

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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**Welcoming Pastor
Conrado Gonzaga!**



This past month began a new season of life here at Pilgrims! **What a JOY** it is to welcome Pastor Conrado and his family! They are already a tremendous blessing to our church family.



Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday

April 2 @ 7 pm
Pilgrim Lutheran will be joining the Christian Church on N. 9th for a Maundy Thursday service and Holy Communion.

Good Friday

April 3 at 7pm
We will be joining First Presbyterian Church for their Good Friday service. It is good to worship together!

Easter Sunday!

April 5 at 11 am.
We will have our traditional Easter Breakfast at 9:30, with lots of great food, and our Easter Egg Hunt will be at 10:30 just before our service at 11.



Women's Bible Study

Please join us in the Quilting Room off the kitchen for fellowship and Women's Bible Study on Saturday, April 11th 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!

April Council Meeting
Council will meet on April 14th at 6 pm in the Council Room.



Thank You

Thank you to all who came to participate in the Lenten Soup and Bread gatherings. It was a wonderful turnout every week! A big thank you to all who prepared soup and bread for us each week, to Tammy and her helpers for running the cleanup and to Liz for playing the piano for us. A shout out to our Christian Church neighbors who came to participate with us. Our focus on prayer included different ways, methods and examples of prayer during the Lenten series. It was a real blessing to us and we pray that it was beneficial to you too. Thank You! Keep Praying!
—Kristi and Fay.



Above: The prayer labyrinth located at Providence Hospital in Spokane Valley.

The church roofing project begins on April 20th. Please use due care and caution around the project.

Straight from the Pastor's heart

"Strength! Courage! Don't be timid; don't get discouraged. God, your God, is with you every step you take"— Joshua 1:6.

I remember the day when I decided to enter the ministry on a full-time basis. I was then a very young man with a great vision of becoming a minister of the gospel someday. As a 20-year old, I loved being in church and enjoyed the company of church people regardless of age, from the oldest of the old to the youngest of the young. I began to appreciate the beauty of being with and serving people in the community of faith. I was leading various church activities such as group studies, outreach and mission programs, personal evangelism and preaching. Despite my involvement in these undertakings and the training I got from the seminary, I still felt inadequate for the challenging duties that lay ahead. I thought I was relatively inexperienced compared to the more seasoned veterans. I remember a pastor friend of mine who told me that he realized that leading a church is arguably more challenging than in a corporate setting as churches largely operate in an environment that thrives in volunteerism. There will be no one behind your back following you if the church leader does not get the buy-in of the members as they are "volunteers". I also recall my wife Edel telling me how an officer in her old company in the Philippines used to scoff at why their company spent millions getting key people in their organization go through the John Maxwell leadership series when John Maxwell was "just" a former pastor and not a corporate veteran. Edel corrected him by stressing that in a corporate setting, people are paid to follow certain orders and perform some tasks making the work easier, but not in church. It can therefore be more challenging to mobilize people and get the job done.

In time though, I developed my self-confidence, refined my strengths and worked on my areas for improvement. Looking back, I now realize that the long period of harnessing my leadership potentials is a preparation for the bigger platform that I will need to fulfill. Who am I to imagine that I could be a pastor of God's people in a place called America, The Beautiful? As I reflect on the text above and relate it to my personal ministry journey, I realized that Joshua probably felt the same thing when he was confronted with the responsibility of leading God's people into the Promised Land. That's the reason why Moses constantly encouraged Joshua, his protégé, to be strong and courageous.

As we face various concerns, we too may feel insufficient and weak but God is still calling all of us to serve. It doesn't matter who we are, what we have, and where we have been, what matters most is that we've heard the call, we are up to the challenge and we are ready to be shaped by God to do an outstanding job.

Grateful for all of you,

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Keep Saving the Pop Tabs!!


Kristi dropping off over 10 POUNDS of tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities! Thank you for "pulling together" to make a difference in the lives of kids and their families!

INFO CORNER

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| 3/1 | Attendance: | 38 | Offering: | \$ 3,162 |
| 3/8 | Attendance: | 30 | Offering: | \$ 1,720 |
| 3/15 | Attendance: | 31 | Offering: | \$ 675 |
| 3/22 | Attendance: | 40 | Offering: | \$ 5,663 |
| 3/29 | Attendance: | 33 | Offering: | 810 |

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| 2026 Expenses | \$ | 31,300 |
| 2026 Offerings | \$ | 43,714 |

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

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|-----------|---|--|------------------------|--|--|
| Men's Breakfast: Meeting each Saturday in April at Casa Mexicana | |  | 1 9-12 Quilters | 2 | 3 Good Friday Service 7pm @ 1st Presbyterian | 4 |
| 5 Easter Sunday! 9:30 Breakfast 10:30 Easter Egg Hunt 11 am Worship | 6 | 7 Alfa y Omega 6 pm | 8 9-12 Quilters Spring Break | 9 | 10 | 11 Women's Bible Study 10 am |
| 12 11 am Worship Sunday School | 13 | 14 Alfa y Omega 6 pm Church Council 6:00 pm | 15 Tax Day 9-12 Quilters | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 11 am Worship Sunday School 1 pm Linda Taylor Memorial Service | 20 | 21 Alfa y Omega 6 pm | 22 9-12 Quilters Earth Day | 23 | 24 Synod Assembly—Pastor and Evelyn will be gone | 25 |
| 26 11 am Worship Sunday School | 27 | 28 Alfa y Omega 6 pm | 29 9-12 Quilters | 30 No School | Birthdays—April 3 Shirley McCullough 4 John Ogendahl 5 Kevin Spohr 9 Jose Guzman 12 Robert Rogers 19 Judy Summers 25 Linda Crosier 28 Jordan Rapp Rodriguez | |

Our Sympathy

On Sunday, April 19th, the family of Linda Taylor will be joining us for the Sunday morning service and providing refreshments after service. At 1pm we will have a Memorial Service for Linda. Please keep her children Mike and Kristi and their families in your prayers for safe travels to and from Othello, and for their peace.



April Anniversaries

28— John and Laura Lawrence

| | USHER/GREETER | READER | ACOLYTE | SACRISTAN | CLICKER | BREAD | TREATS AFTER WORSHIP |
|----------|---------------|---------|---------|-------------|---------|-------|----------------------|
| April 5 | | Donna A | | Carolyn—Liz | Tammy | | Erika and Aubry |
| April 12 | | | | Carolyn—Liz | Tammy | | S Bray and S Bosch |
| April 19 | | Linda | | Carolyn—Liz | Tammy | | Linda Taylor Family |
| April 26 | | Angela | | Carolyn—Liz | Tammy | | Angela |



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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 **servicing our community, being a good neighbor, and embracing the power of prayer.**

Attention!

Have you noticed how beautiful the church & parsonage landscaping looks. We have contracted with our lawn mowing service to complete a fertilizing schedule for the year. Also, Tammy, Pete, and Kristi are spreading Preen in the garden areas to keep the weeds down. Please enjoy our church grounds & help to keep them nice. If you see any trash on site, please feel free to pick it up & dispose of it.
Thank you for your donations that allow us to maintain our landscape & **thank God** for our wonderful church campus.



Lenten Gathering 4

Lectionary Readings for April

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| April 5 | Acts 10:34-43 | Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 | Colossians 3:1-4 | Matthew 28:1-10 |
| April 12 | Acts 2:14a, 22-32 | Psalm 16 | I Peter 1:3-9 | John 20:19-31 |
| April 19 | Acts 2:14a, 36-41 | Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 | I Peter 1:17-23 | Luke 24:13-35 |
| April 26 | Acts 2:42-47 | Psalm 23 | I Peter 2:19-25 | John 10:1-10 |



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.