



**PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**WEEK OF: November 19—26, 2017**

**HYMNS FOR TODAY: 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM**  
**#327 #327**  
**#688 #688**  
**#674**

**WEEK OF November 19, 2017**

**Sunday**

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion  
 9:00a Youth Bells  
 9:30a Sunday School  
 9:30a New Member Orientation  
 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion  
 11:45a Stewardship Dinner and Program

**Monday**

9:00a Preschool  
 11:30a Preschool Thanksgiving Feast  
 6:00p Jazzercise  
 7:00p Evangelism & Communications

**Tuesday**

9:00a Preschool  
 7:00p Board of Directors

**Wednesday**

12:30p CCPL Mobile Library  
 6:00p Jazzercise  
 7:00p Thanksgiving Eve Worship  
 with Holy Communion

**Thursday - HAPPY THANKSGIVING**  
**OFFICE CLOSED**

**Friday**  
**OFFICE CLOSED**

**Saturday**

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

**Sunday**

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion  
 9:00a Youth Bells  
 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion

**SPECIAL EVENT FOR GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS**—You are invited and encouraged to attend our New Member Orientation session **TODAY from 9:30 - 10:30 AM (between services)**. These sessions, led by Pastor Rudy and Pilgrim leadership, will be an opportunity to learn more about our congregation, ask questions you may have about Pilgrim or Lutheran doctrine and teaching, and, if you desire, to initiate membership in the congregation. Attending does not obligate you to become a member. Questions, **please email or phone the church office** at [pilgrim@pilgrimindy.org](mailto:pilgrim@pilgrimindy.org) or 317.846.2221.

**STEWARDSHIP DINNER—TODAY FOLLOWING THE 10:45 AM Worship (11:45AM–1:00PM)** in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served. We will host a panel of speakers to learn and discuss the hunger needs in Hamilton County, including lack of food access for some residents. Please attend to learn how we can share our time, talent and treasure to address hunger and other needs in our community. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Sharon and Dick Peterson at the death of Sharon's mother, Elvira Althoff, on Monday, November 13th. 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.

**ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES and DINNERS**—Advent is coming! Please plan on attending Advent worship services each Wednesday during the season of Advent at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary as we prepare for the birth of our Lord. The worship services will be preceded by a dinner at 6:00 PM in fellowship hall:

- **December 6**
- **December 13**
- **December 20**

Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex for more information and to sign up for the dinner.

**NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES: LUTHERAN AND OTHER VIEWS OF JESUS' PARABLES**  
 Perhaps you've noticed that the Gospel readings from Matthew for the past couple of months have focused on several of Jesus' parables. Since 2017 marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, and since Fred Niedner's adult bible class examined topics that set Lutheran theology apart from that of many other denominations, it seems fitting that the Adult

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**  
 Sunday, November 12, 2017— 146  
 Wednesday, November 15, 2017—17

Class should continue to explore differences between Lutheran and other interpretations of Scripture. What better way to do this than to focus on several of Jesus' parables, which by their very nature invite numerous and varied interpretations? This class, which is being led by Lynn Willis, concludes today in the Adult Study room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

### **DONTATE COLD-WEATHER ITEMS FOR "KEEP WARM" KITS**

Pilgrim is collecting cold weather items to prepare "keep warm kits" for our local Gennesaret Free Clinics. Our goal is to collect enough items to create at least 100 kits! **Please see the goldenrod half-sheet insert for more details.**

**STARRY NIGHT**—The Starry Night display will be up and available for your picking all through November. As in the past, take as many of the stars as you think you can fill. Remember, the items listed on the stars are typically general suggestions for gifts. Have fun, use your imagination. Some stars have suggested prices, but with the variety of gift options, it is recommended that expenses should generally not be in excess of \$20 for an item, and in most cases, be less than that. In reality, some items you might choose to buy may indeed cost more than \$20, but we urge you to keep those to a minimum.

#### **Reminders/Requests:**

- Please do not attach the star to the gift. Return the stars to the church and place them in the large Gift box in the narthex. The stars will be reused.
- Please do not wrap the gifts or attach greeting cards to them.
- If you purchase gift cards for restaurants, groceries, movies, etc., please write the amount on the cards and place them in an envelope and put the envelope in the large Gift box.
- If you would prefer to donate money, please write a **check payable to Pilgrim Lutheran Church** and note: "Starry Night". Place the check in the offering plate. The check must be donated no later than November 26.
- The gifts will be delivered to LCFS during the week of December 4-8. **All gifts must be at Pilgrim no later than Sunday, December 3.** There will be no Starry Night Stars in the narthex on Sunday, December 3.

The gifts you provide are given to LCFS for their "Christmas Store". During a week in December, various families who are recommended by social workers from throughout Marion County can access the "Christmas Store". There is no charge for the items at the Christmas Store. Each family is given a

specific number of gift cards, depending on family size, and the various family members are allowed to choose a limited number of gifts to take. Questions? Please contact Dave Hunden at 317-846-4373 or dchunden@outlook.com.

### **HANGING OF THE GREENS**

**December 3 will be our annual Hanging of the Greens** following the 10:45 AM worship service. After greeting Pastor, please return to the front pews and we will give you instructions on getting started. Many of you are pros at this, but we also want to get newer members involved. All ages are encouraged; it is wonderful seeing a family working together to decorate a tree or hang the garland. Following the decorating we will have a salad and pizza luncheon. We do need to ask that you sign up on the sheet under the TV so we have a handle on how many pizzas to order.

**WELCA Cookie Walk!** It is once again time for the annual Pilgrim Cookie Walk (sale). We are requesting homemade Christmas cookies to be donated. (one batch equals 3-4 dozen) **No chocolate chip please.** Then we all come and purchase a great assortment of yummy cookies for family and friends for the holiday season. This year the date for the Cookie Walk is **Saturday, December 9, from 9-11:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Cookies can be delivered to the church kitchen starting **December 3rd**. If your cookies have nuts in them, please label them as such. The funds raised will be used to support the women's activities at Pilgrim and the Women of the ELCA.

On **December 12th** we will end the year with a "*Field Trip*" to *Beef and Boards* to enjoy a buffet lunch and performance of "**A Christmas Carol**." Ticket price is \$35.00 (includes the buffet and performance). Darrell Pike is chairing this activity so please direct any questions to him. We have set aside 40 seats to be sure we can accommodate everyone who is interested in joining fellow Super Seniors. There is a sign-up sheet under the TV in the narthex. Be sure to check if you will need a ride.

**POINSETTIAS SIGN-UP**—Help beautify our church and chancel for Christmas by providing poinsettia plants for Christmas Eve. The cost of a 6" plant with foil and bow will be \$14.00; the plants may be taken home after Christmas Eve worship to be given as gifts, or to decorate your own home. Sign up on the credenza in the narthex. **The deadline to order your poinsettia is Sunday, December 10th!**