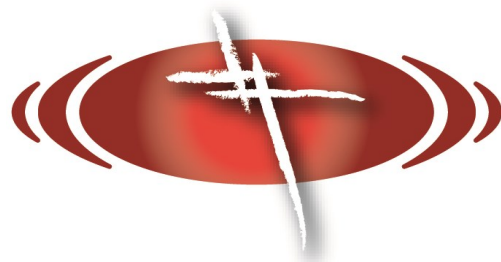


# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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## ADVENT DINNERS AND WORSHIP

Advent Dinners are December 7 and 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Followed by

Advent Evening Prayer Service (Vespers) at 7:00 p.m.

Kids in Christ Rehearsal—December 23 at 6:30 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS EVE—December 24, 2016**

**Christmas Eve Worship and Holy Communion 4:00 p.m.**

**Music for the Holy Night—9:00 p.m.**

**Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship  
and Holy Communion 9:30p.m.**



## Voter's Meeting

Sunday, December 18th at 9:30 a.m.

Voters Meeting



Important agenda items: 1) approval of a 2017 Budget for the congregation; 2) election of new leaders; Show your support for our leaders and staff, and your support for our mission and ministry as a congregation, by attending!

## CHRISTMAS IS A-COMIN'!



“The Hanging of the Greens” will take place on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Plan to stay after the 10:45 AM worship service to help decorate for the Christmas Season. “Many hands make little work.” Continue the fellowship by staying for a pizza and salad lunch in Fellowship Hall.

There is a sign up available. You do not need to bring anything, but we do need a head count for how many will be staying for pizza. The sign-up sheet is on the credenza under the Narthex TV.

## WELCA COOKIE WALK

The holiday season is fast approaching and Pilgrim Women of the ELCA would like to remind everyone that it's time to think **COOKIE WALK**. It is tradition that Pilgrim members bake holiday cookies and then sell them to raise funds for WELCA service projects throughout the year. This fun event will be held on Saturday, December 10th at 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Be watching for an email reminder of how many cookies to bake (2 doz.) and when and where to deliver them (kitchen, Dec. 4-10). Thanks in advance. ~Judy Hunden



Dear Fellow Pilgrims,

## FROM THE PASTOR

The most anticipated day of the year for most, is just around the corner. The Advent/Christmas Seasons are nearly always special. It is often romanticized as well, which can set up unreal expectations. I used to fall victim to this idealized version of Christmas. Well, to some degree, I still do. It is difficult to keep our emotions in check and be more realistic.

That is where Christmas Eve and this year, Christmas Day worship services speak to us. We are invited into the mystery of the Incarnation of Jesus. Beyond the angel visitation and beyond our favorite carols we begin to get a glimpse beyond this production to see the power of almighty God displayed.

The entire Lukan narrative seems to lend itself to being sentimentalized, but I don't think Luke was a romantic. Luke's gospel, while very sophisticated, is raw in its message. While the birth of Jesus takes place in a quiet backwater of the Roman Empire, the author contrasts these humble beginnings with the power of Emperor Augustus. Luke is suggesting that a serious conflict between this baby Jesus and the Roman Empire is looming in the distance. In this birth and in the coming conflict, God's will for humanity will be accomplished. Luke 2:1-20 is the good news for Christmas Eve.

Once every few years, Christmas Day falls on a Sunday as it does this year. When that happens, congregations, such as Pilgrim, have Christmas Day/Sunday Services. Remember that on Sunday, December, 25th **AT 9:30am**, we will gather for worship!

The Gospel Lesson for the day is John 1:1-14 also known as John's Prologue. Here John in the most powerful and dramatic of ways presents Jesus as the Incarnate Word (less complicated than it sounds). Jesus is the pre-existent Word through whom, all creation came into being.

John 1:

*<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.*

Genesis 1:

*In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.*

When God creates, God simply speaks the Word and with the Word light comes into being and so does everything else. In Jesus, the Word made Flesh comes into creation to restore it from brokenness to fullness. Typically, a sermon on this text is powerful and enlightening (some pun intended).

In the incarnation of the Word, in the incarnation of the word in an infant, God blows the lid off of all that keeps us bound and separated from God and from one another! I encourage you to attend both Christmas Eve and Christmas day.

Waiting in anticipation for that Day!

Pastor Chuck

*PS. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours, a blessed and joyful Christmas!*

PPS. Remember the *Worship schedules* for **Advent Wednesday Evening** services at 7:00PM with dinner starting an hour before. Christmas season services will be **Christmas Eve** at 4:00PM and 9:30PM with a half hour of special music beforehand. **Christmas Day**, which is a Sunday this year, will have just one service at 9:30AM as well as Sunday **New Year's Day** at 9:30AM. Sunday, January 8 will return to our regular schedule.

## “From the Elders”

## Elder's Corner

### Don't Worry

As a young boy growing up in Cleveland, Ohio our house had two fireplaces. This was a major concern for me every Christmas as I was fearful that Santa Claus would not find the right chimney, and my gifts would not be delivered. Trusting my mother when she said “don't worry,” good 'ol Santa always came through, and my toys found their way.

Now of course, I have bigger things to worry about. We all do. Our world seems to grow more complicated every day, and the challenges and difficulties we face continue to increase. Sometimes like that little boy in Cleveland we need to trust in people, or even abstract things like “the system,” or government itself for answers. But we need to place our faith in God. Let me say that again ... we need to place our faith in God. We need to continually open ourselves to the Holy Spirit and understand that only God can give us real comfort and true peace. It is by the grace of God through Jesus Christ that we are set free and bathed in His peace and love. This is the Christ Jesus that we worship every Christmas, the Baby Jesus who was born into our world to save us, and bring His peace to us ... and the world.

During the Christmas season and throughout the year we look to Christ Jesus for peace, true peace that is beyond our understanding ... so that our children, and our children's children and all of those to come may live and flourish in that peace.

Merry Christmas, peace and goodwill to all ... and don't worry.  
John Shilling

## The Children's Corner

**Christmas, the birthday bash of the year and you are invited!**

**Guest of Honor:** Jesus, God's own Son!

**Date:** Traditionally, December 25 but every day is a day to celebrate Jesus!

**Time:** Anytime. All day long, 24/7!

**Place:** You won't find him under the Christmas tree...look for him in your heart!

**Attire:** Dress as you wish! Jesus looks on the inside.

**Invitation:** It won't be in the mail but trust me everyone is invited.

**Gift Suggestions:** Just give Jesus your whole self.

**Goody Bag:** Peace that passes all understanding, joy, comfort, and eternal life.

**R.S.V.P.** Say “yes” I am coming; God is expecting you.

**Have the merriest Christmas knowing Jesus is the reason for the season!**



~Mrs. Worth

# Pilgrim Lutheran Preschool And Parents' Time Out



Oh, how busy we were in November! Many of us learned about coming to America on the Mayflower and then how it might have been to live as pioneers – without the modern conveniences. It was difficult for many to imagine no TV, video games, or grocery stores and walking to school instead of coming in mom's mini-van or SUV!

We talked a lot about the things for which we are thankful. Our things to be thankful for ranged from yogurt, lawn mowers, Prince Charming and turkeys, to Mom & Dad and our families and God! The 4s and 5s classes gathered in fellowship hall for a special Thanksgiving celebration where they ate lunch together wearing the Pilgrim hats they made earlier in the month. Mrs. Worth shared with us a special Alphabet prayer before our meal... to teach us about being grateful for what God gives us.

During the month of December, we will all focus on the birth of Christ—with art projects, songs and stories. Sarah Williams and Gloria Worth once again did a fabulous job in choosing child friendly songs for the Christmas season and we are already learning our Christmas songs! We are so grateful and appreciative of all the time and hard work that they both devote to the preschool! Our 4s and 5s classes will be singing in a Christmas program which will be on Monday, December 12 in the Sanctuary. The program will be followed with a cookie reception in the fellowship hall.

Registration for Fall 2017 is just around the corner! It will be my first time overseeing registration, so I am praying that all goes smoothly! Our 'Parents Time Out' is for children who are twelve months old by September 1. 'Preschool' is for ages two through five. 'In house' registration (for those families who are currently enrolled in the program, but are not Pilgrim members) takes place during the first weeks after Christmas Vacation (Due January 13). Pilgrim members are given priority and pay no registration fee. If you are a Pilgrim member, please call Amy- 846-6132- or email: [amytucker@pilgrimindy.org](mailto:amytucker@pilgrimindy.org) **before January 3** to priority register your child. For Open registration (those folks who are not currently in the program and not Pilgrim members), we will take registration forms through January 19.

Starting on January 24, all of the open registration names will be placed in a 'bowl' and drawn out to fill the remaining openings and to build a waiting list. Please do not forget to call or even better – email: [amytucker@pilgrimindy.org](mailto:amytucker@pilgrimindy.org) to insure your priority registration **before** January 3.

Thanks again to all of you who support our ministry to our young children and their families in our congregation and our community. Please continue to keep us all in your prayers.

In His Service,  
Amy Tucker



## CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

In an effort to keep everyone at Pilgrim informed on the call process, the Board of Directors met this past week and requested an update to the congregation be made.

As we all know, a pastor can be with a congregation for close to 20 years. After wishing Pastor Al a blessed retirement in April, the Pilgrim family must take time to accept the fact that he is no longer the spiritual leader of our church. We also need time to separate ourselves from the “but we’ve always done it this way” mentality and prepare for changes that inevitably come with a new, permanent pastor. Pastor Chuck has been a blessing as interim pastor since May and has given us a firm foundation in ministry allowing us to take a look at Pilgrim’s strengths and weaknesses and where we want to be in the future.

Three out of four initial steps have been completed in our journey to find a new pastor. The first step was to install an interim pastor. The second was to gather a Discovery Team willing to prepare information needed for a thorough search. Frank Bates, Tammy Donley and Chris Konow have been working together since July to gather this information. The third step was gathering internal information from 117 online surveys and completing discussions of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to our development from 17 different Pilgrim groups. **We need your help completing the fourth step which are interviews in the community to identify local changes and needs that affect our neighbors and ultimately the future of Pilgrim.** If you are willing to reach out to area leaders, please speak to Frank, Tammy or Chris or contact the church office during the week to leave your information and we will follow up with you.

The completion of the Ministry Site Profile has begun, including gathering information on our church’s demographics, financial status, mission statement, and leadership positions. We have identified people to provide references as needed. Our plan is to have all information gathered and the church profile completed in January. At that point, the Board of Directors will be asked to approve and submit it to the synod for potential pastors to review. The final survey results and MSP will be shared with the congregation so we can all be aware of our overall feelings and hopes for the future.

Once we receive candidate names, the interview process will begin with the call committee which will be chosen by the Board of Directors. No one can say how long this will take, but the focus of this step is to get the RIGHT candidate for our needs, not the FIRST candidate.

If you have any further questions, please contact Frank Bates, Tammy Donley, Chris Konow or Greg Rexing, the Congregational President.

## NEW ORGAN UPDATE

Our new organ is almost on the way! John-Paul Buzard is completing construction in his workshop, and they have begun to pack up the components, casework, and pipes in preparation for delivery to us. The timeline looks like this: the first week in January they will remove our current organ. The third week in January is when construction begins. It will probably take a full twelve weeks for construction and tonal finishing...but they said it will be ready to go for Easter Sunday!

## BENEFACTION FUND

Benefaction Grant Request Forms are available upon request from the church office. Please call (317.846.2221) or email [DebbieCollins@pilgrimindy.org](mailto:DebbieCollins@pilgrimindy.org) if you would like a copy of the form. The Grant Request deadline is February 15, 2017. NOTE: All grant requests must be sponsored by a member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church.

## STARRY NIGHT DISPLAY

The Starry Night gifts are due December 4th! The Starry Night Display supports the Christmas Store Project at Lutheran Child and Family Services of Indiana. Please choose the items on the stars you would like to purchase and bring them to Pilgrim by Sunday, December 4, 2016.

Each of the Stars have tags (both sides) listing at least one item for you to buy for the LCFS Christmas Store. The items listed on the star often act only as a suggestion; you can buy the item listed, or you can buy something related that is appropriate. Do not wrap the items, just bring them to Pilgrim and place them in the Gift box under the stairs. Please do not attach the Star to the item. Please put the Star in the gift box along with the gift. Social Ministry will regularly remove the returned Stars and Gift Cards from the Gift box. (These items are relatively small and can easily become lost or damaged among all the other gifts in the Gift box.)

If you would prefer to give money, please make a check payable to Pilgrim and note it is for Christmas Fund. We can use the money to buy items or Gift cards for the Christmas Store.

- ◆ **Grocery Store Gift Cards (\$15 denominations)**
- ◆ **Restaurant Gift Cards (\$10 or more)**
- ◆ **Entertainment Gift Cards (\$10 or more)**
- ◆ **Socks and Underwear (All sizes male and female)**
- ◆ **Gloves and Hats (All sizes male and female)**
- ◆ **Board Games for All Ages (\$10 and under)**
- ◆ **Toys for Boys and Girls (12 and under includes babies and toddlers)**
- ◆ **Baby Items such as teething rings, bibs, bottles, pacifiers, etc.**
- ◆ **Teenage Items such as Axe spray, watches, wallets, make up, body lotion, perfume, etc.**
- ◆ **Stocking Stuffers for Boys and Girls ages 12 and under**
  - ⇒ (card games, candy, small books, coloring books, crayons. Play-doh, cars, etc.)
- ◆ **Household Items such as small appliances, dishes, silverware, towel sets, blankets, etc.**

**All items must be brought to Pilgrim by Sunday, December 4, 2016.**

**They will be delivered to Lutheran Child and Family Services during the following week.**

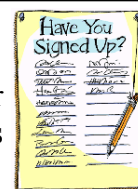
## POINSETTIAS SIGN-UP



Help beautify our church and chancel for Christmas by providing poinsettia plants for Christmas Eve. The cost of a 6" plant with foil and bow is \$14.50 each; the plants may be taken home after Christmas Eve worship to be given as gifts, or to decorate your own home. Sign up on the table in the narthex. Deadline to order is December 11th!

## HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET???

**THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2017** will be available starting December 4th in the Narthex for sign ups. Please note that there are no flowers during the Lenten and Advent seasons. Cost is \$40.50 per vase, there are two vases.





## FIRST SUNDAY! FOOD SUNDAY!

Sunday, December 4th is the first Sunday of the month, so please remember to bring your contributions to either service. **Food contributions** may be placed outside the Food Pantry door or near the sanctuary entrance (there will be a sign). **Monetary gifts** may be placed in the offering plates during the service (please designate for “Pilgrim Food Pantry”).

### THE MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

**Indianapolis Congregation Action Network (IndyCAN):** IndyCAN is an organization of 20-30 churches of many denominations working with local and state governments to improve conditions in Indianapolis by advocating upgraded and expanded local public transportation, hiring, training, career pipeline options, and instituting “Operation Ceasefire”, a proven program to reduce gun violence. “Opportunities for All” is the motto of the organization. See [www.IndyCAN.org](http://www.IndyCAN.org) for more information. Pilgrim has budgeted \$1,600 for 2016.

**Lutheran Campus Ministry, IU Bloomington:** Lutheran Campus Ministry is an inclusive ministry in Christ that invites people in the University community to develop a deeper understanding of the body of Christ, so that they can discover and fulfill their vocation as disciples. [www.indiana.edu/~lutheran](http://www.indiana.edu/~lutheran). Pilgrim supports this ministry with \$600 per year.

**Lutheran Campus Ministry, Purdue Univ.:** ELCA Campus Ministries provide an authentic experience in the life of the church for young adults on campus, inviting them into full participation with the church, even as their lives are undergoing change, challenge, and confirmation. See the following website for more information: [www.parsonrye@plm.org](http://www.parsonrye@plm.org). Pilgrim supports this ministry with \$600 per year.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> – BIG FELLOWSHIP DAY!**  
**JOIN THE PILGRIM FAMILY FOR A MORNING AND AFTERNOON OF FELLOWSHIP.**



**What:** Kick off the 2017 Sunday School hour with a multi-generational coffee/ donut hour and a sharing of Christmas fun & memories.

**When:** Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM-10:30 AM

**Where:** Fellowship Hall.

*Regular Sunday School will resume on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM.*

### .... AND THE FELLOWSHIP GOES ON!

**What:** Undecorating the church.

**When:** Following 10:45 AM service—take a seat in the sanctuary and wait for instructions. Let’s see if we can beat the 45 minute take down record. Many hands make little work.

**Chili/Salad Luncheon:** Following the taking down of the decorations.

**Where:** Fellowship Hall

Please sign up on the sheets for both activities which are located on the credenza under the TV. It is for a head count only—you do not need to bring anything!

## ELCA GOOD GIFTS

ELCA Good Gifts provides more than 50 different gift-giving options that grow the church, fight hunger and transform lives. These gifts, starting at just \$10, provide direct support for the churchwide ministries of the ELCA. This form of gift giving makes it easy (and fun!) for your family, your congregation and your community to say “goodbye” to traditional gift-giving and “hello” to meaningful gifts that really make a difference in the world. **Ready to shop now?** Visit the ELCA Good Gifts store at [www.ELCA.org/goodgifts](http://www.ELCA.org/goodgifts).



## A VERY SPECIAL BIRTHDAY REQUEST

Are you able to help me reach my goal? My mother, Janet Mooney, is going to be 100 years old on December 15th. I am trying to amass 100 birthday cards for her big day! If you could help, please place a card in the preschool director's mailbox and I will pick it up by December 11th). Or you may mail it to my home (7421 Wood Stream Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46254). Thanks so much! ~Pat Goertemiller

## ADULT LEARNERS

In December, Dave Hunden and Annalea Robeson will teach a class together. The topic is absolutely spooky: Back in 1963 Andy Williams sang the festive favorite “*It's the Most Wonderful Time Of The Year*.” Part of the lyrics are:

*There'll be parties for hosting,  
Marshmallows for toasting  
And caroling out in the snow.  
There'll be scary ghost stories,*

*And tales of...huh?? WHAT? Scary Ghost Stories!???*

*On Christmas?? So come to class and learn a bit of **chilling** history.*

### JANUARY IS NEW ORGAN MONTH AT PILGRIM!

On Sundays Jan. 15, 22, and 29 at 9:30 AM. Adult Sunday School's topic will be THE PIPE ORGAN. Sarah Williams will share the history of the pipe organ on Sunday Jan. 15, and we will hopefully go on a “virtual organ crawl” on Sunday Jan. 22. BUT, the best is saved for last! On Sunday Jan. 29, John-Paul Buzard, our organ builder, will lead the class and talk about our new organ in particular. Here's your opportunity to learn more about Pilgrim's new organ and the world of pipe organs in general!

## "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST" AT THE CIVIC THEATRE IN CARMEL

Aiden Shurr is cast as "Chip" and Maximus is volunteering tech help with spotlight. The shows run from December 9—January 1. Church Members can receive a \$10 discount on an adult ticket by contacting: **Christine Carlisle**, Group Sales Manager at Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre—3 Center Green, Suite 300, Carmel, IN 46032, (317)853-6311. **DISNEY'S BEAUTY & THE BEAST** [www.civictheatre.org](http://www.civictheatre.org)

## 2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes for 2017 will be available for pick up on December 11th and will be located on the table in the narthex by the office window. Please contact the church office, if you do not see your name. Call at 317-846-2221 or email at [DebbieCol-lins@pilgrimindy.org](mailto:DebbieCol-lins@pilgrimindy.org)





# December 2016 Ministry Schedule

## Sundays

## Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

### December 4, 2016

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:45 a.m.</u>
<b>Elder</b>	John Shilling	Jim Williams
<b>Acolyte</b>	Marla Murphy	Adam Longmire
<b>Greeters</b>	The Murphy Family	The Longmire Family
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Mike Przybylski	Noel Shilling
<b>Nursery Worship</b>	N/A	Marla Murphy
<b>Nursery Sunday School</b>		Yolande Blase
<b>A/V Coverage</b>	Jim Durst	Mark Tisdale

### December 7, 2016

<b>Elder</b>	Jim Williams
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Maureen Jordan

### December 14, 2016

<b>Elder</b>	Susie Pike
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Darrell Pike

### December 11, 2016

<b>Elder</b>	Jim Durst	Bob Schumacher
<b>Acolyte</b>	Malik Dorn	Nolan Elser
<b>Acolyte</b>	N/A	Aaron Donley
<b>Greeters</b>	The Dorn Family	The Elser Family
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Denny Licht	Tammy Donley
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	N/A	Jim Williams/Emma Williams
<b>Nursery Worship</b>	N/A	Sandy Hurford
<b>Nursery Sunday School</b>		Carey Kraabel
<b>A/V Coverage</b>	Jim Durst	Mark Tisdale

### December 21, 2016

**NO WORSHIP**

### December 24, 2016

4:00:00 PM

<b>Elder</b>	Dave Runkel
<b>Nursery</b>	Kathy Hatfield
<b>Acolyte</b>	Adam Longmire
<b>Acolyte</b>	Will Kelleher
<b>Greeters</b>	Longmire/Kelleher families

### December 18, 2016

<b>Elder</b>	Dave Runkel	Gwen Knipstein
<b>Acolyte</b>		Trinity Dorn
<b>Greeters</b>		The Dorn Family
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Karin Veatch	Frank Bates
<b>Nursery Worship</b>	N/A	
<b>Nursery Sunday School</b>		Heather Moehl
<b>A/V Coverage</b>	Dave Runkel	Mark Tisdale

### December 24, 2016

9:30:00 PM

<b>Elder</b>	Tim Guedel
<b>Acolyte</b>	Malik Dorn
<b>Acolyte</b>	Trinity Dorn
<b>Nursery</b>	Sandy Hurford
<b>Greeters</b>	The Dorn Family

### December 25, 2016 9:30 AM Worship

<b>Elder</b>	Susie Pike
<b>Acolyte</b>	Kathy Hatfield
<b>Greeters</b>	The Hatfield Family
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Darrell Pike
<b>Nursery Worship</b>	Carey Kraabel
<b>A/V Coverage</b>	

### December 28, 2016

**NO WORSHIP**

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:45 a.m.</u>
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Marcia Runkel
<b>Chancel Volunteer</b>		Kathy Hatfield
<b>Ushers</b>		Martin Hurford, Fred Baade, Don Newby, Jim Williams,
	Bill Bowen	John Williams
<b>Coffee Set Up/Clean Up</b>	Barb Bowen	Heather Zetl

## December 2016 Calendar

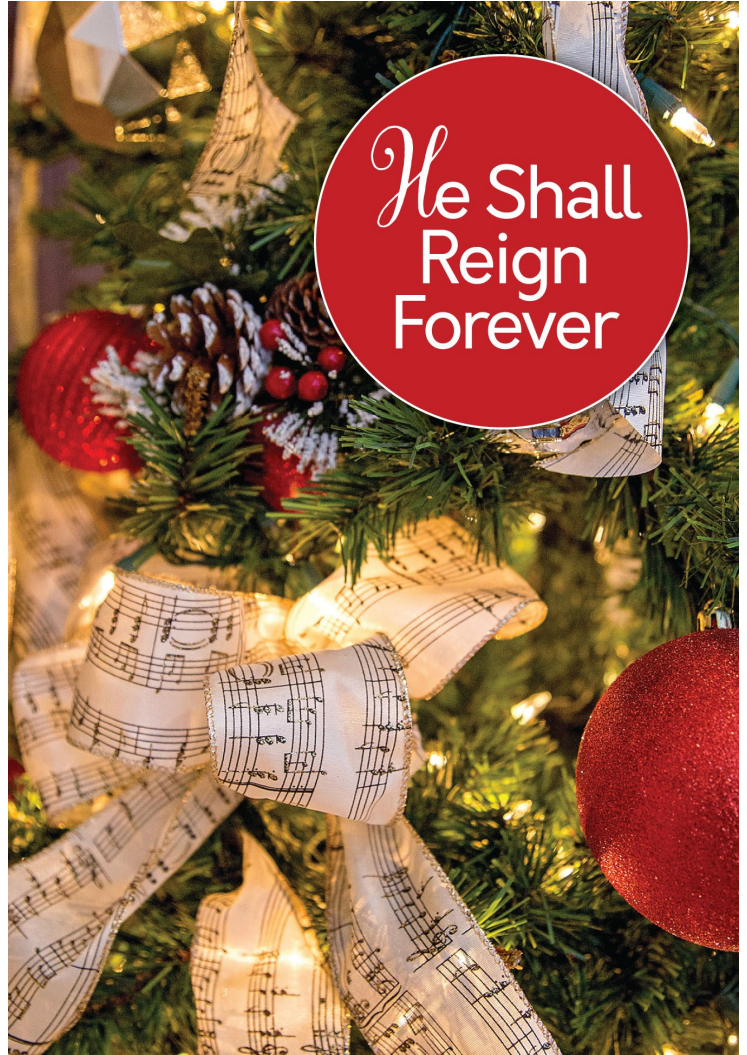
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 8:45a Exercise 9:00a Preschool 9:30a Large Print 11:30a Bible Study  6:00 Handbell Reh 6:00p Jazzercise 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 9:00a Preschool  1:00p Christmas Brass Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 8:00a Jazzercise  12:00p United Church of God
<b>4</b> 8:00a Worship and Holy Communion 9:00a Youth Bells 9:00p Soc Min Food Pantry 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion 12:00p Soc Min Food Pantry 12:00p Hanging of the Greens and Pizza	<b>5</b> 9:00a Preschool  6:00p Jazzercise 7:00p Evangelism / Communications	<b>6</b> 8:45a Exercise 9:00a Preschool 9:30a Large Print  5:30p Christian Youth Theatre	<b>7</b> 9:00a Preschool 2:30p Carmel Library Bookmobile  6:00p Advent Dinner 7:00p Advent Worship 7:30p Combo Group	<b>8</b> 8:45a Exercise 9:00a Preschool 9:15a MOMs 9:30a Large Print  1:00p Bible Study @ M Ellsworths  6:00p Handbell Reh 6:00p Jazzercise 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 9:00a Preschool  6:30p Kids in Christ	<b>10</b> 9:00a Cookie Walk  12:00p United Church of God
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<b>25</b> 9:30a Worship and Holy Communion	<b>26</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  6:00p Jazzercise	<b>27</b> 8:45a Exercise 9:30a Large Print	<b>28</b> 12:00p Thursday Day-time Study Luncheon 2:30p Carmel Library Bookmobile 6:00p Jazzercise <b>NO WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>29</b> 8:45a Exercise 9:15a MOMs 9:30a Large Print  6:00p Jazzercise	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 8:00a Jazzercise  12:00p United Church of God



Carol Hatfield	1-Dec
Patricia Wiehe	2-Dec
Vanija Dorn	4-Dec
Jennifer Pitts	4-Dec
Peggy Forst	6-Dec
John Gunnell	6-Dec
Heather Moehl	7-Dec
Steve Schroeder	8-Dec
Marcia Runkel	11-Dec
Kyle Clemens	13-Dec
Mary Ellen Sullivan	13-Dec
Alex Wade	13-Dec
Nathan Wade	13-Dec
Jo Leshner	14-Dec
Noel Shilling	16-Dec
Anna Nelsen	18-Dec
Ben Worth	18-Dec
Matt Worth	18-Dec
Jason Follstad	22-Dec
Brady Johnsey	22-Dec
Anna Zetzel	24-Dec
Kyler Dorn	26-Dec
Charles Harshbarger	26-Dec
Richard Knipstein	26-Dec
Eli Konow	26-Dec
Bristol Pabst	26-Dec
Darrell Pike	29-Dec
Sherilyn Kindig	30-Dec
R.J. McDuffey	30-Dec



Jim & Leslie Durst	8-Dec	40 years
Dick & Carol Dahoney	15-Dec	54 years
Kelly & Katrina Brown	23-Dec	31 years
Lynn & Fran Willis	26-Dec	50 years
Kevin & Erica Harriman	28-Dec	25 years



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gathering in to Christ,  
sending out to serve

### PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor	Chuck Miller
Education Director	Gloria Worth
Preschool Director	Amy Tucker
Youth Directors	Jenny Pitts Gail Powell
Cantor to the Congregation	Sarah Gran Williams
Director of Music for Children & Youth	Gail Powell
Handbell Director	Kevin Donley
Assistant Treasurer	Donna Drew
Office Manager	Debbie Collins
Set-up & Custodial Assistant	Matt Worth
Maintenance	Mark Wylie

**Sunday Worship:** 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.  
**Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Wednesday Worship:** 7:00 p.m.

**Office Hours:**

8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Monday—Thursday  
 8:00 a.m.—Noon Friday

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***Mission Statement:***

*We are a caring Community  
 Called together in ministry by the Holy Spirit  
 Through the Gospel and the Sacraments to:  
 Believe in Jesus Christ as Savior,  
 Worship the Triune God,  
 and  
 Serve God by  
 Proclaiming the Gospel,  
 Joyfully Celebrating our God-given gifts,  
 and  
 Loving and Serving our neighbors  
 With Jesus as our example.*

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