

## **WEEK OF April 23, 2017**

<u>Sunday</u>

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion

9:00a Youth Bells 9:30a Sunday School

10:45a Worship and Holy Communion

<u>Monday</u>

9:00a Preschool 6:00p Jazzercise

**Tuesday** 

9:00a Preschool 9:30a Large Print 6:00p Jazzercise

6:30p Ladies Nite Out @ Cooper Still

**Wednesday** 

9:00a Preschool

2:30p CCPL Mobile Library

6:00p Jazzercise

7:00p Holden Evening Prayer with

Holy Communion

**Thursday** 

9:00a Preschool 9:15a MOMs Group 9:30a Large Print 11:30a Bible Study 6:00p Jazzercise

6:00p Handbell Rehearsal

7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Friday

9:00a Preschool 6:30p Kids in Christ

Saturday

8:00a Jazzercise

12:00p United Church of God

Sunday

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion

9:00a Youth Bells 9:30a Sunday School

10:45a Worship and Holy Communion

12:00p Congregational Luncheon and Forum

## **PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

WEEK OF: April 23-30, 2017

HYMNS FOR TODAY: 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL—Today and next Sunday, Pastor Mueller will be leading the Adult Sunday School Class at 9:30 AM. Today we will take a look at some of the Easter stories, especially those in Matthew 28. On April 30, we will watch the highly acclaimed Rick Steve video, "Luther and the Reformation." Please join us!

YOU ARE INVITED TO A CELEBRATION as Rev. Emmanuel Penukama has been called as the pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lebanon, IN. Reverend Penumaka was ordained April 6, 1991 in the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church in India, and this will be his first call serving in the ELCA. His installation service is being held today at 2:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran, 2625 Elm Swamp Rd., Lebanon, IN. All are welcome to attend.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of former member, Nancy Wermund. Nancy passed away on Tuesday, April 18th. Her funeral service was held yesterday, Saturday, April 22nd, at Cornerstone Lutheran Church in Carmel. May God bless all who mourn through the care of family members and friends, and through the work of the Great Comforter, the Holy Spirit.

**LADIES NITE OUT**—This month's Ladies Nite Out will be on Tuesday, April 25 at 6:30 PM. We will gather at the Cooper Still in Noblesville, located on the corner of 9th Street and Logan Street. Please consider joining us, all ladies are welcome. It is a great social time, fill with celebration, enjoyment and fellowship.

PLEASE JOIN THE WELCA COMMITTEE as we visit the LAST SUPPER MUSEUM scheduled for next Saturday, April 29th. The Museum is located in Greensburg, Indiana, and we will leave from the church parking lot at 9:30 AM. The tour begins at 10:30 AM. We will have lunch at THE STORIES RESTAURANT, following the tour. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. All details for this trip are in the April Pilgrim's Progress. For questions, please contact Kathy Hatfield at 317.577.8305.

**SPRING VOTER'S MEETING**—Sunday, May 7th at 9:30 AM. Show your support for our leaders and staff, and your support for our mission and ministry as a congregation, by attending!

LAST SUNDAY WAS AN HISTORIC DAY FOR PILGRIM as we heard the new organ for the first time! Most of the organ was complete; however some parts (like the swell box shades) were still needing to be installed, and the pipes still needing to be voiced and fine tuned. There were enough ranks of pipes up and running to make a joyful sound. Mark your calendars and please join us for four significant organ events:

Sarah Williams presents an *ORGAN SHOW AND TELL HOUR* on Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM. Everyone is invited to the choir loft for a kid friendly presentation on the new organ. The children will get to sit by the console for an up close view AND try out the new instrument. Everyone can ask questions and hear Sarah attempt to explain how an organ works. You will hear the different sounds the organ makes and Sarah will play a few tunes.

\*On Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM there will be a short Service of Dedication where we will dedicate the organ for its use in our church.

\*On Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM there will be the Organ Dedication Concert with Todd Wilson, world renowned organist and professor at the Cleveland Institute of Music. This will be a gala affair with a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception afterward. This concert is when the community gets to hear this organ for the first time, and members of the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists, the workers and families of John-Paul Buzard Organ Builders, other area church musicians, and donors to the organ fund campaign will be in attendance. All Pilgrim members are invited and we hope you can attend this big event and proudly share our instrument with the community!

\*On Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM a Pilgrim friend and renowned Lutheran organist/ composer/hymn festival leader David Cherwien will present a Hymn Festival for the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. We are promoting this with the I/K Synod and central IN Lutheran churches and we hope this will be a hallmark event for churches celebrating the Reformation this fall. For Pilgrim our Reformation celebrations this year are less historical re-enactment and more forward looking and celebrating where we are now, given our new organ and the music making potential it brings.

THANK YOU—Finally, I would like to thank several groups of people: Thank you to the people who have furnished lunch for the organ builders. They have appreciated Pilgrim's hospitality very much. Thank you to the many donors who gave to the organ fund – we have to date received 90% of pledged funds. Thank you to the donor whose generous major gift helped get this project underway and moving forward. Thank you to Darrell Pike, Steve Worth, and Noel Shilling who have all stepped forward to help in ways that only they could have done. And thank you in advance to Carol Dahoney and Margie Fougeron,

and the Congregational Life committee who are partnering with the Fine Arts Series to coordinate the dedication concert reception.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SAME-GENDER MARRIAGE CONVERSATION on Sunday, April 30th, as Bishop William O Gafkjen will join us after the 10:45 AM liturgy for lunch and a forum. His forum will mark the beginning of conversations we will have about same-gender marriages and the matters related to that topic. In the weeks following Bishop's Gafkjen's forum, we will gather in small groups for further conversation. The small groups will be led by Pastor Mueller and the elders. These conversations will give folks an opportunity to share with each other their own faith journey, as well as their thoughts and feelings about same-gender marriage. A full schedule of these conversations will be published soon. Be watching for them and plan on being present on April 30 for lunch, fellowship, and time with Bishop Gafkjen.

LUNCHEON: SUNDAY, APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>—The Elders and the Congregational Life Committee will host a luncheon following the 10:45 AM service on April 30th. Bishop Gafkjen will be here to start the dialogue on same-gender marriage. The main dish (casserole in nature) will be provided. We ask that those attending bring either a salad or dessert to share. PLEASE sign up TODAY if you plan to attend, and check what you will be bringing. Sign up sheet is on the credenza. It is important that we know how many casseroles we will need. Thank you and hope to see you there.

**PEW ATTENDANCE FORMS!** Please sign up on the attendance sheets as they are passed out. These sheets will help us better identify and follow-up with first-time and repeat guests. They are an important tool in helping us better connect with and serve Pilgrim guests each week. You can also use the attendance forms to update your official contact information such as change of address, new email, phone, etc. Changes will be updated in Pilgrim's member records. Thank you!

FRIENDLY REMINDER—The coffee/soft drink/donut fund is improving, but we are still not covering our expenses. Please remember coffee and soft drinks are \$1.00 and a half donut is 50 cents. We know how much you all rejoiced when the donuts came back after summer and Christmas vacations. Please help keep this part of our fellowship funded.

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Maundy Thursday, April 12, 2017—61 Good Friday, April 13, 2017 @ Noon—30 Good Friday, April 13, 2017 @ 7:00 PM—46 Easter Vigil, Saturday April 14, 2017—14 Sunday, April 16, 2017—386 Wednesday, April 19, 2017—18