

WEEK OF December 15, 2019

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

Monday

9:00a Preschool w/Christmas Program at 11:45 am
6:00p Jazzercise

Tuesday

9:00a Preschool w/Christmas Program at 11:45 am
9:30a Large Print
11:45a Super Seniors Lunch and Program
6:00p Jazzercise

Wednesday

9:00a Preschool
11:30a Super Seniors Game Day
12:15p CCPL Mobile Library
5:30p Advent Dinner—Board of Elders
6:30p Advent Worship w/Holy Communion
7:30p Christmas Eve Practice

Thursday

9:00a Preschool
9:30a Large Print
1:00p Ladies Monthly Bible Study
6:00p Jazzercise
6:00p Adult Bell Rehearsal
7:00p Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday

Saturday

8:00a Jazzercise

Sunday

8:00a Cantata and Holy Communion
9:00a Youth Bells
9:30a Christmas Sack Assembly
9:30a Youth Nativity Rehearsal
10:45a Cantata and Holy Communion

PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF: December 15, 2019

HYMNS: 8:00 am—#264, #251, #723, #490, #242

10:45 am—#264, #251, #253, #490, #242

VOTER'S MEETING TODAY 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!

WHAT'S UP IN WORSHIP? Today in Advent we include many notes of joy – especially during the sermon time at 10:45 worship, as our Children's Choir directed by Gail Powell will present their musical Christmas message. Also, for both the prelude and special music during communion you will get to hear some familiar Advent carols – if you can guess all seven you get the gold star for the day! ~Sarah Williams

DIRECTORY PHOTOS—We taking another run at getting updated photos for the directory TODAY and December 22 before, between or after worship services. This will allow our families with children who have been away at college to get a complete family photo.

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 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.**

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.—

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 8, 2019—196

Wednesday, December 11, 2019—35

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.

BRING AN ORNAMENT—you are invited to bring an ornament to hang on either of the trees located in the Narthex! Please be sure to include your family's name and the current year on the back of the ornament. We'd love to have all of our families represented on the trees.

THANK YOU to everyone who made flyers, baked cookies, helped set up the cookies, cleaned up, bought cookies and donated time and money for the Pilgrim WELCA Cookie Sale. It was a huge success and the Pilgrim women will be able to continue helping others through our service projects. Enjoy those homemade cookies and Merry Christmas! ~ Judy Hunden

A hearty THANK YOU to all those who participated in the *Starry Night gift program* and brought gifts to Pilgrim for the annual Lutheran Child and Family Services (LCFS) "Christmas Store." Many gifts were donated to the program. On Monday, December 2, a SUV full of gifts was taken from Pilgrim Lutheran Church to LCFS complex near 16th Street and Ritter. The collected gifts were then transferred to Gethsemane Lutheran Church near 10th St. and Shadeland Ave. for the Christmas Store. Needy families from around Marion County are allowed to come to the "Christmas Store" and receive gifts. Each family is given a specific amount of gift cards and then allowed to pick gifts to make their Christmas a bit warmer than it might have been without the Christmas Store. All these gifts are provided free of charge to the needy families. Thank you to all who supported the program.

~ The Social Ministry Committee

2020 Pledge REMINDER—If you haven't yet submitted a pledge for our 2020 pledge drive, it isn't too late! Pick up a commitment card outside the church office, complete the information and return your pledge to the church office or put in Kyle Fedorcha's mailbox in the Narthex. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2020 is ready! Please remember when you sign up on the chart, also take an envelope for payment and return your cash or check to Debbie, or place in the church office mailbox. *Payment is due when you sign up.* The cost remains the same at \$40.50 per vase. If a Sunday does not have anyone signed up to provide the flowers, the flowers will be cancelled for that Sunday as a cost savings to the church.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES will be available for pick up in the Narthex. If you do not see a box with your name on it, please contact the church office at 317-846-2221.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS, "*Christ in Our Home*" for January—March 2020 are available. Please pick up a copy in the narthex, or ask an usher to assist you in obtaining one.

LARGE PRINT DAILY DEVOTIONALS are now available! If you are interested, please stop by the church office.

DECEMBER YOUTH EVENTS

TODAY - "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 will 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

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