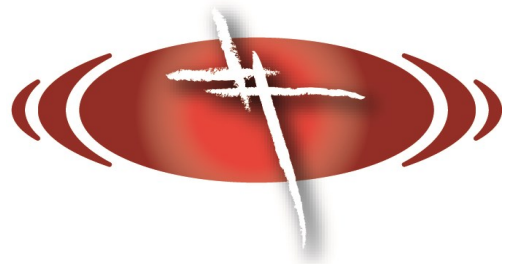


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CAR WASH AND BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER!

The Pilgrim Youth Group is sponsoring a carwash and bake sale for fellow Pilgrim member, Barb Geraghty on **Sunday, October 2nd between 8:30 AM—1:00 PM**. Barb is currently on dialysis and awaits a kidney transplant. Last year, Pilgrim stepped alongside Olaf Blase and his family as he prepared for a kidney transplant. We were able to help Olaf, and he is doing well with a new kidney. Let's gather around Barb, and show her our love and support. Donations will be accepted at the bake sale and car wash to help Barb. Please pick up something sweet to take home for Sunday dinner, and bring your car for a fall clean up! The car wash and bake sale will be taking place

during 1st service, Sunday School and 2nd Service! ~ Thank you! Pilgrim Youth

MOTHER/DAUGHTER PIANO DUO COMING TO PILGRIM

Sunday October 2, 2016, 4:00 p.m. Dr. Rebecca Sorley and her daughter Allegra will present a program of music by women composers, and talk about the pieces they perform. They will play music by Fanny Mendelssohn, Amy Beach, Judith Lang, and Ellen Zwilich (the piece by her is called *Snoopy Does the Samba*). Our new Kawai baby grand piano will be the featured instrument. Dr. Sorley is on the piano faculty at IUPUI and her daughter concertizes throughout the U.S. A free-will offering will be taken to defray expenses.



FIRST SUNDAY! FOOD SUNDAY!

Sunday, October 2nd 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").



THE DISCOVERY TEAM TO HOST SWOT MEETINGS

The Discovery Team will be holding **SWOT meetings** for individuals who have not had the opportunity to attendee SWOT meetings. The 4 remaining SWOT meetings will be held on **Sundays, October 9th and 16th at 9:30 AM and Noon** in the Fellowship Hall. *Attendees must sign up in advance* so that we limit attendance allowing everyone who attends the opportunity for their voice to be heard. Sign-up sheets are on the Discovery Team board in the narthex. If there are any questions, please contact Frank Bates at 440-477-4491 or frankjbates@ymail.com.

SURVEY RESULTS



The Pilgrim Survey has officially been completed by the congregation. The results of the survey will be presented and interpreted by Holy Cow! Consulting on **Sunday, October 23rd at 9:00 AM** in the fellowship hall. This session is open to all Pilgrim members and guests. This is not a mandatory session but more for informational purposes. As you recall, the Pilgrim Discovery Team will be using this data and input along with other sources of information from SWOT

sessions and external interviews to complete our Ministry Profile for our new pastor call process. For those of you that cannot attend, the web session will be recorded and results will be published for viewing on your own.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE



The Nominating Committee is looking for individuals to serve for the following open positions: **Vice President, Director of Administration, Financial Secretary, and Youth**. Each position is a two-year term that would start on January 1, 2017. The health of our church and congregation rests with our volunteers. Faithfully consider serving your church and your congregation in one of the roles. Please contact Greg Rexing at (317.431.3337 or gregrexing@sbcglobal.net) for more information. Addi-

tionally we have three Elder positions open beginning January 1, 2017. Those are three-year terms. Our Elders are responsible for worship and the spiritual care of our members. Please contact Bob Schumacher for more information at (robertwschumacher@yahoo.com).

LET JUSTICE ROLL

Dear Fellow Pilgrims,

The lessons for the Wednesday, September 15th and the Sunday, September 18th worship services included this from Amos.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds (Amos 8:4-7).

Isn't Amos just a ray of sunshine? Yet there is something about Amos that fires my passions and imagination and I hope he will do the same for you! He gives voice to it here and in chapter 5: *Let justice roll down the waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.* (Amos 5:24)

Amos is not the only text I get excited about, listen to Micah: *He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?* (Micah 6:8)

I so appreciate Micah that we gave our oldest son the name.

Both Amos and Micah were God's prophets appointed to speak to God's people about why they are his people and how God expects of them, a higher standard of justice. They are to be a light to the nations.

But according to Amos and Micah and Isaiah and Jeremiah and Hosea and, well nearly every prophet, God's people are not concerned about justice. This means they don't care about their neighbor, the poor, the disenfranchised, the immigrant, nor are they willing to create fair and honest marketplaces.

Isaiah says that "The Lord is a God of justice." Therefore God has chosen a people to reflect God's character. This justice Means setting up a society where most all can thrive. This means care for the least, the lost and the last. It means to protect the powerless because they cannot gain a footing to protect themselves. It also means that government, which is to represent you and me, gets involved in the process of caring for the powerless and the poor.

One truth we must absolutely come to terms with, both justice and injustice are SYSTEMIC! We can create a society that seeks to do justice or we can create a society that does not care about the plight of others.

Another truth is that we participate in the system. *"When a person participates in systems that create a more just social order, one is "doing justice." Conversely, when one participates in systems that create a less just social order, one is "doing injustice."'*¹ That means like it or not we all are involved in doing both justice and injustice, simply because we are involved in so many systems. This is an inescapable truth.

I don't know about you, but when I hear about injustice, which is almost always systemic, I feel guilty and I don't like that feeling. All of us are participating in systems that both do justice and perpetuate injustice. When I think about all of the systems I am involved with, I feel powerless to change them all. For instance we may work for justice in food distribution, but then realize our shirts were likely made by a 12 year old in Thailand. Working for justice and participating in justice feels like one step forward and one backwards. Why bother at all? Simply, because God is a God of justice and we belong to God.

These days we often hear that someone wants America to be a "Christian Society." I am not sure how one does that without state sponsored religion. But if it is to be truly Christian, the first order of business will be to establish a just society that truly lifts the poor and powerless. A Christian nation must be a nation of justice; which is to seek to live as God's people.

What should also become apparent is that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We live in a world that has many systems; all we can do is strive where we can make a difference. One last thing to remember, we are sinner/saints in need of God's grace and we have it in Jesus Christ who frees us from the sin of the world, systemic or personal.

This has been a personal struggle for me and perhaps for you, but these prophets give us all quite a bit to contemplate.

The Blessings of God be with us all,

Pastor Chuck



“From the Elders”

Elder's Corner

CROP Hunger Walks
Written by Tim Guedel

It is again October, and what does that mean? To me it means the leaves will be changing and it will start getting cooler, plus on a Sunday afternoon I will be walking in the Hamilton County CROP Hunger Walk. I have participated with Pilgrim over the last six or seven years. This walk is great because it is very laid back and starts off with a fun opening program at the gazebo in Carmel. There are many churches represented by groups of walkers that have raised money in an effort to put a dent in hunger.

As I mentioned I have been walking for several years but I have never researched the background on this event. It turns out that the Christian Rural Overseas Program, CROP, began in 1947 by the Church World Service, which was created the year prior. Originally, CROP, had the mission of helping Midwest farm families share their grain with the hungry in post-World War II Asia and Europe. CROP has been kept but the mission of the CROP Hunger Walks has changed into interfaith hunger education and fundraising events that are still sponsored by the Church World Service. The first CROP Hunger Walk was in 1970 in York County, PA and a walk has been held there every year since.

Across the country there are 1,100 to 1,300 CROP Hunger Walks each year. Typically, these walks raise a total \$11.25 million from the 114,000 participants. In October there will be five CROP Hunger Walks in Central Indiana. The following provides the schedule:

Hamilton County	10/2
Johnson County	10/2
Boone County/Zionsville	10/9
Greater Indianapolis	10/16
Plainfield Area	10/23

Pilgrim participates in the Hamilton County walk every year, since the church is located in Carmel. If your schedule does not allow you to join us on October Second, please see if any of the dates can be worked into your schedule. This walk has the option of two lengths, a one-mile course and a 3.8-mile course. Both start at the Carmel Gazebo and use parts of the Monon Trail, which provides a really nice back drop to this walk. The 3.8 miles was chosen because that is the average distance women in Africa walk each day for water. I have always been amazed by that. So easy to never realize that situation when we just turn on our faucets to get water. The advantage of these walks is that 25 percent of the money raised in each walk stays in the local community that raised it.

Please contact myself or John Shilling for details on walking with us on October Second.

Tim Guedel
Pilgrim Elder

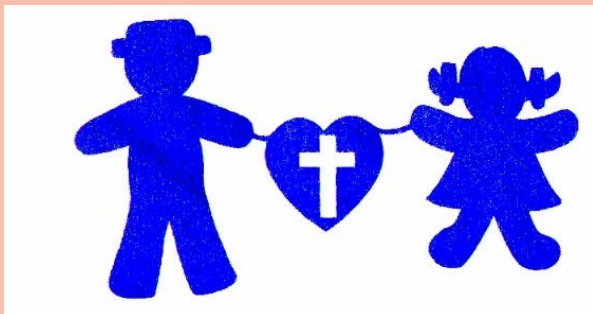
Pilgrim Lutheran Preschool and Parents Time

Pilgrim Lutheran Preschool and Parents' Time Out

Preschool and Parents' Time Out is back in full swing! The children are adjusting to school, making new friends and coming to know that they are all special children of God. Tears become less frequent as the days go on!



Again this year, we (3s, 4s & 5s) walked over to the fire station right next door to have a tour of their building and see the fire trucks up close and personal! We also learned about 'Get Out and Stay Out' so we are all more prepared in case of a fire here or at home. A Carmel Police Officer will be visiting the 4s classes, as well! We are busy!



Christian Story began again last month. Mrs. Gloria Worth always has such a wonderful way with the children! She is an expert at using pictures, props, and other methods to keep the children engaged and interested. Music and Movement class will begin the first week of October. We are very blessed to have Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Worth as music teachers!



School Photos will be Monday through Wednesday, October 10, 11 & 12. We'll all be smiling J

Again this year, we have our 'color' days . . . in September we had two days of wearing purple colored clothing (a big hit with all of the little girls!) and this month we're moving on to a couple of days of orange!

Our Fall Break this year is Friday and Monday, Oct. 14 & 17.. After our break, we return for Fall parties and a multitude of other fun things!



Thank you to all who support our ministry to young children and their families in our congregation and our community. Please keep our children and staff in your prayers as we continue through the year.

In His service,
Amy Tucker

What's Happening

HAMILTON COUNTY CROP WALK

The annual Hamilton County CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 2. Pilgrim has a proud tradition of participation in this Church World Service event, and once again we will be one of 20 local congregations of various faiths raising money and awareness for the problem of world hunger. The goal this year is \$36,000, with 25% of the money collected going directly to Hamilton County agencies. The walk (not a race) begins at 1:30PM at the Carmel Gazebo and covers 3.7 miles, much of which is on the Monon Trail.

We walk in the faith of our Lord when He told us in Matthew 25 & 26 *"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat ... whatever you do for the least of these people of mine, you do for me."* May we remember the following prayer offered by Canaan Banana from Zimbabwe:

*Open my eyes that they may see the deepest needs of the people.
Move my hands that they may feed the hungry.
Touch my heart that it may bring warmth to the despairing.
Teach me the generosity that welcomes strangers.
Let me share my possessions to clothe the naked.
And give the care that strengthens the sick.
In sharing our concerns and our love, our poverty and our prosperity,
We partake of your divine presence.
AMEN*



Please register on-line at hamiltoncountycropwalk.org or contact John Shilling at 317-908-3047 or jshill224@att.net for registration materials to become a walker or more information on how you can become involved.

DON'T HAVE A NAME TAG?

We want **EVERYONE** who worships at Pilgrim to have a name tag, regardless of membership. So if you do not have a name tag, or if you need to request a change to your name tag, please contact the church office at 317.846.2221. Name tags are a helpful aid in getting to know each other and they make it easier for new members and guests to put names with faces. Name tags are located in alphabetized trays in the church narthex on the center table. Your choice of a clip or lanyard is also provided. Worshipers are encouraged to wear their name tag for each service and return their name tag to the appropriate alphabetized tray after each service.



SACRED THREADS

Sacred Threads will meet Tuesday, October 4th at 10:00 a.m. at the **church!**

What's Happening

'SOUPER" SOCIAL MINISTRY SUNDAY

WHEN: Sunday, October 9, following 10:45 AM Service

WHAT: Information on Pilgrims Outreach to the community and the world.

PLEASE BRING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO RESTOCK THE FOOD PANTRY (Box will be located at entrance to Fellowship Hall.)

- Breakfast items
- Canned 0meats
- Jelly or jam
- Canned fruit
- Pasta sauces



MEAL: Several choices of soups, provided by Congregational Life. Please sign up to bring a green salad, bread, or dessert.

PROGRAM: "Many hands make little work" – Before meal, help put together health kits to be sent to Africa. Sponsored by WELCA

SPEAKERS:

- Hamilton County Food Bank – Anita Hagen
- Stary Night Display – Judy and Dave Hunden
- Sacred Threads – Evelyn Kramer
- Low Vision Center – Phyllis Swanson and Linda Denger
- I/K Synod – Pr. Nancy Nyland

Come and enjoy a bowl of soup, a salad, and of course, a dessert. But, best of all fellowship with our Pilgrim family. Sign up sheet is located on the credenze under the narthex TV.

Please watch for the Congregational Life Survey in the bulletin and take just a couple of minutes to answer. Your Input and opinions are important to us.

WELCA LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KIT ASSEMBLY

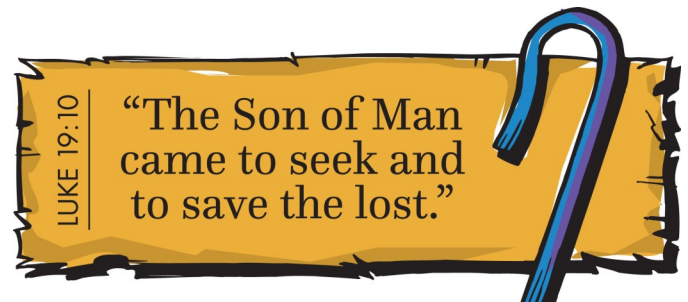
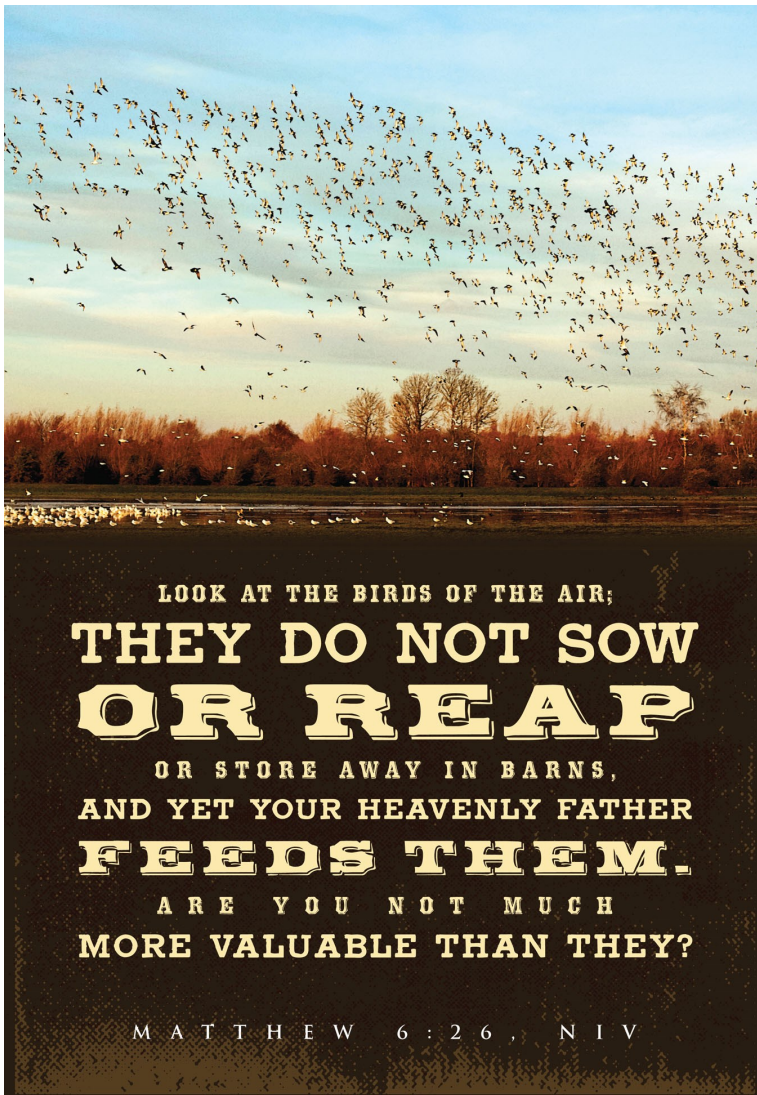
It is time for the annual WELCA Lutheran World Relief Health Kit assembly project. All women are invited to help with this event. Instead of doing the project during Rally Sunday, we are joining with Congregational Life Committee to assemble our kits on **Sunday, Oct. 9th at 12:00 noon** right after second service in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a Souper Sunday Service luncheon and presentation in conjunction with this project. Hope to see you there.

THE MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

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. Pilgrim supports this ministry with \$600 per year.

Lutheran Campus Ministry, Purdue Univ.: ELCA Campus Ministries provide an authentic experience in the life of the church for young adults on campus, inviting them into full participation with the church, even as their lives are undergoing change, challenge, and confirmation. See the following website for more information: www.parsonrye@plm.org. Pilgrim supports this ministry with \$600 per year.

Lutheran Campus Ministry, Ball State Univ.: As with the above described campus ministries, the group in Muncie, IN serves students at Ball State University providing a refuge from various aspects of campus life. Pilgrim supports this ministry with \$600 per year. For more information see www.bsutlc@comcast.net.



October 2016 Ministry Schedule

Sundays

October 2, 2016

Elder	John Shilling	Gwen Knipstein
Acolyte		Nolan Elser
Greeters		Yolande Blase
Lay Assistant	Karin Veatch	Tammy Donley
Nursery Worship	N/A	Jennifer Pitts
Nursery Sunday School		Karin Veatch

October 9, 2016

Elder	Dave Runkel	Jim Williams
Acolyte	Trinity Dorn	Marla Murphy, Claire Weems
Greeters	The Dorn/Hunden Family	Yolande Blase
Lay Assistant	Mike Przybylski	Caroline Williams
Communion Assistant	N/A	Barb Geraghty, John Williams
Nursery Worship	N/A	Carrie Sailer
Nursery Sunday School		Yolande Blase

October 16, 2016

Elder	John Shilling	Kathy Bloom
Acolyte	Zach Zohnsey	Malik Dorn
Greeters	The Johnsey Family	Yolande Blase
Lay Assistant	Trent Johnsey	Noel Shilling
Nursery Worship	N/A	Marla Murphy
Nursery Sunday School		Barb Bowen

October 23, 2016

Elder	Jim Durst	Jim Williams
Acolyte		Ella Hatfield
Greeters		Yolande Blase
Lay Assistant	Denny Licht	Noel Shilling
Nursery Worship	N/A	Sharon Rexing
Nursery Sunday School		Heather Moehl

October 30, 2016

Elder	Dave Runkel	Bob Schumacher
Acolyte		Charlie Harriman
Greeters		Yolande Blase
Lay Assistant	Karin Veatch	Dick Dahoney
Nursery Worship	N/A	Marla Murphy
Nursery Sunday School		Carey Kraabel

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:45 a.m.</u>
Altar Guild		Linda Denger
Chancel Volunteer	Mary Kroger	Sundy Hughes
Ushers	Dave Runkel	Chris Konow, Dan Sailer
Coffee Set Up/Clean Up	Barb Lamb	Barb Geraghty, Dan Murphy
		Sandy Hurford

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

October 5, 2016

Elder	Susie Pike
Lay Assistant	Darrell Pike

October 12, 2016

Elder	Kathy Bloom
Lay Assistant	Maureen Jordan

October 19, 2016

Elder	Kathy Bloom
Lay Assistant	Eileen Hintz

October 26, 2016

Elder	Bob Schumacher
Lay Assistant	Frank Bates

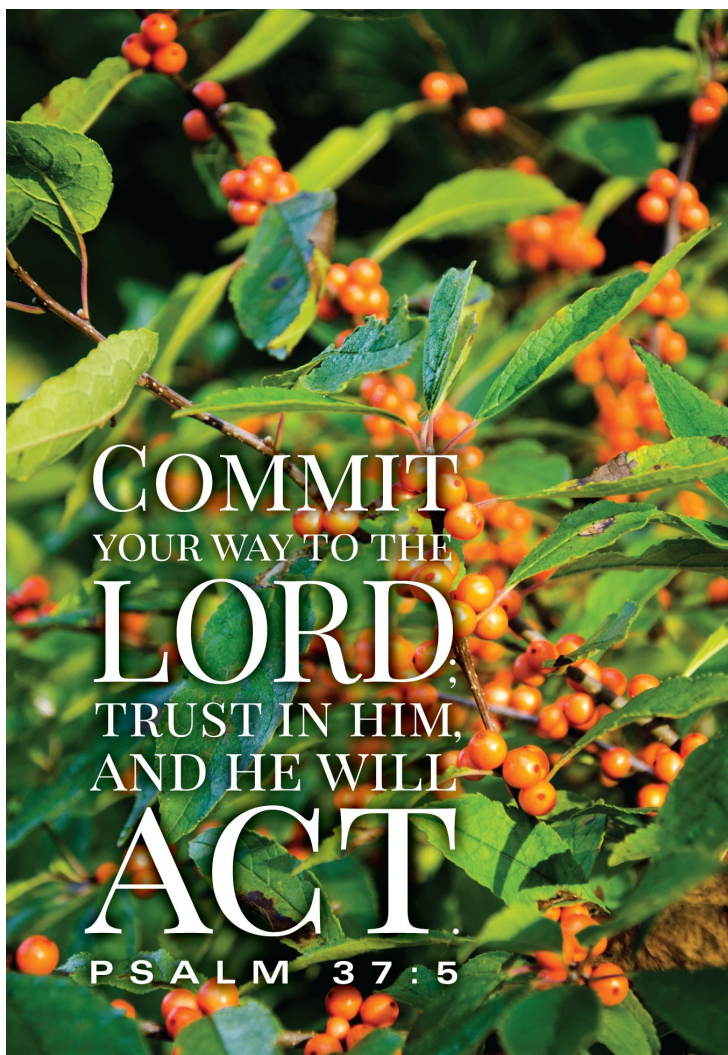
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00a Worship and Holy Communion 8:30a Youth Fundraiser Carwash and Bake Sale 9:00a Youth Bells 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion 1:30p CROP Walk 4:00p Fine Arts Event Piano Concert	3 8:00a United Church of God 9:00a Preschool 6:00p Jazzercise	4 8:45a Exercise 9:00a Preschool 9:30a Large Print 10:00a Sacred Threads 5:30p Christian Youth Theatre 6:00p Jazzercise 7:00p Board of Elders 7:30p Poetry Plus	5 9:00a Preschool 2:30p Carmel Library Bookmobile 6:00p Jazzercise 7:00p Wednesday Evening Worship 7:30p Combo Group	6 8:45a Exercise 9:00a Preschool 9:30a Large Print 11:30a Bible Study 6:00 Handbell Reh 6:00p Jazzercise 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	7 9:00a Preschool	8 8:00a Jazzercise 12:00p United Church of God
9 8:00a Worship and Holy Communion 9:00a Youth Bells 9:30a Discovery Team SWOT 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion 12:00p Discovery Team SWOT 12:00p Souper Sunday 12:00p WELCA LWR Kits	10 9:00a Preschool 6:00p Jazzercise	11 8:45a Exercise 9:00a Preschool 9:30a Large Print 5:30p Christian Youth Theatre	12 8:00a United Church of God 9:00a Preschool 2:30p Carmel Library Bookmobile 6:00p Jazzercise 7:00p Wednesday Evening Worship 7:30p Congregational Life Committee	13 8:45a Exercise 9:00a Preschool 9:30a Large Print 6:00p Handbell Reh 6:00p Jazzercise 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	14 NO Preschool 6:00p Kids in Christ	15 8:00a Jazzercise 12:00p United Church of God
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Happy Anniversary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

		Years Married
Jim & Julie Williams	10/2/1993	23 years
Matt & Melissa Baum	10/3/2015	1 year
Bob & Kay Nowakowski	10/8/1960	56 years
Pete & Mary Shonle	10/10/1959	57 years
Erika & Ryan Malone	10/12/2013	3 years
William & Karen Day	10/16/1976	40 years
Justin & Emily Goffinet	10/24/2015	1 year
John & Di Gunnell	10/24/1998	18 years



Johannes Schadow	10/1
Larry Shimer	10/1
Tom Wagenhauser	10/2
Lynn Willis	10/2
Sarah Zetzi	10/2
Emily Fischer	10/3
Denny Licht	10/3
Robby Peeters	10/5
Sharon Peterson	10/5
Ashley Eddie	10/6
Katrina Brown	10/9
Eric Lamb	10/11
Myra McClain	10/11
Stephanie Murray	10/11
Mamie Garard	10/12
Jennifer Nelsen	10/12
Matthew Hatfield	10/13
Chris Jordan	10/13
Andy Rexing	10/14
Annemarie Allen	10/15
John Williams	10/15
Jonathan Lamb	10/18
Sierra Roach	10/18
Jim Durst	10/19
Jolene Worth	10/20
Joshua Longmire	10/21
Jim Zetzi	10/21
Kathleen Hatfield	10/22
Ryan Williams	10/22
Cooper Sims	10/26
Carrie Sailer	10/27
Jim Williams	10/27
Brad Allen	10/28
LeeAnn Roeder	10/28
Carey Kraabel	10/31



gathering in to Christ,
sending out to serve

PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor	Chuck Miller
Education Director	Gloria Worth
Preschool Director	Amy Tucker
Youth Directors	Jenny Pitts
	Gail Powell
Cantor to the Congregation	Sarah Gran Williams
Director of Music for Children & Youth	Gail Powell
Handbell Director	Kevin Donley
Assistant Treasurer	Donna Drew
Office Manager	Debbie Collins
Set-up & Custodial Assistant	Matt Worth
Maintenance	Mark Wylie

Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Worship: 7:00 p.m.

Office Hours:

8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Monday—Thursday
 8:00 a.m.—Noon Friday

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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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