

## WEEK OF December 8, 2019

### Sunday

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

### Monday

9:00a Preschool  
6:00p Jazzercise  
6:00p Board of Elders

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

9:00a Preschool  
12:15p CCPL Mobile Library  
5:30p Advent Dinner—Board of Directors  
6:30p Advent Worship w/Holy Communion

### Thursday

9:00a Preschool  
9:30a Large Print  
10:15a Super Seniors to Historical Society  
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  
9:00a Youth Bells  
9:30a Sunday School Program Rehearsal  
9:30a Voter's Meeting  
10:45a Worship and Holy Communion w/ Children's Program  
4:00p Youth In The House @ Pastor & Robert Schwerdtfeger-Jones

#### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 4, 2019—145  
Wednesday, December 4, 2019—41

## PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF: December 8, 2019

HYMNS: #254, #255, #272, #491, #249

**WHAT'S UP IN WORSHIP?** You may notice we have changed liturgy settings again! In Advent we aim to present liturgy that is a little simpler, more reflective, and fitting for a season of waiting and watching. You may recall we sang this liturgy long ago...in the 1990s and early 2000s. It is from the navy blue hymnal supplement *With One Voice* and is the "Bread of Life" (setting five) liturgy. Enjoy the call and response of the Kyrie and singing the Sanctus and Agnus Dei together. ~Sarah Williams

**FAITH FORMATION CLASS TODAY**—The topic for today will be **CREATION**; more specifically, what are we to make of the multiple creation accounts in the Bible? The Faith Formation class meets at 9:30 a.m. in the room across from the choir room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor, east wing).

**COOKIE SALE**—Pilgrim's Women of the ELCA (WELCA) Today is the **Annual WELCA Cookie Sale**, 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Don't forget to purchase from a wide variety of cookies today in Fellowship Hall for your holiday serving. If you have donated cookies, thank you. ~Judy Hunden

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

**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 11**—Board of Directors (*Potato Bar*)

· **December 19**—Board of Elders (*Chili*)

We are asking for people to sign up to bring salads or desserts. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. **All Advent dinners contributions, as well as all Advent offerings, will be going toward Lutheran Disaster Response - California Wildfire Relief.**

**LAST MINUTE YOUTH AND FAMILY EVENT**—An opportunity has just arrived with the Indianapolis Pacers Faith and Fellowship Night on Jan. 2, 2020. The evening will start with a 7:00 p.m. tip-off between the Indianapolis Pacers and the Denver Nuggets followed by a Post-Game Acoustic Performance by Tenth Avenue North. The three-time Dove Award-winning group will perform a Live Acoustic set on the court. Cost per person is \$25, lower balcony, a ticket which will get you the game, a free Pacers Branded Hat, a Chick-Fil-A meal voucher, and concert. Please contact Robert Schwerdtfeger-Jones at (210) 365-8092 or email him at [RobertSJ@pilgrimindy.org](mailto:RobertSJ@pilgrimindy.org) if interested or for further details **TODAY.**

**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!

**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!***

**SENIOR GAME DAY**—will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m.—2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18. Please bring a sack lunch. Come and enjoy the board games and fun conversation. Questions please contact Kathy Hatfield (317) 577- 8305.

## **DECEMBER YOUTH EVENTS**

**TODAY** - Sr. And Jr. High youth will be shopping for our Adopt-A-Family for Christmas service project. We will leave to go shopping after the second service from 12:30-3:00 p.m. Youth should bring money to purchase lunch while shopping. ***The youth will also join the Choir in its Christmas Caroling from 4-6:00 p.m.***

**Dec. 15** - "Pilgrim Youth In The House" will be held at the Home of Pastor Heidi and Robert Schwerdtfeger-Jones from 4-6:00 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. 22** - 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.

**DUE TO HOLIDAY SCHEDULE—we are asking for all bulletin/eblast/slide submissions for Sundays, December 22 and 29 to be turned into the office by noon on Tuesday, December 17. Thank you!**

## **UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:**

### **Today**

8:00 a.m. Cookie Sale  
4:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling

### **Wednesday, December 11**

5:30 p.m. Advent Dinner  
6:30 p.m. Advent Worship

### **Sunday, December 15**

9:30 a.m. Voter's Meeting  
10:45 a.m. Children's Christmas Program

### **Wednesday, December 18**

5:30 p.m. Advent Dinner  
6:30 p.m. Advent Worship

### **Sunday, December 22**

8:00 & 10:45 a.m. Christmas Cantata  
9:30 a.m. Christmas Sack Assembly

### **December 24**

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship  
9:00 p.m. Music for the Holy Night  
9:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship

### **December 25—NO Evening Prayer**

**December 29** at 9:30 a.m. (one worship service)  
Service of Lessons and Carols

### **January 1—NO Evening Prayer**

**January 5**—Worship Services at 8:00 am & 10:45 am

## **OFFICE CLOSINGS FOR HOLIDAYS**

Wednesday, December 25, 2019  
Thursday, December 26, 2019  
Friday, December 27, 2019