

PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF: December 1, 2019

HYMNS: #254, #244, #489, #492, #253

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Sunday

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

Monday

9:00a Preschool
6:00p Jazzercise

Tuesday

9:00a Preschool
9:30a Large Print
6:00p Jazzercise
7:00p Board of Elders
7:30p Poetry Plus

Wednesday

9:00a Preschool
12:15p CCPL Mobile Library
5:30p Advent Dinner—Tenderloin Trail
6:30p Advent Worship w/Holy Communion
7:15p Combo Group

Thursday

9:00a Preschool
9:30a Large Print
6:00p Jazzercise
6:00p Adult Bell Rehearsal
7:00p Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday

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

Saturday

8:00a Jazzercise
1:00p United Church of God

Sunday

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion
8:00a WELCA Cookie Sale
9:00a Youth Bells
9:30a Sunday School Christmas Party
10:45a Worship and Holy Communion
12:30p Youth shopping for Adopt-A-Family
4:00p Christmas Caroling

WHAT'S UP IN WORSHIP? Happy new year! New liturgical year, that is. Welcome to the season of Advent, a season of waiting, watching, pondering, questioning, hoping, and yearning. However, in our modern world finding time to be quiet and thinking those sorts of thoughts can be rare. We might be planning, working, scrambling, worrying, panicking, baking, buying, and collapsing in a heap at the end of the day. (For church musicians, Advent can be stressful and Christmas Eve is a very long workday. Many organists fantasize about taking Christmas cruises to some non-musical place like Tahiti next Dec. 24.) At least on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings we can gather together to create space to ask the bigger questions close to our hearts and find community with each other. ~ Sarah Williams

THE FAITH FORMATION CLASS WILL NOT MEET TODAY (DECEMBER 1) BECAUSE OF THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. It will resume – and conclude -- on December 8. The topic for 12/8 will be CREATION; more specifically, what are we to make of the multiple creation accounts in the Bible? SEE YOU THERE!

The Faith Formation class meets at 9:30 in the room across from the choir room (2nd floor, east wing).

ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES & DINNERS—Plan to attend the Advent worship services each Wednesday during the season of Advent at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary as we prepare for the birth of our Lord. The service will be preceded by a dinner at 5:30 p.m. in fellowship hall:

- **December 4—Tenderloin Trail**
- **December 11—Board of Directors**
- **December 19—Board of Elders**

The Tenderloin Trail will be preparing a Lasagna dinner with rolls. They are asking for people to sign up to bring salads or desserts. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

COOKIE SALE—Pilgrim WELCA is once again sponsoring the annual Cookie Sale, Sunday, December 8 from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. This is the women's only fundraiser to help Lutheran World Relief and Global Health Ministries. We are asking each family to bake and donate one batch of holiday cookies (3-4 doz.). Nuts are

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fine, but please label "with nuts" if necessary Bring cookies to the church kitchen Dec.1-8. Come and buy cookies December 8 from 9:00 a.m.to1:30 p.m. Enjoy!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING—4-6:00 p.m. Sunday, December 8. Come join us for Caroling and afterwards come back to church with us for hot chocolate and cookies! All ages welcome.

VOTER'S MEETING is *Sunday, December 15, at 9:30 a.m.* Important agenda items: 1) approval of a 2020 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!

2020 Pledge Drive Update—Thank you for all your support. The response to the 2020 Pledge Drive so far has been outstanding. We are very blessed with the number of pledges we received for next year and thank you to all who participated. Your pledges not only help us plan our resources throughout the year, but also will help support our many ministries and programs. We hope to get 100% participation so if you have not submitted a pledge for 2020 it's not too late, and we hope you will prayerfully consider doing so. You can download a pledge card from the e-Blast announcement or by picking one up outside the church office. Please return your pledge directly to the church office or place it in Kyle Fedorcha's mailbox in the narthex. When we give to God we are able to discover what God gives to us. Thank you for your stewardship and participation!

STARRY NIGHT PROGRAM: Starry Night gifts are due today. Items will be taken to Lutheran Child and Family Services (LCFS) near Community Hospital on E. 16th Street the next week. From there, all the items collected from all donors will be trucked to Gethsemane Lutheran Church near 10th and Shadeland Ave. for the Christmas Store sponsored by the LCFS Sharing Place.

FIELD TRIP TO THE INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S TREE DISPLAY: December 12. If you are car-pooling or caravanning, please be prepared to leave Pilgrim at 10:15 a.m. We go directly to lunch at Shapiro's, 808 South Meridian St, Indianapolis, meeting at 11:00 a.m. and go to the museum from there. There is a green sign-up sheet on the credenza in

the narthex; please read and check the appropriate boxes.

SUPER SENIOR MONTHLY LUNCHEON: Tuesday, December 17. Please note the following time change. The Preschool Children's program is that day at 11:45 a.m. Let's gather in the narthex and we'll sit together as a group to support these beautiful "little people" who attend Pilgrim's Preschool. Lunch will follow in Fellowship Hall immediately after the program. Pastor Heidi will be our guest speaker. She will show a movie that will lead to a discussion. Cost will be \$10, menu to be determined. White sign-up sheet with red & green letters is on the credenza in the narthex; read carefully and be sure to check the appropriate boxes.

To the entire Pilgrim Family: Happy Thanksgiving, Blessed Advent, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year from the Congregational Life Committee and the Super Seniors. Thank you for your support and help throughout the year!

DECEMBER YOUTH EVENTS

Dec. 8th - Sr. And Jr. High youth will be shopping for our Adopt-A-Family For Christmas service project. We shall leave to go shopping after the second service on Sunday from 12:30-3:00 p.m. Youth should bring money to purchase lunch while shopping.

The youth shall also join the Choir in its Christmas Caroling that evening. Times to be determined.

Dec. 15th - "Pilgrim Youth In The House" will be held at the Home of Pastor Heidi and Robert Schwerdtfeger-Jones from 3-6:00 p.m. We shall be gift wrapping our presents for the Adopt -A-Family for Christmas project and having a white elephant gift exchange for Christmas.

Dec. 22nd - The Sr. High youth will be delivering the gifts to the Morales family at 12:30 p.m. after the second service that day. The Sr. High youth will then have lunch following delivery of gifts. Time should be from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30/3:00 p.m.

SIMPLY GIVING PROGRAM—Forgetting your weekly giving envelope? Tired of hand writing checks each week? If so, we encourage you to consider signing up for the Simply Giving Program. Simply Giving is a convenient and secure way to have your regular giving electronically transferred from your bank account or credit card instead of hand writing checks. You can choose the amount and frequency to be electronically transferred. You should have received an email with a copy of the form, or contact the church office. Return completed forms to Kyle Fedorcha's mailbox or the church office.