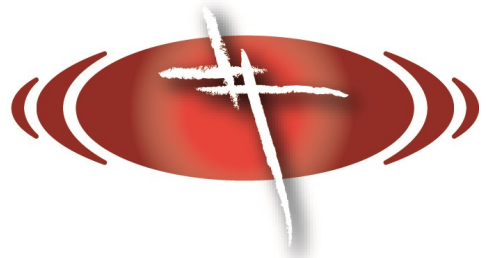


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Worship
Schedule
For Lent

Midweek Lenten Opportunities:

Lenten Dinner 6:00pm

Lenten Midweek Service 7:00pm

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday—April 2—Service 7:00pm

Good Friday—April 3—Services at 12:00 & 7:00pm

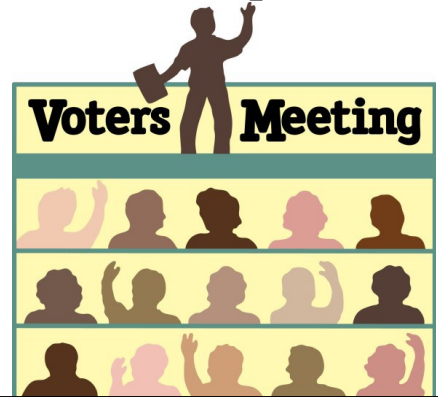
Easter Vigil—April 4—Service 7:00pm

Easter Breakfast—April 5 9:00am

Easter Sunday—April 5— Service 8:00 & 10:45am

Voter's Meeting Sunday, March 1, 2015

12:00 p.m.



EASTER FLOWERS!

The **deadline** to sign-up
for Easter Flowers is
March 22, 2015. The
Sign up sheet is on the
table in the Narthex.

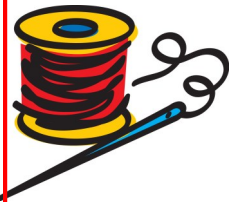


Lilies for \$11.00
Tulips for \$11.00
Daffodils for \$11.00
Azaleas for \$20.00.

The Lutheran

THE MAGAZINE OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

THE LUTHERAN—Beginning with the March issue, each Pilgrim member's family will receive a free subscription to the Lutheran magazine. Please let the church office know if you do not receive your copy. Debbie Collins, our office manager, will maintain the mailing list. There will also be complimentary copies for guests and non-members in the narthex and the church library.



SACRED THREADS
will meet
Tuesday, March 3rd
10:00 am —2:00 pm.



PILGRIM IS NOW ON FACEBOOK!

Show support for Pilgrim on Facebook by visiting and liking our new Facebook page: [facebook.com/pilgrimindy](https://www.facebook.com/pilgrimindy). You

can use our page to stay up-to-date with Pilgrim news, activities and scheduled events - and you can even share these with your friends and family on Facebook! For more details, contact Mark Tisdale at 440.479.4783 or markrtisdale@msn.com.

Dear Pilgrim members and friends,

Ash Wednesday was February 18th, and it was also the evening when the graduates of our ELCA Lutheran seminaries found out to which “region” of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) they were assigned. This happens in February each year and it’s a pretty big deal for these people, though there are far fewer of them today than in the past – more about that in a moment.



First, a little background: The ELCA and its sixty-five synods, and its 9,464 congregations, are organized into nine geographical regions. Pilgrim is a member congregation of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, which is one of six synods in “Region Six,” which includes Indiana and Kentucky (of course!), Ohio and the Lower Peninsula of Michigan. There are two synods in Michigan’s Lower Peninsula; three in Ohio. The 193 congregations in the States of Indiana and Kentucky comprise a single synod; hence the name.

Trinity Lutheran Seminary, 2199 East Main Street, Bexley, Ohio 43209, in suburban Columbus, is the only ELCA seminary in the Region Six territory, and this year it has put forward only ten “endorsed” (for ordination and call) candidates. Rev. Dr. Rick Barger, Trinity’s President, is on record calling this “the smallest class coming out of Trinity in memory.” This is a grave concern because we need more pastors, not fewer, with the number of “baby-boomer” clergy who are retiring now and in the near future.

But let me defer to Rev. Dr. Barger’s writing about this. Here are his thoughts: “the church faces a serious gap between need and the availability of leaders. In this assignment process, congregations seeking a full-time pastor and open to taking a first-call candidate face the reality that persons available to them number less than 60% of the need. This is a problem. This is a recurring problem for all of us.

When I lead forums on theological formation before a congregation, I tell them that they should be alarmed about the increasing drought of available leaders. Congregations who have a leader leave for a new call or retire may not be able to identify and call a new leader in any reasonable length of time. Moreover, the pool of authentic servant-leaders who are healthy, vibrant, resilient, self-differentiated, transformative, and evangelical is not a big one.

The most frequent question that friends and alumni of Trinity ask is, “How is enrollment going?” The response I should give is, “Who are *you* seeking out and raising up for vocational service in the church?” **The responsibility to secure leadership for the church is not the responsibility of the seminaries. It lies with all of us.** The question that each and every one of us should ask is not, “Do we love our church enough to be partners in the recruitment of leaders to send to our seminaries?”

The question really is, “Do we love our world enough, and those who are growing up in this world, to seek out and enlist those with potential for leadership for a resurrection-inspired movement that can change the world?” Do we want to give the world an alternative story to the current one of violence, hatred, terrorism, global ecological disaster, overconsumption, and where more than half of the world lives in deep poverty? Do we love our world enough? Do we love those we do not know, yet are impacted by our lifestyles, enough? Do we love our Lord, who aches for this world, enough? Do we?”*

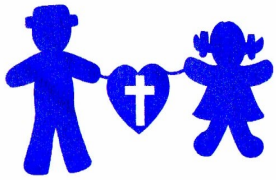
Whom do you know who would be a candidate for full-time employment in a church vocation, either as a pastor, or in another capacity? If you do know such a person, encourage them to actively discern such an opportunity!

Sincerely, in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Goertemiller".

Alan Goertemiller
Pastor

*Dr. Barger’s remarks came in his weekly e-mail newsletter, “Trinity’s Midweek Blast,” Feb. 18, 2015.



Pilgrim Lutheran Preschool and Parents' Time Out

February was quite a month here at the preschool! We started the month with bad news from the Ground Hog ...everyone was disappointed to hear that we are going to have six more weeks of winter! There hasn't been that much snow, but all of us agree we'd rather have snow storms as compared to ice storms!



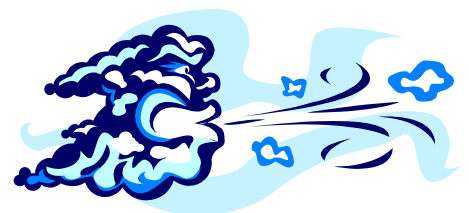
It was the month of Valentines. We partied till we couldn't party any longer! I've never seen so many hearts and so much red and pink construction paper!

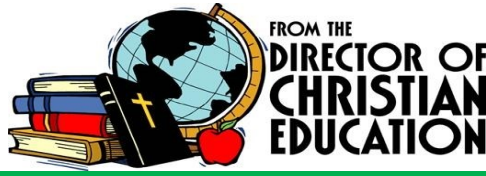
The two classes were 'heavy' into shapes this month. . . . Triangles, hearts and rectangles to name a few! Our toddlers (the Parents' Time Out children) just had a fabulous month enjoying being here at school! They seem to enjoy each other's company more each time they come! The fours have some exciting activities coming up. The fours dads will get to come to school on Monday night, March 16 for a Western night! It is always a fun night for the children and their dads. The fours moms will come in Friday, March 20 for 'Moments with Mom' to have a little snack and a photo with their child. Busy, busy, busy!



Our open registration (folks who are not currently in the program, but are interested for next year's classes) went very well. Most of our classes are full . . . But there are a smattering of openings here and there in all age levels. If you know someone who might be interested in our program, please have them email the school: patg@pilgrimindy.org or call the school office at 846-6132.

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.





Education Calendar

March 1—Fred Niedner will finish his four week Pre-Lenten Study.

March 8, 15, 22 and 29 (Sundays in March)—a new class for Adults. Susie Pike will lead an adult class on Discipleship. What does it mean to be a true disciple of the church today? Susie will ask us to ask questions of ourselves as she explores this topic. This class follows along well with the Dietrich Bonhoeffer class led by Paul Schumacher and Lynn Willis taught last November and December.

March 4, 11, 18 and 25 (Wednesdays in March)—will follow the short schedule, 6:00-6:40 p.m. Make note dinner is served in Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays during Lent. If your child is attending dinner, we will send them to you in the Fellowship Hall. If you will not be eating dinner with your Pilgrim friends then please pick up your child in the gallery at 6:40 p.m.

Our Kids in Christ kids will be making SYMBOLS OF LENT during the Lenten season.

These ornaments will hang on the barren tree branches in the church. We hope you enjoy watching the trees bloom with these meaningful symbols. Artistic expressions can help us deepen our faith and our faith walk during this introspective season of Lent.

Children's Corner...from Mrs. Worth

By the time we are reading our newsletter Lent will be about 10 days old. Long enough that the “Lenten Resolutions” (little promises to give something up or do something extra) may have been forgotten. The good thing about that is you can start again! The season of Lent is 40 days in length not including Sundays (Sundays are little Easters all year long, yippee). So our official countdown was on February 18 a whole 10 days ago...so you have 30 days to try again to make Lent extra special. Forty days is symbolic for Christian because 40 days pop up in the bible a few times: Noah and his time in the ark were 40 days, the Israelites were in the wilderness for 40 days, and Jesus stayed in the dessert for 40 days preparing for his ministry. We might think Lent is sad or gloomy because we know that Jesus will suffer and die within this season. But actually the word Lent means “springtime”. Spring is always about new beginnings, renewal, new life, and longer, warmer days. The more I think about this idea I begin to realize how happy and important Lent actually is. It is a time the church sets aside for us so we can focus on Jesus and what he did for us and then make sure we are living a life we are happy to share with Jesus in our daily prayers.

May this Lent be your best ever!
Mrs. Worth

From the Elders

Who were those people in the back pew last Sunday? By Doug Lippert

I am, by nature, a person who is interested in other people. My work with the Children's Organ Transplant Association compels me to travel throughout the United States. Big cities like New York, Seattle and Atlanta but also small towns such as Fairhope, Alabama; Tecumseh, Michigan and Greeley, Colorado. *Without little exception* I find those I encounter to be engaging, friendly and helpful. My boss is fond of telling people that when he and I are to meet somewhere and he is late, I can be found chatting up some local resident about his or her life, community and family. The truth is, I am now old enough to know that my life is a tremendous gift and, ultimately, a journey which provides endless opportunities to encounter interesting people from all walks of life, each with his or her own story to tell.

Not everyone is blessed with this gift, however, and I respect that.

A recent *My View* column in *The Lutheran* by Jennifer Ohman-Rodriguez considers the question of attendees at worship whom we notice but do not recognize. She and her family are recent transplants and, as is customary, "explored congregations" (might some say "church shopped?") to find a new church home. Her essay, in story form, mentions feeling cautious and even scared when they entered a church for the first time, knowing no one and not having a clue as to what to expect.

Ohman-Rodriguez encourages those of us who regularly attend worship to "notice" those whom we don't recognize as regular attendees...and not to wait until we share the peace to do so. If we will take the time to acknowledge visitors it removes their facelessness of being an outsider in a place where it seems like everyone else is an insider. "Be bold, courageous and welcoming" and we will give "face, voice" and—most importantly—"home" to a visitor, she writes.

I can't sing very well. I'm not very good at organizing events. I sometimes mess up and bring brownies with nuts to the Lenten or Advent dinners. But you know what I *am* good at? Approaching people I don't know. It's not hard for me and I get a great deal of personal satisfaction in seeing if I can make another person smile.

Sometimes I'll walk up to someone and say "I'm sorry if we've already met but, if we have, I've forgotten your name." Their reaction can be anything from disappointment ("yes, we met two weeks ago!") to excitement ("no, we've not met and I'm glad you stopped to say 'hi'") to indifference with barely a grunt in response to my query. Generally, however, my question is returned with a smile, an introduction (or reintroduction) and a nice conversation that helps me remember the person in preparation for our next encounter. After that, the conversation flows freely.

Last month, Elder Carol Dahoney wrote about the word "love" and how we, hamstrung as we are with the English language, sometimes use this beautiful word carelessly to describe a fondness. So it is with the utmost respect for the true concept of "love" when I write that I *love* Pilgrim Lutheran Church, with *church* defined as the people of Pilgrim, not the physical structure in which we worship. I have felt "home" at Pilgrim as I have never before felt at any church. If, then, I truly love our church, am I not called to share that love with others, rather than keep it to myself? Is this not akin to the basis of *The Great Commission*, sharing the good news of Christ's salvation with others?

Christ calls us to be welcoming to all. Thankfully, Christ accepted me when I was unacceptable to those around me. I have, at times, felt like an outsider when it seemed like everyone else was an insider. It was a bad feeling; perhaps you have felt it, too, at some point in your life. Wouldn't it be great to lift this burden from someone, to help him or her feel loved and welcome at Pilgrim Lutheran Church?

I encourage each of you to take the time to say "hello" next time you see a person or a family at Pilgrim you don't recognize. An easy way to do this is to extend your hand, smile and say "Hi! I'm Doug!" (Although I encourage you to use *your name*, not mine.) Chances are the other person will respond with a smile and give you his or her name. Then, a simple "have we met?" will probably get things started. If you find someone who is visiting Pilgrim, take the time to let some of your friends know, so we can also reach out to them and say "welcome! I'm glad you're here!" (It isn't our beloved Pastor's job to do this, although he is great at making visitors feel welcome; it's *our* job as members of Pilgrim).

We belong to the kingdom of God and have life eternal only because the blood of Jesus Christ, our savior, has saved us. We choose to be called *members* of Pilgrim Lutheran Church because we share a love for our faith and for the people of our congregation. Let's capitalize upon every opportunity we can to make a visitor feel welcome at Pilgrim Lutheran Church; not because we view them as a potential member, but because we are called to share our love and to do what we can to lift another's burden. As a not-too-long-ago family who was new to Pilgrim, I can attest that a friendly welcome and invitation to return does, in fact, make all the difference.

Like Christ admonishing us to not hide our light under a bowl, I encourage you, in the same way, to let your light shine before visitors, seekers, church-shoppers or anyone else who has chosen to worship with us and whom you don't recognize. You simply need to take the first step and welcome them as you would welcome a weary traveler, which they may very well be. If you do so, I'm confident God will provide the path upon which can you then take your next step.

St. Patrick's Day trivia

You may know that St. Patrick used shamrocks to teach about the Trinity, but did you know these other facts about him?

- St. Patrick wasn't Irish. (His parents were Roman citizens living in either Scotland or Wales.)
- He was kidnapped and sold as a slave at age 16. After escaping six years later, he joined a monastery in England.
- March 17 is the date of St. Patrick's death, not his birth. He died in 461 A.D.
- The color originally associated with St. Patrick is blue, not green.
- The harp, not the shamrock, is the national symbol of Ireland.



FIRST SUNDAY! FOOD SUNDAY!

March 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").



SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Missions We Support

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN): The IHN was established to sustain a community-wide effort to provide shelter, meals and comprehensive assistance to homeless families through the use of church facilities and the volunteer efforts of their congregational members. The assistance offered to those families by IHN then extends to the help offered by social service agencies. See www.indyihn.org.

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (LOMIK): Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Indiana-Kentucky is an independent outdoor ministry organization that serves and welcomes all. Our three camps — Lutheran Hills, Lutherwald & Lake Luther — provide a Christian community and new experiences in a fun environment with caring leaders. No child is denied a camp experience due to financial need. See www.lomik.org.

Lutheran Campus Ministry, IU Bloomington: Lutheran Campus Ministry is an inclusive ministry in Christ that invites people in the University community to develop a deeper understanding of the body of Christ, so that they can discover and fulfill their vocation as disciples. www.indiana.edu/~lutheran.

MARCH WORSHIP LEADERS

Sundays

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

March 1, 2015

Elder	John Shilling	Laura Peeters
Acolyte	Will Kelleher	Adam Longmire
Greeters	Kelleher Family	Longmire Family
Lay Assistant	Denny Licht	Tammy Donley
Nursery Worship		Carrie Sailer
Nursery Sunday School		Karin Veatch
Chancel Volunteers	Judie Williams	Herta Baade

March 4, 2015

Elder	Robert Schumacher
Lay Assistant	Darrell Pike

March 8, 2015

Elder	John Shilling	Doug Lippert
Acolyte	Malik Dorn	Elizabeth Rexing
Acolyte	n/a	Ella Konow
Greeters	Dorn Family	Rexing and Konow Families
Lay Assistant	Trent Johnsey	Jim Williams
Communion Assistant	n/a	Emma Williams
Communion Assistant	n/a	Tim Guedel
Chancel Volunteers	Karin Veatch	Herta Baade
Nursery Worship		Marla Murphy
Nursery Sunday School		Marcia Runkel

March 11, 2015

Elder	Laura Peeters
Lay Assistant	Joey Peeters

March 15, 2015

Elder	Dave Runkel	Gwen Knipstein
Acolyte	Marla Murphy	Max Shurr
Greeters	Murphy Family	Shurr Family
Lay Assistant	Denny Licht	Frank Bates
Chancel Volunteers	Pat Hanson	Herta Baade
Nursery Worship		Sharon Rexing
Nursery Sunday School		Ron Peeters

March 18, 2015

Elder	Doug Lippert
Lay Assistant	John Williams, Jr

March 22, 2015

Elder	Doug Lippert	Doug Lippert
Acolyte	Harrison Hawkins-Wilding	William Pitts
Greeters	Hawkins-Wilding Family	Pitts Family
Lay Assistant	Michael Przybylski	Vanessa Kuechler
Chancel Volunteers	Karin Veatch	Herta Baade
Nursery Worship		Heather Zetzl
Nursery Sunday School		Heather Moehl

March 25, 2015

Elder	Laura Fischer
Lay Assistant	Maureen Jordan

March 29, 2015

Elder	Dave Runkel	Doug Lippert
Acolyte	Kathy Hatfield	Claire Weems
Greeters	Hatfield Family	Lippert Family
Lay Assistant	Trent Johnsey	Caroline Martin
Chancel Volunteers	Karin Veatch	Herta Baade
Nursery Worship		Miki Ulreich
Nursery Sunday School		Carey Kraabel

8:00 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

Altar Guild		Jennifer Nelsen
Coffee Set up	Kathy Hatfield	
Coffee Clean up		Erica Harriman
Ushers	Marv Brethauer, Steve Witte	Martin Hurford, Fred Baade, Don Newby John Williams, Ryan Williams

MARCH 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00a Worship and Holy Communion 9:00a Youth Bell Practice 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion 12:00p Fine Arts Committee 12:00p Voter's Meeting	2 8:45a Exercise 9:00a Preschool	3 8:45a Exercise 9:00a Preschool 9:30a Large Print 10:00a Sacred Threads 4:30p Jazzercise 6:00p CYT 7:00p Men's Chorus @ Butler Game	4 8:45a Exercise 9:00a Preschool 9:00a MOMS 3:00p Women's Bible Study 6:00 Lenten Dinner 6:00p Kids in Christ 7:00p Lenten Worship 7:30p Combo Group	5 8:45a Exercise 9:00a Preschool 9:30a Large Print 4:30p Jazzercise 6:00p Handbell Practice 7:00p Choir Practice	6 9:00a Preschool	7
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March Anniversaries

3/16	Alan & Susan Maul	41 years
3/18	Shane & Susan Hawkins-Wilding	15 years
3/31	Todd & Marci Kreigh	25 years



GOD
knows your
NAME



Jean Keneipp	3/1
Daniel Sailer	3/1
Florence Westermann	3/1
Richard Wiehe	3/1
Linda "Suzi" Dorn	3/2
Erica Harriman	3/2
Amy Jordan	3/2
David Runkel Sr	3/5
Kevin Donley	3/6
Pat Guedel	3/6
Karen Licht	3/7
Anna Johnsey	3/8
Steven Worth	3/8
Trent Brauer	3/9
Susan Pike	3/9
Timothy Moehl	3/10
William Bowen	3/11
Jacob Campbell	3/11
Michelle Proch	3/11
Elizabeth Schumacher	3/11
John Roeder	3/11
Brett Bowen	3/13
Kelli Baumgarn	3/14
Timothy Guedel	3/15
Sarah Lein	3/18
Kathi Brethauer	3/20
Andrew Runkel	3/20
Mason Runkel	3/20
Jeanne Ulreich	3/20
Vivian Kraabel	3/22
Erika Malone	3/22
Harold "Red" Ulreich	3/22
Kevin Willis	3/23
Jillian Nobis	3/24
Erin Forst	3/25
Tyler Keller	3/25
Gloria Worth	3/25
Lorraine Ransford	3/27
Joseph Peeters	3/28
Lucille Kraabel	3/29
Timothy Murphy	3/31



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sending out to serve

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Handbell Director	Kevin Donley
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Office Manager	Debbie Collins
Nursery Attendant	Annie Harriman
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Maintenance	Mark Wylie

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Worship: 7:00 p.m.

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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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