

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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## DECEMBER 2025



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

### Calendar of Events for Advent & Christmas

**Sunday Dec 7-**Worship & Celebration of Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Sunday Dec 14-**Worship & Cookie Exchange & Carol singing at Fellowship

**Sunday Dec 21-**Worship & Children's Christmas Program  
Baptism of Stone Henry Schomburg (son of Ashley & Taige), great grandson of Marcia & Rick Bougher.

**Wednesday Dec 24  
6 pm Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service-**Come experience the beauty of the night our Savior was born!

We are still exploring a combined Advent Service of Carols with the Othello Christian Church for Wednesday Dec 17. Keep your eyes trained on the weekly bulletins & FaceBook for information.

### Our Sympathy

We have received word that Linda Taylor passed away on November 1. She & her husband, Dean, and their children Michael and Kristi, were members here from 1959 until the mid-80's. A Celebration of Life is to be planned here in the early spring, the date of which is yet to be determined. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Michael and Kristi. Please keep them & their families in your thoughts and prayers.



### Christ Comes!

On Nov 30, the first Sunday in Advent, for just a few minutes during the sermon, the Christ Candle was illuminated by the sun coming through the windows. It was a stunning moment and then it was gone. Let's see if it happens again next Sunday!

### Call Committee Update

Your Pilgrim Lutheran call committee is continuing to work on the Ministry Site Profile. We are still working on Session Five which asks what our expectations are of a pastor and how we will support him/her. We have taken your responses, and are grouping them by topic to get a better idea of the expectations of the congregation. We will take your input for another 2 weeks. We meet biweekly and ask for your continued prayers. We encourage anyone with questions or comments to contact any committee member.

Members are:  
Bob Reichert,  
Caroyln Bunch,  
Tammy Rodriguez,  
Evelyn Wright,  
Angela Martinez,  
Sue Long-Hosek,  
Maxwell Martinez, and  
Kristi Spohr.



### It's Cantata Time

There are 3 opportunities to attend the Othello Choral Society's presentation of "The Heart of Heaven"

Sunday, Dec 7th at 3:30  
Church of the Nazarene-Othello

Saturday, Dec 13th at 7:30 pm  
LDS Stake Center-Othello

Sunday, Dec 14th at 3:30 pm  
Generations Church-Moses Lake

This year's Cantata, directed by Treva Reichert, promises to be a wonderful way to prepare for the Christmas season. Let us support our wonderful musicians.



Nov 23rd—Blessing of the Personal Care Kits put together by the Sunday School.



### Women's Bible Study

This month's Bible Study will be held on Saturday, December 13, at 10 am in the sewing room at Pilgrim. 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.

## A Message from your Pilgrim Council

Hello Pilgrims!  
Welcome to December, as we prepare our hearts in Advent for the arrival of our Lord Jesus Christ! I know that this time of year is a time of reflection for me, as I try to live into what the Lord is calling me to do, most importantly, to love my neighbor. We will have many ways this year to love our neighbors: donating to the Christmas baskets; continuing our contributions to Pet Rescue; donating to the Othello Food Bank. In addition, we have the wonderful Cantata to start off the first of the month. I love this time of year for the carols, lights and all the love that surrounds us!

The church council in conjunction with the synod, is beginning the process of interviewing an interim pastor, which is exciting news! Hopefully, this process will result in an interim that can carry us through until we call a new pastor. The call committee is continuing their work through this busy season. Please continue to keep them in your prayers. In the meantime, we will continue with supply pastors in the month of December.

Lisa's office hours still continue to be fluid, please continue to hold her and her family up in prayer.  
Thank you to all who work to help this church function through this uncertain time! God is always with us!

Thanks be to God!  
May God's Peace be with you all!  
See you in church!  
Linda Bork  
Council President

## Christmas Basket Breakfast

The Annual Christmas Basket Breakfast fundraiser will be **Sunday, Dec. 7 from 8 am to 1 pm** at the Eagles. All monies raised at the breakfast will support the Christmas Basket committee's endeavor to deliver "baskets" of food and toys to the underserved members of our community. Your contributions & participation are appreciated.



### Thank you!

Big Thanks to everyone who brought items to the potluck on the First Sunday in Advent and to those who stayed to partake of the good food! A great time was had by all. Special thanks to Tammy on the dishwasher, and Elaine and helpers in the kitchen. You are appreciated!

### Thank You

Many thanks to the Jensen family for again providing the beautiful wreaths adorning our front doors. A wreath makes a continuous circle-a symbol of God's never-ending love for us. Thank you Liz and Steve!

### In Case of Emergency:

Please contact a Council person, who will contact the Pastor on call. They are listed below for your convenience. Please make sure that you have at least one of their numbers. If not, call or message Kristi Spohr who can assist you.

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



*Prayer chain requests go to Evelyn Olson or Linda Bork.*

### INFO CORNER

|       |             |    |          |          |
|-------|-------------|----|----------|----------|
| 11/2  | Attendance: | 30 | Offering | \$ 4,175 |
| 11/9  | Attendance: | 28 | Offering | \$ 940   |
| 11/16 | Attendance: | 31 | Offering | \$13,352 |
| 11/23 | Attendance: | 32 | Offering | \$ 1,547 |
| 11/30 | Attendance: | 35 | Offering | \$ 1,362 |

Year to Date Offerings: \$ 112,861  
Year to Date Expenses: \$ 132,500

Noisy Offering for Assured Hospice-\$335  
This will be presented to Council for increasing the donation from our Bell Fund.

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

| SUN                                                                         | MON                             | TUE                                                 | WED                                  | THU                                                           | FRI                         | SAT                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                             | 1                               | 2<br>Cantata Practice<br>7-9 pm<br>Alpha Omega 5-10 | 3<br><b>Quilting 9-12</b>            | 4<br>Cantata Practice<br>7-9 pm                               | 5<br>Alpha Omega<br>5:30-9  | 6                                                     |
| 7<br>10 am Worship<br>Sunday School<br>Christmas Basket<br>Breakfast 8-1 pm | 8                               | 9 <b>Council 6 pm</b><br>Alpha Omega 5-10           | 10<br><b>Quilting 9-12</b>           | 11                                                            | 12<br>Alpha Omega<br>5:30-9 | 13 <b>Women's<br/>Bible Study<br/>10 am @ Pilgrim</b> |
| 14<br>10 am Worship<br>WMF Meeting<br>Cookie Exchange<br>Sunday School      | 15                              | 16<br>Alpha Omega 5-10                              | 17<br><b>Quilting 9-12</b>           | 18                                                            | 19<br>Alpha Omega<br>5:30-9 | 20                                                    |
| 21<br>10 am Worship<br>Sunday School<br>Program<br>Baptism                  | 22<br>No school<br>for 2 weeks! | 23<br>Alpha Omega 5-10                              | 24<br>6 pm<br>Candlelight<br>Service | 25<br><b>Merry<br/>Christmas!</b>                             | 26<br>Alpha Omega<br>5:30-9 | 27                                                    |
| 28<br>10 am Worship                                                         | 29                              | 30<br>Alpha Omega 5-10                              | 31<br><b>Happy<br/>New Year!</b>     | <b>Men's Breakfast</b><br>Saturday mornings 8<br>am @ Checo's |                             |                                                       |

## Budget Considerations

PLC Council will be looking at the budget for 2026 this month and next to prepare for the annual meeting. We continue to try to figure out ways to give out more whilst working to bring our budget more in line with our actual offerings. Please contact one of the council members if you have a budget idea that you would like them to consider.

## Anniversaries-December

4 Heidi & David Reichert

## 80th Birthday!!

Jim Nau is turning 80 on December 22! Please send a text or card to let him know you are thinking about him as he marks this milestone!

## Birthdays-December

5 Liz Jensen  
12 Joshua Rodriguez Sr.  
15 Michael McKay  
17 Mike Roth  
19 Joyce DeLeon  
20 Leonard Bland  
22 Jim Nau  
25 Evelyn Olson  
26 Jon Erickson  
27 Trudy Doolittle  
28 Macie Tricola  
29 Randy Deasy

|                         | USHER/GREETER | READER  | ACOLYTE                                                                                                                                                                          | SACRISTAN | CLICKER | BREAD        | TREATS AFTER WORSHIP |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------|--------------|----------------------|
| Dec 7                   | Marc          | Donna A | It's your time to<br><b>SHINE!</b> Let's fill this<br>chart out to make<br>things easier for those<br>working so hard to<br>keep our services<br>running smoothly!<br>Thank you! |           |         | Elaine       | Birthday Celebration |
| Dec 14                  |               | Linda B |                                                                                                                                                                                  |           | Tammy   | Elaine       |                      |
| Dec 21                  |               | Don W   |                                                                                                                                                                                  |           | Tammy   | Elaine       | Anita                |
| Dec 24<br>Christmas Eve |               | Angela  |                                                                                                                                                                                  |           | Tammy   | No communion |                      |
| Dec 28                  |               | Linda B | Maxwell                                                                                                                                                                          |           | Tammy   | Elaine       |                      |





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**December**



**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.**



Maya & Calista  
helping with  
communion



### Working Together

Thank you to all who stayed after  
the service on Nov 23 to decorate  
the sanctuary and fellowship hall for  
Christmas. You are appreciated!



### Lectionary Readings for December

|        |                |                      |                 |                 |
|--------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Dec 7  | Isaiah 11:1-10 | Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19 | Romans 15:4-13  | Matthew 3:1-12  |
| Dec 14 | Isaiah 35:1-10 | Psalms 146:5-10      | James 5:7-10    | Matthew 11:2-11 |
| Dec 21 | Isaiah 7:10-16 | Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19 | Romans 1:1-7    | Matthew 1:18-25 |
| Dec 28 | Isaiah 63:7-9  | Psalms 148           | Hebrews 2:10-18 | Matthew 2:13-23 |



**book of faith**  
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.