



PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF: November 24, 2019
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Sunday—Thanksgiving Sunday

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion
9:00a Youth Bells
9:30a Sunday School
10:45a Worship and Holy Communion
12:15p Hanging of the Greens and Lunch

Monday

9:00a Preschool
11:00 Preschool Thanksgiving Feast
6:00p Jazzercise

Tuesday

9:00a Preschool
9:30a Large Print
6:00p Jazzercise

Wednesday—Office Closed

6:00p Jazzercise

Thursday—Office Closed

Happy Thanksgiving

Friday—Office Closed

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Saturday

8:00a Jazzercise
1:00p United Church of God

Sunday

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

WHAT'S UP IN WORSHIP? This Sunday is a day of thanksgiving – no, not the actual day of Thanksgiving, but the Sunday we have set aside to acknowledge God's gifts to us. We will sing the classic hymns of thanksgiving, and be blessed with special music by Byron Plexico. Byron has been researching Jewish violin music and has found several rather forgotten gems of the repertoire. Byron will play the third movement of *Baal Shem* by Ernest Bloch. I encourage you to look up the full piece on YouTube and listen to the other two movements as well. We also give thanks to the Pilgrim Ringers and director Kevin Donley for providing special handbell music. ~ Sarah Williams

PARENTS OF KIDS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL, LISTEN UP! – Do you ever wonder if there's something more fulfilling for you and your fellow parents than Starbucks, Trader Joe's or Einstein Brothers during that hour your kids are in Sunday School? **News Flash: There is!** Try attending the Faith Formation Class for Adults (formerly known as Adult Bible Study) during that hour. You'll find there an opportunity to explore, clarify and understand those biblical passages and stories that point us Lutherans toward the "eternal" life of the baptized and redeemed.

THE FAITH FORMATION SERIES, "SCRIPTURE IN CONTEXT: WHO KNEW?" continues **FOR ALL ADULTS**. TODAY'S session explores the meaning of "eternal life," given the lawyer's question to Jesus in Luke's Gospel: "What must I do to inherit eternal life," and which, oddly enough, Jesus answered by telling the Parable of the Good Samaritan. What was THAT all about?

THE FAITH FORMATION CLASS WILL NOT MEET NEXT SUNDAY (DECEMBER 1) BECAUSE OF THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. It will resume – and conclude -- on December 8. The topic for 12/8 will be CREATION; more specifically, what are we to make of the multiple creation accounts in the Bible? SEE YOU THERE!

The Faith Formation class meets at 9:30 in the room across from the choir room (2nd floor, east wing).

DUE TO THE HOLIDAY WEEK—all items for the December 1 bulletin announcements are due on Monday, November 25.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, November 17, 2019—202
Wednesday, November 20, 2019—18

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Please join us today after second service for our *Hanging of the Greens*. The old saying, "Many hands make little work" applies here, so we hope many of your hands will be available. We do need some who can handle climbing ladders to place the garland and bows around the sanctuary. Maureen Jordan will be the "go-to person" for this. Pizza lunch will follow the decorating. Watch for information on the un-decorating which will occur on January 5, 2020.

ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES & DINNERS—Plan to attend the Advent worship services each Wednesday during the season of Advent at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary as we prepare for the birth of our Lord. The service will be preceded by a dinner at 5:30 p.m. in fellowship hall:

- **December 4—Tenderloin Trail**
- **December 11—Board of Directors**
- **December 19—Board of Elders**

The Tenderloin Trail will be preparing a Lasagna dinner with rolls. They are asking for people to sign up to bring salads or desserts. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

COOKIE SALE—Pilgrim WELCA is once again sponsoring the annual Cookie Sale, Sunday, December 8 from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. This is the women's only fundraiser to help Lutheran World Relief and Global Health Ministries. We are asking each family to bake and donate one batch of holiday cookies (3-4 doz.). Nuts are fine, but please label "with nuts" if necessary. Bring cookies to the church kitchen Dec. 1-8. Come and buy cookies December 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Enjoy!

VOTER'S MEETING is Sunday, December 15, at 9:30 a.m. Important agenda items: 1) approval of a 2020 Budget for the congregation; 2) election of new leaders. Show your support for our leaders and staff, and your support for our mission and ministry as a congregation, by attending!

THANK YOU to Joe Abbey who made the beautiful gratitude trees that grace our chancel this morning!

THANK YOU CHOIR! Pilgrim's adult choir is awesome. Not only do they contribute 'time' and 'talent' by creating music that enhances our worship, but choir members recently contributed 'treasure' by supporting a program where there is extreme food scarcity.

Choir members were recently challenged to each donate \$15 toward providing daily porridge to 900+ vulnerable school children in Kawaida, Kenya - a school visited during our recent mission trip to Kenya. Through the choir's generosity and matching donations, the goal of raising \$600 was exceeded and now represents 3 months of porridge to these beautiful children of God. This gift - when paired with contributions from 2 churches in both VA and Kenya - now guarantees porridge for the entire school year! Thank you choir for strengthening God's work in the world.

STARRY NIGHT PROGRAM: Starry Night program continues as the stars are hung from above as you've seen them in past years. If you like, take one or more stars and purchase the items listed on the stars and bring them to Pilgrim by Sunday, Dec. 1. Items will be taken to Lutheran Child and Family Services (LCFS) near Community Hospital on E. 16th Street the next week. From there, all the items collected from all donors will be trucked to Gethsemane Lutheran Church near 10th and Shadeland Ave. for the Christmas Store sponsored by the LCFS Sharing Place.

FIELD TRIP TO THE INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S TREE DISPLAY: December 12. If you are car-pooling or caravanning, please be prepared to leave Pilgrim at 10:15 a.m. We go directly to lunch at Shapiro's, 808 South Meridian St, Indianapolis, meeting at 11:00 a.m. and go to the museum from there. There is a green sign-up sheet on the credenza in the narthex; please read and check the appropriate boxes.

SUPER SENIOR MONTHLY LUNCHEON: Tuesday, December 17. Please note the following time change. The Preschool Children's program is that day at 11:45 a.m. Let's gather in the narthex and we'll sit together as a group to support these beautiful "little people" who attend Pilgrim's Preschool. Lunch will follow in Fellowship Hall immediately after the program. Pastor Heidi will be our guest speaker. She will show a movie that will lead to a discussion. Cost will be \$10, menu to be determined. White sign-up sheet with red & green letters is on the credenza in the narthex; read carefully and be sure to check the appropriate boxes.

To the entire Pilgrim Family: Happy Thanksgiving, Blessed Advent, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year from the Congregational Life Committee and the Super Seniors. Thank you for your support and help throughout the year!