

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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2nd Annual Party for the Paws

This event is a fundraiser for Adams County Pet Rescue. It will be held Saturday, Sept. 28 at the Adams County Fairgrounds in Othello.

Order of Events:

5-6 pm Yappy Hour

6-7 pm Chow Time

7 pm Dessert Dash

7:15 Live Auction

Tickets may be purchased at the Adams Co. Pet Rescue Building, from Carolyn Bunch or off the QR code on the poster in the Narthex.

\$30-Single

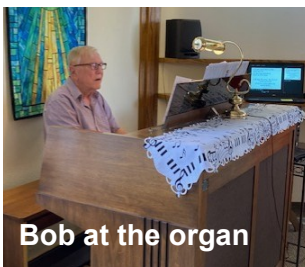
\$50-Couple

Grab a friend and go as a couple. Let's support this amazing organization that does so much to care for our lost and/or abandoned animals.

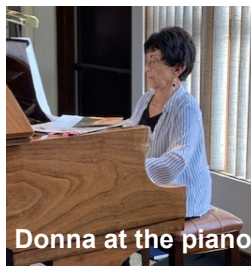
Appreciation Tea

On Sunday October 6th, after our worship service, Pilgrim will celebrate 50 years of musical leadership by Donna and Bob Reichert. Over the decades they have performed and enhanced music throughout the community, including over 40 years of Christmas cantatas, leading the Unique Dinner Show at the Showhouse, in addition to all of the sacred church leadership they have provided at Pilgrim. Bob has led the choir, Donna has played the piano, and both of them, along with their talented daughters, have lent their musical talents to our church in the form of Sunday choir anthems, and liturgical music leadership, hymn leadership, and Bob's Lenten Wednesday Organ Recitals featuring many sing-along hymns. Their musical legacy with Pilgrim Lutheran is certainly unmatched by any other church musicians in our area, and we have been blessed by God to have participated and enjoyed their talent for so many years.

We will be honoring Bob & Donna with a tea party after worship, where we can greet them and thank them for everything they have done for our church and for the community. Please come and show your appreciation for Donna and Bob on Oct 6 at worship & the tea following. Thank you, -Pastor Short



Bob at the organ



Donna at the piano

Below: Cowboy Sunday Photo in cowboy duds!

Piano Concert at Pilgrim

Mark Wednesday, October 9th on your calendar!! **World renowned concert Pianist**, Stephen Beus, will be doing a benefit concert at Pilgrim Lutheran Church for Adams County Pet Rescue followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. The concert begins at 7 pm, and there will be a \$10 admission fee. Hope to see you there!



Blessing of the Animals

Our pets have the opportunity to be blessed following the worship service on October 13. You may bring them to the service on leashes and in crates, and have them blessed outside after the service. The **Pilgrim Ukestra** will be performing with special songs as well!



Quilters

Quilting is in full swing and everyone is welcome to join in the making of these beautiful quilts to donate to Lutheran World Relief. We also keep some to give to the Christmas Basket Fund, and some for fundraising during the year, as well as to our graduating seniors. Quilters meet at 9 am every Wednesday during the school year, and typically are done by noon.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will be meeting Saturday, Sept 28, at 10 am at Coventry House in the library. October's Bible Study will be held Oct. 12 at 10 am. Come for fellowship, learning, and coffee! See you there! Bring your copy of the Gather Magazine, your Bible, and an open mind!

October Message From our Pastor:

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Dear Pilgrims,

During the current church year, we have been reading mostly in the Gospel According to Mark. This is one of the three gospels known as the 'Synoptic Gospels' because Matthew, Mark, and Luke all tell similar stories in a similar order. The words vary somewhat from one gospel to the next, but sometimes they even tell the same story in the same words, as if they were quoting from someone.

Many biblical scholars believe Mark was written first, somewhere around the years 50-55, or about 20 years after the crucifixion. Oddly enough, neither Luke nor Mark are listed as one of the twelve disciples, so one might wonder what motivated them to write the story. Another thought that some people have is why did the writers of the gospels wait about 20 years before writing down the stories? There are a couple of answers that help with those questions.

First, Mark was an apostle under the direction of Paul. He met Paul in Jerusalem after Peter escaped from prison, and traveled with him to Cyprus, but then, when the whole company with Paul landed in Pamphylia, Mark went to Jerusalem to get further training. From there, he travelled to with Barnabas for a while, but then returned to Jerusalem to care for Peter. He learned most of the stories about Jesus from Peter and the disciples that remained in Jerusalem. He sort-of became the secretary of Peter.

To answer the second question, Mark began writing his gospel stories down when he realized people in the churches had never heard the stories about Jesus. He began sending them out to the churches around the Middle East so that all the believers would hear about the great works of Jesus, but an unexpected consequence occurred. Since Jesus treated women as equal to men,

women began leading churches as well, based on the stories Mark told. Churches in Philippi and Ephesus were led by women and were shaped by the writings of Mark, Paul, and other early apostles.

This year, our sisters and brothers in the Episcopal Church are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women to their roster of the priesthood, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America celebrated the 50th anniversary of women clergy in 2021, having first ordained Lutheran women in 1971. Since then, many women have risen to the ranks of bishop, and currently, of the six synods that make up Region 1 of the ELCA, five of the bishops are women. The current bishop of the Spokane Diocese of the Episcopal Church is also a woman, and our churchwide bishop is a woman.

Women in ministry have come a long way in a short 50 years, but I believe it is entirely blessed by the Holy Spirit, guided by the words of Jesus Christ, and serving God the Father of us all. I think the world is better off with the women we have entrusted to leadership, and we give thanks to God for their service.

Unfortunately, too often in our society we tend to objectify women. We hold them to impossible standards in terms of weight, facial features, body image, and even skin condition. Perhaps, in celebration of women in clergy, we could set aside all of those societal pressures and simply give thanks for the ministry of women. Here at Pilgrim, we have women who serve as worship assistants, women who prepare our altar for communion, women who provide music, and women who read our holy Scriptures each Sunday, as well as women who greet us at the door and teach our children. Thank you, women, for your service to God and for your leadership in God's holy church. I'll see you in church or online.

Peace,
Pastor Don Short

Pastor Short's office hours:

Tues-Friday 9-12 am

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**.

Mondays are Pastor's Day off. Please limit contact to emergencies only. Thank you.

Pastor's Email: pilgrimlcpastor@gmail.com

Anna's office hours:

Tuesday 9-12

Thursday 9-1

Friday 9-12

Please call if you need info on anything!
Cell phone **509-761-1205**

INFO CORNER

9/1	Attendance:	28	Offering \$ 2,885
9/8	Attendance:	28	Offering \$ 2,651
9/15	Attendance:	28	Offering \$ 1,183
9/22	Attendance:	22	Offering \$12,695
9/29	Attendance:	TBD	

Year to Date Offerings: \$ 94,325




Year to Date Expenses: \$112,000

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



Being a Christian...

is like being a pumpkin. God lifts you up, takes you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. He opens you up, touches you deep inside and scoops out all the yucky stuff—including the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Men's Breakfast: Saturday mornings 8 am @ Checo's		1	2 Quilting 9-12	3	4	5
6 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Honoring Reicherts	7	8 Church Council 7 pm	9 Quilting 9-12 Stephen Beus concert 7 pm \$10	10 Send a thank you message to Anna in the snail mail.	11	12 Women's Bible Study 10 am Coventry House
13 9 am Adult Forum Sunday School 10 am Worship	14 → 15 Bishop's Convocation in Walla Walla			16 Quilting 9-12	17	18
Blessing of the Animals						
20 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Healing Service Worship, Music, Fellowship meeting	21	22	23 Quilting 9-12	24	25	26
27 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Reformation Sunday	28	29	30 Quilting 9-12	31  Halloween	Birthdays-- October 1 Donna Adams 5 Donna Reichert 9 Erika Rodriguez 11 Trent Spohr 11 Jayden Rodriguez 12 Addie Jo Russell 15 Danita Porter 16 Treva Reichert 18 Aaron Stephens 19 Jonathan Rodriguez 21 Cindy Eidahl 23 Stewart Hilmes 26 Eric Porter 26 Rob Reichert, 26 FayAnn McCourtie 28 Marcia Bougher 28 Miah Rodriguez 29 Barb Maine 31 Maro Moreno	
		Anniversaries-- October 8 Sandy & Shane Russell 29 Sue & Ron Hosek 30 Elaine & Don Wade		Council Members Marcia Bougher Larry Kirkpatrick Kristi Spohr Ernie Summers Linda Bork John Lawrence		
So long, farewell, God Bless! On October 6, we will bid a fond farewell to our wonderful Annie Smith. She has been an active member participating on council, various committees, and acting as a worship assistant the last few years. She is moving to Longview. Happy retirement Annie!		What we do for ourselves, dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal. -Albert Pine				

	USHER/GREETER	READER	ACOLYTE	SACRISTAN	CLICKER	BREAD	TREATS AFTER WORSHIP		
OCT 6		Angela	Attention!! Thank you to all who have signed up in advance! Please note the large number of empty spaces, and come prepared on Sunday to help out wherever you can! Please check the sign up sheet to see what still needs to be done! Teamwork makes the dream work! Let's see if we can get a filled up sheet for November!			Elaine	Elaine & Fellowship		
OCT 13		Donna A							
OCT 20		Evelyn							MaryAnn & Shirley
OCT 27	Larry K	MaryAnn							



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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.**



Blessing of the First Responders

On Sept 8, Pilgrim held a blessing for Othello's First Responders. It was the largest group ever with 15 responders from EMS, Othello Police Dept, the Adams Co. Sheriff Dept, and the Othello Fire Dept. Prior to the Blessing, all were treated to breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to everyone who made the Responders feel so welcome and those who provided the food for the breakfast.



Fall is here in all its
splendor!
Rejoice!



Lectionary Readings for October

Oct 6	Genesis 2:18-24	Psalm 8	Hebrews 1:1-4,2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
Oct 13	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15	Psalm 90:12-17	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
Oct 20	Isaiah 53:4-12	Psalm 91:9-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
Oct 27	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalm 46	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.