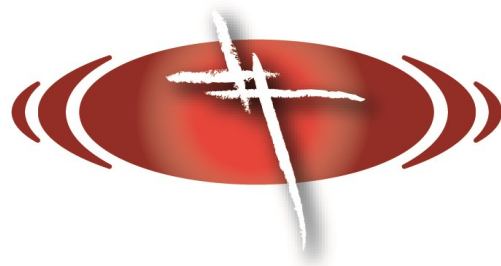


PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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What's Happening

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE LOOKS AHEAD TO 2017

Goal: To keep congregation connected through fellowship during Pilgrim's transition time.

THANK YOU!!! - Thanks to all who helped decorate the Church for the Christmas Season. Job well done.

UPCOMING JANUARY ACTIVITIES

1. **Sunday, January 8th fellowship will be from 9:30 AM—10:30 AM with a multigenerational** activity time with refreshments and the sharing of Christmas memories. Regular Sunday School classes will resume on January 15th. This is a joint education/congregational life event. We will undecorate the church after the 10:45 AM service. Again, many hands make little work; thank you in advance for your help. A Chili/Salad luncheon will follow sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee. That means, you DO NOT have to bring anything. Just come and continue this fun fellowship Sunday with others of the Pilgrim Family.
2. **January 13th at 6:30 PM Movie Night, Friday.** The movie will be *Glory Road* which is about the then Texas Western (now University of Texas El Paso (UTEP)) back in 1966 and the struggle for black athletes at that point in our history. If you have never seen this movie I will not "let the cat out of the bag" and tell you about the amazing ending to this true story. For those who have seen it, like me, it is well worth viewing again. Come as a family and enjoy it together; it opens doors for good discussion and likely will raise many questions in everyone's minds. Please bring finger foods to share; drinks and popcorn will be provided.
3. **Sunday, January 29th following the 10:45 AM Service there will be a MEET & GREET Luncheon** to welcome those new families who have recently joined the Pilgrim Family. We will also have displays and discussion with the various committees that are the "Heart of Pilgrim – What keeps Pilgrim Ticking." Plan to attend and meet these new families personally even if you're a long standing member find out where your gifts & talents could be used to not only enrich Pilgrim, but you also. Watch for the sign-up sheet starting January 8th. This will be a pitch-in luncheon.
4. Work in Progress:
 - a. Activities for our senior population.
 - b. Soup for Smiles.
 - c. Progressive dinner in early March.



“From the Elders”

Elder's Corner

What Is Truth?

What is truth?

Is truth what our tradition or culture tells us? Is truth what feels right in our mind or heart? Is it the legislation, regulations, and judicial decisions of our current civil Government? Is my truth the same as your truth? Do we hear the truth on Fox News or MSNBC?

Understanding truth can be rather ambiguous and confusing. In John 18: 37-38, Jesus was standing before Pontius Pilate, the Roman prefect of Judea, and he told Pilate, “I have come into the world to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice.” Pilate, instantly recognizing the ambiguity of truth in his Roman culture and value system, immediately replied “What is truth?”

Recently, I began thinking about tradition and culture vis-à-vis universal truth which is God’s set of laws and commandments for the physical and spiritual universe. I was asked to give a brief lecture in my daughter’s high school science class introducing physics from a Christian perspective. I told the students that the history of physics is NOT the invention and development of physics and mathematics by famous men like Galileo, Newton, Maxwell, Einstein, and Hawking. The truth is that the history of physics is the story of man’s discovery of God’s creation and laws.

Genesis 1:1 tells us that “In the beginning God created the heavens and the Earth.” This means that God created everything from elementary particles like neutrinos and Higgs bosons to atoms, the earth, our solar system, galaxies, dark matter, and the entire universe. At the same time, God also created the physical and spiritual laws that govern and drive the universe.

Over the many millennia of human history, man has developed traditions and cultures to describe and explain the dynamics of the heavens and the earth. Tradition around the belief in a flat world with the sun revolving about the earth is perhaps the best example. But Galileo made careful scientific observations of the sky and discovered and described the basic elements of the solar system. Isaac Newton discovered God’s basic laws of motion and gravitation that exactly described Galileo’s observations. Newton also discovered calculus, God’s mathematical language of the universe. Newton, a deeply devout theologian, believed that he had been allowed to “See into the mind of God” in discovering the universal truth of classical mechanics, gravitation, and calculus. In 1687 Newton published “Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica,” a book that described the universal truths of mechanics and calculus just like our Bible describes the universal spiritual truths of God. Many philosophers consider Newton’s “Principia” to be the second most important book ever published!

In Genesis 1: 3-4 we read, “And God said ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.” Again, for millennia men created traditions around light, but the Scottish physicist/mathematician James Clerk Maxwell discovered in 1865 that light is really an electromagnetic wave that is exactly governed by four differential equations. Therefore, when God said, “let there be light,” in the language of calculus God said:

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Elder's Corner - continued

Many physicists felt like they had discovered a universal truth of God when these four “Maxwell’s Equations” that govern light were published by Maxwell.

Today in the 21st century, we continue to discover new universal truths about God’s creation and his physical laws with the discovery and description of the Higgs boson (sometimes called the “God particle”) and dark matter, for example.

In the spiritual realm of the world, there is also tradition and culture on one hand, and God’s universal truth on the other. For millennia, human beings developed cultures around the worship of pagan gods and the practice of human inspired traditions. However, with the advent of God’s covenant with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, and David, for example, God disclosed the universal truth of His spiritual laws and commandments. Over thousands of years, this inspired Word of God was collected and written down in our Bible.

Amazingly, Jesus explicitly addressed this tradition/truth dilemma in Mark 7: 6-8 when the Pharisees and scribes asked Him why his disciples do not live per the traditions of the elders and eat with unwashed hands. Jesus said, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.’ You leave the commandment of God, and hold fast to the tradition of men.”

Are you trying to discern between the precepts of men and the universal truth of God? Are you wondering “What is truth”? Go to the Bible. There, for example, in John 14: 6 Jesus tells us “I am the way, the truth, and the light; no one comes to the Father, but by me.”

Let us all work and pray to distinguish universal truth from the traditions and culture of men!

God Bless All Pilgrims!
Bob Schumacher, Elder

EMERGENCY PASTORAL ASSISTANCE

Emergency Pastoral assistance is available as needed. Please contact the church office during office hours at 317.846.2221. At other times, please call Pastor Jeff Iacobazzi at 317.414.6689 or by email at jiacobazzi@msn.com.

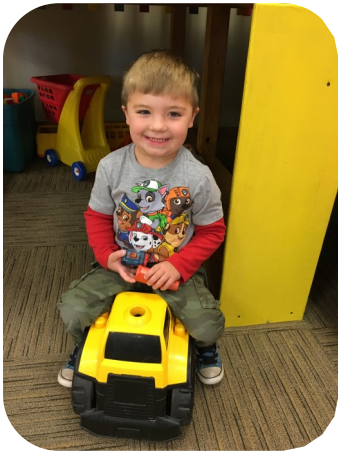
PRAYER REQUEST AND CONCERNS

Please notify the church office (phone: 317-846-2221 or email DebbieCollins@pilgrimindy.org) for prayer requests or concerns that you may have. She will then forward these onto the Board of Elders and/or Emergency Pastor as needed.

Pilgrim Lutheran Preschool And Parents' Time Out



December was such a quick month! We made so many awesome Christmas ornaments and decorated our rooms. The gifts the children made for their parents were outstanding! On December 12th our four and five year olds celebrated with a musical Christmas Program in the sanctuary. We followed our programs with a cookie reception in the fellowship hall –the children were cute and the cookies were delicious! Thank you to Mrs. Worth and Mrs. Williams for all their time, patience, and hard work in putting on another fabulous program!



In the spirit of Christmas giving, our preschool families and our staff donated mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, and underwear to needy families in Hamilton County. The parents responded with overwhelming generosity and the children were able to experience the magic of giving.

Registration for Fall 2017 is upon us very soon! Pilgrim members are given priority for class assignments and pay no registration fee. *If you are a Pilgrim member* and are interested, please Call Amy Tucker (846-6132— you may leave a message) **before January 3rd** to priority register your child. 'In house' registration (for those families who are currently enrolled in the program) will be done by simply turning in a registration form by January 13. If there are too many children for a particular class . . . we will have a 'drawing' to fill in those classes. Open registration (for those who are neither Pilgrim members, nor are currently enrolled in the program) will be done by a drawing after January 20— when their registration forms are due. Anyone interested in the program needs to pick up registration papers (and also return them by January 20). Additionally, the registration form will be available on line at the preschool's link of the Church website: www.pilgrimindy.org Do you have a friend or neighbor who might be interested? You can pick up a registration form for them!

We are looking forward to having many special guests visit our preschool during January. A dental hygienist will be talking with the 4s classes during their healthy habits week. We will watch a fun animal program presented by Take Flight! Wildlife Education. We will also have a children's librarian come read us Bedtime stories on our annual Pajama Day which is always fun for the children (and teachers too)!

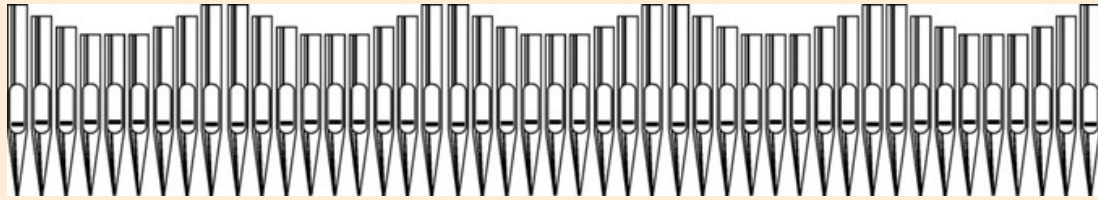
If you are looking for something to donate to our preschool . . . we are always in need of new or used preschool aged (PBS Kids type) DVD's for our Extended Day program.

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. I hope your holiday season has been filled with the spirit of Jesus.

In His service,

Amy Tucker





JANUARY IS NEW ORGAN MONTH AT PILGRIM!

Sunday January 8th at both services we will have a **FAREWELL TO THE ORGAN LITURGY**. On Sundays January 15, 22, and 29 at 9:30 AM the Adult Sunday School's topic will be THE PIPE ORGAN. Sarah Williams will share the history of the pipe organ on Sunday January 15, and we will hopefully go on a "virtual organ crawl" on Sunday January 22. BUT, the best is saved for last! On Sunday January 29, John-Paul Buzard, our organ builder, will lead the class and talk about our new organ in particular. Here's your opportunity to learn more about Pilgrim's new organ and the world of pipe organs in general!

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.



FIRST SUNDAY! FOOD SUNDAY!

Sunday, January 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").

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET???

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2017 is available in the Narthex for sign ups. Please note that there are no flowers during the Lenten and Advent seasons. Cost is \$40.50 per vase, there are two vases.



SACRED THREADS

Sacred Threads will meet Tuesday, January 10th at 10:00 AM in the Narthex. Please join us!



2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes for 2017 are available for pick up and are located on the table in the narthex by the office window. Please contact the church office, if you do not see your name. Call at 317-846-2221 or email at DebbieCollins@pilgrimindy.org

January 2017 Ministry Schedule

Sundays

January 1, 2017

Elder		Kathy Bloom
Acolyte		Tony Guedel
Greeters		
Lay Assistant		Mike Przybylski
A/V Coverage		Dick Dahoney

January 8, 2017

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:45 a.m.</u>
Elder	Jim Durst	Gwen Knipstein
Acolyte	Zach Johnsey	Nolan Elser
Acolyte	N/A	Aaron Donley
Greeters	The Johnsey Family	The Donley / Elser Families
Lay Assistant	Trent Johnsey	Tammy Donley
Communion Assistant	N/A	Tim Guedel/Emma Williams
Nursery Worship	N/A	Carrie Sailer
Nursery Sunday School		Marcia Runkel
A/V Coverage	Jim Durst	Mark Tisdale

January 15, 2017

Elder	Kathy Bloom	Jim Williams
Acolyte	Kyle Fedorcha	Adam Longmire
Greeters	The Fedorcha Family	The Longmire Family
Lay Assistant	Karin Veatch	Emma Williams
Nursery Worship	N/A	Marla Murphy
Nursery Sunday School		Carma Rowles
A/V Coverage	Steve Bloom	Mark Tisdale

January 22, 2017

Elder	Kathy Bloom	Bob Schumacher
Acolyte	Elizabeth Kelleher	Jonathan Pitts
Greeters	The Kelleher Family	The Pitts family
Lay Assistant	Denny Licht	Noel Shilling
Nursery Worship	N/A	Sharon Rexing
Nursery Sunday School		Heather Moehl
A/V Coverage	Steve Bloom	Mark Tisdale

January 29, 2017

Elder	Jim Durst	Tim Guedel
Acolyte	Claire Weems	Andrew Rexing
Greeters	The Weems/Lippert Family	The Rexing Family
Lay Assistant	Marla Murphy	John Williams
Nursery Worship	N/A	Sundy Hugh
Nursery Sunday School		Carey Kraabel
A/V Coverage	Jim Durst	Mark Tisdale

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:45 a.m.</u>
Altar Guild		Carey Kraabel
Chancel Volunteer	Marcia Runkel	Noel Shilling
Ushers	Larry Shimer, Bob Harshbarger	Dave Blase, Rich Knipstein, Jim Shockey, Greg Rexing
Coffee Set Up/Clean Up	Mary Harshbarger	Judy Hunden

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

January 4, 2017

Elder	Jim Williams
Lay Assistant	Maureen Jordan

January 11, 2017

Elder	Kathy Bloom
Lay Assistant	Frank Bates

January 18, 2017

Elder	Jim Williams
Lay Assistant	John Shilling

January 25, 2017

Elder	Kathy Bloom
Lay Assistant	Maureen Jordan

January 2017 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy New Year! 9:30a Worship and Holy Communion	2 OFFICE CLOSED 6:00p Jazzercise	3 8:45a Exercise 9:00a Preschool 9:30a Large Print 12:00p Food Pantry 5:30p Christian Youth Theatre 7:30p Board of Elders	4 9:00a Preschool 2:30p Carmel Library Bookmobile 6:00p Jazzercise 7:00p ELW Evening Prayer—Vespers	5 8:45a Exercise 9:00a Preschool 9:15a MOMs 9:30a Large Print 11:00a Food Pantry 6:00p Jazzercise	6 9:00a Preschool	7 8:00a Jazzercise 10:00a New Gloriana Rehearsal 12:00p United Church of God
8 Farewell to the Organ 8:00a Worship and Holy Communion 9:00a Youth Bells 9:30a Family Sunday School 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion 12:00p UN-Decorate the Sanctuary w/Chili Lunch	9 9:00a Preschool 6:00p Jazzercise	10 8:45a Exercise 9:00a Preschool 9:30a Large Print 10:00a Sacred Threads 12:00p Food Pantry 5:30p Christian Youth Theatre	11 9:00a Preschool 2:30p Carmel Library Bookmobile 6:00p Jazzercise 7:00p Holden Evening Prayer Service	12 8:45a Exercise 9:00a Preschool 9:15a MOMs 9:30a Large Print 11:00a Food Pantry 6:00p Handbell Reh 6:00p Jazzercise 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	13 9:00a Preschool 6:30p MOVIE NIGHT "Glory Road"	14 8:00a Jazzercise 12:00p United Church of God
15 8:00a Worship and Holy Communion 9:00a Youth Bells 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion	16 OFFICE CLOSED 6:00p Jazzercise	17 9:00a Preschool 9:30a Large Print 12:00p Food Pantry 7:00p Board of Directors	18 9:00a Preschool 2:30p Carmel Library Bookmobile 6:00p Jazzercise 7:00p Holden Evening Prayer Service	19 9:00a Preschool 9:15a MOMs 9:30a Large Print 11:00a Food Pantry 6:00p Handbell Reh 6:00p Jazzercise 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	20 9:00a Preschool 6:30p Kids in Christ	21 8:00a Jazzercise 12:00p United Church of God
22 8:00a Worship and Holy Communion 9:00a Youth Bells 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion	23 9:00a Preschool 6:00p Jazzercise	24 9:00a Preschool 9:30a Large Print 12:00p Food Pantry 5:30p Christian Youth Theatre	25 9:00a Preschool 1:10p Preschool Board 2:30p Carmel Library Bookmobile 6:00p Jazzercise 7:00p Holden Evening Prayer Service	26 9:00a Preschool 9:15a MOMs 9:30a Large Print 11:00a Food Pantry 6:00p Handbell Reh 6:00p Jazzercise 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	27 9:00a Preschool	28 8:00a Jazzercise 12:00p United Church of God
29 8:00a Worship and Holy Communion 9:00a Youth Bells 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion 12:00p Meet-n-Greet Luncheon	30 9:00a Preschool 6:00p Jazzercise	31 9:00a Preschool 9:30a Large Print 12:00p Food Pantry 5:30p Christian Youth Theatre				



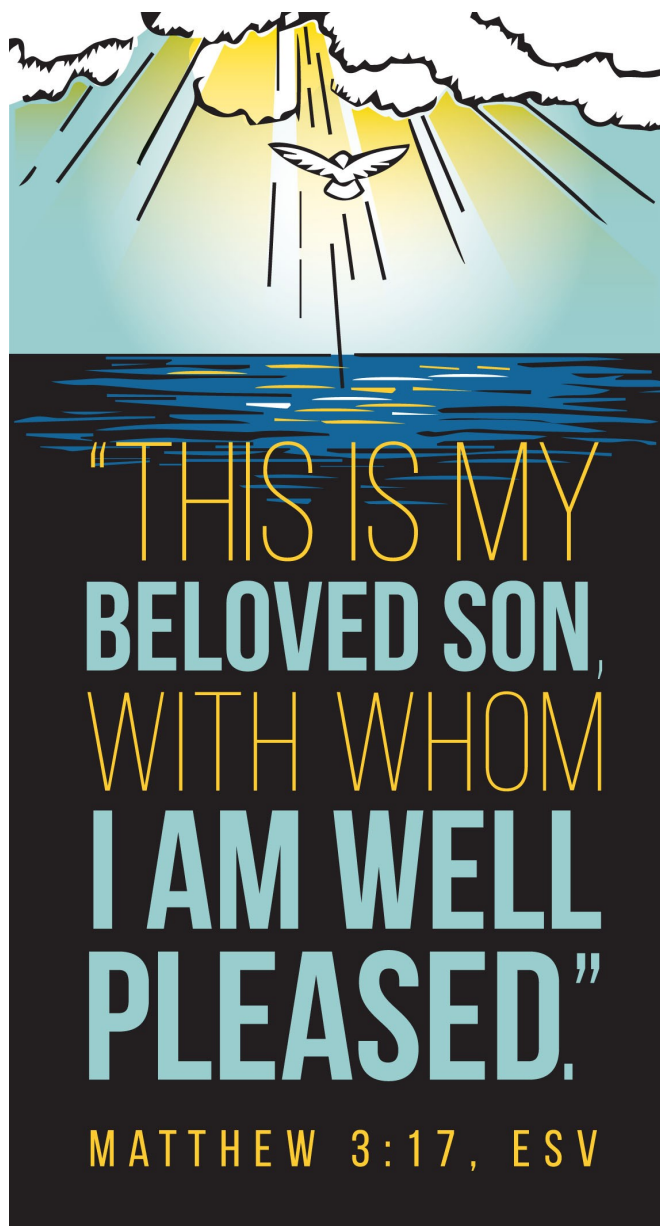
JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Marla Murphy	2-Jan
Ron Peeters	3-Jan
Shane Hawkins-Wilding	4-Jan
Marci Kreigh	4-Jan
Ruth Stanley	4-Jan
Fred Baade	5-Jan
Matt Baum	5-Jan
Avery Sims	6-Jan
Kregg Sims	8-Jan
Kay Nowakowski	9-Jan
Kristen Kelleher	14-Jan
Jerrie Heyne	16-Jan
Melissa Brauer	21-Jan
Annalea Robeson	21-Jan
Phyllis Swanson	21-Jan
Ethan Campbell	22-Jan
Dorothy Van Hove	22-Jan
Taylor Hatfield	23-Jan
Thomas Moehl	24-Jan
Allie Schumacher	25-Jan
Doug Lippert	27-Jan
Shawn Pabst	28-Jan
Kurt Roeder	28-Jan
Josh Kuechler Sr.	29-Jan
Ryan Nobis	29-Jan
Marge Ellsworth	30-Jan
Seana Jordan	30-Jan
Julie Williams	30-Jan



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Melanie Gigowski	1/2	7 years
John & Noel Shilling	1/22	45 years
Shawn & Alayna Pabst	1/28	11 years





gathering in to Christ,
sending out to serve

PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

Education Director	Gloria Worth
Preschool Director	Amy Tucker
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
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—Thursday
 8:00 a.m.—Noon 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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