

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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### Pilgrim Renewal Team

We, as the people of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, are pretty well connected, but it is good to check in with each other from time to time to keep things going well. The Renewal Team of Pilgrim Lutheran has been given the task of having conversations with you. They will be contacting you and arranging ways to talk about your thoughts on where you live, about the church and about your community. They will also listen so that we may use those conversations to shape the future of our church together. Please welcome them and their conversations for the good of all of us and our lives together. As Paul wrote to the Ephesians, "The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of faith." (Ephesians 4:11-13a)

### Our Sympathy

We offer our deepest condolences to the family of Will Coats, long-time member of Pilgrim Lutheran church. Please continue to hold Fay, Jodi, Scott, and their families up in prayer as they grieve the loss of husband, father, grandfather. We will all miss him greatly.

### Women's Bible Study

Join us Saturday Feb. 11, at 10 am for fellowship and Bible Study. Copies of the study can be found on the desk in the Narthex! We hope to see you there!

### Ash Wednesday and Lent Services

Ash Wednesday service, with the Imposition of Ashes will be held on Wednesday, March 1 at 7 PM. Everyone is invited to attend this service as we enter the season of Lent. We hope to see you there!

### Shrove Tuesday— February 28th 5-7 PM

Shrove Tuesday, (Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday) is right around the corner, and PLC is getting ready to host another great Community 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, February 27th at 4 pm.

Shrove Tuesday is the last day for feasting before the start of Lent. It is the day where people would "shrive" or confess their sins to the priest before Ash Wednesday. 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.



**Be sure to invite your friends and relatives to this fun evening!**



### Thank you Fellowship and Property Committees

We appreciate the work of the many people who brought food, served, made coffee, set up and took down tables, and otherwise made the meals following the Memorial services this month so special for the families and everyone who attended. We also thank all the people who worked to keep the parking lot, and the sidewalks safe for those who attended. It was a massive effort and we thank you.

### Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Jim Weinkauff, son James, and daughter Kim Ditton and family. Please continue to keep Jim's family in your prayers as they grieve their loss. Jim volunteered in several areas at church and we will miss him.



### Recognition Sunday

Sunday, January 15, we recognized Marc, Kristi, and Kayla Spohr. Each one does a variety of tasks around our church to help keep it running smoothly. Take a moment when you see them to say "thanks for all you do." -Sandi Bosch

### Thank You

Dear Church Family,  
I am a little late in sending a thank you for all the wonderful prayers, cards and caring that my brother Bob and I received during his illness. It meant so much to me and he was very touched by how people cared for him, especially Pastor Don when Bob wasn't a member here. It was a very hard loss for me and I thank you with all my heart. I love all of you so much. -Shirley Jean

**From your Pastor:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When the calendar turns to February, it seems like the world around us begins to think almost exclusively about Valentine's Day. It comes smack dab in the middle of the month on the 14th, and even though St. Valentine was a monk who never married and a martyr who was executed after a long imprisonment, the day has become dedicated to celebrating romantic love. There are cards in stores, gifts and candies in heart shapes and many items with hearts printed on them to celebrate the connection of two people in love.

But love comes in other forms worth celebrating also. We are given the gift of love from God which binds our whole congregation together in sharing concern for each other. We share God's love together in worship, but even more importantly, we share God's love with phone calls and social calls where we get together and care for one another. Keep doing that. Encourage people to join you in doing that. Invite people to feel the love that we share at Pilgrim Lutheran Church because that is exactly what the book of Hebrews instructs us to do. "Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'" (Hebrews 13:1-6)

Sharing love is something we are called to do throughout our Christian life, but so often the world does not appreciate what we have. That doesn't mean we stop doing it! Jesus commanded us to love one another, and the more people we invite to share in that love, the better this world will be. Remember the old song, "They will Know We are Christians by our Love"? Let's make sure the world knows who we are. "Let mutual love continue."

Peace,  
Pastor Don Short

**From your Church Council:**

Greetings Fellow Pilgrims!

We have declared this the year of the invitation! Let us share how God has blessed us individually and collectively as a body of Christ. But our God is not stingy-blessings abound for all who believe and call upon his name. Let's reach out to others to share His Love!

For the last year and a half, we have had Matthew 19:26 at the top of this column-an encouragement to trust God as we followed a new path. I (Kristi) would like to adopt another verse for this year to challenge us to share God's Love with others. Do you have a favorite verse that would encourage us all to share God's Good News with others? You can let Anna know in the office or put it in my box. Thank you for sharing!

Peace be with you all!

Larry, Kristi, Sandy, Ernie, Jim, & Marcia

**INFO CORNER**

1/1	Attendance:	28	Offering:	\$ 1665
1/8	Attendance:	40	Offering:	\$ 2633
1/15	Attendance:	49	Offering:	\$ 2388
1/22	Attendance:	41	Offering:	\$ 3376
1/29	Attendance:	51	Offering:	\$ 1230

YTD Offerings — \$ 11,292 Noisy offering  
YTD Expenses— \$ 7,531 125.00

**Thank you for supporting your Church and it's Mission! God loves a generous heart!**

**Congregational Meeting**

**Highlights**

Our Annual Congregational Meeting was held Sunday, January 29, 2017 immediately following worship. At the meeting, we:

- Voted to confirm Pastor Donald Short's 2nd Transitional Year.
- Discussed & adopted the 2017 Annual Mission Budget. Our 2017 Budget is \$123,017.
- Elected Sandi Bosch, Marcia Bougher, & Kristi Spohr to Council.
- Elected Kristi Spohr & Anna Short to Synod Assembly
- Elected Danita Porter, Larry McCourtie, and Sue Bunch to the nominating committee.
- Elected Dick Hudnall to the Endowment committee.
- Elected Bill Porter & Fay Ann to 2 year terms on the Evaluation Committee, and Tammy & Pete Rodriguez to 1 year terms on the Evaluation Committee.





**Pastor Short's office hours** -Tuesday-Friday 9-12 Afternoons reserved for visitations, meetings, and appointments.

**Anna's office hours**-Tuesday & Thursday 9-11 Friday 9-11 & 2-4.

If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please contact Pastor Don Short at **509-761-1212**.

**Council Members:**

Larry McCourtie	—	509-989-6645
Kristi Spohr	488-9950	509-331-4406
Sandi Bosch	—	509-346-5211
Marcia Bougher	—	509-750-5288
Jim Nau	—	509-989-0327
Ernie Summers	—	509-989-1206

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		Alfa y Omega 6 pm	<b>1</b> Quilting 9 am	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6 pm	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>  9 am Book of Acts 10 am Worship Healing Service	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Alfa y Omega 6 pm	<b>8</b> Quilting 9 am	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Women's Bible Study 10 am
<b>12</b> 9 am <b>Choir Practice</b> 10 am Worship 3 pm <b>Celebration of the Arts</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  Alfa y Omega 6 pm	<b>15</b> Quilting 9 am	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9 am Book of Acts 10 am Worship	<b>20</b> Presidents' Day	<b>21</b> Alfa y Omega 6 pm  See below	<b>22</b> Quilting 9 am	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9 am Book of Acts 10 am Worship Recognition Sunday	<b>27</b> Set up for Shrove 4 pm	<b>28</b> Alfa y Omega 6 pm <b>Shrove Tuesday 5-7 pm</b>	<b>Temple Tender Tuesdays—10 am</b> <b>Men's Group Breakfast- Saturdays 8am @ Casa Mexicana</b> <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL-February 5, 12, 19, 26</b>			

**Birthdays-February**

- 5 Henry Solbrack
- 5 Jean Calahan
- 7 John Bergstrom
- 9 Tammy Rodriguez
- 11 Brady Hilmes
- 12 Lillian Solbrack
- 13 Tyler Evans
- 14 Joleen McKay
- 15 Trevor Hilmes
- 21 Lupe Mendoza
- 23 Shirley Yager
- 23 Audrey Stephens
- 23 Janet Ward
- 25 Dee Wright
- 27 Jennifer Porter
- 27 Elija Rodriguez

**Anniversaries-February**

- 20 Leonard & Joleen Bland

**ART, ART, ART**

Othello Ministerial Association is hosting a Celebration of the Arts at PLC on Sunday, Feb.12 at 3 pm. The Pilgrim Choir will be singing, there will be an instrumental ensemble, and you are invited to bring YOUR art for display. Refreshments will be served following the service. See you there!



**Tuesday February 21**  
6:30 Committees Meet  
7:30 Council

Please call or text Kristi Spohr at 509-331-44-6 with any birthdays or anniversaries to be added to the list. **Thank you!**



**Thank you** to this crew for helping clean up after the Weinkauf Memorial service. Pictured are Marc Spohr, Ernie Summers, and Phil Bennison.

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	Sacristan	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER
<b>Feb 5</b>	Fay & Larry McCourtie	Donna Adams	Liz Jensen	Fay Ann McCourtie	Donna Adams	Fay Ann McCourtie	Anna Short	Sandi B & Sharon B.
<b>Feb 12</b>	Steve Jensen & Phil Bennison	Shirley McCullough	Shirley McCullough		Fay Coats	Nancy Roth	Kristi Spohr	Shirley McCullough
<b>Feb 19</b>	Marc & Kristi Spohr	Kristi Spohr	Sue Bunch		Anna Short	Cindy Eidahl	Anna Short	Annie Smith
<b>Feb 26</b>	Larry McCourtie & Larry Maine	Annie Smith	Fay Ann McCourtie		Sue Bunch	Cindy Eidahl	Tammy Rodriguez	Whitney Blak





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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.

### Warming Hearts

In this winter of unusual weather, we are so happy that we could donate 24 quilts to the Othello Christmas Baskets and 10 to Othello Emergency Aid. We can continue with our work because of the generosity of Pilgrim Lutheran Church including us in the annual budget and donating a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Noisy Offering. Also, PLC members support us through individual quilt purchases and monetary donations. Kirk Bunch donates his time and effort to repair and maintain the sewing machines. Recently, we were blessed with a \$400 donation from the local Lions Club. These acts of kindness keep us solvent and the ladies happy. It is such a sweet sound to hear them say how much our Quilting Wednesdays brighten their lives. Their hands have provided warmth for thousands of people near and far. We are so very blessed to have those hands! -Sharon Bray



### Lectionary Readings for February

February 5	Isaiah 58:1-12	Psalms 112:1-9	I Corinth 1:1-16	Matthew 5:13-20
February 12	Deuter. 30:15-20	Psalms 119:1-8	I Corinth 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
February 19	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18	Psalms 119:33-40	I Corinth 3:10-11, 16-23	Matthew 5:38-48
February 26	Exodus 24:12-18	Psalms 99	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9



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