

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

THE NEWSLETTER OF PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH OTHELLO, WASHINGTON

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Community Vacation Bible School

ROAD TRIP ON THE GO WITH GOD

Monday June 23 to Friday, June 27
2-5 pm

First Presbyterian Church
715 E. Scootney St.

Sponsored by:
First Presbyterian church
Pilgrim Lutheran Church
Othello Nazarene Church
Othello Christian Church

Please talk to Marcia Bougher if you have any questions or would like to help out in any way!



Pentecost Vigil

Our Pentecost Vigil will be held at the home of Don & Elaine Wade. The address is 1735 E. Madera St. Don & Elaine will be supplying pulled pork sandwiches and fixings for s'mores, and we are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share. We should also bring chairs if we are able & there will be some there for those who cannot bring their own. Looking forward to this fun and meaningful fellowship.



Graduation Celebration

On May 18, Pilgrim celebrated the graduation of Ella Moore from OHS and the completion of Deedee Grave's AA in Business at Big Bend Community College. They each received cards and quilts from the congregation and a reception afterwards in the Fellowship Hall. Ella will be continuing her education at Central Washington University in the fall. We wish them both our sincerest congratulations!



Request

If you would like to help out by doing garden work, weeding, or any other work on the buildings or grounds, please let Evelyn Wright know in advance so that it isn't duplicated and that it is safe for you to do so. Thanks so much. Ask Anna or Kristi if you need her cell#.

Above & Below:

Thank you to the Wade and Martinez families for loading and transporting the quilt boxes to Spokane for processing before leaving to the East Coast!



Women's Bible Study

This month's Bible Study will be held on Saturday, June 21st 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. It will be good to see each other as summer begins!

Happy Father's Day!

Below:

Opportunity to support Campus Ministry at both Washington State University and University of Idaho-Moscow.

Battle of the Palouse

IDAHO VS WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

Saturday, August 30

4:00pm - Tailgate Party * 7:00pm - Football Game Kick-off

Support Campus Ministry at BOTH schools

Everyone wins

Register or Donate for the Party, The Game, and Parking **BEFORE August 7** Using the QR Code

Register before July 16 and \$ave!

SCAN ME

Newsletter Article for June 2025

Dear Pilgrims,

Here is the announcement I made at the end of worship on May 25th:

"I have a personal announcement to make. Anna and I have been discussing this for several months, and we have decided to retire this summer. We will continue to work with you until the end of July, but after the last Sunday of July, we will be moving to the Portland, Oregon area.

I want you all to know that the last nine years have been wonderful for us. This congregation has walked with us through a lot, from my pulmonary embolism and open-heart surgery in 2018, to my car accident in 2023, and through many joyful events in between. You all will be remembered fondly by us, and we are grateful for the time we have spent together.

But I have spent many hours in prayer, and in discussions with Anna and my sons, and even our financial advisor, and we honestly feel that the Holy Spirit is guiding us in a new direction. We ask that you understand that we love you all dearly, and we know that Jesus has guided our time together, from the chance meeting at a gas station in North Dakota, all the way to this moment.

In the next two months, Pastor Phil Misner, the Associate to the Bishop, will be working with the church council and with me to prepare us for a smooth transition. I believe the Holy Spirit has a bright future planned for this congregation, and that future will benefit from new leadership. So, what I am asking for today is your understanding, your prayers, and your commitment to this church to work through this transition, help wherever you are able, and be open to new possibilities. I hope you will be understanding that, at the age of 66, I am feeling the call to be with my relatives, but we will both carry the love of Pilgrim Lutheran wherever we go. Thank you and may God's peace be with you."

There are many reasons for retiring now, and I can give you more details if you wish, but I am committed to making sure the transition to new leadership is smooth over the next two months, and Pastor Phil Misner is also working on this already, so rest assured, Pilgrim Lutheran Church will continue to function well, for now and for many years to come.

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: 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**

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

5/4	Attendance: 39	Offering \$ 4,905
5/11	Attendance: 31	Offering \$ 1,060
5/18	Attendance: 27	Offering \$ 1,290
5/25	Attendance: 23	Offering \$ 1,650

Year to Date Offerings: \$ 50,663

Year to Date Expenses: \$ 61,260

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
1 10 am Worship	2	3	4 Quilting 9-12 Quilting Luncheon	5	6	7 Pentecost Vigil @ Wades 6 pm
8 Pentecost wear RED 10 am Worship	9	10 Council 7 pm	11	12	13 Last day of School	14  Flag Day
15 Father's Day 10 am Worship Coventry worship 2:15 W/M/F Mtg	16	17	18	19	20 1st day of summer!	21 Women's Bible Study 10 am @ Coventry
22 10 am Worship	23	24	25	26	27	28
Vacation Bible School 2-5 pm						
29 10 am Worship POTLUCK	30	Anniversaries- June		Birthdays-June		

Anniversaries- June

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

Council Members

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

June 27th
National
Sunglasses Day!



Birthdays-June

1 Joleen Bland
2 Lena Mendoza
2 James Thornton
5 Austen McKay
5 James Olson
9 Ernie Summers
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

Men's Breakfast:

Saturday mornings 8 am @
Checo's

Upcoming Meetings

Pentecost Vigil
June 7th @ 6 pm @ Wades
Council
June 10th @ 7 pm
Church Council
June 10th @ 7 pm
Worship/Music/Fellowship
June 8th after worship
Coventry Worship
June 15th @ 2:15
Women's Bible Study
June 21st @ 10 am @ Coventry
Potluck
June 29th after worship

Attention!!
Thank you
to all who
have
signed up
in advance!

	USHER/GREETER	READER	ACOLYTE	SACRISTAN	CLICKER	BREAD	TREATS AFTER WORSHIP
June 1	Pete	Anna S	Maxwell		Tammy	Donna A	Elaine W
June 8	Marc	Evelyn			↓		Carolyn & Fay
June 15	Attention!! Thank you to all who have signed up in advance!			Liz D	↓		Liz D
June 22		Angela			Anna S		
June 29					Tammy	↓	Potluck



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June 2025



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.**



Great Job Pilgrims

Pilgrim Lutheran is doing a great job for the Ronald McDonald House in Spokane. We have been depositing 10 -15 lbs of pop/beer/soda tabs every quarter to this repository at their Spokane facility. That is an amazing amount for us! Thanks to Shirley for getting the Eagles Lodge here in town to save them for us. And thank you to everyone who is encouraging neighbors, friends, and businesses to save them for collection at Pilgrim.

A word About our Doors

1. Please make sure that our outside doors are latched when you leave the building-especially the main door. The north side will not properly close if it is not closed **FIRST**, before the south side. 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 during the summer, we need to keep the doors to the hallway closed at both ends, as well as the sanctuary doors when not in use. If those doors are open, it puts extra strain on the AC units to keep those areas cool also. **Thank you!**

Lectionary Readings for June

June 1	Acts 16:16-34	Psalms 97	Revelation 22:12-4, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26
June 8	Acts 2:1-21	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:14-17	John 14:8-17
June 15	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	Psalms 8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
June 22	Isaiah 65:1-9	Psalms 22:19-28	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
June 29	Acts 12:1-11	Psalms 87:1-3, 5-7	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18	John 21:15-19



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.