



PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF: January 28-February 4, 2017

HYMNS FOR TODAY: 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM
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#881

WEEK OF January 28, 2017

Sunday

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion
 9:00a Youth Bells
 9:30a Sunday School
 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion
 12:00p **THANK YOU Luncheon for Pastor Rudy**

Monday

9:00a Preschool
 6:00p Jazzercise

Tuesday

9:00a Preschool
 9:30a Large Print

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

9:00a Preschool
 6:30p Kids in Christ—Movie and PJ's

Saturday

7:30a Youth Group Ski Trip @ Perfect North
 8:00a Jazzercise
 12:00p United Church of God
 12:00p Men's Chorus @ Butler

Sunday

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

PITCH-IN LUNCHEON TO SAY THANK YOU to Pastor Rudy TODAY following the 10:45 AM worship service. There will be a pitch-in luncheon to say thank you to Pastor Rudy for his very dedicated service to the Pilgrim family over the past year. Please join us to say THANK YOU!

PASTOR MUELLER RETIREMENT—Pastor Rudy is retiring at the end of January and this is his last Sunday with us. Everyone is invited to a lunch reception today following the 10:45 AM service to celebrate this milestone. Pastor Rudy has been a pastor for 38 years. He graduated from Christ Seminary-Seminex in Chicago, IL in 1979. He served at several congregations including Resurrection (AELC) in Alton, IL; Christ (LCA) in Evansville; and First English (ELCA) in Mishawaka. He served as the Assistant to the Bishop with the Indiana-Kentucky Synod for the past 15 years before joining us last January as our interim pastor. Where has our congregation seen God at work? Most certainly in the leadership, guidance, comfort, and wonderful liturgy and sermons, that Pastor Rudy has provided during his short tenure with us. We truly thank him for all of his efforts, love, and support. In retirement, it is our guess that Pastor Rudy will be spending extra time with his family and traveling. May God bless Pastor Rudy and his family as they transition into this next phase of their life!

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS—Our own Pr Paul Schumacher will be 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, 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 1 St. Augustine: (354-430 A.D.)

- I. Why is St. Augustine so important to the Christian Church? Why is he regarded as one of its great heroes?
- II. Augustine's Early Life
- III. Augustine's Personal Conversion (386 A.D.)
- IV. Augustine's writing of the Confessions (397-98 A.D.)
 Dual meaning: 1) admission of guilt 2) Act of praise
 References to the Trinity (summary and quotes)

Feb. 4, 2018—Class 2 Augustine, The City of God

(Written 415-429 A.D.)

- I. Why is this book important? (summary and quotes)
- II. Three areas of reality: God, man's soul, man's body
- III. Finding God through memory
- IV. References to the Trinity: God the Father as Creator, God the Son as Redeemer, God the Holy Spirit as Sanctifier and Faith Giver

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, January 21, 2018—219
 Wednesday, January 24, 2018—9

CONSTITUTION UPDATE: On Sunday, February 11, following the 10:45 AM worship service, there will be an informational session regarding the new restated Constitution. This will be an opportunity to ask questions and understand the parameters of the new proposed governing document. At the **Voters meeting on March 4**, we will PRESENT the proposed Constitution; then on May 6, there will be a CONGREGATIONAL VOTE on whether to adopt the new Constitution. Copies of the proposed document and an executive summary can be found NOW in the Narthex. They are also posted on the website. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Karin Veatch, Mark Tisdale, Brank Bates or John Williams, or a member of the Board of Directors.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the Kristen, Tripp, Ellie and Will Kelleher and to Dave and Marcia Runkel at the death of Jack Kelleher who died on Wednesday, January 17, at the age of 16. The funeral was held this past Saturday here at Pilgrim Lutheran Church. Memorial gifts may be made to "Jack's Got Your Back". The account number 1140805 should be written in the memo line on the check. Gifts made be left at the church during visitation or mailed to Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund, PO Box 770001 Cincinnati, OH 45277-0053.

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.

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, 2018. All grant requests must be sponsored by a member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church.

CELEBRATE FAT TUESDAY WITH SARAH WILLIAMS AND AN ORGAN RECITAL! On Tuesday February 13th, 7:00 p.m. at Pilgrim Sarah will play a concert entitled "The King of Instruments" with music fit for royalty and also some fun music in the spirit of Mardi Gras. Music includes works by Bach, Widor, and Albright (a piece entitled "the King of Instruments" that combines humorous poetry with rather playful -maybe goofy- music). Sarah will pull out all the stops so this is an event you don't want to miss! Bring a friend and stay for a dessert reception afterwards. A free-will offering will be taken for the scholarship fund at Lutheran Summer Music, which is a multi-week summer music camp program for teenagers (Sarah is an alumnus of the 1994 camp.) Mardi Gras beads will be handed out as long as supplies last!

LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA—The "Sacred Threads" group took on these simple design dresses as a project for November, December, and January. We have joined others from the international community who hope to plant in the hearts of young girls a sense of worthiness. Since the project was started dresses have been delivered to multiple countries in Africa with an emphasis on clean water, primary education, and the building of community. We feel that with these dresses we plant hope; God will send the harvest. These dresses are now on display in the Narthex.

PRAYER REQUEST AND CONCERNS—Please notify the church office (phone: 317-846-2221 or email DebbieCollins@pilgrimindy.org) for any 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 GARDEN UPDATE—Although it's cold outside, we're already gearing up for our 1st season of vegetable gardening at Pilgrim! In order to limit startup costs, we are looking for donations of hand tools to help us with the upcoming and future gardening seasons. Do you have spare tools lying around your garage that you use infrequently? For example; hoes, shovels, rakes, trowels, weeders, etc. would be very much appreciated. You can drop them off at church; there will be a labelled bin in the narthex. Thanks so much. Paul Swanson

2018-19 YAGM APPLICATIONS—one month left to apply! The ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program invites young adults ages 21-29 into a year of service, faith formation and relationship building in 11 country programs around the world. Young adults serve in the spirit of accompaniment, walking alongside global companions in a manner that practices mutuality, interdependence and solidarity. As they offer themselves in service, young adults are shaped by the witness of our global neighbors. Check out ELCA.org/yagm for more information and apply now! Applications are due Feb. 15 for service beginning August 2018.

THANK YOU! A few Sundays ago during an extreme cold spell, Di Gunnell slipped on the ice and fell down in the parking lot. John tried but was unable to help her stand up. Soon she was surrounded by several Pilgrim gentlemen who came out in the cold in shirt sleeves, brought her to a standing position and checked to make sure she was ok. Next, inside the church, a wonderful Pilgrim lady offered and prepared an ice bag to place on Di's injured knee. John and Di are both so appreciative of the kindness and assistance given to them. We don't know everyone's names so we just want to offer a shout out to those who assisted on that day. ~Thanks, John and Di Gunnell

CHURCH DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE IN LOBBY—Please pick up your copy of the new Pilgrim Lutheran Church Members & Friends Directory in the church lobby. The directories are labeled and alphabetized by household name. Please locate and take home your labeled copy today! Questions? Contact Mark Tisdale at markrtisdale@msn.com.

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2018 is available in the Narthex for sign ups. There are **NO** flowers during the Lenten and Advent seasons. Cost is \$40.50 per vase, there are two vases. **Please NOTE: There are open slots still available.**

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES are ready to be picked up in the narthex. Please call the church office at 317.846.2221 if you do not see your name.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS, "Christ in Our Home" for January—March 2018, are available. Please pick up a copy in the narthex, or ask an usher to assist you in obtaining one. **LARGE PRINT Editions** are also available! If you are interested, please see Pastor Mueller or stop by the church office