

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

THE NEWSLETTER OF PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH OTHELLO, WASHINGTON

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### Baptismal Blessing

We rejoice in the recent baptism of Jacob Audy Johnston on August 6. We pray that God will bless him through his baptism as he grows as a Christian to serve God.



### Pilgrim Congregational Retreat Update

If you haven't signed up for the All-church Retreat on Sept 23-24, please do so by September 10th. Plans are in place for a great time of spiritual renewal, fellowship and recreational activities! Be sure to bring your sleeping bags and pillows! Put it on YOUR calendar! Talk to Pastor Don or Bob Reichert for more details. See you there.

### Quilting News

Our Ecumenical quilting group reconvened on Wednesday August 30 at 9 am. Everyone is welcome to come and help in whatever capacity they are able. These quilts are assembled to send out into the world and into our own community to provide warmth and to encircle each recipient with a symbol of God's Love.



Jacob Johnston with his family from left: Pete, Jacob, Tessa, Rod, and Tami.



### Quilting Coordinator Needed

The quilters are in need of a person to organize materials, supplies, and do the paperwork involved with the shipping of our quilts to the synod site. Sharon Bray, who currently is in charge, will be accompanying her son and his family to IRELAND in the near future where her daughter-in-law will be transferring for work.. Sharon would love to be able to work with a new coordinator to help make the transition a smooth one. This would be a long-term temporary position, as Sharon does not know the length of her stay. Please call Sharon directly if you are interested and willing at 488-3294.

### Pilgrim's Potluck Picnic & Golf Outing

Huge thanks to Barb and Larry Maine for hosting the Annual Church Picnic and Golf Outing on August 27 and for the meat which they graciously provided for everyone! What a fabulous turnout and special fellowship time was had by all. NINE golfers!! Thanks to God for the glorious weather and all you wonderful Lutherans!



### Reformation Commemoration Meeting

Another meeting by the committee organizing the Reformation Commemoration Festivities will be held on September 28 at 7 pm here in the quilting room. All are invited to participate and are encouraged to come.

You Are Invited

to the Installation of

The Reverend Kristen E.M. Kuempel  
as

Bishop of the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod  
of the

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
at Saint Mark's Lutheran Church  
316 East Twenty-Fourth Avenue  
Spokane, Washington  
on

Saturday, the Sixteenth of September  
at two o'clock in the afternoon  
Please contact the Synod office  
at 509-838-9871 for more information.



**American  
Red Cross**

*Together, we can save a life*

The next Blood Drive at Pilgrim will be Tuesday, September 26th from 1-6 pm. We would greatly appreciate help in setting up, and taking down. If you feel called to donate blood, that is greatly needed and appreciated as well!!!

### "Katie Luther, First Lady of the Reformation"

**When:** October 15, 2017

**What time:** 2 pm

**Where:** Reichert Showhouse

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.

## From your Pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When the calendar page turns to September sometimes I am filled with mixed emotions. See if you can relate to my thinking. I want to hold on to the more relaxed pace of summer, but at the same time I am really looking forward to some of the fall activities that are coming up. I enjoyed a summer of hiking, kayaking, travel, beachcombing and playing my ukulele, but now it is time to embrace the many activities that have been planned over the past few months, and there are a lot of things calling our attention forward into fall. All of this makes me think of what King David wrote in the Psalm "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" (Psalm 122:1) In September we will return to one service at 10 am so we can all be together as one body of Christ.

September 10th we will host the second annual 'Blessing of the First Responders'. One thing that will be a little different this year is that we will hold our entire worship service outside in the parking lot (weather permitting) so that we can feature the first response vehicles as a part of showering our responders with God's blessing. It is our privilege to honor those people who risk their lives for the sake of our shared community. I am looking forward to a chance to thank God for their service and thank them for their willingness to answer God's call.

September 17th is Rally Sunday. Sunday school classes will resume with the exception of the Adult Forum. The team of Sunday school staff have prepared a very nice curriculum for our students and activities are planned that will help the students prepare for our big Reformation Celebration coming up in October.

The last weekend in September will be a great time to get together and really enjoy each other's company. We will be going to Camp Lutherhaven for our All Church Retreat. It will be a chance to encounter some spiritual refreshment and some recreation as we get ready for a fall full of church celebrations. You may be wondering why we want to have a retreat. The answer is also found in Psalm 122, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. 'Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.' For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, 'Peace be within you.' For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good." Remember the deadline to register for the retreat is September 10th. This will give the staff at Lutherhaven time to prepare for our arrival and make appropriate arrangements for us.

The whole purpose of all of these events is simple; to build up the body of Christ, the Church. We are called to spread God's word of love throughout the world and for the whole of Fall we will be exploring practical ways we are doing that in our community, our church family and even globally. I know you will be blessed in your participation. See you in church.

Pastor Donald Short

## Pastor Short's office hours

Tuesday-Friday 9-12

Afternoons reserved for visitations, meetings, and appointments.

## Anna's office hours

To be determined once her school job is settled. Watch the bulletins for more information.

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

## INFO CORNER

8/6	Attendance:	63	Offering:	\$ 2752
8/13	Attendance:	28	Offering:	\$ 1287
8/20	Attendance:	38	Offering:	\$ 1768
8/ 27	Attendance:	43	Offering:	\$ 2165

YTD Offerings — \$ 74,377

YTD Expenses— \$ 73,352

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 from your Church Council

As we have experienced low air quality from the fires throughout the entire Northwest, let us keep in our prayers the people affected by these fires, and the firefighters who are trying to put them out. Please keep the Coastal areas in Texas in our prayers as they clean up and rebuild after Hurricane Harvey. Thank you for your generosity this past weekend to help with disaster relief.

With our plethora of activities this fall, and wanting to keep our facilities and grounds well-kept, Marc Spohr has been hired by the church council as a temporary, part-time groundskeeper (see minutes on bulletin board). All members are still welcome to help with the grounds or initiate other improvement opportunities (anybody want to wash the windows?) Please check with Jim Nau or Marc so that these activities can be coordinated. Thanks!

Looking forward to a crazy busy and wonderful fall, filled with God's love, fellowship, and friends. Spread the LOVE!

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Temple Tender Tuesdays</b> —10 am <b>Men's Group Breakfast</b> - Saturdays 8am @ Casa Mexicana <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> - Sunday School starts back up on September 17th!					1	2
3 10 am Worship Healing Service	4	5 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	6	7	8	9 Bible Study @ Coventry 10 am
10 10 am Worship <b>Blessing of First Responders</b>	11	12  Alfa y Omega 6 pm Committee Meetings 6:30 Council 7:30	13	14	15	16
17 10 am Worship & Sunday School	18	19 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	20	21	22	23 Church Retreat @ Lutherhaven Leave 8:30 am
24 Worship @ Lutherhaven Leave 12 pm from camp	25	26 Alfa y Omega 6 pm Fellowship & Worship Committee @ 4 pm Blood Drive 1-6 pm	27	28 Reformation Committee Meeting at 7 pm	29	30

## Birthdays-September

2 Tim Spurgeon  
4 Mason Russell  
6 Carson Spohr  
15 Kristi Spohr  
21 Josiah Guzman  
26 Carey Greene  
30 Fay Coats

## Anniversaries-September

9 Deedee & Jeff Graves  
9 Kristi & Marc Spohr  
9 Judy & Ernie Summers  
17 Larry & Barb Maine  
21 Steve & Liz Jensen

## Tuesday September 12

6:30 Committees Meet  
7:30 Council



## 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!

## A Word About our Mission Budget

Every month when the PLC Council meets, Marc Spohr presents a financial report which shows where the money year to date has been spent. Once approved, it is posted in the Narthex. Committees need only to check the bulletin board in the Narthex to determine the remaining balance in their accounts. I hope this is helpful! -Kristi

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	Sacristan	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER
Sept 3	Steve J &	Liz Jensen	Fay Coats		Fay Coats	Cindy E	Tammy R	Tammy R
Sept 10	Pete R &	Donna Adams	Annie Smith		Liz Deasy	Nancy Roth	Tammy R	Tammy R
Sept 17	Pete R &	Annie Smith	Anna Short		Donna Adams	Cindy Eidahl	Tammy R	Tammy R
Sept 24								





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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.



**Fellowship Photos** (left to right)  
Golf Outing and picnic at the Maine's,  
Sue, Carolyn & John Bunch at Baptism  
Fellowship, Bernie Snyder & Donna  
Ruttan at quilting, and the Adams family  
with Leonard Meyer & Shirley  
McCullough.



"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Galatians 5:22

### Lectionary Readings for September

September 3	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Psalm 26:1-8	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
September 10	Ezekiel 33:7-11	Psalm 119:33-40	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
September 17	Genesis 50:15-21	Psalm 103:8-13	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-25
September 24	Jonah 3:10-4:11	Psalm 145:1-8	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16



**book of faith**  
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.