



**PILGRIM
LUTHERAN**

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**PILGRIM
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

THE PROGRESS

FALL 2021

Fall 2021



Our new purpose statement is “Grounded in faith, serving in love.” A purpose statement serves as a guide for our activities and the direction we want to go. Our hope and goal are to live into our purpose statement, that when we look at this Pilgrim community, and when others look at us as well, it can be said, “Yes, they are grounded in faith and they certainly do serve others in love.”

As we are grounded in faith then we will serve in love. As we tend to our faith, our faith will produce loving service.

Reading and studying the Bible is one important way our faith is nurtured. We open the pages of our Bibles and immerse ourselves in God’s story of salvation we find there. The Bible inspires faith and guides us in our daily lives ... “Grounded in faith, serving in love.”

Several of us have just finished reading through the Bible. If we started again, maybe January 1, would you join us this time?

Beginning this fall we will also have opportunities for more in-depth studies. For example, exploring, “What God Does About Suffering” and “Making Sense of Divine Violence.” The questions of suffering and violence trouble us. Come and explore what the Bible says about these thorny issues. There are many more topics to choose from, and you can help decide the content of our study.

The Bible, for us, is the very word of God. In it we find God’s will for us. The Bible is the authority we turn to for faith and life. As we read and study it, we are being grounded in faith, and formed as people who serve other in love ... an “other-centered” love.

Our purpose as a faith community is to nurture faith and encourage faithful living in all who are part of this community? I invite you to join with others in this purposeful endeavor.

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The purpose of Pilgrim Lutheran Church is to glorify God by fostering:

Vibrant Worship—Pilgrim is a prayerful place of vibrant worship where the gospel of Jesus Christ is faithfully proclaimed in a family-oriented, intergenerational atmosphere. Varied worship expressions come together to provide a rich response to the love of Christ in our lives.

Christ-Centered Growth & Education—Pilgrim is purposeful about nurturing faith and spiritual growth in all who enter its doors as well as for those who are not able to enter. Pilgrim is a place where, led by the Holy Spirit, all children, youth and adults may grow up into the “full measure of the stature of Christ.”

Nurturing Congregational Care—Pilgrim members strive to model Christ’s love and nurturing care to one another. Pilgrim is a family; care for one another is evidenced in all aspects of congregational life. Pilgrim is a place of health and healing where people of all ages find help for their life journeys.

Intentional Outreach & Evangelism—”Pilgrims” share with others the abundant life that they have received through faith in Christ and intentionally reach out to people of all ages with the love of Christ—beginning with South Hill, Washington, and moving outward to the ends of the earth through local, national, and world-wide outreach.

The Progress is published seasonally for members and friends of Pilgrim Lutheran Church. Submissions may be sent to the church via e-mail. Comments and subscription updates may be emailed to office@pilgrimpuyallup.org.

Sunday Worship

This fall, for our scripture readings in worship, we finish up Year B and the Gospel of Mark. Then, beginning in Advent we start a new Church Year with the Gospel of Luke, in Year C of the 3-year *The Revised Common Lectionary*.

We look forward to hearing God's word in these two great books of the New Testament. Our scripture readings each week take us through God's story, the story of God's salvation. We have come to understand that the Bible, from the earliest pages of Genesis through to the last verse of Revelation, is one epic story. As we hear this story unfold from week to week, we are immersed in the salvation story.

In our hearing the words of scripture, in our prayers and singing, in our coming to the table for Holy Communion, our prayer is always that God would be present with us in our worship, which fact God, in Jesus, has promised to do—"where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am with you also." We know and trust that God is faithful, and keeps promises, and so we are confident that God is indeed present with us.

In fact, God is the one to whom we offer our worship. In our 'me-centered' world, it is easy to fall into the habit of thinking that I am the audience and then I evaluate whether I like the service or not; whether it meets my needs. But the reality is God is the one to whom our worship is directed. The words and actions of worship—prayed and sung—are part of what we all together offer to God. We are all participants in worship, and God is the audience. We come to worship on Sunday mornings to join with others in offering our time, talents, and treasure ... our very lives to God.

We understand the unique circumstances of living in the midst of a pandemic. And so, based on your comfort level, this fall, I invite you make it a priority to join the whole Pilgrim community as together we offer our praise and our lives to God, trusting God hears us, is present with us, and is in turn offering His life to us.

Pastor Steve

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

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|-------|------------------|-------|-------------------|
| 09/03 | Michele Sticka | 09/20 | Sandy Tillotson |
| 09/05 | Susie Melzo | 09/21 | Ruth Rhodes |
| | Jackson Muench | 09/22 | Del DeBoer |
| 09/07 | Liane Johnson | | Liv DeBoer |
| | Mark Reiman | 09/26 | Jean Blumenschein |
| 09/09 | Jennifer Hayden | 09/27 | Mary Eastman |
| | Rachelle Lessard | | |
| | Tom Tomlinson | | |
| 09/10 | Paul Endter | | |
| 09/11 | Wayne Lerch | | |
| | Robbin Rideout | | |
| | Randy Wilson | | |
| 09/13 | Becky Hagerman | | |
| 09/14 | Jacob Nelson | | |
| | Steve Saxe | | |
| | Dale Thompson | | |
| 09/16 | Sandie Endter | | |
| | Aaron Hack | | |
| | Michael Hayden | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

- 09/01 Ian & Liane Johnson
- 09/04 Terry & Jennifer Pfeifer
- 09/05 DuWayne & Denise Woodburry
- 09/09 Gary & Gery Hagen
- 09/10 Ken & Roxy Larson
- 09/15 Matthew & Rachel DeBoer
- 09/16 Chris & Jenee Muench
- 09/22 Mike & Margie McIntylre
- 09/28 George & Cathy Ditsworth





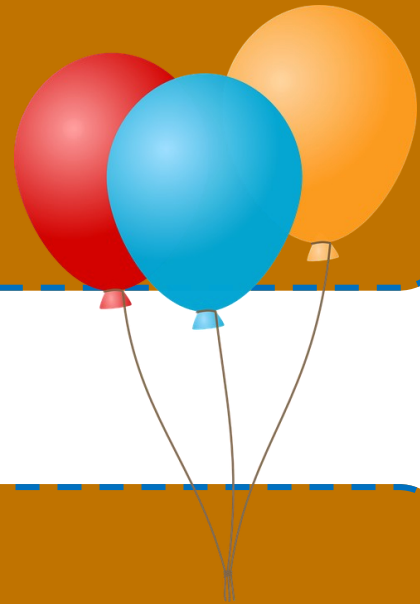
October Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Greg Melchert | 29 Ashlynnne Jessee |
| 4 Chris Anderson | Chris Staeck |
| 5 Brenden Kennedy | Caitlan Whitley |
| 6 Parker Diseth | 30 Michael Appel |
| Mary Schuette | John Waterstraat |
| 9 Jim Halpin | |
| Don Sticka | |
| 10 Brandon Jessee | |
| 11 John Leaf | |
| 14 Naomi Diseth | |
| Tara Saxe | |
| 17 Margie McIntyre | |
| 20 Grant Whitley | |
| 27 Alli Melchert | |
| Nancy Scott | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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|----------------------------|
| 9 Terry & Nelda Ryan |
| 14 Stan & Carol Silvernail |
| 15 Loren & Debbie Myrvik |
| 16 Grant & Judy Whitley |



November Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Harold Dale | 19 Phillip Healy |
| 2 Ally Lessard | 20 Tami Nelson |
| Mira Mitchell | 23 Loren Myrvik |
| Jennifer Pfeifer | Stan Silvernail |
| 8 Barbara Gohr | 25 Jennifer Appel |
| Jess Hagerman | 26 Brandon Lieu |
| Krista Jones | 28 Ann Schumacher |
| DuWayne Woodbury | 30 Dave Stein |
| 10 Mike McIntyre | |
| 12 Laurie Lush | |
| Sarah Trivitt | |
| 14 Jonathan Jones | |
| 15 Andrea Haney | |
| Shirley Healy | |
| 17 Hannah Thompson | |
| 18 Carol Jurgensen | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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|---------------------------|
| 4 Randy & Lisa Wilson |
| 9 Phillip & Shirley Healy |
| 25 Phil & Linda Yates |

Family + Youth



“God can handle your doubt, anger, fear, grief, confusion, and questions. You can bring everything to him in prayer.” Rick Warren



The 2021-2022 Save the Date Calendar is available at the Family + Youth Bulletin Board, on the church website, and emailed each week in the Youth News.

Confirming Faith

We are beginning the 3rd year of our program that youth are eligible to start once they have reached 6th grade.

Our 3-year program is based on retreats that happen 3 times a year (Fall, Winter and Spring).

What is confirmation?

Confirmation is a time for youth to learn the promises their families made on their behalf when they were baptized, ask questions about faith and life and who

God has created them to be, determine what they believe on tough topics, and make promises to God through the Affirmation of Baptism.

We hope to walk alongside of your family and your youth on this journey by embracing the core values of Pilgrim Lutheran Church throughout our program.

Parents of youth entering grades 6-9th are invited to join for an informational zoom mtg on

**Tues, Sept 21
7pm (zoom)**



What's new for fall?

High School Youth Group will meet on the 2nd Sunday (with some exceptions in the winter/spring) from 6-8pm. We will start Sunday, Sept 12 with a movie night!

MS/HS Sunday School will be joining the Cross+Gen activities on the first Sundays of the month. On the 3rd Sundays of the month, we will be digging in and gardening our faith. The other weeks of the month will have a variety of activities and learning times happening. Join us in the Eagles wing at 10:30am!

Young Adult Ministry is back again this year! We have been apart far too long...Let us join together for a "BYO-Dinner" on Sunday, Sept 19 to plan out our year!

Puyallup 12:12 is the joint ministry between Pilgrim, Peace Lutheran, Celebration Lutheran, and Mt. View Lutheran churches. Watch for more information. Our first gathering (MS/HS) will be Friday, Sept 17 from 7pm-11pm at Mt. View Lutheran in Edgewood.

Family +Youth Events

Family Hike at Bradley Lake Trail Loop will be at 12pm on Sunday, September 19. Bring a bagged lunch to enjoy together.

Toby Mac will be at the Puyallup Fair on Monday, Sept 20 at 7:30pm with special guests We Are Messengers. Still time to get your tickets with the church! \$35

Trunk or Treat will be so much fun! Immediately following worship on Sun, Oct. 31, join us in the side parking lot for trunks of treats and other activities!

Thanksgiving Eve we will host our annual drive-thru food drive and worship! You can help collect food and then

**Elementary Youth
(1st-5th grade)**

Corn maze and Pumpkin Slingshot at Spooner Farms awaits our afternoon adventure on Sunday, October 10. We will meet at the slingshot at 12pm.

Youth in 1st and 2nd grade are asked to have a parent with them.

**Middle/High School
(6th-12th grade)**

Haunted Woods at Maris Farm will be Sat, Oct. 16 from 5pm-9pm. Sign up by Sept. 26 to get a \$10 discount!

Middle School Conf. Retreat will be Oct 22-23 at Pilgrim.

High School Retreat will be a "Challenge by Choice" day of Adventures. More info soon!

All youth events

Thurs, Nov 11 we will be making lunches for the homeless and making tie-blankets.

Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 12 during worship. Watch for more information on how to be

ELCA Youth Gathering: Minneapolis, MN

Check out the bulletin board for more information. We will be going with the Puyallup 12:12 churches, our first informational meeting is:

Sunday, Sept 26 @7pm via zoom





Pilgrim Preschool Support

Amazon Smile PLC Donations:

A program from Amazon Prime, named Smile, allows its users to donate a small percentage of each purchase price to a non-profit of their choice. This does not increase the price of the product to the person ordering, but it is a way Amazon uses its own money to donate to a variety of causes.

Jenee Muench, Little Pilgrim's Pre-school Director has set up a link that allows you to donate to LPP. This is a great opportunity to support the pre-school and church without any additional cost to you. Please either click on the link below or type in "Pilgrim Lutheran Church" on smile.amazon.com if you decide this is something that you would like to do.

Firgrove Donations, Simplified

We recognize that many families in our congregation are limiting their outings during the pandemic. Because of this, we have created an Amazon Wishlist to make it easier to support this ministry without leaving home.

You can open the Wishlist by clicking this link. If you have this as a hard copy, write it down and type it into your web browser.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/I1Y7I5HGC2G9?ref=wl_share

To purchase from the list, select an item and click **Add to Cart**, then checkout as usual. The items will be delivered to a secure offsite address, so we don't need to worry about deliveries that happen outside of business hours. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Mitchell in the church office.

Outreach in Our Community

This summer offered many opportunities to connect with our neighbors! We were able to invite our community to VBS, host several children's camps, and provide space for community groups to meet. Girl Scouts has resumed their meetings and held several summer gatherings at Pilgrim. TOPS is back to meeting on Wednesdays, and AA meets regularly twice a week. We have also been able to partner with our community Buy Nothing Group to host a gathering and find new homes for some of our unused items around the church. It is so good to meet our neighbors and create relationships.

A gentleman who attends AA here at Pilgrim recently shared how grateful he was to be able to continue meetings during the pandemic. He shared that he also occasionally uses the parking lot as a sanctuary to reset and "get his mind right" before continuing his day. What a blessing it is to be able to serve our community and meet the needs of our neighbors in ways that are most meaningful to them.

Our feeding ministries at Pilgrim continue, full steam ahead! We received a \$500 grant from ELCA World Hunger, and fundraised an additional \$780 to use for our feeding ministries. We are in the planning phase of using that money to bolster our Firgrove Backpack Program, and help get our Community Garden back into shape. Our faithful volunteers are still providing hot meals to the guests of New Hope Resource Center.

Many thanks to our volunteers and those who donate to our outreach programs. You are making a noticeable difference in the lives of our neighbors.

Serving our Firgrove Hawks

Weekend Food Bags

Weekly distributions of weekend food have started at Firgrove. Thanks to the continued generosity of our congregation, we are in good shape for the upcoming year. We are always accepting donations and volunteers to help with this ministry.

Clothing Bank

Did you know that Pilgrim keeps a clothing bank for the children at Firgrove? We are able to provide clothing for children who are experiencing homelessness and for children who come to school needing a fresh change of clothes to make it through the day successfully. Currently we can use all sizes of sweatpants and leggings.

Summer Learning Academy Support

Puyallup School District hosted a summer learning academy to provide additional learning opportunities to children. Pilgrim Lutheran Church provided attendance incentives such as stickers and other small prizes as well as a grand prize bike for overall improvement!



Pictured: Grand Prize winner Emma receiving her new bike.

Way to go Emma!

Christian Education Update



Welcome to the 2021/2022 Sunday School year. I'm looking forward to a new year that will hopefully be Zoom free.

This year we will be reinstating the once a month "Cross-Generational" Sunday School. It will take place on the first Sunday of each month. It will be an opportunity for all ages to gather together and learn from someone in a different age group, as well as build new relationships. In my mind, one of the key words that describe Pilgrim Lutheran Church is "community" and this will be the perfect opportunity to build on that "community." We encourage everyone to participate at least once. The first one on October 3rd will focus on "Stewardship."



The other Sundays of the month will be regular Sunday School. The K-5 age group will be using "Sparkhouse Digital" curriculum that uses lessons from the message we hear in church. Another great opportunity for a "Cross - Generational" conversation to take place within the family home or car. Rally Day is this Sunday, September 12th and the first official day of Sunday School is September 19th from 10:30-11:30. We will meet as a whole group in the large Sunday School room on the west side of the building.



Shannon and I are in the stages of planning a "Gardening Your Faith" gathering for children and youth one Sunday a month during the Sunday School hour. More information will be available later this month.

Finally, if you are interested in volunteering or participating with Sunday School, please let me know. It could be once a year or as many times as you like. As a congregation, you have a wealth of knowledge to share with our children and youth.

Any questions, concerns or suggestions please contact me.

Blessings,

Sandy Tillotson

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-12



LITTLE PILGRIMS PRESCHOOL

is now registering for

FALL 2021

We have Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten & Extended Pre-Kindergarten classes available.

**FOR INFORMATION CALL 253-770-1543
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CHECK OUT OUR PROGRAM AT:

Facebook @ LittlePilgrimsPS
Instagram @ littlepilgrimspuyallup
www.pilgrimpuyallup.org/welcome-to-lpp/

We have a few openings for the 2021-2022 school year for our Preschool, Pre-K and Extended Pre-K classes.

Little Pilgrims Preschool



Can you believe that the new 2021-2022 school year just started?? Our families visited us at our Open House and classes started the week of Sept 13th. We are so happy to have our classrooms full of wonderful children ready to learn and have fun with us this year!! We will continue our mission to help these children learn and develop to their full potential.

We would love to have you follow our activities on FB @ LittlePilgrimsPS and on Instagram @ littlepilgrimspuyallup.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. *Jenee Muench*



Welcome to
Preschool