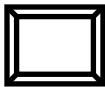


PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Newsletter Update

A message regarding this newsletter! If the box above is checked, your future access to the newsletter will be through Pilgrim Lutheran's website: othellolutheran.com. For many years we have added names to our "send" list to achieve a 200 + quota for the bulk rate at the post office. This quota has been lifted and we have the capability to view the newsletter on the web now! If the box is checked above and you desire to continue receiving the newsletter by mail, please **call** the church office and leave a message, or **email** the church with your request at pilgrimlutheran@hotmail.com. Thank you for recognizing that there are many resources that go into the printing and sending out of this type of communication!!



SHROVE TUESDAY— February 9th 5-7 PM

Gary Quarles, Jim Nau, Larry McCourtie, and Leonard Bland are ready to flip pancakes for **YOU** at Pilgrim's Annual Community Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner! Menu includes pancakes, sausages, applesauce, coffee and juice. All proceeds from the dinner go to support Hospice and the Othello Food Bank. If you signed up to help set up, that takes place Monday the 8th at 4 pm.

Shrove Tuesday is the last day for feasting before the start of Lent. It is the day before Ash Wednesday where people would "shrive" or confess their sins to the priest. Since meat, milk, butter and sugar were forbidden during the Lenten fast, pancakes were served as an easy way for the family to use up these items. Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) is celebrated in New Orleans and other parts of the world as the last day for feasting and partying before Lent. Whether we call it Mardi Gras or Shrove Tuesday, you are invited to participate in this traditional feast of pancakes and sausages.



Recognition Sunday

On Recognition Sunday, January 24, we learned a little history on Gary and Rebecca Quarles and their 10 month old son, Levi. Please welcome them warmly into the Pilgrim family when you see them! We look forward to getting to know them better!

Lenten Services

"Sights of the Passion"

Ash Wednesday-Feb. 10 @ 7PM

We will focus on the cross and what the cross means to each of us.

Each following **Wednesday** we will be reflecting on different items used or seen during the crucifixion such as the robe, nails, sponge, etc. This series may sound familiar to you as it was used by Pastor Glenn Berge here at Pilgrim Lutheran in the early 1990's. Please join us each Wednesday for discussion and song.



Soup and Bread Suppers

Our Lenten reflections are preceded by wonderful fellowship as we share a soup and bread meal together. Please sign up to bring either soup or bread at least once during Lent! The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex on the table. Thank you for your participation-we have some amazing soup recipes amongst us, and we look forward to seeing you there!

From Pastor Steve Myers: Taken from "Seeds of the Parish"

Resolve to do year-round stewardship

Do you have a resolution for the New Year? If not, consider introducing year-round stewardship as a pathway to discipleship in your congregation. Year-round stewardship is a way to get out of the habit of just talking about stewardship in one season, like the fall, and bringing it into the life of the congregation throughout the year.

Year-round stewardship enables a congregation to separate stewardship from the financial response and instead focus on all of the different aspects of what it means to be a good steward.

One easy way to keep stewardship year-round is to lift up different ministries that happen through your congregation as part of the weekly offertory prayer. This is a powerful way to connect the dots between the Sunday morning offering and all the wonderful things that happen through your congregation. Use a mix of ministries that happen both inside and outside of the congregation, including the ministries that happen through all expressions of the ELCA.

If you are looking for help to get started with year-round stewardship, you might want to consider "Stewards of God's Love," an ELCA comprehensive resource created in 2013. It includes activities, ideas and inspiration for a year-round approach. This resource can be downloaded at www.ELCA.org/growingstewards.

Also on the ELCA website (www.ELCA.org/Resources/Stewardship under the Leadership tab) is a downloadable resource called "Year Around Planning." It provides a monthly calendar with Bible readings, books, group and family activities and more. Whether you go with a monthly, quarterly or some other frequency of schedule, this is a great collection of possibilities to consider as you put together your own plan.

Year-round stewardship looks different in every congregation, but it has the potential of providing much more impact for your stewardship ministry. "Stewards of God's Love" has provided inspiration and 'doable' ideas to implement a more thorough year-round approach to stewardship."

– Pastor James Lehman, St. John Lutheran Church, Port Clinton, Ohio

From your Church Council: "With God all things are possible."
Matthew 19:26

Monthly Update:

January 31 was a monumental day for Pilgrim Lutheran Church as we prayerfully accepted a new Transition Pastor to lead us in fulfilling our mission. The appointment of Pastor Donald Short was confirmed at the Annual Congregational meeting. We look forward to Pastor Short and his wife, Anna, joining us in early March. Stay tuned for additional news in our weekly bulletins!

We do have an additional need here at PLC-someone to take over the administration of the website and our Facebook Account. We need someone to take an interest in getting Pilgrim's news on the WEB! If interested in learning how to do this, please contact Sharon in the office.

Blessings to each and every one of you!

If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please contact Pastor Steven Myers at **509-389-0075**, keeping in mind that he is unavailable Mondays-Thursdays 9 am-12 pm. These are the hours that he volunteers at a local alternative school. **Beginning Feb. 10, Pastor Myers will be here Wednesdays 2-8, instead of Fridays so that he can participate in Lenten services with us.**

Congregational Meeting Highlights

Our Annual Congregational Meeting was held Sunday, January 31, 2016 immediately following worship. At the meeting, we:

- Discussed & voted to confirm Pastor Donald Short as Pilgrim Lutheran's transitional pastor.
- Discussed & adopted the 2016 Annual Mission Budget. Our 2016 Budget is \$121,500.
- Voted to use \$4000 from the renewal fund for projects needing completion on the church campus.
- Elected Jim Nau, Larry McCourtie, and Ernie Summers to Council.
- Elected Danita, Shirley, & Kristi to Synod Assembly (only 2 voting)
- Elected Jan C. & Liz D. to the nominating committee.
- Elected Leonard B. to the Endowment committee.

INFO CORNER

1/3 Attendance:	46	Offering: \$	2078.00
1/10 Attendance:	50	Offering: \$	2900.00
1/17 Attendance:	45	Offering: \$	2582.94
1/24 Attendance:	50	Offering: \$	2069.00
1/31 Attendance:	53	Offering: \$	1271.50

YTD Offerings—\$ 10,901.44

YTD Expenses--\$ 5,372

Thank you for supporting your church!

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Sandi Bosch	—	509-346-5211
Larry McCourtie	—	509-989-6645
Jim Nau	—	509-989-0327
Ernie Summers	—	509-989-1206

February 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Fellowship Mtg 4 pm	2 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	3 Quilting 9-3 pm	4	5	6
7 "Souper" Bowl! Worship Sunday School Book Group 9am	8	9 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feed 5-7 Endowment Comm. 12 pm @ Showhouse Alfa y Omega 6 pm	10 Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm "The Cross" Quilting 9-3 pm	11 Council 7 pm	12	13 Women's Bible Study 10 am Mid-Winter Break →
14  Worship Sunday School ← Mid-Winter Break	15 Presidents' Day	16 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	17 Soup & Bread 6 pm The Robe @ 6:45 Quilting 9-3 pm	18	19	20
21 Worship Sunday School Book Group 9am Recognition Sunday	22	23 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	24 Soup & Bread 6 pm The Nails @ 6:45 Quilting 9-3 pm	25	26	27
28 Worship Sunday School	29	Temple Tender Tuesdays—10 am Men's Group Breakfast- Saturdays 8am @ Casa			Musical Meditation 12-1 pm Lenten Wednesdays Beginning Feb. 17	

Birthdays-February

- 5 Henry Solbrack
- 5 Jean Callahan
- 7 John Bergstrom
- 9 Tammy Rodriguez
- 11 Brady Hilmes
- 12 Lillian Solbrack
- 13 Tyler Evans
- 14 Joleen McKay
- 15 Trevor Hilmes
- 20 Kjersten Frerichs
- 21 Lupe Mendoza

- 23 Shirley Yager
- 23 Audrey Stephens
- 23 Janet Ward
- 25 Milt Eidahl
- 25 Dee Wright
- 27 Jennifer Porter
- 27 Vance Frerichs
- 27 Elija Rodriguez

Anniversaries-February

- 20 Leonard & Joleen Bland

This list may not be complete!!! If you know of someone who should be on this list, or if your birthday or anniversary should be and is not on this list, **PLEASE** text or phone the information to Kristi Spohr at 509-331-4406. Thank you very much!



DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	ALTAR GUILD	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER
Feb. 7	Phil Bennison	Marcia Bougher	Linda Bork	Marc Spohr	Jan Charlston	Nancy Roth	Tammy Rodriguez	Annie Smith
Feb. 14	Jim Weinkauff	Liz Deasy	Jan Charlston	Bill Porter	Liz Deasy	Nancy Roth	Tammy Rodriguez	Annie Smith
Feb. 21	Steve Jensen Phil Bennison	Barb Maine	Linda Bork	Steve Jensen	Nancy Roth	Nancy Roth	Tammy Rodriguez	Annie Smith
Feb. 28	Jim Weinkauff	Kristi Spohr	Sue Bunch	Gary Quarles	Sue Bunch	Cindy Eidahl	Tammy Rodriguez	Sharon B Sandi B



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

Autopsy
of a
Deceased
Church
12 WAYS TO KEEP YOURS ALIVE
Thom S. Rainer

↔ **Keeping Our Church Alive**
Linda Bork has been heading up a book study on Keeping Our Church Alive for the last several months. Discussions continue in February on the 7th and 21st at 9 am.
If you still have this book roaming around your home and have already read it, **PLEASE bring it back to the church so that others may read it!** The ideas brought forth in this book AND in the discussions around it will help us move boldly and confidently into the future with guidance from the Holy Spirit.

Women's Bible Study
Sat., February 13 at 10 am. Our Bible Studies, led this Sat. by Fay Coats are informal and a wonderful time of learning and fellowship. Extra copies are on the table in the Narthex! We hope to see you there!



Lectionary Readings for February

Feb. 7	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 99:1-5	II Corinth. 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-36
Feb. 14	Deut. 26:1-11	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
Feb. 21	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Psalm 27:4-6	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
Feb. 28	Isaiah 55:1-9	Psalm 63:1-8	1 Corinth. 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9

