

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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### Pilgrim Congregational Retreat

The end of September is coming up fast! Congregants are invited to participate in our retreat scheduled for Sept 28-29, 2019 at Camp Lutherhaven. Are you ready to be spiritually renewed and refreshed in the beautiful outdoors of our Creator? 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, or speak with Bob Reichert or Randy Deasy.

### Women's Bible Study at Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Women will be carpooling down to Lord of Life Lutheran Church on August 3rd for Bible Study together with other women of our Grape Cluster. Please meet in the church parking lot at 8:00 to carpool to Kennewick together. The Study goes from 9 am-3 pm. You may also call Fay Coats at 509-855-3911. All are welcome!

### Painter(s) Wanted

Pilgrim Lutheran's budget includes money this year for the painting of the parsonage. If you know of a reputable painter who would like to take on this project, please get in touch with Tammy Rodriguez so that she may contact him. Thank you!!

### Mission Interpreter Report

Stories of Hope and Resilience-by Anna Short

In the last couple of months I have been talking about what Lutheran Disaster Response represents and now I will send you a story. The story this month is about a young man named Alex.

Lutheran and Mennonite programs equip Hondurans with holistic vocational support.

Gang violence. Domestic abuse. No means to put food on the table. These are realities spurring Hondurans to migrate to the U.S. Many feel they have no other choice but to make the risky trip. According to the Honduran Consular and Migratory Observatory, 282,000 Hondurans have been deported in the past four years, with no indication of the trend decreasing. But returned migrants are finding new life in Honduras, with the support from the ELCA, the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and the Mennonite Social Action Committee (CASM in Spanish). In response to God's call to love and serve our neighbors, the ELCA supports both organizations as they assist returned migrants with holistic vocational support.

One story is of Alex. He tried to migrate to the U.S. to reunite with his family there for employment opportunities. After three unsuccessful attempts, he connected with LWF World Service's program for returned migrants in Olancho, Honduras. LWF equipped Alex with education and seed money to start a pig farm. "LWF World Services has helped me a lot because I have gone through several trainings," he said. "Business plans, investments, human rights—these are all workshops I have attended." Today Alex supports himself and family members that remained in Honduras with funds from his farm. He dreams of growing his farm and, eventually, going to law school.

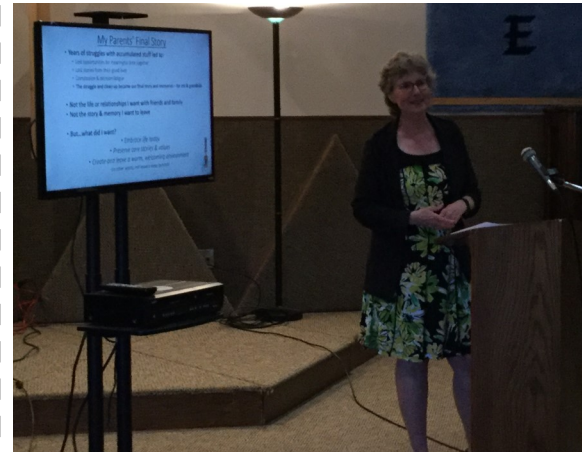
### PLC Picnic

Pilgrim Lutheran's All-Church Picnic will be held August 25 at 2 pm at the residence of Barb and Larry Maine. Those wanting to golf should meet at the Club House. Tee off time is at 2 so come early if you need to warm up. When the golfers return, we will put out the food. Maines are supplying the meat, and everyone should bring a salad or dessert to share. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship with each other and we hope to have everyone participate. See you there!



### And a Marvelous Time was Had By All

The Hat and Ice Cream Social was a resounding success! Many hats were designed with great care or chosen to reflect personalities. You will find fun photos of Pilgrims throughout the newsletter this month! Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for the efforts made to organize this popular event!



Above: Laura Gilbert presenting her book & ideas!

### Pilgrim Welcomes Author Laura Gilbert

On July 28, Pilgrim welcomed Laura Gilbert, a friend of Pastor Don and Anna. An author of several books, she has most recently written a book entitled, The Stories We Leave Behind-A Legacy-Based Approach to Dealing with Stuff. At the coffee hour following our worship, she spoke to us about her experiences with her parents when trying to help them. Most of us can relate to the situations she describes in her book, and she does it with good humor and practicality. **Thank you**, for giving us additional tools to use while dealing with sensitive emotions and situations.

**August Message From Our Pastor:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

First, thank you for allowing me to take a week of vacation. I had a wonderful time with my family at Rockaway Beach. It is a lovely spot on the Oregon coast. If you have never been there, it is well worth the trip.

Now, August is upon us. It's time to start getting ready for the start of another school year. Later this month our streets will be busy twice a day as children make their way from home to school, so please drive carefully. Seventh Avenue is particularly crowded with children making their way to either Lutacaga or Hiawatha elementary schools, Othello High School or even kids from the west side walking to McFarland Middle School.

Lots of children will be on our streets seeking education. We are fortunate in this country that education is valued so much that our government provides it. That is not the case all over the world. There are many countries where parents must fund the education of their children or they simply don't go to school. Many of these countries are in Africa and in other developing countries. Much of the time parents in these places are poor. They are often subsistence farmers who work hard to just put food on the table and there is often little money left for things like paying for school.

I remember when Moses Nwaka was here describing life in Tanzania. He said the average monthly income for people there was \$45 dollars per month! Can you imagine a family of four living on that? Moses said he was living better because he is paid \$60 per month as the assistant to the bishop in his diocese. That still doesn't seem like a lot of money to me.

These families have to save year-round to simply pay for the schooling of their children. Schools may charge as much as \$300 per year per child for school, so you can see there are few opportunities for the poor people of Africa to attain higher education. Understand that the children of Africa WANT to go to school, but many simply can't afford it. Anna and I sponsor a child from Rwanda through Compassion International and we are grateful to know that she is able to go to school. She is nine years old now and doing well. Her parents have used our sponsorship dollars to provide her schooling, purchase farm animals and provide school supplies as Iranzi needs them. But not all children of Africa are this fortunate.

This is where Pilgrim Quilters come in. Every year in the fall the quilters gather school supplies. Every year they take those school supplies and put together school kits. Each school kit is supplied with four 70-sheet notebooks (wide or college ruled is fine), one pencil sharpener, one pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors like kindergartners use), five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers (it is important, for safety reasons, that the pencils are unsharpened), five black or blue ballpoint pens, one 2 ½ eraser, one box of 16 or 24 crayons (spring for the good stuff; the Crayola 24 pack is the best!), and one 30 centimeter ruler (make sure it has centimeters on it! Did you know that the United States is the only developed country in the world that still uses inches?!).

We will be gathering these school supplies all through August and into September. Feel free to drop them off at the church during office hours or as you come to worship on Sunday morning. Why should we care about children in a different country? Because the future of the world depends on it! And as Solomon wrote in the Proverbs, "Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray." (Proverbs 22:6) 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 9-11 pm  
Cell phone 509-761-1205

**INFO CORNER**

7/7	Attendance: 39	Offering: \$ 2,104
7/14	Attendance: 34	Offering: \$ 1,467
7/21	Attendance: 45	Offering: \$ 1,677
7/28	Attendance: 41	Offering: \$ 1,275

YTD Offerings — \$64,622

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 <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL reconvenes in September!</b>				1	2	3
4 10 am Worship <b>Healing Service</b>	5	6 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	7	8	9 11 am Donna Eidahl Memorial Service	10
11 10 am Worship	12	13  Alfa y Omega 6 pm 7 pm Church Council	14	15	16	17
18 10 am Worship	19	20 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	21	22	23	24
25 10 am Worship Church Picnic & Golf @ Maine's	26	27 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	28	29	30	31

**Birthdays-August**

- 2 Jeff Graves
- 3 Stacey Spohr
- 3 Nina Vallejo
- 6 Jaylene Roberts
- 6 Bill Porter
- 17 Pam Ochoa
- 23 Meghan Johnston
- 31 Jens Ogendahl

**Pilgrim Lutheran Church Council Members**

- Ernie Summers 509-989-1206
- Pete Rodriguez 509-331-8606
- Marcia Bougher 509-750-5288
- Tammy Rodriguez 509-855-6073
- Annie Smith 509-770-0438
- Steve Jensen 509-331-4919



Randy & Liz Deasy enjoying their Sundaes!

**Anniversaries-August**

- 3 Jim & Vicki Nau
- 4 Rick & Marcia Bougher
- 4 Jacob & Meghan Johnston
- 14 Lupe & Lena Mendoza
- 15 Bob & Donna Reichert
- 27 Mike & Donna Adams

**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!

DATE	USHERS	READER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	SACRISTAN	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER	COFFEE HOUR
Aug 4		Fay Coats	Fay Coats		Fay Coats	Fay Ann	Anna	Trudy	Anna S
Aug 11	Pete R	Annie Smith			Anna S	Fay Ann	Tammy R	Elain Wade	Elaine W
Aug 18		Donna Adams	Fay C	Jacob		Fay Ann	Anna	Carolyn & Sue B	Carolyn & Sue &
Aug 25	Pete R & Leonard M	Barb M	Shirley Jean			FayAnn	Tammy R		Tammy R





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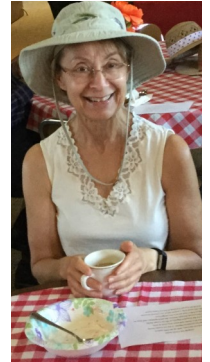
**August 2019**

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

**Our Sincere  
Condolences**

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Donna Eidahl, our sister in Christ, who passed away in July. Her Memorial Service will be August 9th at 11 am., followed by a luncheon. Please keep Cindy, Terry, and Jim and the extended family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of their mother, and grandmother.



**Hats, Hats, and Hats = Fun, Fun, Fun**

**Lectionary Readings for August**

Aug 4	Eccles. 1:2,12-14;2:18-23	Psalm 49:1-12	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
Aug 11	Genesis 15:1-6	Psalm 33:12-22	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
Aug 18	Jeremiah 23:23-29	Psalm 82	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
Aug 25	Isaiah 58:9b-14	Psalm 103:1-8	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17



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