

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Rally Sunday! September 21st!

Pilgrim Sunday School begins—bring your kids, grandkids, and the neighbors kids for a wonderful time of learning about God's love for us!

Women's Bible Study

This month's Bible Study will be held on Saturday, September 20, 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!

Thank you, Pilgrim family, for welcoming me with such warmth and kindness as I begin this role in the church office. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside of you and grow together in service and faith. Each connection has already been a blessing and I look forward to all God has in store for the church and community.

*Lisa Lutey
Church Secretary*

Calling all Quilters

Quilting begins for the 25-26 year **on Sept. 3 from 9 -12**. All are welcome to participate in some way in this valuable outreach activity. Please consider lending your time, energy, and skill to help our quilters produce these wonderful quilts to warm people here in Othello and around the world. See you there!

Dear Pilgrim Lutheran Church, On Sunday, July 27th, Redeemer & Grace Lutheran Churches prayed for your faith community. We are grateful for the ministry you're doing in this synod! Thank you for all of the ways you do God's work with your hands, preaching the Gospel and speaking God's words of justice and peace to your community. In Christ's love,
Your siblings in Christ at Redeemer (Boise) & Grace (Horseshoe Bend.)



From your Church Council:

Hello Pilgrims!

In August, we began our transition to supply pastors. We appreciate the congregation as they make our supply pastors welcome, Lisa's work in making sure that they have everything they need as they prepare to share the Word of God with us, Evelyn and Liz's flexibility with changes to the service! A huge thank you to all!

Pastor Phil Misner has been working to find us an interim pastor, hopefully his efforts will be fruitful in the month of September! In the meantime, we will continue with supply pastors.

The call committee will begin their work on August 27 at 6:45 pm, with Pastor Phil attending remotely to give guidance. At this meeting, the call committee will also determine how they will be organized. The call committee is asking for the congregation's help. Please give prayerful thought to the needs of the congregation and the community as to regards to a new pastor and share those thoughts with the call committee. Members are: Bob Reichert, Trudy Doolittle, Sue Long-Hosek, Tammy Rodriguez, Evelyn Olson, Carolyn Bunch, Angela and Maxwell Martinez, Kristi Spohr.

To all who help behind the scenes, Marc and Kristi Spohr, Tammy and Pete Rodriguez, Elaine Wade, Shirley McCollough, all the Worship, Music and Fellowship committee members, the greeters, ushers, Sacristans, THANK YOU!

***God has Blessed us indeed!
See you in church!***

Newsletter Article for Sept 2025

"Dear Pilgrims,
Thank you for the wonderful retirement celebration on July 27th! We had a great time. Special thanks goes to Elaine Wade and her Fellowship and Worship Committee for planning and instituting such a wonderful send-off. We really appreciate all of your hard work. The cake was delicious, it was fun to play one more song with the Ukestra, and we had a lovely visit with many friends that have become very dear to us. We will miss you all, and if you are ever in the Portland area, feel free to give us a call so we can meet up somewhere.

Unfortunately, many of the non-monetary gifts you gave somehow lost the names of the givers, but we were gifted my new favorite t-shirt of a beach bum cat playing a ukulele, and my new favorite pair of socks reminding me that, "I'm retired, it's not my problem anymore."

Anna was very excited to find a collapsible shopping bag that will practically fit in her pocket when it's empty, and we read every one of your cards and letters. You are a very special congregation, and we were blessed to walk with you for nine years. May God continue to bless you richly.

Peace,

Pastor Don and Anna Short

Celebrating Don and Anna's Retirement



Forwarding Address for
Pastor Don and Anna Short
14425 SW Beef Bend Road N3
Portland, OR 97224

Pastor Phil Misner will help with the transition period, and will be working closely with the Pilgrim Council. If you have questions or concerns, please direct these to folks on the council: Linda Bork, Don Wade, Evelyn Olson, Larry Kirkpatrick, Marcia Bougher, and Trudy Doolittle.

Please contact a member of council for pastoral emergencies. They will contact the Emergency Pastor who is on call. For the prayer chain call Linda or Evelyn.

Prayer chain requests go to Evelyn or Linda

**Lisa's office hours:
T-W-TH 8am-12pm**

INFO CORNER

7/6	Attendance: 26	Offering \$ 2,780
7/13	Attendance: 40	Offering \$ 2,650
7/20	Attendance: 22	Offering \$ 650
7/27	Attendance: 52	Offering \$ 3,851
8/3	Attendance: ?	Offering \$ 3,510
8/10	Attendance: 27	Offering \$ 1,190
8/17	Attendance: 38	Offering \$ 1,320
8/24	Attendance: 34	Offering \$ 1,667
Year to Date Offerings:		\$ 76,921
Year to Date Expenses:		\$104,242

YTD Capital Expenditures

Fellowship Windows: \$9,700
Blinds: \$3,100
Carpet Cleaning (church & parsonage): \$2,100
New Office Computer: \$1,400

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

September 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 7 10 am Worship Birthdays & Anniv. Baby Shower in Fellowship Hall 2-5 pm	1 Labor Day	2	3 Quilting 9-12	4	5	6 Men's Breakfast Saturday mornings 8 am @ Checo's ↓
14 10 am Worship	8	9 Council 7 pm	10 Quilting 9-12	11 Patriot Day Othello Fair	12	13
21 RALLY SUNDAY! 10 am Worship WMF meeting after worship	22 1st day of fall HAPPY FALL	23	24 Quilting 9-12	25	26	27
28 10 am Worship	29	30				

CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Quilting begins on September 3rd! Every Wednesday, 9-12
- Sunday September 7th we will be celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Fellowship will provide treats.
- *Sunday Sept 7—Just added-Baby Shower in Fellowship Hall 2-5 pm (Tammy in charge!)
- Sunday 9/21—RALLY SUNDAY! Also, WMF will meet following the morning service.
- Western Days are coming end of September—be watching for more info.
- SIGN UP TO SERVE! Take a look at the calendar below, do you see a place where can you serve?



Anniversaries—September

9 Marc & Kristi Spohr
 9 Jeff & DeeDee Graves
 9 Ernie & Judy Summers
 17 Larry & Barb Maine
 18 Rober & Lisa Rogers
 21 Steve & Liz Jensen



Birthdays—September

2 Elaine Wade
 3 Ayden Olson
 3 Ryder Olson
 4 Mason Russell
 4 Lisa Rogers
 5 Jacob Jahns
 6 Carson Spohr
 12 Arlo David Jahns
 13 Mel Amundson
 15 Kristi Spohr
 21 Josiah Guzman
 24 Jacob Johnston
 24 Avery Evens
 26 Carrie Green
 29 Audrey Jahns
 29 Don Wade
 30 Fay Coats

	USHER/GREETER	READER	ACOLYTE	SACRISTAN	CLICKER	BREAD	TREATS AFTER WORSHIP
September 7				Linda B			Fellowship
September 14				Linda B			
September 21				Linda B			
September 28				Linda B			
October 5				Donna A			

Attention!!
Teamwork
makes the
dream work!
Let's do
better!





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September

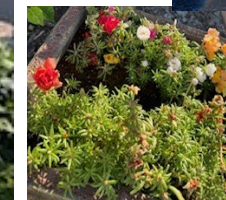
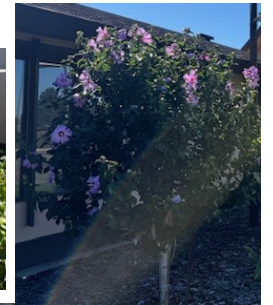
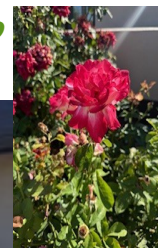


Mission Statement: PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH is led by the Holy Spirit **to invite** everyone to experience **God's Love and Grace** through life's pilgrimage of faith.

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.**



*Glimpses of God's Beautiful Creation
around our church! Thank you to all who
work to keep the grounds so beautiful!*



Lectionary Readings for September

September 7	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Psalms 1	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-30
September 14	Exodus 32:7-14	Psalms 51:1-10	I Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
September 21	Amos 8:4-7	Psalms 113	I Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
September 28	Amos 6:1a, 4-7	Psalms 146	I Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.