

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Vacation Bible School



Thank you, Emilee Jensen!

Emilee organized the VBS this year along with many Pilgrim Lutheran VBS veterans, the Presbyterian and Othello Christian churches. The decorations were superb, activities, games, snacks, and crafts well done, and the songs uplifting! These kids will all remember the Bible stories center where they encountered stormy seas as they learned lessons of faith, and God's love. It was a fabulous week had by all. Thank you to ALL the volunteers in every area, to the group leaders, and to Pastor Don and Pastor Anderson from First Presbyterian Church. With all of you, VBS was a tremendous success!



Welcome Emilee!

Meet Emilee, newly baptized member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church. She is pictured here with her parents, Jeff and Johnnie Buchanan.

School Kits Needed

Soon we will see signs advertising "Back to School" sales on supplies needed for kids to start school. We have received word from Lutheran World Relief that the need for school kits is greater than ever as refugees continue to arrive in already crowded camps. School kits are sent around the world benefitting children in orphanages, areas where families can barely afford the fees necessary to send their children to school much less purchase supplies and refugee camps.

Items needed for one school kit:

Four 70-sheet 8 ½ x 10 ½ inch notebooks (this size is important) wide or college ruled

One pencil sharpener

One blunt scissors (safety scissors for children with embedded steel blades)

Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers

Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)

One 2 ½ inch eraser

One box of 16 or 24 crayons (Crayola brand is best)

One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on

one side and inches on the other

If you are not a shopper but would still like to contribute, monetary donations can be made instead. Contact Sandi Bosch or Fay Coats.

An Evening with Blessing

Thank you to Pastor Jon Short for bringing Claudine (Blessing) Kasongo to Othello and to Claudine for her talks with the Bible Schoolers, and with the community that evening. Speaking for Hope for the Children of Africa Task Force, Claudine is the first from the Jamaa Letu Orphanages to graduate from the university. It is heart-warming to hear of God's work in such difficult circumstances. Thank you, Pilgrims for your kind donations to Blessing, replacing her salary with your monetary gifts and for the wonderful potluck prior to her evening talk. Thank you, Linda Bork, for sharing your trip to Uganda to meet your sponsored child, Nice. Thank you Pastor Don and Anna for hosting the Potluck.



Top photo-Pastor Jon Short and Claudine (Blessing) Kasongo
Below-Claudine speaking with the children at Vacation Bible School.



For more photos and information on what's happening at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, be sure to "LIKE" our Facebook page at Pilgrim Lutheran Church-ELCA.

From your Pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
 Perhaps you heard my sermon on Father's Day either in church or online and you know that I have been coached in transformational ministry. Maybe after hearing that sermon you have some questions about what transformational ministry will look like. What will change? How will our church be different? Who is going to come to church with us as a result of all of the change? Right now I have no idea how to answer any of those questions. You see, transformational ministry is a process, not a program.

In a program there are particular agenda items and protocols to follow to reach a foreseen outcome. In a process such as transformational ministry we will follow the leading of the Holy Spirit to see what God is calling us to do. God is leading us, and just like Jesus said in John 3:8, "The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you *do not know* where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Are you OK with living in that mystery? Right now we don't know what God is calling us to do, but we DO know that God will be with us as we do it.

During the months of July and August I will be asking people to be a part of what will be called the Pilgrim Lutheran Renewal Team. This small team of about four to six people will be given the task of having conversations with you. We will be having one on one conversations with as many church members as we can and we will be comparing our answers to see what God is bringing out of those conversations as a direction to focus our energy. This will be a total congregational effort because you will either be a member of the renewal team or a conversation partner with one. Since there are lots of people who are part of this church and there will be lots of conversations, I expect this whole process to take several months, so I will appreciate your patience as we listen to each other and listen to God.

In the meantime I think we will continue doing things well. We have embraced many new things in the past few months and we will embrace new things in the future, and God will be with us, as God makes all things new. As Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ!" How do you like that? You are an ambassador for Christ! Now, let's see what Christ asks us to do for his sake.

Peace,
 Pastor Don

From your Church Council:

"With God all things are possible."

Happy 4th of July to all of you! Have you heard the buzz? Pilgrim Lutheran has an energetic, caring, responsive Pastor. If you haven't met Pastor Short and his wife Anna, please take the time to come by either during the posted office hours, or make an appointment to meet with him in the afternoon. Pastor Don has a wonderful sense of humor, is kind, and personable. Even better, come to our Sunday services at 10 am. Several of Pastor Don's sermons are available on our Pilgrim Lutheran Facebook Page... They are insightful and we find ourselves thinking about the messages far into the following week. Our many activities are being advanced via our Facebook Page... you will find photos of the awesome Vacation Bible School, of our fabulous outdoor worship without walls service on 6/26, of our Pentacost Prayer Vigil, etc. Have a look around the Facebook Page, and don't hesitate to ask for help if you have trouble getting there!

July 12 we gather prior to the Council meeting for committee meetings. If you are not currently serving on a committee, we would love to have you consider what your gifts are, where your passion is for spreading the Gospel, and we encourage you to come get involved with a committee where you may share ideas and work as the Holy Spirit moves you together. We will all be there, as will God, cheering us on!

Blessings to all as we celebrate our country!

Pastor Short's office hours are Tuesday-Friday 9-12
 Afternoons reserved for visitations, meetings, and appointments.
 Sharon's office hours are Tuesday & Thursday 10-12
 Friday 10-4.
 If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please contact Pastor Don Short at **509-761-1212**.

INFO CORNER

6/5 Attendance: 47 Offering: \$ 2758
 6/12 Attendance: 51 Offering: \$ 2868
 6/19 Attendance: 44 Offering: \$ 1824
 6/26 Attendance: 49 Offering: \$ 1450

YTD Offerings—\$ 64,053
 YTD Expenses--\$ 50,338



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

Thank you for your extra giving! A total of \$764 was sent to Claudine Kasongo-awesome! AND \$216.73 was collected at VBS for the Hope for the Children of Africa Task Force. God loves a generous heart!!

Council Members:

Danita Porter	—	509-346-7633
Kristi Spohr	488-9950	509-331-4406
Sandi Bosch	—	509-346-5211
Larry McCourtie	—	509-989-6645
Jim Nau	—	509-989-0327
Ernie Summers	—	509-989-1206

July 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	1	2
3 Worship	4 	5 Alfa y Omega 6 pm Pastor Don and Anna on vacation.	6	7	8	9
10 Worship	11	12  Alfa y Omega 6 pm See Star Below	13	14	15	16
17 Worship	18	19 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	20	21	22	23
24 Worship	25	26 Alfa y Omega 6 pm Red Cross Blood Drive 1-6 pm	27	28	29	30
31 Worship	Temple Tender Tuesdays —10 am Men's Group Breakfast - Saturdays 8am @ Casa					

Birthdays-July

- 2 Liz Deasy
- 4 Jack McFarlin
- 4 Sandi Bosch
- 6 Anna Short
- 8 Mandy Moore
- 9 Aleta Cheek
- 12 Ivan Vallejo

- 16 Paul Snyder
- 21 Annie Smith
- 25 Kelsey Olsen
- 26 Larry Kirkpatrick
- 27 Molly Jensen
- 27 Desiree Howes




Tuesday-July 12 Schedule

- 6 pm-Potluck** for everyone (main dish provided by council)
- 6:30** Committee Meetings
- 7:15** Committee Overlap Concerns
- 7:45** Council meets

Anniversaries-July

- 23 Paul & Bernie Snyder
- 24 Pete & Tammy Rodriguez
- 31 James & Becca Thornton



American Red Cross
Together, we can save a life

The next Blood Drive at Pilgrim will be Tuesday, July 26th, from 1 to 6 pm. Any help in setting up and/or donating blood is greatly appreciated.

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	ALTAR GUILD	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER
July 3	Phil Bennison Marc Spohr	Barb Maine	Shirley McCullough		Anna Short		Kristi Spohr	Judy & Ernie Summers
July 10	Pete Rodriguez Dick Hudnall	Jim Weinkauff	Jan Charlston	Linda Bork	Fay Coats		Tammy Rodriguez	Tammy Rodriguez
July 17	Pete Rodriguez Jim Weinkauff	Anna Short	Annie Smith			Donna Adams	Tammy Rodriguez	Sharon B. & Sandi B
July 24	Sharon Bray Sandi Bosch	Liz Jensen	Fay Coats	Bill Porter	Danita Porter	Donna Adams	Emilee Jensen	
July 31	Jim Weinkauff Larry McCourtie	Marcia Bougher	Sue Bunch		FayAnn McCourtie	FayAnn McCourtie	Anna Short	



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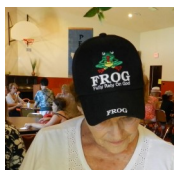
God's work. Our hands.
July 2016

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.

Hats Galore from our Worship without Walls!

Enjoy some of the creative hats that showed up at our outdoor service. It was great to be worshipping on the lawn! Thanks to all the folks who helped put up the shade screen, take it down, to our awesome musicians, and to Anna and Pastor Don for hosting the ice cream social and to the helpers in the kitchen. **Thank you!**



Lectionary Readings for July

July 3	Isaiah 66:10-14	Psalm 66:1-9	Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
July 10	Deuter. 30:9-14	Psalm 25:1-10	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
July 17	Genesis 18:1-10a	Psalm 15	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
July 24	Genesis 18:20-32	Psalm 138	Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]	Luke 11:1-13
July 31	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23	Psalm 49:1-12	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21