



PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS WEEK OF: December 18—25, 2016

HYMNS FOR TODAY: 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM
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WEEK OF December 18, 2016

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

Monday

6:00p Jazzercise

Tuesday

9:30a Large Print
7:00p Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday

2:30p CCPL Mobile Library
6:00p Jazzercise

Thursday

9:15a MOMs Group
6:00p Handbell Rehearsal
6:00p Jazzercise
7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Friday

6:30p Kids in Christ

Saturday

8:30a Jazzercise
10:00a United Church of God
4:00p Christmas Eve Worship
9:00p Music for the Holy Night
9:30p Christmas Eve Worship

Sunday **The Nativity of Our Lord!**

9:30a Worship and Holy Communion

GUEST PASTOR—Today we welcome Tim Kurth as our guest speaker. Tim is a member of the ServLife staff and has been involved in the missions supported by ServLife. Tim has a lifetime background as a Lutheran, with experience facilitating churches during transition periods such as ours, and is happy to be able to serve with us today.

VOTER'S MEETING TODAY 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 by attending!

EMERGENCY PASTORAL ASSISTANCE is available as needed. Please contact the church office during office hours at 317.846.2221. At other times, please call Pastor Jeff Iacobazzi at 317.414.6689 or by email at jiacobazzi@msn.com.

PRAYER REQUEST AND CONCERNS—Please notify the church office (phone: 317-846-2221 or email DebbieCollins@pilgrimindy.org) for prayer requests or concerns that you may have. She will then forward these onto the Board of Elders and/or Emergency Pastor as needed.

OUR CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP schedule for Saturday, December 24th:

4:00PM Family Service, with children participating and Holy Communion

9:00PM Music for the Holy Night

9:30PM Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion

Please invite family members, friends, and neighbors to join us!

PLEASE NOTE: The nursery will be open for family use if necessary on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, but, it will not be staffed. ~Thank you.

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

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Sunday, 12/11/2016—166

Wednesday, 12/14/2016—

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 December 28th! The Wednesday, 7:00 PM worship schedule will resume on Wednesday, January 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.**

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.**

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

CHRISTMAS IS JESUS! Christmas is many things to many people. It may be baking cookies, listening to Christmas music, shopping for loved ones, sending cards, church on Christmas Eve, family gatherings and the hope of a Christmas Eve snowfall. Yes, Christmas is many things but most of all and best of all, **Christmas is Jesus.** Our Pilgrim children will share their musical message this Christmas Eve afternoon at 4 o'clock. The children, under the direction of Gail Powell have worked very hard to bring this message to you in word and song. We promise you will still honor all the reasons you love Christmas but most of all you will come away with the clear and beautiful message that CHRISTMAS IS JESUS!

50th Anniversary—OPEN HOUSE: DECEMBER 26, 2:00 to 6:00 PM, in celebration of Fran & Lynn Willis' 50th wedding anniversary (yes, they actually did get married on the day after Christmas). Please RSVP to aaroncwillis@gmail.com. Parking will be easiest across 96th Street in the Parkwood Crossing office complex lot (entrance to the lot is one block east of the Willis house). NO GIFTS, PLEASE.

COOKIE WALK—A heartfelt thank you from the WELCA team to the whole congregation for a wonderful and successful Cookie Walk. The assortment of cookies was a joy to behold. Thanks to all who baked and all who bought or both! Have a very Merry Christmas. We'll do it again next year

THE ST. OLAF CHOIR IS SINGING IN INDIANAPOLIS and Noel Shilling is coordinating the sale of group tickets. Ole Choir will be in concert at St. Luke's United Methodist Church (100 W. 86th St. Indpls) on Monday January 30, 7:30 PM. If you would like to buy tickets at the group rate (\$27) please contact Noel by December 22nd: phone 317.844.

6367 or email nshilling1@att.net. Otherwise you can purchase tickets on your own (\$30 each) at the St. Olaf website: <https://wp.stolaf.edu/tickets/> and select 'St. Olaf Choir' then 'tour tickets'. Unfortunately there is no discount for showing up at the concert wearing a Norwegian sweater, but this is your chance to hear the world renown St. Olaf Choir live in concert – a treat for your ears and soul.

2017 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.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS, "Christ in Our Home" for January through March, 2017, are now available. Please pick up a copy in the narthex, or ask an usher to assist you in obtaining one.

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.