



## PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF: February 18-25, 2017

**HYMNS FOR TODAY: 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM**

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**#613, #599**

**#618**

### WEEK OF February 18, 2017

#### Sunday

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion  
 9:00a Youth Bells  
 9:30a Sunday School  
 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion

#### Monday

9:00a NO Preschool  
 6:00p Jazzercise  
 7:00p Outreach and Communications

#### Tuesday

9:00a Preschool  
 9:30a Large Print  
 7:00p Board of Directors Meeting

#### Wednesday

9:00a Preschool  
 12:30p CCPL Mobile Library  
 6:00p Lenten Dinner  
 7:00p Lenten Worship w/Holy Communion

#### Thursday

9:00a Preschool  
 9:15a MOMs Group  
 9:30a Large Print  
 1:00p Ladies Bible Study  
 6:00p Jazzercise  
 6:00p Handbell Rehearsal  
 7:00p Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday

9:00a Preschool  
 12:00p Super Senior Luncheon

#### Saturday

8:00a Jazzercise  
 12:00p United Church of Christ

#### Sunday

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion  
 9:00a Youth Bells  
 9:30a Sunday School  
 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion

**GUEST PASTOR**—We welcome ELCA pastor John Roberts as guest preacher and presider today. A new member of Pilgrim, Pastor John is a graduate of Christ Seminary - Seminex. He has served congregations in CA, PA, SE MI and Metro Chicago before retiring from full-time pastoral ministry after 41 years of service. He looks forward to service opportunities here at Pilgrim and throughout the IN/KY Synod. He lives with his family in Geist.

**VOTER'S MEETING** is **Sunday, March 4th at 9:30 AM**. All communicant members who are eighteen years of age or older are eligible and *encouraged to attend!* **Agenda items will include the proposed Restated Constitution and Bylaws.**

**CALL UPDATE**—On Sunday, January 21st, the Pilgrim congregation voted to extend a call to Pastor Heidi Schwerdtfeger-Jones who is currently serving in Dallas, Texas. We joyfully report that **Pastor Heidi has accepted God's call to serve as Pilgrim's pastor!** We are excited to welcome Pastor Heidi and her family, as they join us in sharing Christ's love with the world around us.

Pastor Heidi, her husband Robert and their daughter Ainsley will return to Carmel in mid-March for a home-hunting trip. We will provide further details as we know more. Pastor Heidi and her family will remain together in the Dallas area until the end of Robert's teaching contract in June. During this time, the family will put their current house on the market, and we join them in praying that their Dallas home sells quickly. If the Lord is willing, **Pastor Heidi hopes to relocate to Carmel no later than July.**

**Please see insert to read Pastor Heidi's letter to our Pilgrim family.**

**Interim Details:** Pilgrim's Board of Directors and Call Committee will continue to update the congregation with further details as the Lord guides us through this process. Pastor Steve Albertin continues to serve as Pilgrim's vacancy pastor during this interim period. Worship services will continue to be led by pulpit supply pastors as scheduled by Pilgrim's Board of Elders. **Questions?** Contact Greg Rexing or Chris Konow.

**EMERGENCY PASTORAL ASSISTANCE** is available as needed. Please contact the church office during office hours (M – TH 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to noon), at 317.846.2221. At other times, please call Pastor Steve Albertin at 317-441-4469 or by email at [stevea@clczionsville.org](mailto:stevea@clczionsville.org).

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Bob and Kay Nowakowski at the death of their son, James Nowakowski on February 8th. A Celebration of Life was held Tuesday, February 13th.

May God bless all who mourn through the care of family members and friends, and through the work of the Great Comforter, the Holy Spirit.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**—Our own Pr Paul Schumacher is teaching Our Forefathers in the Christian Faith Bible Class, Heroes of the Church. Welcome to this series of "Heroes of the Church." Actually, as we know,

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, February 11, 2018—86

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018  
 Noon Worship—20  
 7:00 PM Worship—53

there are many heroes throughout the Scriptures—God has blessed His Church bountifully. But we will limit this series to the history of the Church beginning in the 4th century to the recent past. The heroes we will have time to present are St. Augustine, St. Francis, Martin Luther, Soren Kierkegaard, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

#### **TODAY—Class 4 - Faith Heroes**

- I. The Reformation
- II. Luther and Melancthon
- III. Priesthood of Believers

#### **February 25—Last Class - Faith Heroes**

- I. The Reformation—continued
- II. Later Theologians Lutheran: Kierkegaard and Bonhoeffer
- III. Truth of Life, Bible in the Scientific Age, Church and World

**LENTEN DINNERS BEGIN THIS** Wednesday, February 21st at 6:00 PM and continue each Wednesday through March 21st, for a total of five dinners. An entree will be provided by one of our committees and participants are encouraged to bring a salad, dessert or side dish for all to share. (Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex). Please plan to join us for dinner (even if you can't bring a dish to pass; you are still welcome to join us!) followed by **Lenten worship in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM**. Please enjoy this Pilgrim (and very Lutheran) tradition as we prepare for Easter.

**February 21—Choir (Soup)**

**February 28—WELCA (Soup)**

**March 7—Board of Directors (Soup)**

**March 14—Congregational Life (Soup)**

**March 21—Elders (Chili)**

*THIS COMING WEEK'S CHOIR GROUP IS IN NEED OF HELP! PLEASE SIGN UP TO BRING A SALAD OR DESSERT. The Choir is hosting and providing a variety of soups and crackers.*

**LADIES OF WELCA**, we will be preparing the Lenten dinner of soup and salad on Wednesday, Feb. 28th. Any and all ladies are encouraged to make soup for this Wednesday event and bring it to the church kitchen that evening between 5 and 5:30 PM. Any ladies who would like to help set-up, serve and cleanup Fellowship Hall it would be greatly appreciated. Donations of bread or rolls would also be great. Set-up starts at 4:30 PM and dinner serves at 6:00 PM. We finish in time for 7:00 PM service. Thanks in advance for all of your help.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY**—The next series of the Thursday afternoon ladies bible study will be starting on Thursday, February 22, and continuing for seven sessions. The subject of the study is based on a book co-authored by Dallas Willard and John Ortberg entitled, *Living in Christ's Presence - Final Words on Heaven and the Kingdom of God*, and is taken from Dallas' last conference in 2013, two months before his death. The series has a companion set of DVD's that are actually segments of the conversations between Dallas and John at the conference, so the book has a very conversational tone. Published by the Formatio division of InterVarsity Press, "the book follows the rich tradition of the church in the journey of spiritual formation. But the study is not merely about being informed, but about being transformed by Christ and conformed to his image...by integrating God's Word with spiritual practice." As Pastor John reminded us a few weeks ago, as part of our Lenten journey, "we will be asked to discipline ourselves" as we contemplate Christ's journey to the cross. This study will help guide us in the practice and understanding of the spiritual disciplines and find that, far from being onerous, the spiritual disciplines yield joy in our journey with Christ. There is a list on the sign-up table in the narthex for those who are interested in attending so that we will know

how many books to order. The class will meet every two weeks from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the adult Sunday School classroom upstairs. The cost of each student book is \$14.00. If you can't attend but are interested in buying a book, just let us know. If you have any questions regarding the class or purchasing the book, please contact Susie Pike at 317-710-6981."

**THE LADIES NITE OUT**—we will gather at **Prodigy Burger & Bar**, on Tuesday, February 27 at 6:30 PM. This establishment is located in Clay Terrace, at 14490 Clay Terrace Blvd (formerly Ted's Montana Grill). Hope All Can Make It!

**NEW ADULT CLASS IN MARCH AND APRIL!** Beginning on Sunday, March 11 and lasting for six weeks (not including Easter Sunday, April 1) the Sunday Adult Study will focus on the book, **Any Body There: Worship and Being Human in a Digital Age**. Written by ELCA pastor and former Pilgrim Organist, Craig Mueller, the book looks at how corporate worship can be an antidote to the distraction, fragmentation and spiritual hunger in society today.

*Any Body There?* We may wonder as we watch people engage with their smart phones while being oblivious to what is going on around them. *Any Body There?* Is the question facing the church as it wrestles with declining religious affiliation. Craig Mueller considers this contemporary context, and offers a response based in an incarnational spirituality accentuating the body and incarnational expression in corporate, multisensory liturgy.

Pastor John suggests those who will attend (and we hope many Pilgrims will take part in this class) may wish to purchase the Craig Mueller book. You may do this on your own of course through Amazon or please contact the church office or email me; [gloriaworth@pilgrimindy.org](mailto:gloriaworth@pilgrimindy.org) with your request for a book. I am able to make a large purchase of books and have them available for you prior to the class. The cost of the book to you is \$20.00. If you order through me you will make the check out to Pilgrim Lutheran Church and in the memo line you will note: Adult Study Book. Your check can be put in my mailbox located in the Narthex (Gloria Worth). If you wish for me to order a book for you please issue your request to Debbie Collins or Gloria Worth TODAY.

Pastor John looks forward to leading this class; we are grateful for his willingness to share his teaching with us. Any questions feel free to contact me: Gloria Worth [gloriaworth@pilgrimindy.org](mailto:gloriaworth@pilgrimindy.org) or 317-846-2221 extension 1226

**HELP KEEP YOUR NEIGHBOR WARM!** - It's COLD living outside! Pilgrim is once again collecting cold weather items to create new "keep warm kits" for our local Gennesaret Free Clinics. Our goal is to collect enough items to create at least 100 kits! Please see the goldenrod bulletin insert for more details.

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER**—Once again the Congregational Life committee will be planning a Progressive Dinner on Saturday, March 17, 4:30 PM. Happy St. Patrick's Day. There will be a sign-up sheet on the credenza starting Feb. 14. We are looking for host homes for appetizers, dinners (6-8 people each), and dessert. And if you cannot host, then come and join us for dinner, bringing either an appetizer or a dessert to share. Please sign up by Mar. 11 so we can assign homes for dinner. Maps will be provided to the host homes.

**CHURCH DIRECTORIES IN CHURCH OFFICE**—If you did not pick up your copy of the new Pilgrim Lutheran Church Members & Friends Directory please see Debbie in the church office.