



PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF: March 24—31, 2019

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WEEK OF March 24 2019

Today

- 8:00a Worship and Holy Communion
w/Blessing of Prayer Blankets
- 9:00a Youth Bells
- 9:30a Sunday School
- 9:45a Noah's Ark Milestone for Kindergarten
- 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion
w/Faith Milestone for Kindergarten
And Blessing of Prayer Blankets
- 1:00p Chalice Making

Monday

- 9:00a Preschool
- 6:00p Jazzercise

Tuesday

- 9:00a Preschool
- 9:30a Large Print
- 11:30 Super Senior Game Day
- 6:00p Jazzercise
- 6:30p Ladies Nite @ Mi Hacienda

Wednesday

- 9:00a Preschool
- 12:15p CCPL Mobile Library
- 5:30p Lenten Dinner—Congregational Life
- 6:30p Lenten Midweek Worship w/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

Saturday

- 8:00a Jazzercise
- 12:00p United Church of God

Sunday

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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR MIDWEEK LENTEN DINNER AT 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27. Please note the time has changed to 5:30 p.m. this year to accommodate families with younger children. The dinner will be followed by our Lenten midweek service at 6:30 p.m. The main course for dinner will be various soups. These week's dinner is sponsored by our Congregational Life Committee. Congregation members are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share. See the sign-up sheet on the credenza in the narthex to sign up for dinner.

(GWOH) LENT OFFERINGS—Support Family Health Lenten offerings this year will go towards the purchasing of feminine hygiene products and laundry detergent to be distributed through Grace Community Center and Good Samaritan Network. These items often are overlooked during food/supply drives, but are very important for a healthy family. You also may bring donations of these items directly to Pilgrim and place them in the box labeled "Lenten Donations" in the narthex. (Tammy Donley)

WHAT'S UP IN WORSHIP

LESSONS IN SUSTENANCE...In our gospel for today, we have a timely lesson for all gardeners who are seeing their gardens begin to wake up from winter dormancy. The gospel includes the parable of the fruitless fig tree. As a gardener myself I know that situation well—a plant that, for no obvious reason, has not performed the way I hoped it would. In my experience, neither sweet talk ("Please bloom, you sweet lovely plant") or ultimatums ("Bloom this season or else!") do any good. Often the plant has to be "edited" from my garden (and then rescued by my spouse who nurtures it back to life.) This parable is included in the Lenten lectionary to get us thinking about life, death, and resurrection. Our other scriptures today use images of sustenance—food and drink, water and bread. Our choir will sing "Come, All Who Thirst" and we will sing "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" during communion. Christ is our life, our sustenance, and our eternal hope. ~Sarah Williams

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED CLASSES CONTINUE—Tim Schurr's class on Jesus' Teaching Style concludes today. Next Sunday, March 31, Pastor Paul Schumacher will begin a three-week study of Christian Faith and Everyday Life in the Image of God. Below is the description of his class.

Beginning with Scripture and the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds (180 and 325 A.D.), St. Augustine's brief work *On the Trinity* and Luther's three Articles on the meaning of the Creeds in his *Small Catechism*, we will discuss how best to bring together Christian identity with Modern Identity. The three Adult Bible Classes taught by Pastor Paul on March 31 and April 7 and 14 will address several of life's basic questions: ***What makes us individual Christians unique in our modern world? How can we modern believers make sense of our lives spiritually when we feel emptiness, lack of purpose, or loss of self-esteem?*** Christian Faith suggests that life's big questions already have been answered by a loving God who not only created us, but redeemed us, making us children of God. Our Christian Faith assures us that "Eternal Life" is not only life after death, but Eternal Life is a possibility right now. It is a quality of life, a blessedness and

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richness and abundance of life that begins now, later to be perfected in the mansions of heaven.

SUPER SENIORS is planning a monthly game day! The first two are March 26 and April 23. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a sack lunch and join us for games until about 2 p.m. We'll have Scrabble, Yahtzee, Euchre, Dominoes, and the Sequence card game. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex. All members of Pilgrim Church and their guests are welcome. Please join us for laughter, fun and conversation. Questions, please call the church office (317) 846-2221.

MARCH LADIES NITE OUT IN CARMEL—We will gather in Carmel at the Mi Hacienda Mexican Restaurant. We plan to arrive at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, (always the fourth Tuesday of the month). This restaurant is located at 819 West Carmel Drive. Since that will technically be spring, we should have a great turnout! All ladies are welcome!

THE YOUTH GROUP NEEDS PLASTIC EASTER EGGS for the egg hunt we are holding between services on Easter morning. If you have any extra plastic eggs at home that you'd like to donate, please leave them in the designated box in the narthex before April 10. We need about 300 plastic eggs, so all donations are much appreciated. In the next week or so, we will also be creating an online sign-up for donations of treats to fill the eggs. Watch for information on that to come. Thank you! (Jenny Pitts)

MARCH MADNESS— Thanks to all those who are participating in the Youth Group's March Madness bracket challenge and last fundraiser for our Gaga Ball pit. The entry fee of \$5 per bracket is due today. You can follow the standings online throughout the tournament, and we will try to update the congregation on the standings at several points before the championship game on April 8. Best of luck to your chosen teams, and we hope you have fun following the tournament games. (Jenny Pitts)

KENYA CREW NEEDS YOUR HELP—Pilgrim members Dee Pierson, Noel Shilling, and Gloria Worth are traveling to Kenya from April 27–May 12 to work with our mission partners at the Nazareth Hospital, Joy Children's Village, and Allamano School. They need everyone's help with prayers for success and donations of money to purchase soccer balls, as well as donations of small games/cards and double-sided weekly pill containers. Thanks to some generous donors, we have the luggage needed to transport these items to Kenya. Checks can be written to Pilgrim with "Kenya" written on memo line to purchase more of these items. Thank you all for your support of this incredible trip.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER—The Congregational Life Committee is planning a Progressive Dinner for the adult members of the congregation on Saturday, June 22. The committee is looking for volunteers to host the hors d'oeuvre gathering (everyone attending) or to host a sit down dinner (6-8 people) in their home. The dessert portion of the meal will be held at the 5 Star Dance Studio in Carmel (more information to come later). For our progressive dinner, everyone meets for a social gathering and appetizers. Then people are directed to different homes for a lovely sit-down dinner in small groups. Following the dinner, everyone gathers again in a single location for dessert. If you would like to volunteer to host any of these gatherings, please see Judy Hunden or Carol Dahoney.

LIBRARY SUNDAYS—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. The following dates have been set aside for the children to check out books, but may be changed as needs arise: **TO-DAY, April 14, May 5 and May 12 ~ Return all books or DVDs on these Sundays**
~ Carol Hatfield and Barb Lamb

DIRECTORY UPDATE—Check Your Contact Info
We are updating contact information for all members of the congregation. There is 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 updates.

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. More information is at www.iksynod.org/ikymt.

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

We're tentatively planning on Saturday, Oct. 5, for our fourth-annual Oktoberfest extravaganza! Each year this event has grown, and we need to start planning now to make it happen. Please consider lending a hand so we can keep this amazing outreach opportunity going. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex, and right now we just need to know you're willing to help out. Unfortunately, if we don't have enough help, we'll have to cancel the event!

Get Ready to ROAR at VBS! It may be winter in Indiana, but we are thinking summer at Pilgrim. Specifically, VBS is coming in July! Please, mark your calendars for the week of July 22-26 for five mornings of fun from 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Click the link below for the registration form, then fill this out at your earliest convenience and return to the church office or to my Narthex mailbox.

Our theme this year is ROAR! Life is Wild, God is Good! We are blessed with many of our past leaders eager to return to help out. However, the more the merrier. If you wish to help please contact Gloria Worth, and we will get you plugged in. We will certainly be sending out notices for donations for snacks and supplies as we draw closer to the date. We need everyone's help to make this a success. Stay tuned, the fun has just begun! (Gloria Worth)

SACRED THREADS group could use any of your leftover fabrics for some upcoming projects they are working on. If you are a fabric buyer, fabric stasher or fabric collector and would like to share some of your pieces that you no longer need or don't think you will use, please bring them to church at your earliest convenience. Put fabric in a bag marked "Sacred Threads" and leave in the marked container in the narthex. Thank you for sharing! (Evelyn Kramer)

DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS, "Christ in Our Home" for April—June 2019, are available. Please pick up a copy in the narthex, or ask an usher to assist you in obtaining one.

LARGE PRINT DAILY DEVOTIONALS are now available! If you are interested, please stop by the church office.