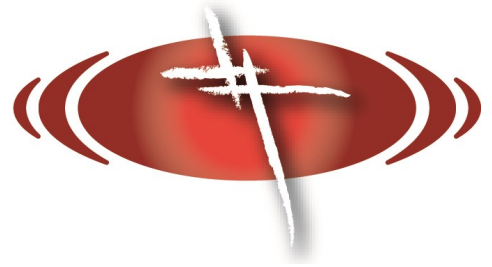


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Midweek Lenten Services:
Ash Wednesday-February 18th
12:00pm and 7:00pm

Lenten Dinner 6:00pm
Lenten Midweek Service 7:00pm
Wednesdays, February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday—April 2—Service 7:00pm
Good Friday—April 3—Services at 12:00 & 7:00pm
Easter Vigil—April 4—Service 7:00 pm
Easter Breakfast—April 5
Easter Sunday—April 5— Service 8:00 & 10:45am

Voter's Meeting
Sunday, March 1, 2015
9:30 a.m.



**PILGRIM
FINE ARTS**
series



YOU'RE INVITED to a **DIXIELAND JAZZ CONCERT** and pancake supper at Pilgrim, Sunday February 15, 4pm. The Pilgrim Fine Arts Series presents the Doctors of Dixieland, a jazz group from Anderson, IN. You are in for an entertaining program of sacred and secular New Orleans-style jazz. Tickets are \$10 adult, kids under 12 free. THEN, stay after the concert for a pancake supper put on by Congregational Life. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you are attending the supper, so we know how many flapjacks to flip! Since Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, this is a great way to celebrate mardi gras and Fat Tuesday without flying to New Orleans! Bring a friend and support the Pilgrim Fine Arts Series and Congregational Life programs!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATIONS If you have been our guest in worship, we invite you to join us for an informal orientation *on either Saturday, February 7th, at 10:00 a.m., or Thursday, February 12th, at 7:00 p.m.* Each will be an opportunity for you to learn more about our congregation and, if you desire, to initiate membership in the congregation, though your attendance does not obligate you to do so. This invitation is extended to you as an expression of our hospitality and to give you an opportunity to ask any questions you might have about Pilgrim Lutheran Church, or Lutheran doctrine and teaching. *It would be helpful if you could phone the church office, 846-2221, or send an e-mail, pilgrim@pilgrimindy.org, to indicate your attendance.*



“Many world religions use the image of the tree of life when depicting their central beliefs and values. For Christians, that tree of life is the cross.”

*Sundays and Seasons Year B 2015
(Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2014),
p. 112.*

Dear Pilgrim members and friends,

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, and this year that is February 18th, which is coming up quite soon! The penitential and preparatory forty day season of Lent leads us into the celebration of The Resurrection of Our Lord, and Easter Day is Sunday, April 5th, commencing the seven Sundays of the Easter season (the four Sundays of April – 5, 12, 19, 26, and the first three Sundays of May – 3, 10, and 17.) [The Day of Pentecost is Sunday, May 24th; Holy Trinity Sunday is May 31st.]

the pastor's page

As the quote at the top of this page suggests, the theme of our midweek Lenten worship this year, Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. (Feb. 25; March 4, 11, 18, and 25), following the Lenten dinners (6:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall) is “The Tree of Life.”



“Tree of Life”

1845 Painting by Hannah Cohoon (1788-1864), a Massachusetts Shaker artist.

image from <http://en.wikipedia.org>.

This is Scriptural imagery which spans and unites both Testaments of our Bible. In the Old Testament, in first book of Genesis, we read, “Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil” (Genesis 2:9, NRSV).



image from <http://www.newsletternewsletter.com>.

And in the New Testament, in the last book of The Revelation to John, we read, “To everyone who conquers, I will give permission to eat from the tree of life that is in the paradise of God” (Revelation 2:7, NRSV). New Testament passages connecting Jesus crucifixion and the cross of Christ with the tree of life are Acts 13:29 and Galatians 3:13 (which is itself a reference to Deuteronomy 21:23).

I hope you will plan to join us for worship on Ash Wednesday and for our Lenten dinners and worship, beginning on February 25th!

Sincerely, in Christ,



Alan Goertemiller
Pastor

**Gather us, O God,
around the cross of
Christ, and make it for
us the tree of life.**

Pilgrim Lutheran Preschool and Parents Time Out



January was registration month for the 2015-2016 school year (It's hard to believe that it's that time of year already!). The third week of January, we began to draw names from the registration forms of folks who are not yet in our program. We hope to fill any openings left by our in-house folks. There will be short waiting lists for some classes and a few openings in others . . . but time alters many situations and there is probability of spaces opening up by school's start time in September (many folks find themselves being transferred over the summer). If you know of someone interested in the most fabulous preschool around, please invite them to turn in a registration form . . . To either fill an opening or to get on a waiting list. They can e-mail us at: pilgrimpreschool@pilgrimindy.org (The preschool phone number is 846-6132).

We have been blessed with only a few weather related delays/closings . . . Actually only one of each :) Last

January was the 'great pipe blow-up' at Pilgrim and the bitter cold that brought schools in the area to closing for a week at a time . . . And we a little longer with the pipe break clean-up process! Believe me we are all happy to have all of our walls back and our baseboards in place!

During January, most threes, fours and fives classes focused on snow/snowmen and related activities – it was too bad that we didn't have much of a white covering on the ground! The twos were 'heavy' into their study of colors! And the toddler group? . . . They are just the

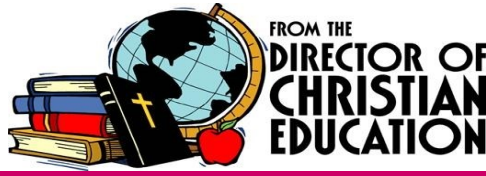


cutest! We *all* (yes, the teachers, too!) got to wear our pajamas and slippers to school for Pajama Days the last week in January. On that day, a children's librarian from the Carmel Library came to school to read 'bedtime' stories to us. We ate popped corn and had a movie and in general had a very 'un-sleepy' day!

Thanks again to all of you who support our ministry to our young children and their families in our congregation and our community. Please continue to keep us all in your prayers.

In His service,
Pat Goertemiller





News from the Education Desk.

Make note of these dates please!!

Sundays, February 1, 8, 15, and 22 ...Sunday school for all ages.

Dr. Fred Niedner returns to Pilgrim for an adult education series in preparation for Lent. Dr. Niedner has become more in demand for speaking engagements in the past years so we had to capture him when he was available. We are grateful he is willing to make the trip down the highway from Valparaiso during the month of unpredictable February. Fred has spent a long and full career at Valparaiso University as Chair of the Theology Department. He is an Old Testament scholar and currently holds the title: "Senior Research Professor in Theology," this means Fred is no longer required to teach Theology classes for the University unless of course he would like to do so.

When Fred comes to Pilgrim in February he will lead a class that will guide us into Lent. His series will probe the most prominent, historic themes of Lent as the church has observed this season over the centuries. Lent is a wilderness journey and spiritual spring cleaning season. We toss the winter's idols and pray for God to have God's way with our hearts and lives. The Theme for this series might be summed up in this way: Stories for a Season of Repentance, Faith and Renewal. Fred will draw from the scriptures of Matthew, Luke and John as he takes us on this Pre-Lenten journey. Please make Fred welcome to Pilgrim. We will meet in Fellowship Hall to allow for additional seating.

Looking ahead, Sunday, March 1 is a scheduled Voter's Meeting for Adult members. Sunday school children will be gathering together in Fellowship Hall for an activity hour.

Youth Sunday is February 22 All church youth will lead the service on February 22 at the 10:45 a.m. service. We join our youth as they lead our worship. This is a long standing tradition at Pilgrim, one that is always meaningful and uplifting. Gail Powell and Jenny Pitts take the lead on this event. Gloria Worth and Annalea Robeson serve as support.

Children's Corner...from Mrs. Worth

It not usual for us to think about things growing in February as the ground often remains frozen, the sunlight can be thin and plants are still resting in preparation of the work they will need to do when they come to life again. Yet during this time of rest we can think about how we can learn something very special from a plant called a vine. In John's gospel he records **Jesus saying, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5).** The vine and branches need each other...the vine (Jesus) has the root attached, the life-giving root; the branches (us) thrive because we get our life from the vine (Jesus). A life connected to Jesus means a life that loves more, forgives more, and gives more. Jesus is the life source that helps connect to each other. Jesus wants to help us grow; he does not want us to go through our day alone; Jesus wants us to take him with us in all we do so we have the strength and power to do all we were meant to do. And all we do we do it for God. Yes, all our work, play, and thinking are done for God because God delights in us, his children. Prayer: Jesus, thank you for the image of you being the vine and we being the branches. Thank your for being our source of life and helping us to know how to stay connected to you and others. Amen.

From the Elders

February, 2015

Christmas is over ... right? Well, yes. The Christmas season is over. By the time you are reading this the New Year will be underway, the NCAA will have crowned its football champion, and the Super Bowl will be history. Even the stores have put away their Christmas wares and have readied for Valentine's Day. And except for "that guy" at the end of your street most of us have long since packed away our home Christmas decorations and have begun thinking about spring, and Easter.

This year our family has tried something different. At the encouragement of a fellow Lutheran we have kept out the Baby Jesus from the nativity set, and instead of packing Him away with Frosty and all of the other stuff we have placed Him in a prominent place on our mantle. Here He becomes a daily reminder of God's presence in our lives and how we often can find Him in the least expected places. Because our Lord's entry into the world is not simply limited to December, or the Christmas season, but is the ultimate gift throughout our lives. The Baby Jesus is the Holy One who grew from that cradle to become our Lord, our Savior, and our Redeemer. The cradle on the mantle is a daily reminder of the promised presence of the Lord in our lives.

The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18. My prayer is that each of us would feel the blessings of God in our heart, allow those blessing to grow with the Baby Jesus, and share the blessings with everyone.

Peace,
John Shilling

SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Missions We Support

I-K Synod: The I-K Synod of the ELCA is a body of approximately 70,000 Lutherans, 220 congregations, 3 camps, 5 campus ministries, 10 conferences, and 403 pastors, associates in ministry, deaconesses and diaconal ministers. The Synod headquarters and offices provide leadership and resources for its congregations and numerous Synod ministries. For further information visit the website: www.iksynod.org/.

Indianapolis Conference: The Indianapolis Conference is an organization of the approximately 30 ELCA churches in the Indianapolis area. The Indianapolis Conference plans and provides support for shared activities and events of these churches, of which Pilgrim is a member.

Lutheran Campus Ministry, Ball State Univ.: As with the above described campus ministries, the group in Muncie, IN serves students at Ball State University proving a refuge from various aspects of campus life. Pilgrim supports this ministry with \$500 per year. For more information see www.bsutlc@comcast.net.

BENEFACTION FUND

Benefaction Grant Request Forms are available upon request from the church office. Please call 846-2221 or email DebbieCollins@pilgrimindy.org if you would like a copy of the form. The Grant Request deadline is February 15, 2015. All grant requests must be sponsored by a member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church.



SACRED THREADS

SACRED THREADS will meet Tuesday, February 3rd, 10:00-2:00 pm.

DEAR PILGRIM FAMILY: Judy and I want



to thank our Pilgrim family for the enormous level of support and friendship you showered on us following our car accident and my continuing recovery from knee

surgery. Your cards, letters, visits and phone calls were greatly appreciated. ~ Judy and Dave Hunden

FIRST SUNDAY! FOOD SUNDAY!

February 1st is the first Sunday of the month so, please remember to bring your contributions to either service: **Food contributions** may be placed outside the Food Pantry door or near the sanctuary entrance (there will be a sign) **Monetary gifts** may be placed in the offering plates during the service (please designate for "Pilgrim Food Pantry").



Food Pantry Donations Needed

EVANGELISM AND COMMUNICATIONS KICK-OFF!

We are recruiting new committee members and greeters to support our evangelism and communication efforts at Pilgrim. Please contact Mark Tisdale at 440.479.4783 or markrtisdale@msn.com for more information!





FEBRUARY WORSHIP LEADERS

<u>Sundays</u>	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:45 a.m.</u>	<u>Wednesday 7:00 p.m.</u>
<u>February 1, 2015</u>			<u>February 4, 2015</u>
Elder	Dave Runkel	Doug Lippert	Elder
Acolyte	Evan Veatch	Eli Konow	Lay Assistant
Greeters	Veatch Family	Konow Family	Susie Pike
Lay Assistant	Karin Veatch	Tammy Donley	Darrell Pike
Nursery Worship		Heather Zetzel	
Nursery Sunday School		Carey Kraabel	
February 8, 2015			February 11, 2015
Elder	Dave Runkel	Laura Peeters	Elder
Acolyte	Jack Kelleher	Claire Weems	Lay Assistant
Acolyte	n/a		Doug Lippert
Greeters	Kelleher Family		Sherilyn Kindig
Lay Assistant	Denny Licht	Frank Bates	
Communion Assistant	n/a	Mark Tisdale	
Communion Assistant	n/a	Tim Guedel	
Nursery Worship		Miki Ulreich	
Nursery Sunday School		Tammy Donley	
 			February 18, 2015
February 15, 2015			Elder
Elder	Dave Runkel	Doug Lippert	Lay Assistant
Acolyte	Kathy Hatfield	Claire Weems	Laura Peeters
Greeters		Lippert Family	Joey Peeters
Lay Assistant	Denny Licht	Emma Williams	
Nursery Worship		Julie Williams	
Nursery Sunday School		Barb Bowen	
February 22, 2015			February 25, 2015
Elder	Dave Runkel	Robert Schumacher	Elder
Acolyte	Cooper Sims	Jonathan Pitts	Lay Assistant
Greeters	Sims Family	Pitts Family	Laura Fischer
Lay Assistant	Michael Przybylski	Dick Dahoney	Maureen Jordan
Nursery Worship		Jennifer Pitts	
Nursery Sunday School		Carma Rowles	
Chancel Volunteers	Amy Johnsey	Lorraine Ransford	
Altar Guild		Marge Ellsworth	
Coffee Set up		Kathy Hatfield	
Coffee Clean up		Julie Williams	
Ushers		Chris Konow, George Ransford, Dan Sailer, Barb Geraghty	
	Dave Runkel		

FEBRUARY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00a Worship and Holy Communion 9:00a Youth Bell Practice 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion 12:30p Fine Arts Committee	2 8:45a Exercise 9:00a Preschool	3 8:45a Exercise 9:00a Preschool 9:30a Large Print 10:00a Sacred Threads 4:30p Jazzercise 7:00p Elders Meeting	4 8:45a Exercise 9:00a Preschool 9:00a MOMS 2:00p Women's Bible Study 6:00p Kids in Christ 7:00p Wednesday Evening Prayer 7:30p Combo Group	5 8:45a Exercise 9:00a Preschool 4:30p Jazzercise 6:00p Handbell Practice 7:00p Choir Practice	6 9:00a Preschool	7 10:00a New Member Orientation
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22 8:00a Worship and Holy Communion 9:00a Youth Bell Practice 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion 12:15p Evangelism / Communications Meeting	23 8:45a Exercise 9:00a Preschool	24 8:45a Exercise 9:00a Preschool 9:30a Large Print 4:30p Jazzercise 6:00p CYT Class	25 8:45a Exercise 9:00a Preschool 9:00a MOMS 6:00p Lenten Dinner 6:00p Kids in Christ 7:00p Wednesday Evening Prayer	26 8:45a Exercise 9:00a Preschool 4:30p Jazzercise 6:00p Handbell Practice 7:00p Choir Practice	27 9:00a Preschool	28

february anniversaries

2/13 Red & Miki Ulreich 55 years

Chuckle for you!

Hymn #423

A minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, 'If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.' With even greater emphasis he said, 'And if I had All the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'

And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he Said, 'And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.' Sermon complete, he sat down. The song leader stood very cautiously and announced With a smile, nearly laughing, 'For our closing song, Let us sing Hymn #423, 'Shall We Gather at the River.'



February 2, 2015



Anne Harriman	2/1
Susan Habegger	2/3
Natalie Jasper	2/3
Matthew Nelsen	2/3
Ray Kocher	2/4
Karin Veatch	2/4
Rob Hunden	2/9
Will Brauer	2/12
Catherine Freidline	2/12
Taylor Huey	2/12
Eileen Hintz	2/13
Hans Kraabel	2/15
Grace Recher	2/17
Annalyn Eddie	2/18
Gunther Schadow	2/19
Alexander Brethauer	2/20
Olivia Longmire	2/20
Paul Schumacher	2/20
Eva Snook	2/20
Nancy Smith	2/22
John Shilling	2/24
Timothy Cover	2/27
Terry Bareither	2/28
Robert Nowakowski	2/28



gathering in to Christ,
sending out to serve

PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Alan Goertemiller
Education Director	Gloria Worth
Preschool Director	Pat Goertemiller
Youth Directors	Jenny Pitts Gail Powell
Cantor to the Congregation	Sarah Gran Williams
Director of Music for Children & Youth	Gail Powell
Handbell Director	Kevin Donley
Assistant Treasurer	Donna Drew
Office Manager	Debbie Collins
Nursery Attendant	Annie Harriman
Set-up & Custodial Assistant	Matt Worth
Maintenance	Mark Wylie

Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Worship: 7:00 p.m.

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Monday—Friday

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Mission Statement:

We are a caring Community

Called together in ministry by the Holy Spirit

Through the Gospel and the Sacraments to:

Believe in Jesus Christ as Savior,

Worship the Triune God,

and

Serve God by

Proclaiming the Gospel,

Joyfully Celebrating our God-given gifts,

and

Loving and Serving our neighbors

With Jesus as our example.

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