PILGRIM'S PROGRESS



gathering in to Christ, sending out to serve

PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH 3650 West 106th Street Carmel, IN 46032 www.pilgrimindy.org

SUNDAY WORSHIP 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Worship 7 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday

> 8 a.m.-noon Friday

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

STUDY OF MATTHEW

During the month of February, Pastor Mueller will lead a conversation on the Gospel of Matthew during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday School hour. The class will be a conversation about the Gospel of Matthew, its themes, structure, history and message. During most of 2017 the Sunday morning gospel readings will be from the Gospel of Matthew, so this provides an introduction into the mind of Matthew. Pastor Mueller will be holding the class in the adult Sunday school classroom on the second floor, east wing. Please take advantage of Pastor Mueller's leadership and insights as he leads the conversation on the Gospel of Matthew; make plans now to attend this class.

CHRISTIAN LIFE OUTING

Carmel High School Performing Arts Department will present Phantom of the Opera in May. Congregational Life has chosen May 13 to attend. The performance starts at 7 p.m. We are looking into getting a block of seats so we can order ahead. The cost of the tickets is \$25. Once we have a rough head count we will purchase tickets then contact you so we can collect for the tickets. You MUST sign up by Feb. 12. Tickets go fast, so we have to act now. Sign-up sheet will be on a yellow sheet on the credenza under the TV.

CURRENT ELDER ASSIGNMENTS

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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.

PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

Education Director

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Sarah Gran Williams

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FROM THE ELDERS: One Way

Where were you in the early 1970s?

Those of you who are over 50 years of age may recall the evangelical movement that swept through North America in that era. Billy Graham was at the pinnacle of his popularity and many Christian churches preached that one had to become "Born Again" to be saved and enter into eternal life. Many called it the "Jesus Movement" and many young Christian men having long hair, that was popular in that time, were referred to as "Jesus freaks." You may remember some of the evangelical groups that toured around the country such as "Jews For Jesus." Dave Anderson, founder of Lutheran Youth Encounter in Minneapolis, had a very popular Christian music ministry that visited Lutheran Churches around North America. "The Late, Great Planet Earth" by Hal Lindsay was a bestselling book containing the prophecy that the end times were near. The restoration of Israel to the Jews and the many wars in that era seemed to parallel predictions in the book of Revelations.

I was a student at UCLA with a Roman Catholic upbringing and was confused about my salvation. My Lutheran friends led me to Christ and I read in the Bible that you are saved through faith in Jesus Christ and not through works or participating in religious ceremonies or procedures. I joined a local ALC Lutheran Church and even though my hair was not that long, my friends and family wondered if I had become a Jesus freak! I told them I loved Jesus, but did not think I was a freak. Campus Crusade For Christ was prominent at UCLA at the time and Hal Lindsay had a Christian mission in a converted fraternity called "Light and Power House" that was across the street from my apartment. One New Year's Eve I attended a Hal Lindsay program at the Melodyland Christian Center in Anaheim, California, near Disneyland and heard that the rapture was near!

One of the popular phrases and hand signals in 1971 California was "One way." Young Christians would smile and point their index finger upward and say, "One way." It meant that there is only one way to heaven or one way to be saved and that was through Jesus Christ. The terms "Born again Christian" and "One way" were new concepts to many at the time, but they were really fully consistent with the universal truth taught by Jesus Christ nearly 2000 years before the 1970s "Jesus Movement."

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FROM THE ELDERS...continued

It is indeed a fundamental Christian truth that Jesus is the only way to heaven.

Although we live in a multi-cultural, diverse society where being inclusive is a politically correct, popular virtue, do not be deceived when it comes to your salvation. This point is made in great detail in the current book, "Not All Roads Lead to Heaven," by the Baptist preacher, Dr. Robert Jeffress. Many have criticized Christianity and believers in Christ as being too narrow-minded because we believe that Jesus is the only way. But if we accept the fact that Jesus was God in the flesh, then we must believe that Jesus is the only way. Jesus Himself said in John 10:30, "I and the Father are one." Also in John 14:9, Jesus said, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father." Furthermore, in Matthew 7:13-14, Jesus said that we must "Enter by the narrow gate," and even more explicitly in John 14:6, Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except by me."

Although "One way" seemed new in 1971, it was actually also the fundamental theological foundation of the Christian Reformation 500 years ago. All Lutherans are familiar with Dr. Martin Luther's great "Reformation solas:" sola gratia, sola fide, and sola scriptura. This means that we sinners are saved and justified with God by grace alone (sola gratia), through faith in Christ alone (sola fide), and on the basis of Scripture alone (sola scriptura). It is explicitly clear from the Bible and the basic tenants of the Reformation that performing works and following religious ceremonies or procedures are not roads to heaven.

There is only one way to heaven, and it is Jesus Christ!

Bob Schumacher, Pilgrim Elder

PII GRIMS IN ACTION

UPDATE FOR ORGAN INSTALLATION TEAM LUNCHES

The John Paul Buzard company has changed the organ installation schedule and will begin working at Pilgrim the week of Feb. 27. If you have volunteered to or are interesting in preparing lunches for the installation team, please check the sign-up sheets in the narthex for schedule updates and changes in the number of workers. Questions: contact Margie Fougeron at (317) 695-5458 or margiefougeron@Hotmail.com



SACRED THREADS

Sacred Threads will meet at 10 a.m., Tuesday, February 7, in the Narthex. Please join us.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER-A WHAT??

WHEN: Saturday, March 4, 2017.

FIRST THING YOU NEED TO DO: Sign up! (sheet located on credenza under the TV).

Paul and Phyllis Swanson, 8215 W 96th Street, Zionsville, will host the hors d'oeuvres part of the evening for everyone who signed up, from 4:30-5:45 p.m. During this time you will be given the name of your dinner host, along with a map to help you get to their home. The number of sites will be determined by how many people sign up. We have allowed half an hour for travel. Dinner will be served from 6:15-7:30 p.m. We will then have half an hour to find our way to the Hundens (you'll be given a map). Dessert will be served from 8-9:15 p.m.

You MUST sign up no later than Sunday, February 26!

We are looking for people to be dinner site hosts. If you would love to host but feel you live too far out, consider signing up with someone else who might live closer. We will attempt to mix up the dinner groups by age and new or long-time members to provide participants with a chance to share time with members of the Pilgrim family that they may not currently know. Each host will be assigned 6-8 guests. If you're willing to be a host, please check the proper box on the sign-up sheet. Dinner hosts will be given a menu; each home will have the same meal. Except for the dinner hosts, each couple or person attending is asked to bring an appetizer or dessert; please check the box as to what you will bring. The cost of beverages will be handled by the CLC. Please obtain a receipt and place it in Carol Dahoney's box (bottom shelf behind the Welcome Center in the narthex) so you can be reimbursed.

THE PILGRIM FINE ARTS SERIES PRESENTS...



A Visit from Henry David Thoreau
4 p.m., Sunday, February 26, Fellowship Hall
A free-will offering will be taken

Anderson University English professor Dr. Kevin Radaker returns to Pilgrim...this time not as C.S. Lewis but as Henry David Thoreau! In this highly acclaimed one-man show, Radaker presents the provocative, eloquent words of Thoreau–America's nineteenth-century apostle of the wilderness, social critic, and political dissenter. This interactive program will entertain, educate, and inspire us to think about the ecological and social issues our world faces today, as we seek to be stewards of God's creation. There will be a brief question-and-answer-session with Dr. Radaker afterwards. Mark your calendars and invite someone with you to this unique presentation.

PRAYERS, PLEASE

Jack Kelleher, son of Pilgrim members John and Kristen Kelleher and grandson of Dave and Marcia Runkel, was diagnosed with a glioma over the 2016 winter break. He started radiation treatment in Indianapolis this week. Please keep Jack and his family in your hearts and prayers. You can learn more about Jack's progress from the Kelleher family CaringBridge page: caringbridge.org/visit/wevegotyourbackjack.

The youth group has been united in prayer at a common time each day since learning of Jack's diagnosis. They invite the congregation to join them in prayer for Jack every night at 8:30 p.m. Matthew 18:19-20 says, "When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Please join in prayer and let's use our Pilgrim Family to encircle Jack and his family in prayer.

BENEFACTION FUND

Benefaction Grant Request Forms are available upon request from the church office. Please call (317) 846-2221 or email DebbieCollins@pilgrimindy.org if you would like a copy of the form. The Grant Request deadline is February 15, 2017. NOTE: All grant requests must be sponsored by a member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church.

BABYSITTING FUNDRAISER

The Youth Group is hosting a pre-Valentine's Day babysitting night fundraiser at church from 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, February 11. We are raising money to establish a "Show Love Fund" so we have some funds available to show love to friends who might be in need of some caring. Bring your little kids (ages 3-10) to play with our "big" kids (7th-12th graders) and get out and enjoy some quality time with someone you love. We will feed the kids a snack and play! We are asking for \$10 for one child, \$15 for two children, and \$25 for three children. We also will accept additional donations for our "Show Love Fund." Please sign up as soon as possible and before February 8. We also have invited the preschool families to this event and are limiting the event to 45 children so we can assure adequate supervision. The sign-up sheet is on the narthex table. Contact Jenny Pitts at (317) 732-4081, or by email at pitts_jennifer@hotmail.com with questions.

FIRST SUNDAY! FOOD SUNDAY!

Sunday, February 5, 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").

Dear Super Senior,

Welcome to the Golden Age of 65-plus; you are one of 30% of the Pilgrim Family.

The Congregational Life Committee is taking its first steps to reach out to this segment of our family by hosting a luncheon on at noon on Tuesday, February 21, in Fellowship Hall. We are calling this group our "Super Seniors." The first menu will be a choice of two soups, a salad, hearty bread, and – always a senior favorite – dessert.

Margie Fougeron, a registered dietician, Pilgrim's Recording Secretary, and an absolute gift to the Congregational Life Committee, will speak with us on a "Healthy Diet for Seniors." We also want to "pick your brains" on subjects for speakers, activities that would be of interest, and how often you would like to meet.

Following the "official" program, we are going to bring out the cards, Scrabble, and Yahtzee. We have the space until around 3:30 p.m. If you have a favorite game you like to play, please feel free to bring it along.

You do not need to bring anything other than a smile and an appetite. We, however, will appreciate your signing up on the sheet that is on the credenza under the narthex TV no later than Sunday, February 19. Please feel free to bring a friend(s). Those under the age of the "red, white, and blue" Medicare card are more than welcome to join us.

If you need transportation, please check the proper spot on the sign-up sheet and we will find you a ride. A note to drivers: because of preschool parents picking up their children close to our scheduled starting time, please park on the south (106th Street) side and enter Fellowship Hall from there.

This will be a "Super Souper Seniors" afternoon, which we are looking forward to.

God's Blessings,

Congregational Life Committee Carol Dahoney, Chair (317) 844-5107 (Home) (317) 727-1953 (Cell)

CHILDREN'S CORNER: What is Love?

Valentine's Day is celebrated in February. It is that time when we take the time to tell those we love...that we LOVE them very much.

But think about this...why do we love at all? We love because God has given us the tools, the feelings, the emotions and the reasons to love.

Would you like to learn some of the ways God has shown us His love? If so, look up the bible passages and learn more about God and Love!

- 1. God loves us because we belong to God, not because we are good. Romans 5:8
- 2. God comes looking for us even if we stray away from God. Luke 19:10
- 3. God loves us all the time. Lamentations 3:22-23
- 4. God's love became a sacrifice for our good. John 3:16
- 5. God's love is forever. Jeremiah 31:3
- 6. God's love gives us life. John 10:10
- 7. God's love builds us up. Romans 15: 4-5
- 8. God's love shows us how to live. Hebrews 12: 5-6
- 9. God's love invites us to rest with God. Matthew 11:28-30
- 10. God's love brings us comfort. 2 Corinthians 1:3-5
- 11. God's love is patient toward us. 2 Peter 3:9
- 12. God's makes us new. Ephesians 2: 1-5
- 13. God's love brings us complete forgiveness for our sins. John 1:9
- 14. God is love. I John 4: 7-8





EDUCATION CALENDAR

Sundays, Feb. 5, 12, 19, and 26...... Sunday school for all ages.

Pastor Rudy Mueller discusses the Gospel of Matthew.

Friday, February 3 and 17Kids in Christ meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 11 Youth Group hosting Babysitting Night with proceeds to

establish a "Show Love Fund" that can be used to show

love to friends who might be in need of some caring.

Sunday, February 19......Youth Sunday: The youth plan and lead the service for

the 10:45 a.m. service.

PILGRIM LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL & PARENTS' TIME OUT



January was registration month for the 2017-2018 school year, and boy have I been busy! I think we are pretty on schedule when I compare this year to last. I have also been doing a lot of tours from potential new

students. A lot of people start with, "I have heard so many wonderful things about Pilgrim Lutheran Preschool from so many people." That really makes me feel good! Several of our classes filled up very quickly and already have wait lists. I anticipate that we will continue to fill openings from now through summer with open registration. 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: preschool@pilgrimindy.org and the preschool phone number is (317) 846-6132. They can even print a registration form from the website: www.pilgrimindy.org/preschool.

We have been blessed with many wonderful visitors to our school this January. The 4s class enjoyed a visit from a dental hygienist during a unit on healthy habits. I bet a lot of parents noticed a difference in brushing habits from their kiddos! We had Mr. Mark Booth (AKA the "Owl Man") from Take Flight-Wild Life Education present a very fun and informative program to the 3s, 4s, and 5s classes. He brought several interesting critters and we all learned a lot! (See pictures!)

During January, most 3s, 4s and 5s classes focused on snow/snowmen and winter-related activities. It was too bad that we didn't have much of the white stuff covering the ground! The 2s were busy with 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 Day the last week in January. On that day, a children's librarian from the Carmel Public Library came to school to read "bedtime" stories to us. We ate popcorn and had a movie, and in general had a very warm and cozy 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, Amy Tucker

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS	_		WEDNESDAY 7 p.m.
	8 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	
FEBRUARY 5, 2017			FEBRUARY 1, 2017
Elder	Kathy Bloom	Jim Williams	Elder
Acolyte	Kathy Hatfield	Nolan Elser	Kathy Bloom
Greeters	Hatfield Family	Baumgam/Elser Family	Lay Assistant
Lay Assistant	Mike Przybylski	Noel Shilling	Frank Bates
Nursery Worship	N/A	Yolande Blase	Traint Batto
Nursery Sunday School		nmy Donley	FEBRUARY 8, 2017
A/V Coverage	Steve Bloom	Mark Tisdale	Elder
A/V Coverage	Oleve Diooni	Wark Hadale	Jim Williams
FEBRUARY 12, 2017			
	Vathy Dlago	Cwan Kningtoin	Lay Assistant
Elder	Kathy Bloom	Gwen Knipstein	John Shilling
Acolyte	Kyle Fedorcha	Aaron Donley	EEDDUADY 45 0047
Acolyte	N/A	Max Shurr	FEBRUARY 15, 2017
Greeters	Fedorcha Family	Donley Family	Elder
Lay Assistant	Denny Licht	Tammy Donley	Bob Schumacher
Communion Assistant	N/A	Tim Guedel	Lay Assistant
Communion Assistant	N/A	John Williams	Maureen Jordan
Nursery Worship	N/A	Julie Williams	
Nursery Sunday School	Ba	arb Bowen	FEBRUARY 22, 2017
A/V Coverage	Steve Bloom	Mark Tisdale	Elder
			Jim Williams
FEBRUARY 19, 2017			Lay Assistant
Elder	Jim Durst	Bob Schumacher	John Shilling
Acolyte	Kathy Hatfield	Nolan Elser	
Greeters	Hatfield Family	Baumgam/Elser Family	
Lay Assistant	Karin Veatch	Gloria Worth	
Nursery Worship	N/A	Jenny Pitts	
Nursery Sunday School		ma Rowles	
A/V Coverage	Jim Durst	Mark Tisdale	
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FEBRUARY 26, 2017			
Elder	Jim Durst	Jim Williams	
Acolyte	Kathy Hatfield	Adam Longmire	
Greeters	-	Longmire Family	
	Hatfield Family	Frank Bates	
Lay Assistant	Trent Johnsey	Fidik Dales	
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ALTAR GUILD	•	ge Ellsworth	
CHANCEL VOLUNTEER	Amy Johnsey	Katrina Brown	
USHERS	Dave Runkel	Chris Konow, Dan Sailer	
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COFFEE Set Up/Clean Up		Julie Williams	

FEBRUARY 2017 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			9a Preschool 2:30p Carmel Library Bookmobile	9a Preschool 9:15a MOMs 9:30a Large Print 11a Food Pantry	3 9a Preschool	8a Jazzercise 12p United Church of God
			6p Jazzercise 7p ELW Evening Prayer-Vespers	6p Handbell reh. 6p Jazzercise 7p Choir rehersal	6:30p Kids in Christ	
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8a Worship & Holy Communion 9a Youth Bells	9a Preschool	9a Preschool 9:30a Large Print 10a Sacred Threads	9a Preschool 2:30p Carmel Library Bookmobile	9a Preschool 9:15a MOMs 9:30a Large Print	9a Preschool	8a Jazzercise 12p United Church
9:30a Sunday School	6p Jazzercise	12p Food Pantry	6p Jazzercise	11a Food Pantry 11:30a Bible Study		of God
9:30a Fine Arts Committee 10:45a Worship & Holy Communion		7p Board of Elders	7p Holden Evening Prayer Service 7:30p Combo Group	6p Handbell reh. 6p Jazzercise 7p Choir rehersal		6p Youth Babysitting
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8a Worship & Holy Communion	9a Preschool	9a Preschool 9:30a Large Print	9a Preschool 2:30p Carmel	9a Preschool 9:15a MOMs	9a Preschool	8a Jazzercise
9a Youth Bells 9:30a Sunday School	6p Jazzercise	12p Food Pantry	Library Bookmobile 6p Jazzercise	9:30a Large Print 11a Food Pantry		12p United Church of God
10:45a Worship & Holy Communion		HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!!	7p Holden Evening Prayer Service 7:30p Congregational Life Meeting	1p Ladies Bible Study 6p Handbell reh. 6p Jazzercise 7p Choir rehersal	6:30p Kids in Christ	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
YOUTH SUNDAY 8a Worship & Holy Communion 9a Youth Bells 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship & Holy Communion	NO PRESCHOOL 6p Jazzercise 7p Evangelism/ Communications	9a Preschool 9:30a Large Print 12p Food Pantry 12p Super Senior Luncheon 7p Board of Directors	9a Preschool 2:30p Carmel Library Bookmobile 6p Jazzercise 7p Holden Evening Prayer Service	9a Preschool 9:15a MOMs 9:30a Large Print 11a Food Pantry 11:30a Bible Study 6p Handbell reh. 6p Jazzercise 7p Choir rehersal	9a Preschool	8a Jazzercise 8a Youth Ski Trip Departure 12p United Church of God
26	27	28				
8a Worship & Holy Communion 9a Youth Bells 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship &	9a Preschool 6p Jazzercise	9a Preschool 9:30a Large Print 11:30a Lunch for Organ Install Team 12p Food Pantry				
Holy Communion 4p Fine Arts Event A Visit from Henry David Thoreau						

1-Feb

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

"For I know	Annie Harriman Matthew Nelsen		
THE PLANS	Ray Kocher Karin Veatch Avery Spahr Keira Spahr Rob Hunden		
I HAVE FOR YOU,"			
declares the LORD,	Cay Freidline Eileen Hintz		
"PLANS TO	Hans Kraabel Grace Recher Austin Nobis		
PROSPER YOU	Nolan Elser Gunther Schadov		
AND NOT TO	Alex Brethauer Olivia Longmire		
HARM YOU,	Paul Schumacher Eva Snook John Shilling		
PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE	Terry Bareither Bill Gigowski		
AND A FUTURE "	Bob Nowakowski		

Jeremiah 29:11

Matthew Nelsen	3-Feb
Ray Kocher	4-Feb
Karin Veatch	4-Feb
Avery Spahr	6-Feb
Keira Spahr	6-Feb
Rob Hunden	9-Feb
Cay Freidline	12-Feb
Eileen Hintz	13-Feb
Hans Kraabel	15-Feb
Grace Recher	17-Feb
Austin Nobis	18-Feb
Nolan Elser	19-Feb
Gunther Schadow	19-Feb
Alex Brethauer	20-Feb
Olivia Longmire	20-Feb
Paul Schumacher	20-Feb
Eva Snook	20-Feb
John Shilling	24-Feb
Terry Bareither	28-Feb
Bill Gigowski	28-Feb
Bob Nowakowski	28-Feb