



PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF: December 2—9, 2018

HYMNS FOR TODAY: 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
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WEEK OF December 2, 2018

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

Monday

9:00a Preschool
 6:00p Jazzercise

Tuesday

9:00a Preschool
 9:30a Large Print
 6:00p Jazzercise

Wednesday

9:00a Preschool
 12:15p CCPL Mobile Library
 6:00p Advent Dinner
 7:00p Advent Worship w/Holy Communion
 7:30p Combo Group
 7:30p Congregational Life Meeting

Thursday

9:00p Preschool
 9:15a MOMs
 9:30a Large Print
 9:30a Super Seniors to Historical Society
 6:00p Jazzercise
 6:00p Handbell Rehearsal
 7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion
 9:00a Youth Bells
 9:00a WELCA Cookie Sale
 9:30a Sunday School
 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion
 12:15p Hanging of the Greens w/Pizza Lunch

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Judie Williams and her family at the death of her mother, Marian Gennrich. The funeral service was held this past Thursday in Michigan.

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.

WHAT'S UP IN WORSHIP

This Sunday we begin the new liturgical year! The season of Advent is here. We say goodbye to the Now the Feast liturgy with its themes of harvest, praise, and thanksgiving, and introduce ELW setting 2 which has simpler, straightforward melodies – a fitting liturgy for a more subdued, contemplative season of waiting. But, Christmas is coming and we will have moments of Christmas joy and expectation bursting into in our worship this month.

I have a special association with the season of Advent. I am from rural northwest Minnesota where the December landscape itself is a portrait of Advent. At twilight the sky turns beautiful shades of blue, Advent's appointed color. The trees are black spare sticks against the sky and the snow simplifies the ground in an unchanging blanket of white. It reminds me of the Christmas hymn *In the Bleak Midwinter* (ELW 294). On a cloudless night when temperatures are sub zero one can stand outside and look up – and look through layers upon layers of twinkling stars – and be awestruck at the depth of the heavens as well as the complete silence around. I think of that experience whenever we sing the Advent hymn *Creator of the Stars of Night* (ELW 245). Many other Advent hymns describe the world waiting in darkness for Jesus the light to come and shine. As a kid I would stay outside admiring the quiet landscape as long as possible – usually until my lips starting freezing to my orthodontic braces – before running back inside to my toasty warm house, with light spilling out of the windows, our Christmas tree aglow, and the hope of a mug of hot chocolate awaiting me. This Advent season consider taking some time off from the Christmas rush to be quiet and reflect on how you yourself may be a light shining in this dark world. Enjoy the waiting and the anticipation of Christmas! (Sarah Williams)

ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES & DINNERS—Plan to attend the Advent worship services each Wednesday during the season of Advent at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary as we prepare for the birth of our Lord. The service will be preceded by a dinner at 6:00 p.m. in fellowship hall:

· **December 5—Board of Directors**

· **December 12—TBD**

· **December 19—Board of Elders**

Join your Pilgrim Family at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 5, for the first dinner of the Advent Season. The BOD will be hosting this dinner. The Board will be providing an assortment of main dish casseroles and drinks. We are asking that those attending bring either a salad or a dessert. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, November 25, 2018—133

Wednesday, November 28—18

STARRY NIGHT CAMPAIGN—Today is the last day to bring your gifts/donations. Please place your donations in the gift box in the narthex. Gift Cards should be put in an envelope and, along with the star, placed in the Gift Box. If you would prefer to give money, please make a check payable to Pilgrim Lutheran Church and note it is for the Starry Night and place in the offering plate.

VOTER'S MEETING is *Sunday, December 16th, at 9:30 a.m.* Important agenda items: 1) approval of a 2019 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!

HELP NEEDED! If you could spare, a half hour, following the Wednesday service, Congregational Life could use your help in bringing the Christmas trees, etc. down out of the attic. "A Few Good Muscles" would be much appreciated.

HANGING OF THE GREENS—Following the 10:45 a.m. service on Sunday, December 9, we will have our annual Hanging of the Greens! After you greet Pastor Heidi, please return to the front pews where CLC will give you instructions on getting started. All ages are encouraged to help out, and if you've not joined us before please consider sticking around! We'll have pizza and salad when we're through.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS—*Wisdom, Reality and Erotica*
The adult Bible study, "Wisdom, Reality and Erotica," a study of the Bible's "wisdom" books, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Job and Song of Solomon, will resume today and concludes on Dec. 9. There is no class scheduled for Dec. 16 due to the Voters' Meeting.

Pilgrim's Women of the ELCA (WELCA) is planning their **ANNUAL COOKIE SALE**. By supporting this ONLY fundraiser of the year, you will help the women of Pilgrim fund these service projects for our community and around the world:

- **NEWBORN KITS:** These kits containing items for newborns are created and sent to Global Health Ministries.
- **PERSONAL CARE KITS:** These kits go to Lutheran World Relief.
- **FREE THE GIRLS PROJECT:** Donate your gently used bras to this project that helps bring an end to human sex trafficking.

More information about these projects is on the credenza in the narthex.

This year's Christmas Cookie Sale is from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 9, in Fellowship Hall. We invite all Pilgrim families to donate homemade Christmas cookies (one batch of 3-4 dozen cookies). The more cookies, the better the selection. We just ask that you do NOT send chocolate chip cookies. If your cookies have nuts in them, please label them "WITH NUTS." Cover your cookies and bring them to the church kitchen between December 7 and the morning of December 9. Women wishing to help set up the Cookie Sale should meet in the kitchen at 8 a.m. on Sunday, December 9. Monetary donations also will be accepted in lieu of cookies. You may make checks out to WELCA. Questions, contact Judy Hunden at (317) 846-4373.

SUPER SENIORS—Christmas is just around the corner and we've got two fantastic events planned for Super Seniors. At 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6, join us for a trip back to the Indiana Historical Society Museum to view the 80 Christmas trees on display. We'll have lunch at the Museum Café and participate in the "You Are There" discussion with reenactors talking about "Religion and the Divided Frontier" in 1839.

If you have already signed up or are planning to sign up, please see Maureen Jordan today for a copy of the lunch menu and the order form to sign up for your choice. Maureen will be in the coffee area during the Sunday School hour and following the second service. The museum café has asked that we have them ready to turn in as we arrive to help them have our lunches prepared in a timely manner. Thank you so much for your assistance with this.

The cost to enter the museum is \$10, and you will pay for your own lunch. Menus will be provided ahead of time. There may or may not be additional costs for transportation, depending on whether we need to rent a vehicle. Watch for more information.

At noon on Tuesday, Dec. 18, join us for a Christmas Luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Wear your festive Christmas garb! We're still deciding on lunch, but we will be learning about the history of some of our favorite Christmas hymns, singing some of our favorites, and watching the movie "White Christmas." Sign up sheets for both events are in the narthex. Remember, you don't have to be a "senior" to join us in our fun!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM—Because family and travel commitments make it hard for all of our children to participate in our traditional program held on Christmas Eve, we are moving the children's program to Sunday, Dec. 16, during the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Details still are being worked out, but we are very excited about this chance for all of our children to participate in sharing the good news of Jesus' birth! (Gloria Worth)

WARM KITS COMPLETION AND DISTRIBUTION
Today is the deadline to finish this project! 20 pairs of gloves were needed to complete our 100 warm kits this year. If you brought your donation today, you can put the gloves in a bag marked with "Warm Kit Gloves" and set by the Starry Night donations or give to Tammy Donley. On Saturday, Dec. 8, we'll be distributing the kits at 8:30 a.m. at Roberts Park Methodist Church, 401 N. Delaware St., in the parking lot off of Alabama and Vermont streets. Three or four sets of helpers would be enough to help as the kits go quickly. Participants will need to help bring the kits to the church for distribution, so they should plan to pick up 30-40 kits during the week before Dec. 8. If interested in helping or have questions, contact tammy Donley at tammy.donley@comcast.net.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RELIEF—You can help our brothers and sisters in California who have been affected by the wildfires that have killed more than 40 people, left more than 200 missing, and forced hundreds of thousands to flee their homes under evacuation orders. Lutheran Disaster Response is on the ground and working to address immediate needs of those affected, while planning for long-term needs for the survivors. You can read more about their work on the [ELCA website](#). To help, make a donation to Lutheran Disaster Relief by writing a check to Pilgrim and designating "fires" in the memo line.