



PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF: February 17—24, 2019

HYMNS FOR TODAY: 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
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WEEK OF February 17, 2019

Today

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion
 9:00a Youth Bells
 9:30a Sunday School
 10:00a Prayer Milestone for Preschool 4
 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion
 w/Prayer Milestone Recognition
 12:15p Executive Board Meeting
 1:00p Bowen Family Event

Monday

6:00p Jazzercise

Tuesday

9:00a Preschool
 9:30a Large Print
 12:00p Super Seniors Luncheon
 6:00p Jazzercise
 7:00p Board of Directors

Wednesday

9:00a Preschool
 12:15p CCPL Mobile Library
 1:15p Preschool Board Meeting
 6:00p Jazzercise
 7:00p Evening Prayer w/Holy Communion
 7:30p Youth Board Meeting

Thursday

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

Friday

9:00a Preschool

Saturday

9:00a New Member Class

Sunday

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion
 9:00a Youth Bells
 9:30a Sunday School
 9:30a Confirmand/Parent Meeting
 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion
 w/Reception of New Members
 12:15p New Member Luncheon

WHAT'S UP IN WORSHIP—Today we continue on in Epiphany, the season of light. We focus particularly today on blessings and curses – perhaps best expressed in our gospel reading and the hymn of the day *Blest are They*.

Your Cantor and spouse will have just returned from a very light-filled place – San Diego. After surviving a few months of gray Indiana skies, waking up in a sunlight-filled room to the roar of Southwest 737s taking off at 6 a.m. is a wonderful blessing, as was the hospitality of our hosts, Lynn and Fran Willis. May we find our own ways to be a blessing to others here in Indiana!

YOU ARE INVITED—Please join us to celebrate Grace Recher's 90th birthday! No gifts please! If you would like to send cards, please send cards to Grace Recher at 1718 Syracuse Drive, Lebanon, Indiana 46052.

- **WHEN: TODAY from 1-3:00 p.m.**
- **WHERE: Pilgrim Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall**

SUPER SENIORS LUNCHEON—STILL TIME TO SIGN UP!

Join us on Tuesday, February 19th at noon for a pitch-in lunch and a talk by Frank Grunwald on his time in a Nazi concentration camp during World War II. You DO NOT need to be a senior to attend; ALL ARE WELCOME! We do ask that you sign up on the sheet on the credenza under the TV in the narthex, or call Carol Dahoney (317-727-1953) so we can have a headcount for seating. We also ask that you check what you will bring to share for the luncheon. We're looking forward to welcoming Frank and his wife, Barbara, back to Pilgrim. See you Tuesday

THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 21 in the upstairs conference room. We will be discussing the book of John, chapter 17. All women of the congregation and their guests are welcome to attend. Contact Kathy Hatfield for questions (317) 577- 8305.

NEW MEMBER CLASS 9 am SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

A New Member Class is available for those interested in learning more about Pilgrim Lutheran Church at 9 a.m. on Saturday, February 23. There will be a Reception of New Members at the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday, February 24. If you are interested in joining our Pilgrim family, please join us for this informational meeting. If you need more information or have questions, please contact the church office at DebbieCollins@pilgrimindy.org.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME LUNCHEON, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH FOLLOWING 10:45 SERVICE

Join us in Fellowship Hall for lunch and a chance to get acquainted with our newest Pilgrim Family members. CLC will provide the meal. Please sign up on the sheet under the narthex TV.

We are instituting a new, non-mandatory event in our welcome luncheons – a baby shower to celebrate with parents who are having or have had their first baby. At this luncheon, we will welcome – “shower” – Bailee Baum, daughter of Melissa and Matt Baum. Matt and Melissa helped us out by letting us know that they typically use Pampers (size 3) but aren't picky on brand. Bailee is currently in 6-month-sized clothes, but we also know how quickly they grow! If you choose to participate, place your gift on the stage behind the podium.

Hope to see many of you at the luncheon. Contact Carol Dahoney (317)727-1953 if you have any questions.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, February 10, 2019—175
 Wednesday, February 13, 2019—16

YOUTH BAKE SALE—The Youth Group would like to extend a big thank you to all who supported our bake sale last Sunday. As usual, the congregation was extremely supportive of us, and we raised \$660 for our Gaga Ball pit project. We are well on our way to meeting our fundraising goal and being able to order and build a Gaga Ball Pit by early this summer. We are planning one more fundraiser—a March Madness basketball bracket competition. Watch for details about that in the next month.

PLEASE NOTE: THE BISHOP'S DAY FOR YOUTH HAS BEEN CANCELLED!

PIPE ORGAN FESTIVAL—The annual Indianapolis Pipe Organ Festival will be held on Sunday, February 24 at 3 p.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. This year's event is free! In addition, the Indianapolis Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is presenting Carol Williams in a FREE concert on Saturday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. also at St. Luke's. We hope to see you at both events!

CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS BEFORE LENT—Grab your favorite mask and join Pastor Heidi and Robert at their home for an adult-only evening of Mardi Gras fun and food at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 1. This is one of Robert's favorite celebrations and he enjoys cooking up batches of delicious Gumbo. They ship in King Cake from their favorite New Orleans Bakery for the evening. Guests are asked to bring a side dish, appetizer, or dessert to share, and beverage of their choice. They look forward to celebrating together, Mardi Gras style, before the season of Lent. Please sign up on the sheet on credenza to let us know if you will be joining us for this event.

THE NEXT VOTERS' MEETING is **9:30 a.m. Sunday, March 3**. All confirmed members are eligible and *encouraged to attend!*

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2019 is ready, but we have a few changes this year. When you sign up on the chart, also please 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. **Please sign up today.**

LIBRARY SUNDAYS—We are ready to resume Library Sundays for the Winter/Spring semester. If your child has library books or DVDs at home that were checked out during the fall Sunday School semester, please remember to return them. Thanks!

The following dates have been set aside for the children to check out books, but may be changed as needs arise: TODAY, March 3, March 24, April 14, **May 5 and May 12 ~ Return all books or DVDs on these Sundays**
We look forward to lots of happy readers in the New Year!!
~ Carol Hatfield and Barb Lamb

DIRECTORY UPDATE—Check Your Contact Info
We are updating contact information for all members of the congregation. This Sunday there will be an office copy of the directory on a table in the narthex. Please take a moment and check your information. **Write any updates or changes, then please initial in the space next to your photo.** Contact Debbie at DebbieCollins@pilgrimindy.org if

you have any other updates. You may also be contacted by your elder to help in this effort.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP—From Sunday, June 23 to Saturday, June 29, youth are invited to participate in an Indiana-Kentucky Synod Mission Trip where they will work alongside local ministries and non-profit organizations in Louisville, KY. The schedule will be packed with practical acts of love and service as participants engage people with Christ-like empathy and compassion. Evening activities will include a backside tour of Churchill Downs, a private tour of the Muhammed Ali Center, and a community cookout. More information is at www.iksynod.org/ikymt.

OKTOBERFEST/OLD-FASHIONED BASEBALL GAME **October 5th, 4:00 until . . .**

This is a tentative date open for discussion based on scheduling the baseball game and the availability of willing helpers. This will be our fourth year. Each year Oktoberfest has grown. Last year we invited the Preschool families to attend our activities and dinner. CLC realized that if we are going to continue this activity at the level we did last year – and it will likely grow again – we will need many more hands. This is also something we need to start work on NOW! It is a wonderful event for the Pilgrim and Preschool families, as well as a potential outreach to the community.

There are many areas in which you can serve. If you **DO NOT** get enough volunteers, we will NOT be able to continue with this activity. Please sign up by March 3rd, the sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. We will need “crew chiefs” and “worker bees.”

A SHOUT OUT TO ALL MEMBERS—The Congregational Life Committee (CLC) is reaching out to all of you to consider serving on this committee. It will be an ideal committee if we have people of all age groups, for example, two or more people in their 20s/30s, 40s, and 50s will be great. The 60+ age group is already very involved with Super Seniors as well as the CLC. As you are probably all aware, our time availability, social interests, etc., vary as our ages move up and our family structures change, so it will be very helpful to know what all generations would like to see happen in our Pilgrim Family. Some, but not all, of our activities can be multigenerational, but it might also be helpful to have activities that meet the needs of your own personal situations. For example, if you're a family with young children struggling with parenting issues, wouldn't it be wonderful to have other Christian families share ideas and realize you're not on this trip alone? There is also talk about forming an “empty nesters” group to help those folks through what always seems to be a major transition time in their lives. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex.

The Seniors group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at noon. This started as a “Let's see if there's a need.” We soon realized that we all look forward to the monthly programs and fellowship, and we're now heading in to our third year! Many of the seniors also serve on the CLC in addition to their involvement with the seniors. We have speakers on many different subjects, have had movies, game days, and have taken two field trips.

If you find that you can only help on a “call me to see if I'm available” basis, you're also very welcome to join us. Thank you for considering serving the Pilgrim Family. Please call Carol Dahoney (317-727-1953), CLC Chair, if you have any questions.