

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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### Souper Bowl Update

Many thanks to **Marcia Bougher and the Sunday School** for rising up to organize the Souper Bowl Challenge. When all was said and done, we ended up \$591 in cash, which Council increased to **\$500 each** for Pet Rescue and the Food Bank using funds from the Bell Fund. We also had 600 pounds in pet food that was delivered to Pet Rescue and 3 large bags of food for the Food Bank. Both recipients were very pleased and appreciative. The Angels aced out the Seahawks on the last day for the W, and the Trophy filled with candy. By the way, the candy is always shared!!

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. Thanks to everyone who participated, donated, & took donations to the respective places! Great job, Pilgrims!

### Who is My Neighbor?

Our neighbor is anyone and everyone in need, no matter what. Our neighbor is whoever needs mercy, compassion and support. We are called to help!



### Adult Forum

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

### Shrove Tuesday info



### Women's Bible Study

This month's Bible Study will be held on Saturday, March 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.

### Quilting

National Quilting Day is March 15, 2025. **For 80 years**, Lutherans & friends have been making quilts for our neighbors around the world. Since it's beginning, Lutheran World Relief has sent out over **28 million quilts** to help make life brighter, softer, and warmer for those who are struggling with chronic poverty, illness, natural disaster, and conflicts. Here at Pilgrim, we are blessed with a wonderful ecumenical group of quilters. Make sure to give them a big thank you when you see them at church, and in the community. If you are interested in joining them, they meet on Wednesdays from 9 am-12.

### Shrove Tuesday almost Here!

**Shrove Tuesday is coming up quickly on March 4th from 5-7 pm.** A sign up sheet is in the Narthex. We still need more kitchen crew, set-up crew, and cleaning crew. If you can help please sign up!

On **March 3rd at 3 pm, Worship, Music, & Fellowship** will be decorating the Fellowship Hall for Shrove Tuesday.

On **March 4th, the Set Up Crew begins at 3 pm**, setting up tables & chairs, putting out napkins, dishes glasses, bowls, sups, & silverware.

**Kitchen Crew & Griddle Crew all show up at 4 pm** to get sausages cooked, batter made and pancakes started.

**The Cleaning Crew shows up at 5 pm** to help bus tables, wash dishes, take out trash, & keep kitchen tidy.

**We still need 2 people** to share the free-will offering table duties of greeting folks, and explaining the process if needed. 4:45-6 pm is one shift, and 6-7 pm the second shift.

This is one of the most fun events that we have at Pilgrim where we fling open the doors and invite friends, neighbors, relatives, and acquaintances to come and have a good meal, and some special fellowship prior to the Lenten season. We look forward to seeing you all and sharing in this **FUN** event.

### Our Lenten Pilgrimage

We begin our Lenten journey on **March 5th at 7 pm** for our **Ash Wednesday** service.

The following five weeks we meet on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm for our Soup and Bread Suppers. Pilgrims make amazing soups, and most often, we need to try each one, because, well, we just don't want to miss out! We still have a few open slots for soups and bread, so if inclined, please sign up in the Narthex. Thank you to all of our volunteers!

Read Pastor's message to find out more about our Wednesday nights, but here are the dates and the senses we will be exploring.

**Mar 12-Sight**

**Mar 19-Sound**

**Mar 26-Scent**

**April 2-Touch**

**April 9-Taste**

I am looking forward to studying God's Love for us through the senses that he gave us, and I hope that you will join us for these 5 weeks of study, fellowship & good food!

Newsletter Article for March 2025

Dear Pilgrims,

If there was ever a month where we share multiple opportunities for fun, March has to be it. We begin the month at worship on March 2nd, and we celebrate all the birthdays and anniversaries of the month. On March 4th we celebrate Shrove Tuesday with our annual Pancake Supper. Tradition holds that Shrove Tuesday was initiated so that people could use up their forbidden foods that day so they wouldn't spoil over Lent. Of course, today we have modern refrigeration and storage facilities, so that is much less of an issue, but the tradition remains, and sharing an evening of fellowship and pancakes is fun! If you've ever been in the kitchen with those who prepare and serve the food that evening, I'm not sure who has more fun, those who serve or those who are served. Come and join in the fun and you'll see what I mean.

I know most people have trouble associating Lent with fun, but even though we will spend the bulk of the month of March in the season of Lent, I think this year it will be fun. Yes, we begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 5th with the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you will return", which is a rather depressing reference to our own mortality, but rather than dwell on the inevitability of our own demise, this year we will celebrate the gifts God has given us in our own five senses.

There are five midweek Lenten services, and each service will focus on one of our five different senses. We will spend time reflecting on how God has gifted us with these senses and how each of those senses is given to truly enjoy God's creation. We will read scripture passages that remind us of how the people of God have used their senses to learn from God and to follow Jesus, and how even just using our senses is a way to worship our Lord. I think it will be fun, and along with the focus on the senses, we also get to enjoy soup, bread, and fellowship. So, join in the fun!

The last Sunday in March is Casual Sunday, and we will take a less formal approach to our worship of God. Music will be a bit more casual and hopefully familiar and uplifting, and even the way Holy Communion is served is a bit more casual. Even in the midst of our casual attitudes, Jesus still makes his presence known, and God still reveals the perfect love God has for all of us. I sincerely hope you will be able to participate in the events your church planning teams have prepared for you. I think you will find a blessing as you come into God's holy house. See you in church or online.

Peace,  
Pastor Don

**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 **509-512-6404**.  
**Attention!! This is a new number for Pastor Don. Please change it in your contact list.**

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**

2/2	Attendance: 28	Offering \$ 2,730
2/9	Attendance: 30	Offering \$ 1,430
2/16	Attendance: 42	Offering \$ 730
2/23	Attendance: 34	Offering \$ 1,245

Year to Date Offerings: \$ 13,740  
Year to Date Expenses: \$ 24,000

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

**January Giving Beyond our Church**  
Othello Food Bank- \$500  
Adams County Pet Rescue-\$500

**Attention!**

If you have not yet received your 2024 giving statement, please let Marc Spohr know so that he can get it to you.

Also, did you know that you may direct your Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA to come straight to Pilgrim without claiming it as income. Consult your tax advisor for further information. Thank you to those who are already utilizing this method of donation, **AND** to those who are using **electronic bill pay** as well. The latter is a great way to ensure that your church gets your donation, even if you are out of town. Thank you. Many thanks also to those who receive newsletters and have sent in donations to help with the cost of sending them out, and to those who watch our FB lives on Sunday mornings and have taken the time to send in donations. Every one of them is helpful, and we appreciate you!

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<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> 3 pm Set up for Shrove	<b>4</b>  Shrove Tuesday 5-7 pm	<b>5</b> Quilting 9-12 Ash Wednesday 7 pm	6	7	<b>8</b> Daylight Saving Time-Set your clocks forward one hour	
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<b>30</b> 9 am Adult Forum 10 am Worship Sunday School Potluck	31	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Upcoming Meetings</u></p> <p>Shrove Tuesday                      March 4 @ 5-7 in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Ash Wednesday                      March 5 @ 7 pm</p> <p>Church Council                      March 11 @ 7 pm</p> <p>Worship &amp; Music/ Fellowship                      March 16 @ 11:30 after worship.</p> <p>Coventry Worship                      Feb 16 @ 2:15 pm</p> <p>Hymn Select Committee                      March 20 @ 1:30</p> <p>Potluck                      March 30 after worship</p> </div>				<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px;"> <p><u>Birthdays- March</u></p> <p>1 Darla Spurgeon                      7 Ella Moore                      8 Shane Wright                      9 Marc Spohr                      9 Shea Wedekind                      11 Hadley Erickson                      15 Kolton Erickson                      16 Matt Tricola                      17 Ryan Moore                      17 Payton Roberts                      18 Bob Reichert                      22 Jonah Short                      23 Emma &amp; Cash                      Erickson                      25 Maxwell Martinez</p> </div>	

**Lutheran World Relief Facts**  
**2022**-When Russian troops invaded Ukraine in February 2022, the LWR community banded together to mount the largest humanitarian response in Lutheran World Relief history.  
**2005**- When Hurricane Katrina caused unfathomable devastation, LWR quilters & kit makers sent aid to neighbors in their own backyard, a historic & singular distribution.

	USHER/GREETER	READER	ACOLYTE	SACRISTAN	CLICKER	BREAD	TREATS AFTER WORSHIP
Mar 2		Evelyn	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Attention!!</b></p> <p>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 do better!</p> </div>		Tammy	Elaine	Elaine
Mar 9		Linda B			Tammy	↓	Liz D
Mar 16					Tammy		
Mar 23		Linda B			Tammy		
Mar 30					Tammy		Potluck



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March



**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.**



**Pull Tab Update!**

On Feb 12th, Marc & Kristi deposited well over 30 lbs of pull tabs at the Ronald McDonald House in Spokane. It is truly amazing how quickly they add up in the Narthex, and the Ronald McDonald House is so grateful for these donations. Thank you so much to everyone who saves them, and encourages friends, neighbors, family and businesses to save them as well! We are making a difference. Keep it up Pilgrims!

**Game Night Returns**

We had a great time on Game Night Feb 19th. Thank you to Anna, and Elaine for making dinner for all of us, and to all the gamers for the good times. We are looking forward to the next one after Easter!

**A Word about our Doors**

During the week, our doors to the Fellowship Hall, and into the Narthex from the Hall need to be closed so that we are not heating the hallway (and cooling in the summer). In addition, the sanctuary doors should be closed during the week for the same reason. These are during the periods of non-use obviously! Thank you so much.

**Lectionary Readings for March**

Mar 2	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalms 99	II Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]
Mar 9	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
Mar 16	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Psalms 27	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
Mar 23	Isaiah 55:1-9	Psalms 63:1-8	I Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
Mar 30	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalms 32	II Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



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