

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Easter Update

Many thanks to everyone who worked to make our Easter Day a special one...celebrating the resurrection of Jesus is an exuberant day, one filled with hope, joy, and special memories.

We are thankful for Tammy, Vicki, and FayAnn for the fresh Easter Cross and for those who brought flowers to decorate it. We are thankful for the folks who brought Easter lilies. We are thankful for Elaine for the cinnamon rolls, and for everyone who made the breakfast casseroles dishes. We are thankful for Marcia & Rick's children & grandchildren who continue to serve their childhood church. We love you! We are thankful for the choir who put together a beautiful anthem for Easter.

We are thankful for Pastor & Anna for keeping us on track and organizing to make sure everything ran smoothly.



Women's Bible Study

This month's Bible Study will be held on Saturday, May 17th 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.



Mother's Day is May 11!

Happy Mother's Day to all of you mothers and to everyone who mothers others!



Hallelujah

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

We live because HE lives!

Quilters Unite

Quilters gathered April 30 to fold, pack, box, and weigh the boxes to be sent off to Spokane later this week. All together **114 quilts** were packed up with a couple held back for the graduates. The quilters are grateful to the LDS missionaries for the help with weighing and moving the filled boxes. Immediately after they finished the packing, the quilters returned to the task of making MORE beautiful quilts!



Graduation Celebration

On May 18, Pilgrim will be celebrating the graduation of Ella Moore from OHS and the completion of Deedee Grave's AA in Business at Big Bend Community College.

Newsletter Article for May 2025

Dear Pilgrims,

I know the stores have already put their Easter items on sale, and the rest of society is concentrating on Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and even, for some people, the baseball season, but while all of that is going on, the church is still celebrating Easter. Does that seem odd to you?

Most of us think Easter, as well as Christmas, are just one day celebrations. But for the church, Christmas is twelve days long, ending with Epiphany on January 6th, and Easter is a whopping fifty days long! We'll be celebrating Easter clear into June, when Pentecost Sunday is celebrated on June 8th.

So, feel free to keep those Easter banners up. Have as many Easter egg hunts as you wish. Make your friends look at you with a weird expression when you say 'Happy Easter' on Mother's Day. Come on, have some fun with it!

If you're wondering why we celebrate Easter for such a long time, I can tell you it's because the resurrection of Jesus Christ is a REALLY BIG DEAL! The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the ultimate game changer! In the resurrection,

God really sticks it to Satan, showing that God has the ultimate power, even over death.

God is love. We learn that throughout the Bible, and the words are laid out plain as day in 1John chapter 4. God is love, and the love of God is the most powerful force in the whole universe. God's powerful love is strong enough to destroy hate. Powerful enough to dissolve fear, and powerful enough even to raise us from the dead.

That's why Jesus was able to leave us with such a bold promise in John chapter 14. Jesus said, "Where I am, there you may be also." Jesus has been raised from the dead, and all those who believe in Jesus will be with him, raised from death to eternal life. That's the BIG DEAL! That's the reason the church celebrates on this fifty day bender of praise and thanksgiving to God for the resurrection of Jesus Christ. So, come to church and join the party! It's a BIG DEAL! Party on! See you in church and 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 **509-512-6404**. **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**

Who is My Neighbor?

- Our neighbor is anyone and everyone in need, no matter what. Our neighbor is whoever needs mercy, compassion and support. We are called to help!
- We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

INFO CORNER

4/6	Attendance: 25	Offering \$ 1,941
4/13	Attendance: 35	Offering \$ 1,920
4/20	Attendance: 73	Offering \$ 3,442
4/27	Attendance: 25	Offering \$ 188


Year to Date Offerings: \$ 41,758

Year to Date Expenses: \$ 53,814

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

Giving Beyond our Church

New Hope Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services
\$340/March Noisy Offering + 160 Bell Fund= \$500 Total

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Men's Breakfast: Saturday mornings 8 am @ Checo's			Quilting 9-12	1 May Day	2 Shipping of quilts	3 Synod Assembly
4 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Congregational MTG	5	6	7 Quilting 9-12	8	9	10
11 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Mother's Day	12	13 Council 7 pm	14 Quilting 9-12	15	16	17 Women's Bible Study 10 am @ Coventry
18 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Graduation Celebration Coventry worship 2:15	19	20	21 Quilting 9-12	22	23	24
25 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	26 	27	28 Quilting 9-12	29	30	31

Upcoming Meetings

Synod Assembly
May 3

Congregational Meeting
May 4 after worship

Church Council
May 13 @ 7 pm

Women's Bible Study
May 17 @ 10 am @ Coventry

Graduate Recognition Sunday
May 18 during worship & reception after worship

Worship/Music/Fellowship
May 18 after worship

Coventry Worship
May 18 @ 2:15 pm

Council Members

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



Anniversaries- May

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

Birthdays-May

1 Jada Moreno
3 MaryAnn Kirkpatrick
3 David Reichert
5 Rick Bougher
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
31 Jan Hilmes

	USHER/GREETER	READER	ACOLYTE	SACRISTAN	CLICKER	BREAD	TREATS AFTER WORSHIP
May 4	?	Shirley		Liz D	Tammy	Elaine	Shirley
May 11	↓	Angela	Maxwell	Liz D	↓	↓	Nancy R
May 18	↓	Carolyn			↓	↓	Linda C/Sandi Fellowship?
May 25	↓	Evelyn			↓	↓	



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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.**



Maundy Thursday

Pilgrim Lutheran was well represented at the Maundy Thursday Meal at the Christian Church. Pastors from the Christian Church, Presbyterian Church, and Pilgrim participated in the service after the meal which featured lamb and/or hamburger stew.

Lectionary Readings for May

May 4	Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]	Psalm 30	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
May 11	Acts 9:36-43	Psalm 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
May 18	Acts 11:1-18	Psalm 148	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
May 25	Acts 16:9-15	Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10,22--22:5	John 14:23-29



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.