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Above-
Katie Luther is portrayed by Rev. Gwen Ehrenborg

"Katie Luther, First Lady of the Reformation"

When: October 15, 2017

What time: 2 pm

Where: Reichert Showhouse

Katherine (Katie) Von Bora, the wife of the great reformer Martin Luther, will share the story of how a lowly monk challenged the mightiest power on earth in his day with the posting of 95 theses for debate. Dr. Luther's Scriptural insights and his almost single-handedly placing the Bible in the hands of the common people for the first time in their everyday language, resulted in the transformation of the Christian Church which continues to this day.

Katie Luther will be portrayed by Reverend Gwen Ehrenborg from Camano Island. She is a retired Methodist pastor and is a recognized authority on both Katie and Martin Luther and the Reformation Era.

Plan to attend this event as part of our Commemoration of this year's 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Look for more information as October gets closer.

Items Still Needed for Back to School Kits

Sandi Bosch and Fay Coats are heading up the making of the School Kits. We have accumulated an amazing amount of school supplies for the kits! Be watching the bulletins for the items that are still needed and thank you for your participation in this worthwhile cause! See last month's list of items if you are going to be out shopping.

If you are not a shopper but would still like to contribute, monetary donations are also appreciated. Please contact Sandi Bosch or Fay Coats.

Church Congregational Retreat

Our Endowment Committee is sponsoring a retreat for our congregation on **Sept 23-24** at Camp Lutherhaven on Lake Coeur d'Alene. We will be leaving Saturday morning by carpool from the church and coming back Sunday afternoon. Pick up a retreat brochure on the Welcome Table for all the details. Put this weekend on your calendar and plan to attend for spiritual growth, music, fun and recreational activities! See additional information in the message from your church council.

PLC Golf Outing & Potluck Picnic

Our Annual Golf Outing and BBQ Potluck will be held at Barb & Larry Maine's on Sunday **August 27!** This is a fun-filled opportunity for wonderful fellowship! And the food is awesome! Stay tuned to the bulletins for additional information on our gathering time!



Thank You

Many thanks to Donna and Mike Adams for opening their home for the viewing of **The Last Days of Jesus**, a PBS Special. Eight of us gathered to see this thought-provoking video, in part as a culminating activity of our study of the Book of Acts throughout the year. It was great to have Pastor Don there for reference and for the ensuing discussion. Thanks to Donna also, for the tasty dessert and to everyone for the treats.

VBS-Thank you!

Huge thanks go out to everyone who participated in helping make this VBS so fun and meaningful! Marcia and Rick Bougher made a fantastic backdrop for the week, adding magic to each day. To Pastor Don, Judy Summers, Kayla Spohr, Taylor Greene, Marcia & Rick Bougher-**THANK YOU!** If I left anyone out, I apologize! See the back page for some photos of VBS!



It's really warm this month-Keep your SON glasses on!

Calling All Quilters!

This year the quilters return on August 30. Just as the children are back in school, the quilters are back cutting and ironing squares, matching materials, tying, and sewing up these wonderful quilts. They strive to make their quota of 300 quilts working on Wednesdays only until the end of May. It takes a lot of energy, creativity, and commitment to reach this goal. It is definitely a labor of love! On Sunday, July 30, we had a NOISY offering to help with quilting expenses. Batting for inside the quilts and shipping are the two main expenses. It costs just over \$100 per roll of batting and they are able to get 24 quilts from one roll. That means \$1200-\$1500 just for the batting. In addition, shipping runs about \$800 depending on the weight of the quilts. Our Church Council has allocated \$1000 from our budget for the past 2 years to help defray the quilting costs. The NOISY offering on Sunday was very helpful! See the total in the INFO Corner on the next page! Fabulous!

From your Pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By the end of this month our children will be back in school. We will entrust them to the schools to learn what they need to know to become good and productive members of society. Education is good and very important work because educated, church attending people are more successful and happier, according to many research studies. The Bible seems to agree. Proverbs 9:9 says "Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning." In Proverbs 16:16 it says, "How much better to get wisdom than gold! To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver." And in 16:20, "Those who are attentive to a matter will prosper, and happy are those who trust in the Lord." Church tradition holds that the book of Proverbs was written by King Solomon, the son of King David, and it was widely believed he was the wisest ruler in the history of Israel, so he knows what he's talking about!

Even Martin Luther emphasized the importance of education. Since this is the 500th anniversary year of the Reformation, it seems fitting to remember the contributions Luther made to our modern society. To the German nobility, Martin Luther wrote, "Oh! how unwisely we deal with our poor young folk, whom we are commanded to train and instruct [Prov. 22:6]! But we shall have to give a serious account of our stewardship, and explain why we have not set the Word of God before them."

During the months of August and September we will be collecting school supplies to help children get a good education. As you are going about your regular shopping be sure to swing through the aisle of school supplies and pick up a few things. If you have any questions about what is needed you may contact Sharon Bray or Sandi Bosch. They are coordinating the collection for school kits.

Since we are talking about going back to school, it makes me feel like this is a good time to talk about fall activities coming up. Our last summer activity is our all church picnic at Barb and Larry Maine's house on August 27th, then on September 10th we will host another 'Blessing of the First Responders'. Weather permitting; we will hold our worship service outdoors in the parking lot. Also in September is our All Church Retreat at Camp Lutherhaven in Idaho. Flyers are available at the church or you may contact Bob Reichert for more information. In October we will be gearing up for our observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with a visit from Katie Luther on October 15th at 2 pm at the Reichert Showhouse. We culminate our anniversary observance with our Festival Worship and Reformation Oktoberfest on October 29th here at Pilgrim. This fall will be a wonderful time of fellowship and fun and I am looking forward to sharing it with you! See you in church.

Peace,

Pastor Don Short

Pastor Short's office hours

Tuesday-Friday 9-12

Afternoons reserved for visitations, meetings, and appointments.

Anna's summer office hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9-11

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

INFO CORNER

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|------|-------------|----|-----------|---------|
| 7/2 | Attendance: | 47 | Offering: | \$ 3195 |
| 7/9 | Attendance: | 45 | Offering: | \$ 1902 |
| 7/16 | Attendance: | 42 | Offering: | \$ 1186 |
| 7/23 | Attendance: | 38 | Offering: | \$ 1877 |
| 7/30 | Attendance: | 33 | Offering: | \$ 1625 |

YTD Offerings — \$ 65,405

YTD Expenses— \$ 65,100

NOISY Offering on 7/30 to the quilters... **\$ 433.50**

Thank you for supporting your Church and it's Mission! God loves a generous heart! Remember to continue your tithing during the summer months! Our Church and it's Mission depend on it!

Greetings Fellow Pilgrims!

With this current heat, it is hard to believe that fall is nearly upon us. We have BIG events this fall where we will need all available hands in. We know that when we are all pulling in the same direction and with God's help, we can do anything! Please offer to help in any way that you are able! And thank you in advance!

There were some questions about the sleeping accommodations at Lutherhaven. They are not easily accessible by phone right now, so this is what I (Kristi) pulled off the website.

"We offer a range of housing options, including our newly remodeled Pinecrest Lodge and cabins that make for a great, comfortable stay. Sleeping rooms typically include private bath, a full or queen-sized bed in every room, with a number of bunk beds, new mattresses, and hotel-style furnishings. Bedding not included; can be reserved in advance for an additional fee."

I hope this is helpful while we await additional information from Lutherhaven.

God's Blessings,
Larry, Kristi, Sandy, Ernie, Jim, & Marcia

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--|----------------------------|--|-----------|---|-----------|---|
| | | 1 Alfa y Omega 6 pm | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5  |
| Summer Worship Times—8 & 10 am | | | | | | |
| 6 Baptism- Jacob Johnston 8 am Worship 10 am Worship Healing Service | 7 | 8  Committee Meetings 6:30 Council 7:30 Alfa y Omega 6 pm | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Meteor Showers |
| 13 8 am Worship 10 am Worship | 14 | 15 Alfa y Omega 6 pm | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Transformational Workshop in Vancouver → |
| 20 8 am Worship 10 am Worship → | 21 Solar Eclipse | 22 Alfa y Omega 6 pm | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 8 am Worship 10 am Worship Church Golf & BBQ Picnic | 28 School Begins | 29 Alfa y Omega 6 pm | 30 | 31 Temple Tender Tuesdays—10 am Men's Group Breakfast- Saturdays 8am @ Casa Mexicana SUNDAY SCHOOL- Sunday School starts back up in September! | | |

Birthdays-August

- 2 Jeff Graves
- 3 Nina Vallejo
- 3 Stacey Spohr
- 6 Jaylene Roberts
- 6 Bill Porter
- 14 DeeDee Graves
- 17 Pam Ochoa
- 23 Meghan Olsen
- 30 Donna Eidahl
- 31 Jens Ogendahl

Anniversaries-August

- 3 Jim & Vicki Nau
- 4 Marcia & Rick Bougher
- 7 Bill & Danita Porter
- 14 Lupe & Lena Mendoza
- 15 Bob & Donna Reichert
- 27 Mike & Donna Adams

Let's talk about FACEBOOK



Many of us are already followers of Pilgrim Lutheran Church-ELCA, which is our Facebook Page. Many of us are liking the page, and making encouraging and positive comments about the sermons, pictures, and posts that come through our page. One way that we can spread the Good News of Jesus into our community is by **SHARING** the Pilgrim posts onto our own FB page with a note about what makes that post special to us. It is easy to do, and very effective. Please ask Anna Short in the office, Kristi and/or Kayla Spohr if you have any questions. Let's canvas this town with our Good News!

Unless noted with an 8, all signups refer to the 10 am service! Thank you to all who are willing to serve by signing up in advance, and also being willing at a moment's notice! :)

Tuesday August 8
6:30 Committees Meet
7:30 Council



| DATE | USHERS | READER | Communion Assistant | ACOLYTE | Sacristan | BREAD | CLICKER | GREETER |
|------------------|-------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|-----------------------------|------------|---------|------------------|
| August 6 | Paul S & Jim Nau | Donna A | Sue B | John B | | Cindy E | Anna S | John & Carolyn B |
| August 13 | Pete R & Larry Mc | Paul S | Fay C | | Fay C | Cindy E | Tammy R | Paul & Bernie S |
| August 20 | Pete R & Larry Mc | Anna S | Annie S | | Nancy Roth | Nancy Roth | Tammy R | Tammy & Pete R |
| August 27 | Pete R & Larry Mc | Annie S | Anna S | | Bill & Danita (both 8 & 10) | Nancy Roth | Tammy R | Tammy & Pete R |



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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.



VBS Candids (clockwise from bottom left)
Pastor Don making a point, Gathering together each day, Shelley Kensler explaining where the offering would go, two cuties, Marcia and Judy helping in crafts, Bible Story time, and final day hilarity!



Lectionary Readings for August

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|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| August 6 | Isaiah 55:1-5 | Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21 | Romans 9:1-5 | Matthew 14:13-21 |
| August 13 | 1 Kings 19:9-18 | Psalms 85:8-13 | Romans 10:5-15 | Matthew 14:22-33 |
| August 20 | Isaiah 56:1,6-8 | Psalms 67 | Romans 11:1-2a,29-32 | Matthew 15:21-28 |
| August 27 | Isaiah 51:1-6 | Psalms 138 | Romans 12:1-8 | Matthew 16:13-20 |



book of faith
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