

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Condolences

We offer our sincere condolences to the family of Sally McFarlin. Sally passed away early June 13 unexpectedly. Please keep her daughter Jackie Sue, her son Ed, and the extended family in your prayers for peace and healing. Sally's Memorial service will be Saturday, July 12, at 11 am, here at Pilgrim Lutheran and there will be refreshments served following the service.



Welcome Lisa

Please give a warm Pilgrim welcome to our new secretary, Lisa Lutey. She will be working with Anna in the office beginning July 8th to learn the systems and procedures so that the transition will be smooth. Lisa comes to us with church office manager experience, as well as computer skills needed for our ministry. We are looking forward to getting to know and work with Lisa! Thank you to Don Wade & Trudy Doolittle for their work in finding Lisa!

From the Pastor & Anna

"Thank you, dear Pilgrims, for your cards, emails, texts, and prayers of comfort you sent to Anna and me following the death of my son and my brother. We are still trying to overcome the shock and sadness, but it helps to know we have your support. A special thank you goes to the council, which has stepped up to ensure we have the time we need to be with our family and comfort each other in our grief. Thank you for all of your support.
Peace,
Pastor Don and Anna "

Deepest Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Pastor Short and his family at the death of his son Daniel earlier this month, and his brother Tom last week. June was a tough month for Pastor, and for Anna, and we share their sadness and grief. Please keep them in your prayers for the next few months as they travel through the stages of grief.

From Your Council President

Your Pilgrim Council met with Phil Misner, assistant to the synod Bishop, on June 25 to discuss next steps. His message included the 3 parts of transition: 1. Leave-taking
2. Discernment 3. Welcoming.
This month is spent celebrating Pastor and Anna's ministry here, the leave-taking. The call committee will begin work in August. We will be **welcoming** several worship leaders beginning in Aug, including Pastor Phil Misner on Aug 10. Please continue to support your church with your presence, your gifts, and your work, as we discern God's will for his people at Pilgrim.

Women's Bible Study

This month's Bible Study will be held on Saturday, July 19th 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 mid-summer!

We Say Farewell & God Bless You to Pastor Don & Anna

Pastor Short is retiring! He made the announcement the last Sunday in May. Pastor Don & Anna's last day in Othello will be Sunday, July 27. Following a reception in their honor after worship, they will be leaving to their new home in Tigard, OR, near their son Andrew and his family. Their new address will be in the bulletin at church and in the Sept newsletter so we will be able to keep in contact with them! We cannot thank Pastor and Anna enough for the ministry and leadership they provided to Pilgrim Lutheran Church. From the Ukestra, Blessing of the First Responders, Pentecost Vigils, Cowboy Sundays, and so many more ways in which they enriched all of our lives, we thank them profusely, and wish them the best in retirement.

A Book of Othello Memories

Angela Martinez & Carolyn Bunch are working on a book of messages & memories for Pastor and Anna. Messages of thanks, special memories, or fun stories from their time here in Othello would all be wonderful to include. If you have a message, photo, or story to share, please contact either Carolyn at 989-0216 or Angela at 571-5674. You may text a photo (please in jpeg format), or a message for them to include in the book, or give them a physical copy. Let's make this epic Pilgrims!

Our Sympathy

We share our sincere sympathy to Sue Long-Hosek at the passing of her husband Ron Hosek after a long battle with cancer. His Memorial was held June 27 in Hermiston with Pastor Short presiding. Please keep Sue's family, including Nancy Roth, Ron's mother-in-law (Sue's mom), and all their extended family in your prayers as they navigate their grief.

Newsletter Article for July 2025

Dear Pilgrims,

This is likely my last newsletter article to you. Anna and I will be retiring on July 27th and leaving for Portland right after church is finished. As I write this to you, I am filled with a whole range of emotions.

I am somewhat excited about retiring. Anna and I have long dreamed of the days when I would be retired, and we could sit next to each other in worship on Sunday morning. We have long held dreams of walking along a beach sometime during the school year when all the children are in school and we can walk the beach without dodging flocks of children. We have even talked about spending more time with our grandchild, Jonah, and maybe sharing Christmas Eve or Easter Sunday with family, without the responsibility of leading worship. I think it will be weird at first, not being in charge, but I think I'll get used to it, and maybe even enjoy it!

I am also somewhat melancholy about retiring. We have spent over 9 years among you, and we consider many of you good friends. We are determined to make retirement the end of our employment, but not the end of our relationships with you. Please promise me you will keep in touch. We'll make sure you know our new address. Our phone numbers will remain the same.

I am also melancholy about the death of my son, Daniel. We had made plans for what we were going to do together after I retired, and none of those plans will ever be fulfilled. I miss him, and I will always miss him, and hopefully, the pain of missing him will dull over time.

I am also looking forward to retirement with hope. I am hopeful that our relationship with my son, Andrew and his wife, Cortney will be deeper after we move closer to them. I am hopeful that Anna and I will get to see Jonah grow into an ambitious young man, and I am hopeful that, along with carrying our relationships with all of you with us, we will form new relationships with people in our new community.

I am also hopeful that, as this congregation moves forward in the transition period between the day I retire and the day a new pastor is called, you will grow closer together as a Christian community, and you will also have time to connect with your ecumenical brothers and sisters in Othello to strengthen ties between this congregation and the others in town. I am hopeful that you will become even more aware of what it means to live out your mission statement that "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." I believe there are brighter days ahead for Pilgrim Lutheran Church, because I believe in the power of God to work through everyone in the congregation and to live out the promise God gave to the prophet Jeremiah;

"For surely I know the plans I have for you", says the Lord, "plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope". Then, when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you." (Jeremiah 29:11-12)

God has a bright future in store for you. I look forward to hearing all about it.

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**

INFO CORNER

6/1	Attendance: 29	Offering \$ 2,760
6/8	Attendance: 37	Offering \$ 2,164
6/15	Attendance: 25	Offering \$ 1,445
6/22	Attendance: 22	Offering \$ 710
6/29	Attendance: 38	Offering \$ 1,561

Year to Date Offerings: \$ 59,303

Year to Date Expenses: See bulletin for updated numbers.

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

Giving Beyond our Church

June's Noisy Offering netted \$108 in change, and \$186 in checks for a total of \$294. Council may decide to add to that amount from the Bell Fund at their meeting on July 8th.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Men's Breakfast: Saturday mornings 8 am @ Checo's		1 Pastor & Anna out of town.	2	3	4 	5
6 10 am Worship Healing Service	7	8 Council 7 pm	9	10	11	12
13 10 am Worship Ice Cream Social after worship	14	15	16	17	18	19 Women's Bible Study 10 am @ Coventry
20 10 am Worship	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 10 am Worship Farewell to Pastor & Anna Short	28	29	30	31	Birthdays-July 2 Liz Deasy 3 Alizah Jahns 3 Kevin Carriedo 3 Sandi Bosch 6 Anna Short 6 Raelynn Jahns 7 Angela Martinez 8 Mandy Moore 9 Aleta Cheek 12 Ivan Vallejo 19 Kayla Martinez 21 Annie Smith 25 Kelsey Jahns 26 Larry Kirkpatrick 27 Molly Jensen 27 Desiree Howes 28 Sofia Mendoza 30 Max Tricola 31 Joshua Rodriguez Jr.	

Notice # 3 The Sunday duties form is missing for these 2 months of summer. Please refer to the clipboard in the Narthex if you can help in any way on Sundays.

Anniversaries- July

24 Pete & Tammy Rodriguez
 24 Kevin & Stacey Spohr
 31 James & Becca Thornton


Anniversaries- August

3 Jim & Vicki Nau
 4 Rick & Marcia Bougher
 4 Jacob & Meghan Johnston
 7 Bill & Danita Porter
 14 Lupe & Lena Mendoza
 15 Bob & Donna Reichert

Birthdays-August

2 Jeff Graves
 3 Stacey Spohr
 6 Bill Porter
 6 Jaylene Roberts
 11 Athena Olson
 14 DeeDee Graves
 17 Pam Ochoa
 17 Laura Lawrence
 23 Meghan Johnston
 31 Jens Ogendahl

Thank you!

It has been a wonderful experience recording in the newsletter the doings of God through Pilgrim Lutheran these last 10 years! Signing off now, and looking at new ways to serve our Lord. -Kristi 

Upcoming Meetings

Healing Service
 July 6th after worship
Church Council
 July 8th @ 7 pm
Ice Cream Social
 July 13 after worship
Women's Bible Study
 July 19th @ 10 am @ Coventry
Coventry Worship
 July 20th @ 2:15
Reception for Pastor & Anna
 July 27th after worship

Community Vacation Bible School ROAD TRIP ON THE GO WITH GOD

Thanks go to Marcia Bougher and all who helped put on the VBS this year at the Othello Presbyterian church. Thank you to all the kids who showed up to learn about traveling with God!





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July/Aug



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.**



Pentecost Vigil-Our Pentecost Vigil was held at the home of Don & Elaine Wade. A great time was had by all. Thank you to Don & Elaine for the pulled pork sandwiches, all the lawn chairs, and for hosting us in their beautiful back yard. A Special thank you to Pastor and Maxwell for playing the ukuleles. The fire was lit, prayers were written and put into the flame for the smoke to rise to the heavens. Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate God's Spirit, bringing salads, veggies, fruit, and desserts to share! **What a fellowship!**

Lectionary Readings for July

(For August, you will need to grab the **Christ in Our Home** from the table in the Narthex)

July 6	Isaiah 66:10-14	Psalms 66:1-9	Galatians 6:[1-6], 7-16	Luke 10:1-11,16-20
July 13	Deuteronomy 30:9-14	Psalms 25:1-10	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
July 20	Genesis 18:1-10a	Psalms 15	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
July 27	Genesis 18:20-32	Psalms 138	Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]	Luke 11:1-13



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Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.