



PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF: December 10-17, 2017

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

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WEEK OF December 10, 2017

Sunday

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion
 9:00a Youth Bells
 9:30a Sunday School
 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion
 11:45a Outreach Kit Preparations and Lunch

Monday

9:00a Preschool
 6:00p Jazzercise

Tuesday

9:00a Preschool
 9:30a Large Print
 12:00p Super Seniors to Beef-n-Boards

Wednesday

9:00a Preschool
 12:30p CCPL Mobile Library
 6:00p Advent Dinner—Elders
 7:00p Advent Worship with Holy Communion

Thursday

9:00a Preschool
 9:15a MOMs Group
 9:30a Large Print
 1:00p Ladies Bible Study
 6:00p Handbell Rehearsal
 6:00p Jazzercise
 7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Friday

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

Saturday

8:00a Jazzercise
 8:30a Outreach—Distribute Keep Warm Kits
 12:00p United Church of God

Sunday

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion
 9:00a Youth Bells
 9:30a Sunday School
 9:30a Voter's Meeting
 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion
 4:00p Choir Party @ Hunden's

SAVE THE DATE -- On January 21 we will have a **special Voters' Meeting to vote on a candidate for our new pastor.** The candidate was unanimously approved by the call committee and the board of directors. The candidate will preach that Sunday. We plan to have a pitch-in breakfast along with a question and answer session from 9:00-10:30 AM. The Voters' Meeting will follow the 10:45 AM service and start at 12:00 PM. It is very important that we have robust attendance at the meeting. More details to follow.

ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES & DINNERS—

Please plan on attending the Advent worship services each Wednesday during the season of Advent at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary as we prepare for the birth of our Lord. The worship services will be preceded by a dinner at 6:00 PM in fellowship hall:

- **December 13—Elders**
- **December 20—Dan Murphy/Pilgrim Men**

Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex for more information and to sign up for the dinner.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24, 2017

10:45 AM Advent 4 Worship Service

4:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship

9:00 PM Music for the Holy Night

9:30PM Christmas Eve Worship

DECEMBER 31, 2017

10:45 AM Worship and Holy Communion

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL—Pastor Rudy will continue the study: The Advent Stories...Priests struck dumb; mysterious visitations; unexpected pregnancies. The biblical stories leading up to the birth of Jesus are filled with humor, suspense, and some interesting twists and turns. Pastor Mueller will lead conversation around those stories and characters as one way we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Word made flesh. We meet in the Adult Sunday School room from 9:30 – 10:30 AM.

VOTER'S MEETING next Sunday, December 17th, at 9:30 AM. Important agenda items: 1) approval of a 2018 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!

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Fran Willis and family at the death of her uncle, Gordon Boltz at age 85, of Eugene Oregon, on November

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 3, 2017— 167
 Wednesday, December 6, 2017—39

11th. He directed Lutheran choirs for over 50 years.

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 OFFERINGS WILL GO TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY HARVEST FOOD BANK, Inc. (HCH) for this season. Pilgrim has provided and continues to provide support for this organization that helps with food insecurity in Hamilton County. Each dollar received as a donation by Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, Inc. thru December 30th, can be used to buy two dollars of food cards at Meijer. Essentially a dollar for dollar match. This program was established in 2009 when several of the food pantries in the county joined together and set up a non-profit entity to assist all Hamilton County pantries with their food inventory needs. Noblesville White River Christian Church (WRCC) provided the warehouse space in their building at 1605 N. 10th St. in Noblesville. (same location as the WRCC Food Pantry). Since our inception, we have collected and distributed over 275,000 lbs. of food for local pantries; this past year alone has seen a 53% increase in the amount of food required. A majority of our food will come through the school holiday drives, but more and more Hamilton County businesses and organizations are now helping out (over 37 donors this year have helped with either food drives or collection points). All donated food will be sorted and distributed to more than 28 local pantries at no cost to them. Many of the same volunteers who work in their local pantries will graciously donate their time to serve as food bank volunteers (HCH is manned 100% by volunteers).

DONTATE COLD-WEATHER ITEMS FOR "KEEP WARM" KITS

Pilgrim is collecting cold weather items to prepare "keep warm kits" for our local Gennesaret Free Clinics. Our goal is to collect enough items to create at least 100 kits! **Please see the goldenrod half-sheet insert for more details.**

MEMBER CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS—The two trees that are on either side of the narthex are decorated with ornaments that you as members brought in over the years. If you are a newer member or a long standing member who has yet to add to the tree, please find an ornament that represents you or your family and place on one of the two trees. Please write on the ornament your individual name or your family name and the year you donate it. If you've placed an ornament on the tree in the past, please feel free to add an additional one if you like.

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 will be \$14.00; 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 creden-

za in the narthex. **The deadline to order your poinsettia is TODAY, Sunday, December 10th!**

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2018 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.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES are ready to be picked up in the narthex. Please call the church office at 317.846.2221 if you do not see your name.

Mark Your Calendars!

I-K SYNOD OPEN HOUSE—The Indiana-Kentucky Synod staff would like to cordially invite you to an Open House at the Synod Office on Wednesday, December 13 from 1-4 PM. In addition to some delicious refreshments, there will be over 15 Nativity scenes on display. We look forward to this time of fellowship and refreshment with you! Please see page 2 of the December I-K Lutheran for a service project the Synod staff has undertaken for The Sharing Place. The Indiana-Kentucky Synod staff is collecting items for *The Sharing Place*, a material assistance program providing free food and clothing to families in need in Indianapolis.

Items needed:

Ramen noodles	Pasta
Canned meat	Pork and beans
Macaroni and cheese	Hamburger Helper
Canned fruit and vegetables	Rice
Peanut butter	Jelly
Toilet paper	Shampoo
Laundry detergent	Diapers (N-6)
Dish Soap	Gift Cards
Gifts for Teenagers ages 13-18	

Please bring donated items to the Executive North Office, Building 911, Suite 200, by December 13.

Learn more about *The Sharing Place*:

www.lutheranfamily.org.

Questions? Contact Sylvia at sylore@iksynod.org or call 317.253.3522

A CALL FOR MISSION AMBASSADORS—You are encouraged to consider participating in the Mission Ambassador program of the IK Synod. A Mission Ambassador is a congregational member who shares stories of how lives are changed through members' contributions—stories about doing God's work using our hands. Through these stories, your congregation will gain an even greater connection with the work of the ELCA in all its expression—your congregation, the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and ELCA Churchwide Mission Ambassadors receive training and access to resources that make this story-telling possible. For more information on this program as well as to sign up for the training, please go to this website: <http://ikmissioninterpretation.weebly.com/> or contact Mission Interpretation Coordinators Phil and Susan Schmidt at 859.635.2006 or philtschmidt45@gmail.com.