

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Quilting Update

By Sharon Bray

Between May 2018 and April 2019, our favorite quilters completed 302 quilts even though we had some bad weather cancellations. Quilt distribution this year was 231 to LWR, 25 Othello Christmas Baskets, 20 California fires, 23 various local donations, and 3 were purchased. April 29, we packed 138 quilts for shipping. This time also is filled with laughter and joy. Thank you to everyone who helps make our quilts, purchases our quilts, and helps with the shipping.

The volunteers continue to amaze me with their dedication and desire to quilt. They laugh, they tease, and they produce quilts galore. Linda Boothman is new to our group. She donated fabric that had spent 40 years in her attic. (Indeed, it is an interesting story.) She helped cut the fabric into squares; she sewed some of the fabric into quilt tops; she fell in love with a lovely quilt that touched her heart; and bought that quilt for \$100. Donate it, sew it, and then buy it – wow! Jean Thomson takes home our oddball squares and funny shaped pieces of fabric. Each week she returns with from one to three quilt tops. Even though we lovingly call them our scrappy quilts, they have also made Quilt of the Week. Donna O'Dell who will celebrate her 100th birthday on May 5 is one amazing quilter. Until recently, she sat next to her daughter, Sandy, each week sewing and sharing gardening tips, stories, and being a guidepost for the rest of us. We all marvel at her grace. The newsletter space keeps me from telling a story about each volunteer. But oh, they have good stories and good hearts. We are blessed.

Once again at the end of May, Linda Crosier will open her home to our end-of-the-year potluck. We gather in her backyard to enjoy the various dishes, her lovely garden, and each other. And there will be someone who says, "I will miss quilting, so when do we start again in August?"

We love our Quilters!



Pilgrim Congregational Retreat

Congregants are invited to participate in our retreat scheduled for Sept 28-29, 2019 at Camp Lutherhaven. Many of us attended in 2017 and found it to be renewing and spiritually refreshing to be in God's beautiful outdoors. The retreat is open to all ages, and promises to be both filled with activities and with time for reflection and spiritual growth. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. You won't want to miss it! See the retreat brochure for more information!



Congratulations Pilgrims

Your contributions for the purchase of GOATS through the ELCA Good Gifts Program reached a whopping \$2800. 28 pairs of goats will be distributed to those in need of food, milk, cheese, and income. Well done, Sunday School Kids and Adults alike!



Red Cross Blood Drive
Pilgrim Lutheran Church
Tuesday May 28 1-6 pm

Your help taking down tables & chairs beforehand, and putting them back up @ 7 pm afterward is greatly appreciated!

Women's Bible Study

Women will be gathering May 11th in the quilting room for their monthly Bible Study from the Gather Magazine. Extra copies are available on the table in the Narthex or by calling Fay Coats at 509-855-3911. All are welcome!



**Christ
Is
Risen!**



Easter Children's Sermon

May Message From Our Pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A few times each year we recite Psalm 23 in worship, but I particularly like it when we recite it on the fourth Sunday of Easter, which is always "Good Shepherd Sunday". It seems most meaningful when we read the text from the tenth chapter of John where Jesus says, "I am the Good Shepherd" right after we have acknowledged "The Lord is my Shepherd." I like the strong connection between the Old Testament psalm of David and the New Testament statement of Jesus, but even more than that, I like the personal connection of acknowledging Jesus as MY shepherd.

Jesus is the one who gathers his flock safely in the pasture. Jesus is the one who makes sure we are fed and cared for. Jesus is the one who risks, and even gives up, his own life to make sure we receive the message of salvation. Jesus does all of this out of love; and not just any love, but God's abundant divine love.

The love that binds the universe together is the same love that gathers the church. The love that led Jesus to the cross for our sake is the same love that feeds the church on the bread and wine that is the body and blood of Christ at communion. The love that comes upon the disciples at Pentecost is the same love that comes upon us as we share the words of Jesus, "Peace be with you," and reply, "And also with you."

This year, through a miraculous confluence of events which can only be the work of the Holy Spirit, we have a unique opportunity on Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also the same day we celebrate Mother's Day. As we celebrate how our Good Shepherd loves us, we will also remember the warmth of our own mother's love and how she nurtured us and sacrificed for us to give us a healthy life.

We will also experience how God's love travels throughout the world. On May 12th we will have the opportunity to meet Moses Nwaka from our companion synod in Tanzania. He will be here and bring greetings and the message for the day as we acknowledge our common Shepherd, Jesus, who transcends time, space and distance to make us one body of Christ throughout the world.

It will be a special day for us and I am strongly encouraging you to come and meet Moses, come and hear how our companion synod is growing and experiencing God's amazing love, and come to feel the embrace of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, who calls us by name; who says, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand." (John 10:27-28) Come because Jesus is calling you. See you in church.

Peace,
Pastor Don Short

Pastor Short's office hours

Wednesday-Friday 9-12 pm
Tuesdays 9-11 am

Tues pm reserved for text studies & Wed-Fri afternoons reserved for meetings, visitations, and appointments.

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

Anna's office hours

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

Pilgrim Lutheran Church Council Members

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Additional Articles and Voices Requested!

If you would like to publicize your committee's event or have a photo you would like in the Pilgrim's Progress, please contact Kristi Spohr at 509-331-4406. Thanks very much!



May Greetings

Special Greetings from Jan Charlston (pictured left) to her Pilgrim family. Marc & I stopped by briefly to say hi to her on April 11. I encourage you to drop her a card or phone call to say hello. I know that she would love to hear from you! That goes for many Pilgrims who have left our midst, who we think about lovingly, but with whom we have little contact. A note to let them know that they are thought of often will spread Goodwill and God's Love! Celebrating God's family life with all of you fellow Pilgrims,
-Kristi Spohr

INFO CORNER

3/31	Attendance: 30	Offering: \$ 2,602
4/7	Attendance: 44	Offering: \$ 2,071
4/14	Attendance: 39	Offering: \$ 1,785
4/21	Attendance: 90	Offering: \$ 3,651
4/28	Attendance: 82	Offering: \$ 2,261

YTD Offerings — \$40,696

YTD Expenses— \$40,872

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Men's Group Breakfast- Saturdays 8am @ Casa Mexicana SUNDAY SCHOOL -Sunday School May 5,12,19			1 Quilting 9 am	2	3	4
5 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship & Sunday School Healing Service	6	7 Alfa y Omega 6 pm Pastor Short out of office in the morning.	8 Quilting 9 am	9	10	11 Women's Bible Study 10 am
12 Mother's Day 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship & Sunday School	13	14 ★ Alfa y Omega 6 pm Council 7 pm	15 Quilting 9 am	16	17	18 Synod Assembly May 17,18, 19 →
19 No Adult Forum 10 am Worship & Sunday School →	20	21 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	22 Quilting 9 am	23	24	25
26 No Adult Forum 10 am Worship	27 memorial DAY	28 Alfa y Omega 6 pm Blood Drive 1-6 pm +	29 Quilting 9 am	30	31	Birthdays-May 1 Jada Moreno 3 MaryAnn Kirkpatrick 5 Rick Bougher 7 Ashley Stephens 11 Clayton Wright 12 Jan Charleston 13 Pete Rodriguez 17 Steve Jensen 18 Joseph Guzman 20 Sandy Russell 20 Keith Russell 23 John Stephens 23 Isaac Guzman 26 Kassie Tricola 26 Melissa Stephens 29 Ron Hilmes 31 Jan Hilmes



Pictured Above: Rebecca Thornton, FayAnn McCourtie, Tammy Rodriguez, and Anna Short participating as Disciples of Jesus during the reenactment of "The Life of Jesus" with the Othello Christian Church on Palm Sunday.

Tuesday May 14 ★
7:00 pm Council

Anniversaries-May

10 Kassie & Matt Tricola
17 Angela & Roger Martinez
23 Erika & Bulmaro Moreno

Thank YOU !!

To everyone who worked so hard providing the very best Easter Breakfast
Anywhere, we give you thanks!

DATE	USHERS	READER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	SACRISTAN	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER	COFFEE HOUR
May 5	Larry & Barb Maine	Anna Short	Fay Coats		Fay Coats	FayAnn McCourtie	Anna Short	Elaine Wade	Elaine W Cindy E
May 12	Larry & Barb Maine	Linda B	Anna Short		Liz Deasy	FayAnn McCourtie	Anna Short	Carolyn & Sue B	Linda B Liz D, Sue B
May 19	Pete R	Annie Smith	FayAnn McCourtie			Cindy Eidahl	Tammy Rodriguez	Elaine Wade	Elaine W Erika M
May 26	Pete R	Shirley McCullough	Annie Smith		Anna Short	Cindy Eidahl	Tammy Rodriguez	Paul & Bernie Snyder	Shirley M Annie 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 **serving** our community, **being** a good neighbor, and **embracing** the power of prayer.



Pictured Left to Right:

- 1) Palm Sunday Procession with Audrey & Jacob leading
- 2) Easter Breakfast Cooking and Serving Crew (FayAnn, Sharon, Trudy, Tammy)
- 3) One happy usher Leonard Meyer
- 4) Maundy Thursday Service at the Presbyterian Church
(Each person washed & dried the hands of the person after them.) Anna, Bernie, & Paul

Lectionary Readings for May

May 5	Acts 9:1-6	Psalm 30	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
May 12	Acts 9:36-43	Psalm 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
May 19	Acts 11:1-18	Psalm 148	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
May 26	Acts 16:9-15	Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	John 14:23-29



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