



PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS WEEK OF: December 11—18, 2016

HYMNS FOR TODAY: 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM
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WEEK OF December 11, 2016

Sunday

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion
9:00a Youth Bells
9:30a Sunday School
10:45a Worship and Holy Communion

Monday

9:00a Preschool
11:30a Preschool Christmas Program
6:00p Jazzercise
6:00p Board of Elders @ Old Red Barn

Tuesday

8:45a Exercise
9:00a Preschool
9:30a Large Print
1:00p Preschool Staff Lunch
5:30p Christian Youth Theatre
7:30p Poetry Plus

Wednesday

9:00a Preschool
2:30p CCPL Mobile Library
6:00p Advent Dinner
7:00p Advent Midweek Worship—Vespers
7:30p Congregational Life

Thursday

8:45a Exercise
9:00a Preschool
9:15a MOMs Group
9:30a Large Print
11:30a Bible Study
6:00p Handbell Rehearsal
6:00p Jazzercise
7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Friday

Saturday

8:30a Jazzercise
11:00a Youth Group Christmas Giving Party
12:00p United Church of God

Sunday

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion
9:00a Youth Bells
9:30a Voter's Meeting
9:30a Sunday School
10:45a Worship and Holy Communion

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Lee Ann Roeder and her family at the death of Lee Ann's mother, Linda Weitzel, on Thursday, December 8th. Thoughts and prayers for Lee Ann and her family are much appreciated.

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.

ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES and DINNERS— Please plan on attending Advent worship this Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary as we prepare for the birth of our Lord. The worship service will be preceded by a dinner at 6:00 PM in fellowship hall hosted by **The Evangelism/Communications Committee**. Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex for more information and to sign up for the dinner.

POINSETTIA 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 will be \$14.50. Plants may be taken home after Christmas Eve worship. Sign up on the credenza in the narthex. **The deadline to order your poinsettia is TODAY!**

VOTER'S MEETING is next Sunday, December 18th, at 9:30 AM. Important agenda items are: 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!

YOUTH GROUP ADOPT A FAMILY— For the fourth year in a row, the Youth Group has "adopted" a family through United Way's Christmas Service. The kids donated their own money and shopped last weekend for most of the gifts for the family of four. On Saturday, December 17, at 11 am we will have a Christmas Giving Party. The kids will enjoy a brunch together in the Youth Room before delivering the gifts to the family in Indianapolis. Youth Group members should RSVP to the Evite for this event sent earlier this week.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, 12/4/2016—134
Wednesday, 12/7/2016—42

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. **Ready to shop now?** Visit the ELCA Good Gifts store at www.ELCA.org/goodgifts.

ADD TO THE PILGRIM FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREES—You probably have noticed the two trees on either side of the narthex. The ornaments for these trees have been contributed by Pilgrim members over the last many years. If you are new or somewhat new, a long standing member who may not have put one on, or someone who might just want to add another one, please put your family name somewhere on the ornament and 2016 and choose a spot on the tree. They bring back so many memories of members who are now in the presence of God, children who are now adults with families of their own, and just the warm feeling that this time of year brings as we await the coming of our Lord. These ornaments may be brought in any time between now and Christmas Day. Join in the building of memories.

CHANGE IN WORSHIP SCHEDULE—PLEASE NOTE! NO WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE on December 21st or Dec. 28th! The Wednesday, 7:00 PM worship schedule will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 4th. **CHRISTMAS DAY and NEW YEAR'S DAY worship times have been changed. There will only be one worship service on those days at 9:30 AM.**

STEWARDSHIP—You will be receiving a letter in the mail with the 2017 Estimate of Giving card and a Time and Talent Survey. Please review the materials, complete the form and return to the church office by January 5th.

Please note the **OFFICE HOURS will be limited the WEEK of December 26-January 2, 2017**

Monday, Dec 26—Office Closed

Tuesday, Dec 27—Office open 11am—1pm

Wednesday, Dec 28—10am—1pm

Thursday, Dec 29—10am—2pm

Friday, Dec 30—9am—NOON

Monday, January 2—Office CLOSED

If you have any announcements to be included in the bulletin for Dec. 25 or Jan. 1, please have to the church office no later than Monday, Dec. 19th. Any other work projects to be attended to during this time, will need to be in the office no later than Wednesday, Dec 14th. Thank you!

2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES are ready to be picked up in the narthex. Please call the church office at 846-2221 the office at if you do not see your name and number.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Sunday, January 8TH will be a 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 8th, 9:30 AM-10:30 AM

Where: Fellowship Hall.

Regular Sunday School will resume on January 15th 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!

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2017 is available 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.

BENEFACTION GRANT REQUEST FORMS are available upon request from the church office. Please call 846-2221 or email DebbieCollins@pilgrimindy.org if you would like a copy of the form. The grant request deadline is February 15, 2017. All grant requests must be sponsored by a member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS, "Christ in Our Home" for January through March, are now available. Please pick up a copy in the narthex, or ask an usher to assist you in obtaining one.

MISSING—A full length black wool men's coat that was hanging in the Narthex last Sunday is missing. There is a women's coat just like it where he left his. The missing coat held a car key, a pair of glasses and a prescription in the pocket. If you happened to take the wrong coat home last week, please contact Debbie at the church office (317.846.2221) so we can make the switch. Thanks for your help.