

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Souper Bowl Update

Congratulations to ALL our Pilgrims, both Saints and Angels, for gathering over 3000 lbs of food for the Food Bank, and 400+ lbs of food for Pet Rescue. In addition, cash donations include \$160 for the Food Bank, and \$205 for Pet Rescue. The true winners in this competition are the people and animals who will be helped by our efforts. Thank you all so much.



Photo L to R: Ron Hosek, Sharon Mobley, Linda Bork, and Pastor Don load food and water into a truck bound for the Othello Food Bank.



Pilgrim Snow Power Thank You!

We have been challenged this February with some cold and snowy weather. Many thanks to those who have stepped up to make our walks and parking lot safer for us as we come to church for God's work and word. **Thank you** to Stewart Hilmes, Tammy & Pete Rodriguez, Marc Spohr, and Ron Hosek, and to Ernie & Judy Summers for the donation of the snowblower.



Photo L to R: Don Wade, Elaine Wade, Sue Bunch, Sandi Bosch, Fay Coats, Shirley McCullough, & Liz Deasy getting ready for Shrove Tuesday.

Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday Preparations

Shrove Tuesday, (Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday) is right around the corner, on March 5th, and PLC is getting ready to host another great Community Pancake Dinner from 5-7 pm.

Menu: pancakes, sausages, fruit, coffee and juice. All proceeds from the dinner go to support Assured Hospice and Adams County Pet Rescue.

Set up: Monday, March 4th at 2 pm.

Where: Pilgrim Lutheran Fellowship Hall

When: Tuesday, March 5th, from 5-7 pm.

Be sure to show up to help set up and serve Tuesday night, and Be sure to invite your friends, relatives, & community members to this fun and fantastic evening!

Season of Lent Offerings

Ash Wednesday: March 6 at 7 pm with Imposition of Ashes

Soup and Bread Suppers and Study: March 13th, 20th, 27th, April 3rd, and 10th. Dinner at 6, study to follow.

Thursday Evening Taize Meditations: Each Thursday during Lent in the Library/Meditation Room from 7-7:30 pm, a time for quiet and reflection during our busy weeks.

City Clean-up

Hearty Pilgrim members will meet at **8 am March 16th** (this is a change from the original March 9th!) at Othello School Dist Parking Lot to gather supplies and directions for cleaning up 14th Ave from Hiway 26 to the Othello Community Hospital. We will finish our clean up, head home to clean ourselves up, grab our food, and go to the parsonage to celebrate St Paddy's Day!

Adult Bible Study
Our Adult Study on the Gospel of Matthew is ongoing each Sunday morning at 9 am. We are having some lively discussions. You are always welcome, even if you have missed a few weeks. Hope to see you there.

Women's Bible Study
The monthly women's study will be held on March 9th in the Quilters Room off the kitchen. All are welcome and encouraged to come for this hour and a half of study and fellowship. Copies of the Study can be found on the desk in the Narthex.



St. Patrick's Day Open House

Pastor Don and Anna invite the congregation to their Annual Open House from 2-4 pm on March 16th. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share or just bring yourself! **Wear your green!** We hope to see everyone there! And thank you Pastor Don and Anna!



February 25, 2019

March Message From Our Pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The old saying goes that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb, but I think this year we can make our March animal a beaver. Beavers have a reputation for being busy. There is even a simile that compares a busy person to being as busy as a beaver, and there are a lot of activities planned for the month of March.

March 3rd, the very first Sunday of March, is Transfiguration Sunday. It is the final Sunday in the season after Epiphany. We will close out the season after Epiphany with our traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 5th, serving the people of Othello between 5 and 7 pm. We begin Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. The Service of the Imposition of Ashes will be at 7 pm. Ash Wednesday Service marks the beginning of all our Lenten activities.

Beginning on March 13th we will have our Wednesday evening Soup and Bread Suppers in the Fellowship Hall with a brief Lenten Message following the meal. There are five Wednesday Evening Soup and Bread Suppers. Please try to attend as many as you are able.

This year, to provide for those who are seeking some time for meditation, we will be offering Thursday Evening Meditation in the Meditation Room Library at 7 pm during Lent. This will be a more contemplative service with Scripture readings, prayers and quiet choruses. The goal will be to give participants an escape from the hectic pace of life for a short time each Thursday. Feel free to give it a try.

Each weekend in March will have some activity going on also. March 9th is the city-wide cleanup. We will check in with the Beautification Committee at 8 am and gather materials at the Othello School District parking lot on First Avenue and then clean up 14th Avenue. This year the annual St. Patrick's Day Open House at the Parsonage will be on Saturday, March 16th from 2 to 4 pm. This is to accommodate the Celebration of the Arts that is March 17th at 2 pm at First Presbyterian Church. This annual celebration is an ecumenical event to thank God for all the talent we have in Othello. March 22nd, 23rd and 24th are the dates for the Sandhill Crane Festival. You could be fed more pancakes by some of your fellow church members who are part of the Rotary Club, who will host a pancake breakfast on Saturday the 23rd at the high school. Keep stacking up your loose change because on March 31st we will end worship with another noisy offering. Proceeds will go the quilters to purchase batting for quilts and offset their shipping costs when they send quilts all over the world wherever disaster strikes.

As you can see, March is a busy month, so I'm adopting the beaver as the animal of the month. Being busy isn't a bad thing either, when we are doing the work God has called us to do. Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians, "Finally, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus that, as you learned from us how you ought to live and to please God (as, in fact, you are doing), you should do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 4:1,2) I'll see you in church (a lot!)

Peace,
Pastor Don Short

Pastor Short's office hours:

Tuesday 9-11, Text Study afterwards
Wednesday-Friday 9-12
Afternoons reserved for visitations, meetings, and appointments.
If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please contact Pastor Don Short at **509-761-1212**.

Pastor's Email: pilgrimlcpastor@gmail.com

Anna's office hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 2-4 pm
Cell phone **509-761-1205**

Giving Statements Available

If you would like to have a copy of your 2018 Giving Statement, please contact Marc Spohr after one of our Sunday Services. Thank you for supporting your church!

Celebration of the Arts

March 17 Othello's Annual Celebration of the Arts sponsored by the Othello Ministerial Association will take place at First Presbyterian Church at 2 pm. There will be music by the Othello Ecumenical Ensemble as well as other forms of Art. This is a wonderful event to showcase the amazing talent that we have here in Othello. Please join us for a feast for our eyes and ears, and fellowship following with other members of our Othello Faith Community.

Blood Drive-March 26th!

Your help setting up for the Blood Drive after Church on March 24th, and setting up the tables for the quilters **AFTER** the Blood Drive is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

INFO CORNER

2/3	Attendance:	50	Offering:	\$ 4507
2/10	Cancelled due to weather			
2/17	Attendance:	39	Offering:	\$ 2174
2/24	Attendance:	46	Offering:	\$ 1891

YTD Offerings — \$ 16,267

YTD Expenses— \$ 16,121

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Men's Group Breakfast- Saturdays 8am @ Casa Mexicana					1	2
SUNDAY SCHOOL- Sunday School every Sunday						
3 10 am Worship Sunday School Healing Service	4	5 Alfa y Omega 6 pm Shrove Tuesday	6 Ash Wednesday 7 pm	7 7 pm Taize in Meditation Room	8	9 Women's Bible Study 10 am
10 10 am Worship & Sunday School	11	12 6 pm Alfa y Omega 7:00 pm Church Council	13 Soup & Bread 6 pm	14 7 pm Taize in Meditation Room	15	16 14th Ave Clean-up St. Paddy's Day Open House @ Parsonage 2-4 pm
17  10 am Worship & Sunday School Celeb of Arts 2 pm	18	19 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	20 Soup & Bread 6 pm	21 7 pm Taize in Meditation Room	22 23 Sand Hill Crane Festival →	
24 10 am Worship & Sunday School →	25	26 Alfa y Omega 6 pm Blood Drive 1-6 pm 	27 Soup & Bread 6 pm	28 7 pm Taize in Meditation Room	29	30
31 Noisy Offering 10 am Worship & Sunday School	Adult Forum Bible Study will be held each Sunday at 9 am in the Council/Kaffe Haus. Everyone is welcome!					

- Birthdays-March**
- 1 Darla Spurgeon
 - 2 Janna Erickson
 - 7 Ella Moore
 - 8 Shane Wright
 - 9 Marc Spohr
 - 11 Hadley Erickson
 - 14 Jose Guzman Jr.
 - 14 Kolton (Hadley's brother)
 - 15 Mike Adams
 - 16 Matt Tricola
 - 17 Ryan Moore
 - 17 Payton Roberts
 - 18 Bob Reichert
 - 22 Jacob Thornton
 - 25 Maxwell Martinez

Anniversaries-March
15 Stewart & Abby Hilmes

Church Council
Church Council will be meeting at 7 pm in the Council Room/Kaffe Haus on March 12th. Thank you for serving.

Thank You From Donna and Mike Adams
Mike and I wish to express our most grateful thanks to our church family for the wonderful cards, calls, visits and soup gifts as well as the prayer support during his lengthy medical problems. Your caring and faithfulness has bolstered and sustained us. Special thanks to Pastor and Anna for their visits and for bringing communion and good cheer. We are all so very blessed by their ministry and to have them with us. It may be a while yet but our hearts are there with all of you. Blessings. Mike and Donna Adams

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	Sacristan	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER	Coffee Hour
March 3	Pete R	Anna Short	Annie Smith	Adelle	Anna Short	Nancy Roth	Tammy Rodriguez	Trudy Doolittle	Erika D & Paula Mck
March 10		Annie Smith	Sue & Carolyn Bunch		Nancy Roth	Nancy Roth	Anna Short	Nancy Roth	Carolyn B & Sue B
March 17	Anna S	Shirley Jean McC	Shirley Jean McC		Fay Coats	Nancy Roth	Anna Short	Trudy Doolittle	Shirley Jean Cindy E
March 24	Pete R	Angela Martinez	Angela Martinez	Maxwell	Anna Short	Cindy Eidahl	Tammy Rodriguez	Elaine Wade	MaryAnn K Annie Smith
March 31	Leonard M		Annie Smith		Liz Deasy	Cindy Eidahl	Tammy Rodriguez	Carolyn B & Sue B	Cindy E & Anna S



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



Photos:
Left-Pastor Don and Roger Thieme with the piles of food bound for the Othello Food Bank and Adams county Pet Rescue. Right-Marc Spohr using the snowblower



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Lectionary Readings for March

Mar 3	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 99	II Corinth 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-36
Mar 10	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Romans 10 8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
Mar 17	Genesis 15:1-12,17-18	Psalm 27	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
Mar 24	Isaiah 55:1-9	Psalm 63:1-8	I Corinth 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
Mar 31	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalm 32	II Corinth 5:16-21	uke 15:1-3, 11b-32



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