

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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### Great News

At Pilgrim's Sept 10th meeting, council voted to sponsor the adoption fees for a dog, and 2 cats at Adams County Pet Rescue. They had to have been there for over 5 months, having been passed over for quite a while. Anna, since she volunteers at ACPR, was to choose the dog to sponsor. She chose Top Flight! He was brought to the Blessing of the Animals, and the next day was asked to have a meet & greet for a possible adoption. Sometimes God works really fast! See Below for more info!



**Above:** Top Flight being blessed by Pastor Don on at Blessing of the Animals, Oct 13.

**Below:** Top Flight (renamed Huckleberry) and his new owner Finn pictured in front of Adams County Pet Rescue.



### With Our Love and Thanks

On October 6, Pilgrim held an Appreciation Tea for Bob and Donna Reichert, celebrating their 50 years of service to our church as musicians. They have been a wonderful blessing to our congregation and we thank them heartily for their faithfulness, devotion, and service to our church in the sharing of their many gifts over the years. Thank you to everyone who worked to make this Tea Party a wonderful event, and to everyone who came to celebrate these two extraordinary humans.



Left: Bob & Donna Reichert

Right: Bob & Donna with their children, Rob, Renee Bagley & her husband Garrett, & Treva



### Happy

### Thanksgiving



### Big Thanks

Do you notice something new as you travel down the hall from the sanctuary to the fellowship hall? Thank you to Sally McFarlin for the funds to purchase the materials providing a railing the entire length of the hall and to the outside door. And special thanks to Bill Porter for the design and implementation of the railing, with help from his sister Linda Bork. It is a big blessing to those with balance issues and to those needing a little more stability. Wonderful job and many thanks!

**Photo below:** Jackie & Sally McFarlin and Bill Porter with the railing in the background.

### Happy 66th Birthday Pastor Don!

On Nov 3 following worship, Pilgrim celebrated Pastor's 66th bday with a Route 66 themed party, complete with a specialty Route 66 cake by Elaine Wade & Angela Martinez, & decorations by Trudy Doolittle, and the Fellowship Committee. It was a **fabulous** party and many thanks to everyone involved in the preparations!



Newsletter Article for November 2024

Dear Pilgrims,

“O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. O give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever.” (Psalm 136:1-3)

The above verses may sound repetitive, but when you begin to repeat them over and over, you may realize as I do, that they are a great way to give thanks to the God we worship. We worship a God who comes to us in Trinity. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. They are not three gods, they are one. All of the explanations of the Trinity eventually break down into heresy, so it is sufficient to say that, while God is expressed in the three persons of the Trinity, we worship only one God.

During this month of November, we turn our hearts toward Thanksgiving. The writer of Psalm 136 makes it clear where our thanks are supposed to go. We give thanks to the Lord. We give thanks to God. We give thanks to the Spirit of the Lord. We have a direct object who receives our thanksgiving when we offer it. God receives our thanksgiving, and we give thanks to God for all of the ways we have been blessed.

Shouldn't we do that more than once a year? It seems to me that we are blessed regularly throughout the year, and therefore, God is worthy of thanks throughout the year. When you or a person you know is sick and gets better, do you pause and give thanks to God for the healing? I know many of us do, but if that is not a regular practice of yours, you may wish to incorporate it into your life.

When you are struggling with a significant problem and you're unsure of a solution, when suddenly, the solution presents itself almost magically, do you recognize the hand of God at work? Do you pause and give thanks that the will of the Lord was to offer a blessing to you right then?

Anna and I make a practice of thanking God for each meal we eat, even when we are eating at a restaurant,

and even when we are with others who may not have the same belief system we do. Sometimes it is a silent pause and prayer of thanksgiving, but I honestly think my body receives food more readily if I have offered thanks to God for it.

For many people, Thanksgiving is simply a chance to watch football and overindulge in a big meal with family. For others, Thanksgiving is a time to prepare for the Christmas shopping season and try to make sure to get to the stores with the best values on Friday. For others, Thanksgiving is just another day where they must depend on others for food since they cannot afford or are unable to feed themselves.

This Thanksgiving, as we pause and give thanks to the Lord for He is good, let us also take a moment to give thanks for the people who need to hear from the Lord. Give thanks for the people who depend on food charities to eat. Give thanks for the people who will overindulge and watch football because they have no idea where to focus their thanks. Give thanks for the people who will shop for bargains the day after Thanksgiving, because all of the people listed are children of God. All of them are people God loves. All of the people we remember today are people who are welcome to feast, not only at their own tables, but at the table of the Lord, where Jesus Christ himself offers his body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

All of the people God has placed on this planet are people God loves, and all people are an opportunity for us to live out our 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." And so, we give thanks. We give thanks to God for our place in God's mission, and we give thanks to God for all of the blessings we share at Pilgrim. Thanks be to God.

See you at church or online.

Peace,

Pastor Don

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!  
Psalm 136:1

**INFO CORNER**

9/29 Attendance:	32	Offering \$	1,390
10/6 Attendance:	49	Offering \$	4,395
10/13 Attendance:	36	Offering \$	920
10/20 Attendance:	30	Offering \$	1,405
10/27 Attendance:	30	Offering \$	320

Year to Date Offerings:	\$ 102,755
Year to Date Expenses:	\$ 121,000

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



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Men's Breakfast:</b> Saturday mornings 8 am @ Checo's					1	2
<b>3</b> 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Pastor Don's Party	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Cantata Practice 7:30	<b>6</b> Quilting 9-12	<b>7</b> Cantata Practice 7:30	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	<b>11</b> Veterans Day	<b>12</b> Cantata Practice 7:30	<b>13</b> Quilting 9-12	<b>14</b> Cantata Practice 7:30	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Women's Bible Study 10 am @ Coventry
<b>17</b> 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Worship, Music,	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Council 7 pm Cantata Practice 7:30	<b>20</b> Quilting 9-12	<b>21</b> Cantata Practice 7:30	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Cantata Practice 7:30	<b>27</b> Quilting 9-12	<b>28</b> Happy Thanksgiving 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

**Women's Bible Study**

Women's Bible Study will be meeting Saturday, Nov 16, at 10 am at Coventry House in the library. Come for fellowship, learning, and coffee! Bring your copy of the Gather Magazine, your Bible, and an open mind! See you there!

**Council Members**  
 Marcia Bougher  
 Larry Kirkpatrick  
 Kristi Spohr  
 Ernie Summers  
 Linda Bork  
 John Lawrence

**Birthdays-- November**

17 Julissa Rodriguez
21 Shane Russell,
21 Rylee McKay
24 Bernie Snyder,
24 Sharon Bray
25 Lynn Olsen
27 Jeannine Bergstrom
27 Shawn Mendoza
28 Harmon Olson
29 Audrey Reichert
30 Ron Hosek

**2 Don Short**  
 4 Emilee Jensen  
 5 Myles McKay  
 5 Heidi Bayley Reichert  
 6 Linda Bork  
 10 Taylor Green  
 12 Vicki Nau  
 16 Veda Thomas  
 16 Larry Maine  
 17 Evan Wright



**Lutheran Disaster Relief Efforts at PLC**  
 Pilgrim's month-long Disaster Relief Drive during October garnered nearly \$500 to aid in the Hurricane Relief

**Anniversaries-- November**  
 11 John & Jeannine Bergstrom

	USHER/GREETER	READER	ACOLYTE	SACRISTAN	CLICKER	BREAD	TREATS AFTER WORSHIP
Nov 3	Pete R	Linda B	<b>Attention!!</b> 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 signup 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 December!!!		Tammy	Elaine	Elaine & Fellowship
Nov 10		Evelyn			Tammy	Elaine	
Nov 17		Angela			Tammy	Elaine	Liz Deasy
Nov 24		Anna			Tammy	Elaine	Anna & Don



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**November**



**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.**

**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**

**Coffee for a Cause**



On Nov. 17 we are invited to participate in Coffee for a Cause at Iron works Café between the hours of 10 am to 1 pm. This is the program (Soul2Sole) presented by the youth at the Presbyterian Church. There will be lattes, Italian sodas, and cinnamon rolls for sale, the proceeds of which go to the Soul2Sole program. The organizers have already started to purchase shoes for the school kids because the need is so great. This is an opportunity for us to support our brothers and sisters in Christ as they meet the needs of our Othello Community children. Hope we can have some Pilgrims represent!! :)

**Lectionary Readings for November**

Nov 3	Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 24	Revelation 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44
Nov 10	I Kings 17:8-16	Psalm 146	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
Nov 17	Daniel 12:1-3	Psalm 16	Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25	Mark 13:1-8
Nov 24	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	Psalm 93	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37



**book of faith**

Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.