

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

THE NEWSLETTER OF PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH OTHELLO, WASHINGTON

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### Props to PLC Sunday School!

Many thanks to Marcia Bougher and the Sunday School for rising to organize the Souper Bowl Challenge. The Narthex is abuzz with food for the Food Bank, and Pet Food to go to Pet Rescue! Each Sunday they weigh the new deposits of food and advance the teams on the Scoreboard in the Narthex. The 2 teams are the Seahawks and the Angels. Currently the Seahawks are ahead by a score of 42-21. Each 52 lbs or \$52 is equal to a touchdown. Last names A-M are Seahawks, and N-Z are Angels! Let's **GOOOOOO!** Remember, the real winners of this friendly competition are the people who are served by our Othello Food Bank, and the animals served by Adams County Pet Rescue.



### Adult Forum

We are currently studying the book of 1st John on Sunday mornings at 9 am. I John has a LOT of verses that are very familiar to most everyone. Pastor & Anna have the coffee on, so come grab some coffee and dig into the Scripture with us!

### Women's Bible Study

This month's Bible Study will be held on Saturday, Feb 15th at 10 am in the Coventry House TV Room. Bring your Bible & your copy of the Gather Magazine or grab one from the Narthex. See you there for study, fellowship, sharing & some great discussions.



**Above:** Here is the Angel's cache of pet food for Adams County Pet Rescue! They have a ways to go to catch the Seahawks!! The mystery is how many \$\$\$ have been donated for those touchdowns???

### Quilting

"Those who sleep under a quilt, sleep under a blanket of LOVE."

At the Congregational Meeting Fay Coats let everyone know that the PLC Quilters had donated 25 quilts to the Christmas Basket Fund in 2024. This is one way that we can bring comfort and love to our neighbors here in town. Remember, we also send a multitude of quilts to Lutheran World Relief every year! Well done! More quilting on page 3.

### Congregational Meeting Update

Our annual congregational meeting was held Sunday, January 26th, directly after worship.

At this meeting we:

- 1) Reviewed & approved the minutes of the last congregational meeting of Sunday, January 28, 2024.
- 2) Received info from Pastor regarding the Synod Assembly, to be held by ZOOM on Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 10 am to 3 pm. If interested in attending, please talk to Pastor.
- 3) Elected 3 to their 1st term on Council-Don Wade, Trudy Doolittle, & Evelyn Wright  
Thank you for answering the call to serve
- 4) Appointed Angela Martinez, Ernie Summers, Kristi Spohr, and Larry Kirkpatrick along with Marcia Bougher to the Nominating Committee
- 5) Elected Fay Coats to the Endowment Committee
- 6) Heard & reviewed reports from Pastor, Property and Management, Evangelism, Worship, Music & Fellowship, and Sunday School Committees
- 7) Reviewed the Congregational Evaluation only, Pastoral Evaluation is yet to come
- 8) Discussed & adopted the 2025 Mission Budget of \$158,850. Larger changes include increases of \$500 in Benevolences to the synod, \$2,140 in custom lawn care service for our campus, \$500 for insurance, \$1800 in church utilities, \$500 for groundskeeper, \$800 for secretary, \$1000 in church office supplies, and \$2,200 in Pastor's salary.
- 9) Amended the By-laws to read that all undesignated bequests to the church be distributed as follows: 90% to the General Fund (to be managed by the Church Council) & 10% to the Endowment Fund (which will be managed by the Endowment Committee.)
- 10) Are still looking to fill the position of Property & Management chair. Ask Tammy Rodriguez if you want to know what that entails. We also need a small group to support that person. Council will be looking at who may be good in that position.
- 11) Concluded with the Lord's Prayer, and adjourned to the Fellowship Hall.

Copies of the Annual Report are available in the Narthex for anyone who was not able to come to the congregational meeting. Members are encouraged to pick up a copy & peruse the activities and expenses of the church's operation. We are an active bunch!

Following our meeting we gathered in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious potluck as only Pilgrim can put together. Many Thanks to everyone who helped in the kitchen and who brought food to share!

Newsletter Article for February 2025

Dear Pilgrims,

When the calendar turns to February, what do you think of first? Do you wonder if the famous groundhog in Pennsylvania will see his shadow? Maybe, if you're a football fan, you wonder about who will win the Super Bowl. Perhaps you wonder about what to do for your loved ones on Valentine's Day. There are a few things to wonder about during February, and I will tell you what I am wondering about.

First, I am wondering about what game I will be playing at Game Night coming up at the church on February 19th. These are always fun events, and there will be more information about it in the newsletter or in bulletins in the coming days.

Second, I am wondering about which team will win the annual food drive. The Sunday School children have taken over the food drive this year, and they renamed one of the teams to the Seahawks, who are currently leading the Angels, but there are still some days left until the end of the food drive, so anything can happen. Elsewhere in the newsletter I think you will find information about which team you are on, and I encourage you to support your team, since the real winners are Adams County Pet Rescue and the Othello Food Bank.

Another thing I am wondering about is how much we will support the people of California in their

efforts to rebuild from the wildfire damage. Many homes and businesses have been lost, many people have been displaced, and the needs will be great to help our fellow Americans rebuild their lives. Are we willing to support Lutheran Disaster Response in their efforts to bring some comfort to the wildfire victims in California? Perhaps if you would rather, you could support the efforts of Lutheran Disaster Response that are continuing in the North Carolina mountains as they rebuild from Hurricane Helene. Many roads were washed away, and the rebuilding efforts continue, even now. They just don't make the evening news.

There are many things to wonder about this month, but there is one thing we never have to wonder about. We know that Jesus Christ will be with us in all things through the power of the Holy Spirit. As St. Paul reminded the Corinthians, "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God?"

(1 Corinthians 6:19) God will be with you at all times and in all places throughout the month of February, so you have no need to wonder about that!

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**

**Council Members**  
 Marcia Bougher  
 Larry Kirkpatrick  
 Linda Bork  
 Evelyn Wright  
 Don Wade  
 Trudy Doolittle


**Needed**  
 Property Manager  
 Please contact  
 Linda Bork,  
 Council President,  
 if you are  
 interested in  
 taking on this  
 important role.

**INFO CORNER**

1/5	Attendance: 28	Offering \$ 3,110
1/12	Attendance: 30	Offering \$ 3,000
1/19	Attendance: 42	Offering \$ 465
1/26	Attendance: 34	Offering \$ 1,030

Year to Date Offerings: \$ 7,605  
 Year to Date Expenses: \$ 7,890  
**Thank you, Pilgrims, for supporting your Church and it's Mission!**

**January Giving Beyond our Church**  
 Pacific NW Veteran's Alliance-\$600  
 ELCA Disaster Response-California Fires-\$1000

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Men's Breakfast:</b> Saturday mornings 8 am @ Checo's						1
<b>2</b> 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Healing Service	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Quilting 9-12	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Souper Bowl	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Council 7 pm Endowment Comm @ noon	<b>12</b> Quilting 9-12	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b> Women's Bible Study 10 am @ Coventry
<b>16</b> 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School WMF comm mtg. Coventry worship 2:15	<b>17</b> President's Day Mid Winter Break	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Quilting 9-12 Game Night + Meal 5 pm	<b>20</b> Hymn Select 1:30	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Quilting 9-12	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	

**Birthdays- February**

- 3 Maya Martinez
- 5 Henry Solbrack
- 7 John Bergstrom
- 7 Jennifer Rose
- 9 John Lawrence
- 9 Tammy Rodriguez
- 11 Brady Hilmes
- 12 Lillian Solbrack
- 13 Tyler Evans
- 14 Joleen McKay
- 15 Trevor Hilmes
- 16 Roger Martinez
- 21 Lupe Mendoza
- 23 Audrey Stephens
- 24 Jaxson Peter Jahns
- 25 Dee Wright
- 27 Jennifer Porter
- 27 Elijah Rodriguez

**Anniversaries- February**

20 Leonard & Joleen Bland

Upcoming Meetings

- Church Council**  
Feb 11 @ 7 pm
- Valentine's Day**  
Feb 14 ALL DAY!!!
- Worship & Music/ Fellowship**  
Feb 16 @ 11:30 after worship.
- Coventry Worship**  
Feb 16 @ 2:15 pm
- Game Night & Meal**  
Feb 19 @ 5 pm
- Hymn Select Committee**  
Feb 20 @ 1:30

**A Quilting Success Story**

This quote is from Edward Lynch, a homeless veteran whose temporary shelter flooded during Hurricane Helene. He is just one of thousands affected by the hurricanes & tornadoes in the South.

"I can say I got this quilt when I lost everything. And this is one of the first, nicest things I got. It gave me something to hold on to in the midst of a crisis."

	USHER/GREETER	READER	ACOLYTE	SACRISTAN	CLICKER	BREAD	TREATS AFTER WORSHIP
<b>Feb 2</b>	Pete R	MaryAnn K	Don W	Elaine	Tammy	Donna A	Elaine
<b>Feb 9</b>		Angela			Tammy	↓	Sandi B & Linda C
<b>Feb 16</b>		Donna A			Tammy		Vicki
<b>Feb 24</b>		Linda B			Tammy		Angela & Elaine





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February



**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.**

**Shrove Tuesday**

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday are coming up fast on March 4th and 5th. Watch the bulletins and watch for a sign up sheet coming soon! We will be needing all hands on deck again for this fantastic community event where we throw open our doors and invite the community to a sausage and pancake dinner!



**Quilt of the Week**

**Game Night Returns**

Join your Pilgrim friends and family for a meal followed by Game Night on Wednesday, **February 19 at 5 pm**. It's going to be a blast- we are a competitive bunch!

**National Quilting  
Day**

**March 15, 2025**

**Lectionary Readings for February**

Feb 2	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalm 71:1-6	I Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30
Feb 9	Isaiah 6:1-8[9-13]	Psalm 138	I Corinthians 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11
Feb 16	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Psalm 1	I Corinthians 15:12-20	Luke 6:17-26
Feb 23	Genesis 45:3-11,15	Psalm 37:1-11,39-40	I Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50	Luke 6:27-38



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