



PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF: December 24-31, 2017

HYMNS FOR TODAY: 10:45 AM

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WEEK OF December 24, 2017

Sunday

10:45a Advent Worship and Holy Communion
4:00p Christmas Eve Worship
9:00p Music for the Holy Night
9:30p Christmas Eve Worship

Monday—Office Closed

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Tuesday

6:00p Jazzercise

Wednesday

12:30p CCPL Mobile Library
6:00p Jazzercise

Thursday

9:15a MOMs Group
1:00p Ladies Bible Study
6:00p Jazzercise

Friday

Saturday

8:00a Jazzercise
12:00p United Church of God

Sunday

10:45a Worship and Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

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

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. A 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.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the following families:

John and Judie Williams at the death of their brother-in-law, Tom Piper, who died on Saturday December 16th;

Amy and Trent Johnsey at the death of Amy's father, Wilbur Holtman, who died on Thursday, December 14th;

Marge Ellsworth at the death of her niece, Maria Amonson.

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.

COFFEE & DONUTS ARE ON CHRISTMAS BREAK today and December 31. They will return on Sunday, January 7. Remember, however, that the Keurig is always there if you would like a cup of coffee, either regular or decaf. Tea is also available and soft drinks are in the refrigerator.

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

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 17, 2017— 160
Wednesday, December 20, 2017—37

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).

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE IN LOBBY—Please pick up your copy of the new 2017 Pilgrim Lutheran Church Members & Friends Directory in the church lobby. The directories are labeled and alphabetized by household name. Please locate and take home your labeled copy today! Questions? Contact Mark Tisdale at marktisdale@msn.com.

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.

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2018 is available in the Narthex for sign ups. Please note: **NO** flowers during the Lenten and Advent seasons. Cost is \$40.50 per vase, there are two vases.

ELCA GOOD GIFTS—Each year, Americans spend over \$300 billion on Christmas shopping. Imagine what would happen if we could redirect

that spending toward the things that really matter, like putting an end to hunger. With ELCA Good Gifts, you can do just that. Choose from more than 50 charitable gifts to give in honor of loved ones—from goats to water wells, school uniforms to food for refugees. All of these gifts can be given in honor of friends or loved ones and make great alternatives to traditional Christmas gifts. Shop now by visiting ELCA.org/goodgifts or stop by the display table in the Narthex.

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE AND PROGRAM ON DECEMBER 24 AT 4:00PM!

The children in grades 1-6 are working very hard to learn several new Christmas Carols, songs and hymns in preparation for our annual Children's Christmas program. We accomplish this with rehearsals on Sunday morning during the Sunday school opening and on Kids in Christ night. All children in grades 1-6 may participate if they are in attendance at either choir rehearsals.

All children in grades 1-6 participating in the worship service may come directly to the choir room. We will greet them as early as 3:30 pm. They will remain with us (Gail, Annalea and Gloria) until it is time for them to process into the nave for their program. When the program is finished they will find their family and sit with family during the remainder of the service. Please, save them a space!

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 philschmidt45@gmail.com.