

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Seahawks Food Drive Update

How about our Seattle Seahawks! Super Bowl Champs and what a game! Nice work, Pilgrims, responding to the call for food and \$\$\$ for our Othello Food Bank and Adams County Pet Rescue. In just a couple weeks we overflowed the cart and raised \$518. For such a short window of time, that is fantastic and much appreciated by those 2 organizations!



Shrove Tuesday Update (see pictures inside!)

Way to go Pilgrims! Big thanks to everyone who came to decorate, to serve, to work and to support the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feed. Thanks to the Rotary Club for allowing us to use their trailer and grill — it was so nice to be able to grill outside our building. Thanks also for the help provided by the LDS women missionaries who ran the pancakes from the grill outside to the serving station inside. It was wonderful to see the Fellowship Hall full of our community neighbors! Your generosity raised \$1107! Great job everyone!

March Council Meeting

Council will meet on March 17th at 6 pm in the Council Room.



Women's Bible Study

Please join us in the Quilting Room off the kitchen for fellowship and Women's Bible Study on Saturday, March 14th at 10 am. Copies of the study can be found on the desk in the Narthex. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you!

Noisy Offering on March 29

Birthdays are on the back page!

Dear Pilgrims,

I know that we are all excited to welcome Pastor Conrado this month! His office hours will be 10:30 am - 1:30 pm Wednesdays and Fridays. Please stop by and make him feel welcome!

Please continue to send prayer requests to me when Pastor Conrado is not available. Evelyn will continue to visit shut ins with Pastor Conrado. She is also exploring restarting our Eucharist Ministry teams that we had before Covid, so stay tuned!

If you've noticed changes to our Facebook postings, please thank Lisa! She's doing a marvelous job in getting the word out about Pilgrim. If you haven't seen the postings, please follow us; they have been amazing. We are also exploring making the church's webpage easier to update and navigate.

Please continue to keep the call committee and church council in your prayers. The call committee will soon be wrapping up their work; they've really been hard at it! Your prayers are so valuable and needed!

As we enter the season of Lent (and my favorite part, Soup and Bread!), please join us at 6:00 pm Wednesdays for wonderful soups, bread and fellowship. A big thank you to the Worship committee and Fay Coats, who have some special things planned for us.

I cannot end without saying how grateful I am to all those who have helped us these past months; you know who you are! Many blessings to you!
God's Peace to you all,

A Message from the Past

"Pilgrim feels a little like a well-oiled machine, getting the worship going, everyone doing his/her own part, windows fixed, classes held, so much more. 😊

Except you are not a machine. You are a **Body of Christ**, working together under your Head, leaders leading, servants serving, many of you with your eyes open, looking for more work to do and seeing that it gets done.

My observation is that you know you are a Body, and you understand the division of labors in a church. Yes, some people work harder or differently from others. Not everyone can be the sacristan, reader board changer, hymn pickers, etc. The gifts fit the needs.

Former district President, Clarence Solberg, loved telling any congregation that God's Spirit gives every congregation every talent needed for its particular ministry.

You will be a gift to your transition pastor. I think he will especially appreciate your being self-starters. Please continue to do what you've been doing: Step Up and Step In."

This is a message from Pastor Steven Myers, our short-term interim before Pastor Don Short came to us in 2016. It seems to be very appropriate for this time at Pilgrim Lutheran as we welcome our interim pastor, Pastor Conrado Gonzaga. Please take Pastor Myers loving words to heart as we continue to do God's work here at Pilgrim!
In Christ, Kristi Spohr

Welcome Pastor Conrado Medina Gonzaga!



Pastor Conrado Gonzaga was born on March 7, 1966 in Taytay, Rizal, Philippines. He is the seventh of ten siblings born to Pedro B. Gonzaga and Milagros Z. Medina. Conrado was married to his wife Sheila for 18 years before her untimely passing in 2013. Their only child, Bettina works as an OR nurse at Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland. She graduated from Washington State University making Pastor Conrado a proud Cougar Dad. Bettina tied the knot with Dane Ocampo, also a Pastor's kid, last year. Dane currently stays in California as he studies to become a Physician's Assistant (PA). The plan is for him to eventually return to Washington State to practice his profession once he obtains his PA degree and license.

Pastor Conrado has since remarried and now maintains a home/parsonage in Moses Lake with wife Edelwisa Roman Gonzaga and kids, Keziah (18) and Ephraim (17). Edel works for the Moses Lake School District and serves as Communications Coordinator for the United Women in Faith, Seven Rivers District. Keziah is graduating this year from Moses Lake High School and will join the US Navy this summer as an E3 having been with the Moses Lake Air Force Junior ROTC for the past four years. Ephraim on the other hand does Running Start at Big Bend Community College and hopes to become a dentist someday.

Pastor Conrado accepted the Lord as his Lord and Savior when he was 17. He entered the pastoral ministry in 1986 as student pastor and became a Local Pastor in 1990. He was ordained Deacon in 1993 and then Elder in 1995. Pastor Conrado received his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from the Philippine Christian University-Manila in 1990. In 1994, he obtained his Master of Divinity at Union Theological Seminary in Dasmarias, Cavite, Philippines. Since his youth, Pastor Conrado has served in various capacities and has had a passion for teaching people how to apply the Word of God in their everyday lives. He began his ministry as a church planter and shared the Word in the rural areas of Batangas, Bulacan, Rizal, Laguna, Zambales and Bataan, Philippines. In 2008, Pastor Conrado and family moved to the United States to serve two churches simultaneously in two countries - Custer United Methodist Church in Washington, USA and Samahan United Methodist Church (now First United Methodist Church in Canada) in Surrey and Vancouver, Canada. He juggled these pastoral duties with grace shuttling back and forth Custer, WA and Surrey and Vancouver, Canada particularly on Sundays for 3 years. He then spent nine years at Lynden United Methodist Church before being appointed to Moses Lake United Methodist Church which he has been serving for the past five years.



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Pastor Conrado 's Office Hours
 Wednesdays and Fridays 10:30am—1:30pm

Lisa's Office Hours
 Monday 4-6pm
 W, Th, Fri, 8-10:30am

INFO CORNER

2/1	Attendance:	25	Offering:	\$	3,165
2/8	Attendance:	19	Offering:	\$	1,890
2/15	Attendance:	22	Offering:	\$	765
2/22	Attendance:	36	Offering:	\$	5,635

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feed	\$	1,107
Souper Bowl Donations	\$	518

2026 Offerings — \$ 31,864

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



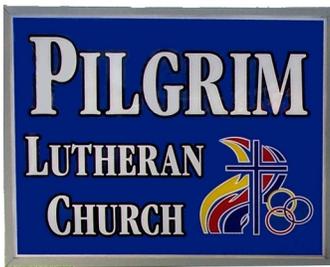
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 11 am Worship Sunday School	2 	3 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	4 9-12 Quilters Lenten Soup & Bread 6 pm	5 Worship & Music @ 7 pm	6	7
8 11am Worship Sunday School	9	10 Alfa y Omega 6 pm 	11 9-12 Quilters Lenten Soup & Bread 6pm	12	13	14 Women's Bible Study 10 am
15 11 am Worship Sunday School	16	17 Alfa y Omega 6 pm Church Council 6:00 pm 	18 9-12 Quilters Lenten Soup & Bread 6pm	19	20 Sandhill Crane Festival →	
22 11 am Worship Sunday School →	23	24 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	25 9-12 Quilters Lenten Soup & Bread 6pm	26	27	28
29 11 am Worship Sunday School Noisy Offering	30	31 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	9-12 Quilters Lenten Soup & Bread 6 pm	Men's Breakfast: Meeting each Saturday in March at Casa Mexicana Sunday School: Meeting each Sunday in March		



**Shrove
Tuesday
Pictures!**



	USHER/GREETER	READER	ACOLYTE	SACRISTAN	CLICKER	BREAD	TREATS AFTER WORSHIP
March 1				Bill and Danita	Tammy	Elaine	Fellowship
March 8					Tammy		
March 15					Tammy		
March 22		Linda B			Tammy		
March 29					Tammy		



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Schedule for Soup and Bread Suppers
March 4 **Soup**– Linda, Marcia and Liz
Bread– Linda C
March 11 **Soup**– Tammy, Angela and Kristi
Bread-Vicki, Tammy and Angela
March 18 **Soup**– Linda B, Kristi S
Bread-
March 25 **Soup**– Linda B
Bread-

Anniversaries
Do we really have no anniversaries in March?? Please let Lisa in the office or Kristi know! Thank you!



Birthdays–March
1 Darla Spurgeon
7 Ella Moore
8 Shane Wright
9 Marc Spohr
9 Shea Wedekind
11 Hadley Erickson
15 Kolton
16 Matt Tricola
17 Peyton Roberts
17 Ryan Moore
18 Bob Reichert
22 Jonah Short
23 Emma & Cash Erickson
25 Maxwell Martinez
27 David Amundson

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.

Lectionary Readings for March

Mar 1	Genesis 12:1-4a	Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-5,13-17	John 3:1-17
Mar 8	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
Mar 15	I Samuel 16:1-13	Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
Mar 22	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 130	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1
Mar 29	Matthew 21:1-11	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27:66



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.