

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Saints vs. Angels Food Drive Update

Huge thanks to the Saints and Angels who participated in the Souper Bowl Competition! Pilgrims gathered nearly a ton of people food and pet food, and contributed \$576 to the Food Bank and \$400 to Pet Rescue. Photo Below: Pastor Short holds the trophy filled with candy for the winning Saints who shared generously with the Angels!

Women's Bible Study

Please join us in the Quilting Room off the kitchen for fellowship and Women's Bible Study on Saturday, March 14th at 10 am. Copies of the study can be found on the desk in the Narthex. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you!

Shrove Tuesday Update

Congratulations, Pilgrims, on the 2020 Shrove Tuesday event! Many hands were working to prepare and serve pancakes and sausage to our community. Together \$1228 was raised to split between Assured Hospice and Adams County Pet Rescue. That's amazing! Thanks to Leonard Bland for procuring the grills, and to the decorators, pancake flippers, cooks, and cleaner uppers. What a fun and fantastic night to be a Pilgrim! See photos below and on the page 3.



Noisy Offering on March 29



City Cleanup Opportunity

Saturday, March 7, Pilgrim Lutheran is scheduled to help clean up our city in preparation for the Sandhill Crane Festival. Pilgrims are to be at the Othello School District Office on 1st Street at 8 am, March 7th. Following our cleanup, we will have brunch at Randy and Liz Deasy's home. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to do what we can to spruce up our city, and we always have a great time working together!

Sue at the Donation Table



Spring Cleanup @ Pilgrim Lutheran

We will be sprucing up our own space on March 28, beginning at 10 am. There are plenty of opportunities for everyone, indoors, and outdoors. Come in work clothes and let's have some fun! I am willing to bet that there will be food involved at some point, and most definitely coffee!! 😊



Pete, Leonard, Don, Don, Marc, and John at the Batter & Grill

Installation of Council Members

At worship on February 9, council members were installed. Sunday School Students were encouraged to lay hands on the members as they were installed. Thank you to all who are serving in this capacity. See photo below.

FayAnn, Sandi, & Anna serving pancakes & sausage.



Pete, Tammy, Marcia, Annie, and Don on Installation Sunday with Mason, Jada, Addie, and Maxwell



March 2020 Message from our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We will spend the entire month of March in the season of Lent. If you don't know much about Lent, that's okay. There is only one thing you really need to know about this season; it will help us prepare our hearts for the Easter feast.

Lent is one of the oldest seasons of the church year. When the early church was just starting out, we didn't celebrate many of the Christian holidays we celebrate today. Easter was celebrated as the day Jesus rose from the grave, and that's pretty much it. Christmas wasn't celebrated until about a thousand years of church history had passed. Epiphany came at about the same time as Christmas, and Advent came about 200 years after that.

In the early church there was a period of time for new converts to the Christian faith to be instructed on what it meant to be a Christian, and then all of the new converts would be baptized into the church on the evening before Easter. That way they would be able to take communion with the rest of the church on Easter Sunday. That practice developed into the Easter vigil, and the period of instruction developed into what we know today as our Lenten discipline.

Our Lenten discipline has traditionally stood on three pillars: Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving. During Lent we fast from some of the things that complicate life. Some people fast from sugar and sweets, some fast from certain other foods like red meat, some people fast from both things, and some people fast from other things that aren't food, such as fasting from Facebook or Instagram or other social media. The idea of the Lenten fast is, of course, patterned after Jesus spending 40 days in the wilderness, fasting as he prepared to begin his ministry.

Just as Jesus spent his 40 days of fasting praying to God for help forming his ministry, our second pillar of prayer is to help us learn from God where we need to focus our energy to fulfill God's plan for our own lives. We can also spend time praying for others who need God's mercy to combat things like poverty, illness, the effects of war and violence and many other tragedies.

Then comes the third pillar of our Lenten discipline of almsgiving. Some people think the church is always asking for money. I don't know if you have noticed this, but it's true! The church is always asking for money to help the poor, lift up those who are without, and assist the diseased in their distress. We raise money for the Food Bank, Assured Hospice, Adams County Pet Rescue, ELCA World Hunger, ELCA Good Gifts, Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, and a few other causes that help people maintain dignity in the most terrible circumstances.

Notice we do NOT ask for money to fund the programs of Pilgrim Lutheran Church! Those things are funded with your regular offering donations. No, our Lenten discipline of almsgiving is specifically to help those OUTSIDE of our church so that they know they have been noticed, and that God loves them. As God loves them, we will share God's love with them so that they may share God's love with others.

Now, here is how we put all of these three pillars together to make a sturdy shelter for your Lenten journey: we have a soup and bread supper every Wednesday evening during Lent. Soup and bread form a simple meal to encourage you with strength for every Lenten journey. Even as we are fasting, we need some sustenance along the way. Such a simple meal won't cost much, so the money you saved is to help you with the discipline of almsgiving, and each Lenten supper begins and ends with prayer and a brief service. The Lenten disciplines of Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving all shared within one simple service, and you are welcome to come and enjoy soup and fellowship with other pilgrims on our Lenten journey, every Wednesday at 6 pm. See you in church!

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**





**Birthdays
 are on the
 back page!**

INFO CORNER

2/2	Attendance:	40	Offering:	\$ 3,930.35
2/9	Attendance:	45	Offering:	\$ 2,212
2/16	Attendance:	41	Offering:	\$ 2,060
2/23	Attendance:	45	Offering:	\$ 1,693
2020 Offerings —			\$ 22,526	
2020 Expenses—			\$ 19,279	

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Healing Service	2 	3 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	4 8:30-2:30 Quilters Lenten Soup & Bread 6 pm	5 Worship & Music @ 7 pm	6	7 8 am @ OSD for Sandhill Crane City Clean up
8 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	9	10 Alfa y Omega 6 pm Fellowship Comm @ 2 pm Church Council 7:00 ★	11 8:30-2:30 Quilters Lenten Soup & Bread 6 pm	12	13	14 Women's Bible Study 10 am Bob Reichert's Birthday Bash Please RSVP !!
15 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	16	17 Alfa y Omega 6 pm  Blood Drive 1-6 pm	18 8:30-2:30 Quilters Lenten Soup & Bread 6 pm	19	20 Sandhill Crane Festival →	21
22 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School →	23	24 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	25 8:30-2:30 Quilters Lenten Soup & Bread 6 pm	26	27	28 10 am Church Work Party Indoors & Outdoors
29 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Noisy Offering	30	31 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	8:30-2:30 Quilters Lenten Soup & Bread 6 pm	Men's Breakfast: Meeting each Saturday in March at Casa Mexicana except March 7th Sunday School: Meeting each Sunday in March		

March Council Meeting
Council will meet on March 10th at 7 pm in the Council Room. ★

Anniversaries-March
15 Stewart & Abby Hilmes



Candidates:

1. Tammy at the dishwasher
2. John at the batter station
3. Elaine making gluten free
4. Anna prepping the sausage

DATE	USHERS	READER	Communion Assistant	ACOLYTE	Sacristan	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER	Coffee Hour
Mar 1	Pete R	Kristi Spohr	Fay Coats		Fay Coats	Nancy Roth	Tammy R		Elaine W & Anna S
Mar 8	Pete Rodriguez	Shirley Jean			Liz Deasy	Nancy Roth	Tammy Rodriguez		Erika D & Paula M
Mar 15	Trudy Doolittle	Linda Bork	Anna Short		Anna Short	Nancy Roth	Anna Short		MaryAnn K & Marcia B
Mar 22					Nancy Roth	Elaine Wade	Trudy Doolittle		
Mar 29	Pete Rodriguez	Don Wade		Maxwell		Cindy Eidahl	Tammy Rodriguez	Elaine Wade	Elaine W, Angela M, & Cindy E



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March 2020

Schedule for Soup and Bread Suppers

- March 4 **Soup**-Shirley Jean, Tammy R, & Carolyn Bunch
Bread-Annie Smith, Sue Bunch
- March 11 **Soup**-Anna Short, Liz Deasy & Kristi Spohr
Bread-Cindy Eidahl & Nancy Roth
- March 18 **Soup**-Liz Jensen & Angela Martinez
Bread-Liz Jensen & Fay Coats (cornbread)
- March 25 **Soup**-Donna Adams, Nancy Roth, & Kristi Spohr
Bread-Cindy Eidahl
- April 1 **Soup**-Elaine Wade & Kayla Spohr
Bread-Tammy R & Kayla Spohr

Birthdays–March

- 1 Darla Spurgeon
- 2 Janna Erickson
- 7 Ella Moore
- 8 Shane Wright
- 9 Marc Spohr
- 9 Shea Wedekind
- 11 Hadley Erickson
- 14 Jose Guzman Jr.
- 15 Kolton
- 16 Mike Adams
- 16 Matt Tricola
- 17 Peyton Roberts
- 17 Ryan Moore
- 18 Bob Reichert
- 22 Jacob Thornton
- 23 Emma & Cash Erickson
- 25 Maxwell Martinez

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.**



Addie Russell lighting candles

Red Cross Blood Drive

This important event will be held at Pilgrim Tuesday, March 17, between 1-6 pm. Please consider helping to set up for the event on Sunday the 15th after church and resetting the fellowship hall for the quilters after the event. Thank you in advance!

Lectionary Readings for March

Mar 1	Genesis 2:15-17,3:1-7	Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
Mar 8	Genesis 12:1-4a	Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-5,13-17	John 3:1-17
Mar 15	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
Mar 22	I Samuel 16:1-13	Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
Mar 29	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 130	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45



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