collect aluminum and other recyclables. Maybe we should share wholesome foods at fellowship hour (although, I'm convinced that chocolate is a vegetable!) Let's be good stewards of all that God has provided because, "The earth is the Lord's" and we are just the tenants. See you in church or online.

Peace,
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 **509-512-6404**. **Attention!! This is a new number for Pastor Don. Please change it in your contact list.**

Mondays are Pastor's Day off.

Please limit contact to emergencies only.

Thank you.

Pastor's Email: pilgrimcpastor@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

3/2	Attendance:	31	Offering	\$ 4,270
3/9	Attendance:	35	Offering	\$ 1,690
3/16	Attendance:	28	Offering	\$ 6,642
3/23	Attendance:	39	Offering	\$ 2,226
3/30	Attendance:	45	Offering	\$ 5,547

Year to Date Offerings: \$ 34,115




Year to Date Expenses: \$ 42,000

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

Shrove Tues Giving Beyond our Church

Lutheran Community Services Northwest	\$600
Othello Cancer Support Group	\$600



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Men's Breakfast: Saturday mornings 8 am @ Checo's		1	2 Quilting 9-12 Soup & Bread 6 pm	3	4	5
6 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Healing Service Congregational MTG	7	8 Council 7 pm	9 Quilting 9-12 Soup & Bread 6 pm	10	11	12 Women's Bible Study 10 am @ Coventry
13 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	14	15	16 Quilting 9-12	17 Maundy Thurs @ Othello Christian Church @ 7 pm	18 Good Friday @ First Presbyterian @ 7 pm	19 10 am Worship/ Music/Fellowship Decorate & Meet
20 Easter Sunday 8:30 Easter Breakfast 9:30 Easter Egg Hunt 10 am Worship Coventry worship 2:15	21 Pastor & Anna in the office today	22  Earth Day	23 Quilting 9-12 Pastor & Anna vacation	24	25  Arbor Day	26
27 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	28	29	30 Quilting 9-12	May Day 		

Council Members

Marcia Bougher
Larry Kirkpatrick
Linda Bork
Evelyn Wright
Don Wade
Trudy Doolittle

**Evelyn Wright
Property Manager**

Thank you, Evelyn Wright, for taking on the Property Manager position. Remember to let people know what kind of help you need.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting next Sunday, April 6th, directly after worship. We will be discussing replacing the windows in the Fellowship Hall and the cleaning of the carpets.

Upcoming Meetings

Congregational Meeting
April 6 after worship
Church Council
April 8 @ 7 pm
Worship/Music/ Fellowship
Decorating & Meeting
April 19 @ 10 am
Easter Breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Service
April 20 @ 8:30, 9:30, 10 am
Coventry Worship
April 20 @ 2:15 pm
Hymn Select Committee
May 1 @ 1:30

Birthdays– April

3 Shirley McCullough
4 Jorn Ogendahl
5 Kevin Spohr
9 Jose Guzman
12 Robert Rogers
19 Judy Summers
25 Linda Crosier
28 Jordan Rapp Rodriguez

Anniversaries– April

28 John & Laura Lawrence



	USHER/GREETER	READER	ACOLYTE	SACRISTAN	CLICKER	BREAD	TREATS AFTER WORSHIP
Apr 6		Linda B	Attention!! 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 do better!		Tammy	Elaine	Elaine
Apr 13		Evelyn					Donna A
Apr 20		Linda B					Easter Breakfast
Apr 27		Carolyn					



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April



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.**

Adult Forum

We are currently studying the book of 1st John on Sunday mornings at 9 am. 1 John has a LOT of verses that are very familiar to most everyone. Pastor & Anna have the coffee on, so come grab a mug and dig into the Scripture with us! A reminder that we will **not** be meeting on Easter Sunday, but will reconvene April 27.



Ukestra playing 3/30 during worship!
Apologies to the far back row out of sight!

Attention!

Have you noticed how beautiful the church & parsonage landscaping looks. Hiring a professional landscaper was approved & budgeted at our annual meeting, & the church council initiated this for spring clean-up. Also, this is the 4th year our grass mowing has been contracted out. Please enjoy our church grounds & help to keep them nice. If you see any trash on site, please feel free to pick it up & dispose of it.

Thank you for your donations that allow us to maintain our landscape & **thank God** for our wonderful church campus.

Lectionary Readings for April

April 6	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalms 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
April 13	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalms 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 23:1-49
April 20	Isaiah 65:17-25	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	Acts 10:34-43	Luke 24:1-12
April 27	Acts 5:27-32	Psalms 150	Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-31



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.