

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS



## PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School  
9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Worship  
7 p.m.

## OFFICE HOURS

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Monday-Thursday

8 a.m.-noon  
Friday

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## CONSTITUTIONAL FORUM PLANNED

Our Constitution and Bylaws, last updated in 2000, are in need of amendments. The constitutional task force (**Frank Bates, Mark Tisdale, Karin Veatch and John Williams**) will host a **CONSTITUTIONAL FORUM** from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. on October 22, 2017, in Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served. We will gather and discuss the ELCA Model Constitution for Congregations, and consider a draft that has been put forth by the task force.

Any new constitution will be voted upon by the congregation, so please consider attending the forum to listen, learn and share your thoughts. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. A FAQ document pertaining to our constitution is included at the end of this newsletter. A draft constitution and summary document will be circulated shortly.

If you have questions or would like to discuss the process, please reach out to a member of the task force or any other Board member.

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES IN FULL SWING

It is exciting to think about the class study for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students this year. We will be studying Luther's small catechism and the Reformation. This year is significant in that we as a church denomination will celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses on the church door. We usually celebrate All Hallows Eve or Halloween on October 31, but this year we as Lutherans will also celebrate this auspicious moment in history.

The confirmation class is a good size this year with 7 8<sup>th</sup> graders: **Malik Dorn, Will Kelleher, Ella Konow, Adam Longmire, Jonathan Pitts, Elizabeth Rexing, and Maximus Shurr**. Our newest students are in 7<sup>th</sup> grade: **Trinity Dorn, Nolan Elser, Kyle Fedorcha, Tess Hawkins-wilding, Zach Johnsey and Sierra Roach**.

We will pray for these young men and women each Sunday as they move through the coming year, and you are invited to remember them in your prayers. The last weekend in October they will travel to Lutheran Hills Camp in Brown County for their Annual Confirmation Retreat.

**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.

**PILGRIM LUTHERAN****CHURCH STAFF****Interim Pastor***Rudy Mueller***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***Pilgrim's Progress Editor***Lee Ann Roeder**leeann.roeder@me.com***FROM THE PASTOR**

Greetings.

October in the Lutheran Church (especially) is always Reformation Month. We remember, observe, and even celebrate the 16<sup>th</sup> century event called the Reformation.

As I think back over almost 40 years of Reformation Sundays, I have consistently preached about unity and not separation. I have stressed companionship among church bodies and not chauvinism. I have believed that the legacy left to us by the Reformation is:

- That God is always busy reforming us and reforming the church for the sake of the world.
- That celebrating the Reformation is always about working toward unity of believers.

Reformation is God's work. There were reformers and reformations from the very beginning of the church that God raised up. The task of reformers (and that just might include you) is to see what God is up to and to be ready for God to invite us into that endeavor and give us gifts for power for our work.

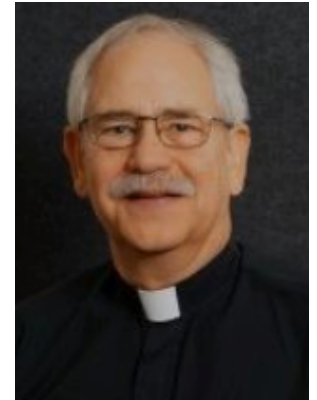
The legacy of the Reformation is that baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ joins us to a community of believers that is larger than just our congregation or denomination. Our witness as disciples always includes the vision of one holy catholic and apostolic church.

Reformation, like the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ, is always for the sake of the world. It is appropriate, therefore, that during this month we observe Global Mission Sunday on October 15. On this day we will sing some global hymnody in our worship and we will have a guest with us. Mae Helen Jackson served as a Young Adult in Global Mission (YAGM) in Southern Africa in 2014-15. This will give us a first-hand opportunity to hear about the work of young adults (YAGMs, they are affectionately called) are doing around the globe on behalf of Pilgrim and other ELCA congregations.

I invite you to be open to God's reforming work in your life.

Peace,

*Rudy*



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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. This year will be a little different. Because of construction in Carmel we will actually be joining the Marion County CROP Hunger Walk. I have participated with Pilgrim over the last seven or eight years. This walk is great because it is very laid back and starts off with a fun opening program. There are many churches represented by groups of walkers that have raised money in an effort to put a dent in hunger.

Across the country there were 1,000 CROP Hunger Walks last year. These walks raised a total of \$10 million from 124,000 participants. In October, there will be three CROP Hunger Walks in Central Indiana. The following provides the schedule:

- Boone County/Zionsville ..... 10/8
- Greater Indianapolis/Hamilton County ... 10/15
- Plainfield Area ..... 10/15

Pilgrim usually participates in the Hamilton County walk every year since the church is located in Carmel, but will be joining the Marion County Walk this year, which starts at Christian Theological Seminary near the IMA and Butler University. If your schedule does not allow you to join us on October 15, please see if any of the other dates can be worked into your schedule. There are not as many options this year since Hamilton County joined an existing walk, and Plainfield is having their walk the same day. Most the walks will be around 3.8 miles. The distance was chosen because that is the average distance women in Africa walk each day for water. I have always been amazed by that fact. 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% of the money raised in each walk stays in the local community that raised it.

Donations may be made at [www.crophungerwalk.org](http://www.crophungerwalk.org). Pilgrim has a team set up under Pilgrim Lutheran Church, which is under the Hamilton County Walk. If you would like to contribute, look for our team or see Pastor Rudy, John Shilling or me in the weeks leading up to the October 15 walk to donate.

*Tim Guedel*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PILGRIM...

### FRED NIEDNER LEADS ADULT CLASS BEGINNING OCT. 1

Beginning October 1, Fred Niedner will begin a five-week study of "Five Centuries of Mystery and Paradox: How Lutherans Live With Unanswerable Questions."

Christian theology has always held to nonsensical assertions. A gruesome crucifixion proved the best news ever. Christ is one person, fully God and completely human. God is both one and three.

This anniversary series will examine Lutheran theology's distinctive embrace of additional paradoxes, thanks to its insistence that the church's response to every difficult, important question must, above all else, honor the death of Christ as necessary and sufficient for our salvation and also offer comfort to penitent hearts.

- October 1: Core principles of Lutheran theology, and how Christian doctrines are made on earth, not in heaven.
- October 8: Atonement: Examining the many ways Christians have understood Jesus' death as an event that saved the world.
- October 15: Christ's Descent to Hell: How did this line in the Apostles' Creed originate, and what does it mean?
- October 22: Predestination: Calvin taught that God, from eternity, predestines every soul, some to heaven, some to hell. Lutherans responded, "Not so fast!" Why?
- October 29: The Problem of Evil: How can evil exist and even thrive in the creation of an all-powerful, good God?

Fred has become a fall fixture around Pilgrim and we look forward to his teaching. We are grateful he makes the long journey these Sundays from Valparaiso to us.

### SACRED THREADS ACCEPTING FABRIC DONATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL PROJECT

On November 7, Sacred Threads will meet at church to undertake an international mission project for "Little Dresses for Africa." We will be cutting patterns for the dresses we are making. If anyone would like to donate fabric, we would gladly accept pieces that are **one yard in length or more**. There is a box in the narthex for donations. We invite anyone in the congregation who has an interest in sewing to join us for the construction. When completed they will be sent to Beaver Dam, WI, and then on to Africa. Call Evelyn Kramer with questions: (317) 475-9848.



### OCTOBERFEST/OLD-FASHIONED BASEBALL GAME

Plan to join the Pilgrim family on Saturday, Oct. 7, for our second annual **OCTOBERFEST CELEBRATION**. It will include an old-fashioned baseball game, bounce house and games for the



children, and a multi-generational BINGO game which will take place in the narthex. These events will run simultaneously, starting at 4 p.m.

The games will be followed by a Pig Roast with a German flair. Congregational Life will prepare the pork and all of you will be asked to sign up to bring a side dish. A free-will offering will be taken to offset the cost of the pork. We will be entertained during dinner by the Charlie Harriman combo. The Youth will provide us with a Sundae Bar for dessert. They also will ask for a free will offering.

Look for the sign-up sheets in the narthex both for the dinner and what you will bring. There also will be a sign-up sheet by the TV monitor if you would like to join Team Pilgrim for a baseball game played with 1864 rules. If you plan to be spectators at the baseball game, please bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating.

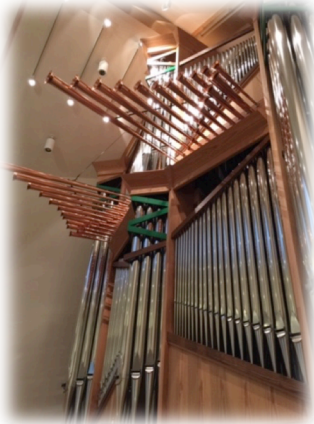
If anyone needs a ride, please let us know. It will be our pleasure to pick you up and bring you to this event. Please indicate your need for a ride on the sign-up sheet.

If you are able to help with getting food to the buffet tables, supervising children's games, and cleanup, please indicate your willingness on the sign-up sheet. Last year we had 140 people attend so it takes many hands to have a successful event. Thank you for your willingness.

Let's ALL come together and celebrate our love of Christ and each other.



### THE PILGRIM FINE ARTS SERIES



Join us for a **HYMN FESTIVAL** for the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 13. We will give thanks for how the Holy Spirit breathes God's grace and freedom into our lives today, and will be aided in celebrating by the choral and organ interpretations of longtime Pilgrim friend David Cherwien. David is excited to play our new organ, and will be joined by the choirs of Pilgrim Lutheran, Calvary United Methodist, Christ Lutheran and Bethlehem Lutheran churches. Michele Robeson-Howard's brass quartet also will participate. We will sing the great hymns of our faith, all tied together with narrations by Susan Palo Cherwin. A free-will offering will be taken.

### CROP WALK

The annual CROP Walk will be held October 15. Pilgrim has a proud tradition of participation in this Church World Service event. Because of road construction in Carmel this year, the Hamilton County walk will join with the Indianapolis walk, but 25% of our donations will continue to go to Hamilton County agencies. Pilgrim will be one of 20 local congregations of various faiths raising money and awareness for the problem of world hunger. The walk begins at 1

p.m. at Christian Theological Seminary near Butler University and will wind approximately three miles through the Butler Tarkington area. Please 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.

## BEAUTIFICATION & CLEAN-UP FOR LUTHERAN CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

We are looking for eager and able-bodied workers to help with beautification projects for Lutheran Child & Family Services. The activities include landscaping, grounds cleanup, and cleaning out transportation vans.

LCFS will supply any necessary equipment; we will supply the muscle power! Lunch and plenty of water will be provided. So bring an appetite for service and fun as we join together in putting "God's Work. Our Hands." into action!



**WHEN:** Saturday, October 21 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

**WHERE:** Lutheran Child & Family Services, 1525 North Ritter Avenue, Indianapolis

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE:** Sign up using the golden sign-up sheet in the church lobby by Sunday, October 8.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Clothes you can get dirty, gloves, any light gardening equipment (shovel, spade, rake, push broom, etc.)

**T-SHIRTS:** Participants will receive a yellow "God's Work. Our Hands." Pilgrim T-shirt; all sizes available, on a first-come, first-served basis.

**QUESTIONS:** Contact Dan Murphy, Mark Tisdale or Carol Dahoney

## THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY AND AN EXTRA OPPORTUNITY ON THE EAST SIDE!

"My sheep hear My voice...and they follow Me." This is the promise that Jesus gives us in John 10, and the result? If you have been longing to hear the voice of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, call you by name, join us for the Thursday afternoon bible study to be held at Pilgrim in the adult Sunday School classroom this fall. Come join us as we discover how the Lord speaks to us in His Word, by His Spirit, and through others who have also been following Him and who will share their experiences. Be encouraged by the joy and strength that comes from knowing His voice.

A sign-up sheet for the class and the study book is on the sheet on the small table in the narthex. For more information, contact Susie Pike at (317) 710-6981.

### Part II

If mornings are better for you, and you live on the east side and would be interested in joining a community outreach, there is a women's study group meeting in the "Upper Room" at the Kroger on Cumberland Road and 116th Street in Fishers at 10 a.m. every Thursday morning. Fresh coffee is served, compliments of the store manager. The group's objective is to share the gospel with women of all backgrounds by sharing short scripture passages and questions looking at what makes Jesus special and Christianity unique among all the world religions. It will also equip participants to "be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that is within you...with all gentleness and respect." (1 Peter 3:15)



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# SUPER SENIORS

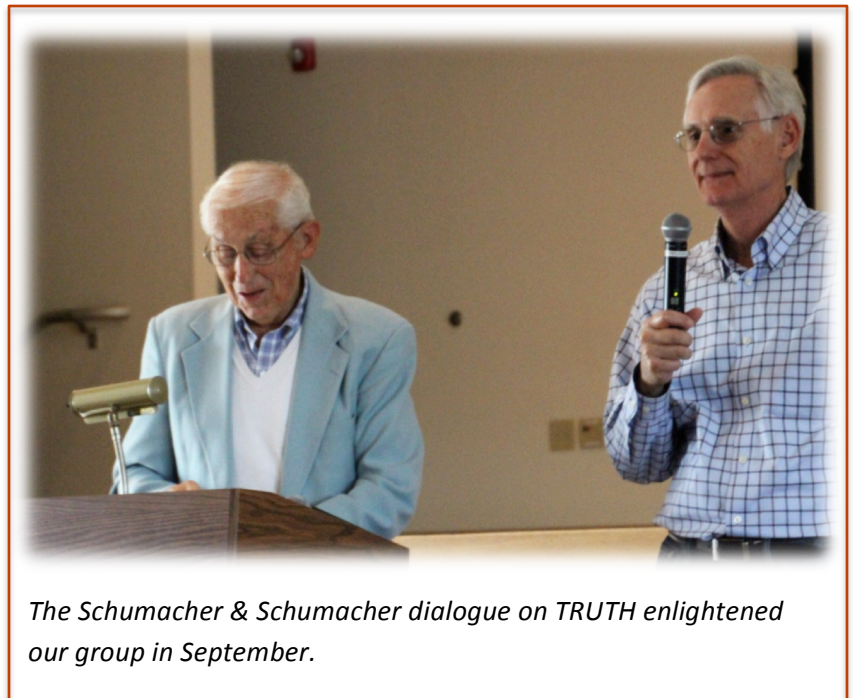
Super Seniors will meet for lunch at **NOON** on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17**. Our speaker will again be Dr. Lynn Willis to continue our discussion on over-the-counter drugs.

Looking ahead, our November luncheon will be at **NOON** on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14**. We are calling this luncheon "Friendsgiving." We are encouraging our Seniors to bring a friend. We will have a Thanksgiving-type meal. Dick Dahoney will give a presentation entitled "**You're a Grand Old Flag**" in honor of our veterans. If you are a veteran, please bring a picture of yourself in uniform and a story to share. Please let Dick know that you are willing to share by **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10**.

In December, Super Seniors will meet at **11:30 a.m.** on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12** at **BEEF 'n BOARDS**. The play will be "**A CHRISTMAS CAROL**." The cost is \$35, which includes the play and a buffet lunch. Darrell Pike has stepped up to chair this event. He has set aside 40 tickets for center section seats. We do need to make our final reservations by the end of October. Please sign up on the sheet on the credenza. Please bring your check made out to Pilgrim Lutheran Church to the luncheon on October 17; Darrell will collect the checks.



*Note the  
October 17  
deadline  
for our  
December  
event!*



*The Schumacher & Schumacher dialogue on TRUTH enlightened our group in September.*



## PILGRIMS IN ACTION

### Hurricane Harvey Relief

The supplies we collected were donated to “Church with a Mission” ([www.cwaminternational.org](http://www.cwaminternational.org)) under the care of Pastor Hank and Dr. Nicolle Byrd. The monetary Pilgrim donations of \$1,800 were used to purchase non-perishable food items from Sam’s Club and WalMart, in addition to 50 \$20 WalMart gift cards for basic items like underwear. These items were also donated to Church with a Mission for distribution to those in need.

The van, donated by Bob and Karen Schumacher, was donated through the VFW to a veteran, Juan Ramon Lopez, who lives in Richmond, Texas. He served four years in the Marines and then enlisted in the Army. He is married and has five children. He is an Iraq Veteran who was injured and received a Purple Heart. He is receiving treatment through the VA.



### Hygiene Kits

Roughly 45 people stayed for our God’s Work. Our Hands. event on September 24. After a pizza luncheon and after receiving T-shirts, volunteers created over 200 hygiene kits for the local Indy Gennesaret Free Clinics in less than 30 minutes! Dan Murphy delivered all the kits for distribution to those in the community.





## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### Celebrating the Colors of Fall in our Families!



October comes along and we usually think of crisp autumn days, sunny skies, pumpkins, and beautiful trees ablaze in color of red, orange, gold and more! The trees are beautiful not because they are alike, but rather because of the different display of color that catches the eye! So again, we are reminded that it is our uniqueness and differences that make the world a more interesting and beautiful place. Some of us are fast runners, quick thinkers, happy helpers, good friends, talkers, listeners, artists or athletes... and together we are quite a fabulous group of people.

As Christians, we are called to celebrate everyone as a created child of God. We do as God does. We work to love all people as God loves us!

As we are reminded in scripture, "Our bodies have many parts, but the many parts make up only one body when they are all put together. Therefore, it is with the 'body' of Christ. Each of us is a part of the one body of Christ. What a strange thing a body would be if it has only one part! So God has made many parts, but still there is only one body." I Corinthians 12:12, 19-20

Collect leaves of all colors and make a fall display for the dinner table. The colors of fall can be a lovely reminder to families to celebrate diversity and perhaps stimulate dinner conversation about the beauty of all God's creation.

*Gloria Worth*

### OCTOBER CALENDAR REMINDERS

Sunday, October 1.....	<i>Sunday School for children and adults</i>
Saturday, October 7 .....	<i>Oktoberfest for all ages</i>
Sunday, October 8.....	<i>Sunday School for children and adults</i>
Friday, October 13.....	<i>Hymn Fest at Pilgrim</i>
Sunday, October 15.....	<i>Sunday School for children and adults</i>
Friday, October 20.....	<i>Kids in Christ, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (grades 1-6)</i>
Sunday, October 22.....	<i>Sunday School for children and adults</i>
Friday, October 27.....	<i>Kids in Christ, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (grades 1-6)</i>
<i>Confirmation Retreat at Lutheran Hills (through October 29)</i>	
Sunday, October 29.....	<i>Sunday School for children and adults</i>

## PILGRIM LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL & 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!

We already have been very busy here at preschool. The children in the 3s, 4s & 5s walked over to the fire station right next door to have a tour of the building and see the fire trucks up close and personal! The Carmel Fire Department does an excellent fire safety



program for children, geared right to their age group. "Get Out and Stay Out" is a catch phrase the children are taught to help them be prepared in case of a fire. In

October, we will have a drill to practice what we learned! The 4s class also had a visit from a police officer during a unit on community helpers. Something new to the preschool this year is a monthly science program for the 4s and 5s classes, especially for preschool aged kiddos, presented by a science instructor who does these type of programs for Marian University. The first program was called, "What's the Matter? Exploring solids, liquids, and gasses," and was so fun!!! We will be learning about "Spiders: Why they don't get caught in their own web..." in October for some Halloween science fun!

Christian Story Telling 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 also began in September and we are very blessed to have Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Worth as music teachers!

The preschool staff and preschool families were very happy to be able to help collect needed items for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. We continue to keep those affected by Harvey and Irma in our prayers.

Our Fall Break this year is Friday and Monday, Oct. 13 and 16. After our break, we return for Fall fun and activities.

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*



# OCTOBER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

## SUNDAYS

8 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

### OCTOBER 1, 2017

Kathy Bloom	ELDER	Dave Blase
TBD	ACOLYTE	Nolan Elser
TBD	GREETERS	Elser/Baumgarn Family
Frank Bates	LAY ASSISTANT	John Williams
Steve Bloom	A/V COVERAGE	Mark Tisdale

### OCTOBER 8, 2017

Jim Durst	ELDER	Dave Blase
Nathan High	ACOLYTE	Jonathan Pitts/Max Shurr
Gigowski/High Family	GREETERS	Pitts & Shurr families
Mike Przbylski	LAY ASSISTANT	Noel Shilling
N/A	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Marla Murphy
N/A	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Tim Guedel
Jim Durst	A/V COVERAGE	Mark Tisdale

### OCTOBER 15, 2017

Jim Williams	ELDER	Tim Guedel
Nate Gordon	ACOLYTE	Aaron Donley
Gigowski/Gordon Family	GREETERS	Donley Family
Denny Licht	LAY ASSISTANT	Tammy Donley
Dave Runkel	A/V COVERAGE	Mark Tisdale

### OCTOBER 22, 2017

Jim Durst	ELDER	Kelly Brown
TBD	ACOLYTE	Ella Konow
TBD	GREETERS	Konow Family
Karin Veatch	LAY ASSISTANT	Susie Pike
Jim Durst	A/V COVERAGE	Mark Tisdale

### OCTOBER 29, 2017

Kathy Bloom	ELDER	Steve Sullivan
TBD	ACOLYTE	Ella Hatfield
TBD	GREETERS	Hatfield Family
John Shilling	LAY ASSISTANT	Gloria Worth
Steve Bloom	A/V COVERAGE	Mark Tisdale

Linda Denger	ALTAR GUILD	Linda Denger
Mary Kroger	CHANCEL VOLUNTEER	Sundy Hughes (10/1, 10/8)
Dave Runkel	USHERS	Chris Konow, Dan Sailer
Russ Thieleman		Barb Geraghty, Dan Murphy
	COFFEE SET UP/CLEAN UP	

## WEDNESDAYS

7 p.m.

### OCTOBER 4, 2017

**ELDER**  
Dave Blase  
**LAY ASSISTANT**  
Maureen Jordan

### OCTOBER 11, 2017

**ELDER**  
Jim Williams  
**LAY ASSISTANT**  
Susie Pike

### OCTOBER 18, 2017

**ELDER**  
Dave Blase  
**LAY ASSISTANT**  
John Shilling

### OCTOBER 25, 2017

**ELDER**  
Kathy Bloom  
**LAY ASSISTANT**  
Frank Bates

# OCTOBER 2017 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:00a-Worship and Holy Communion 9:00a-Youth Bells 9:30a-Fine Arts Committee 9:30a-Sunday School 10:45a-Worship and Holy Communion	<b>2</b> 9:00a-Preschool 3:30p-Plano Lesson 4:00p-Plano - Yon 6:00p-Jazzercise	<b>3</b> 9:00a-Preschool 9:30a-Large Print 11:30a-Large Print Lunch Meeting 4:00p-Obse Lesson - Katrina Brown 5:00p-Plano Lesson - Yon 7:00p-Board of Elders	<b>4</b> 9:00a-Preschool 10:00a-CCPL Program 11:30a-Plano Lesson 2:30p-CCPL Mobile Library 4:00p-Plano Lesson - Yon 6:00p-Jazzercise 7:00p-Evening Prayer W/Holy Communion 7:30p-Combo Group	<b>5</b> 9:00a-Preschool 9:15a-MOMs Group 9:30a-Large Print Group 12:00p-Plano Lesson 4:00p-Plano Lesson - Yon 6:00p-Handbell Rehearsal 6:00p-Jazzercise 7:00p-Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 9:00a-Preschool 9:00a-Octoberfest Set Up 10:00a-Plano - Yon 4:00p-Plano Lesson	<b>7</b> 9:30a-Plano Lesson - Yon 4:00p-Octoberfest/Old Fashioned Baseball Game
<b>8</b> 8:00a-Worship and Holy Communion 9:00a-Youth Bells 9:30a-Sunday School 10:45a-Worship and Holy Communion	<b>9</b> Columbus Day 9:00a-Preschool 3:30p-Plano Lesson 4:00p-Plano - Yon 6:00p-Jazzercise	<b>10</b> 9:00a-Preschool 9:30a-Large Print 4:00p-Obse Lesson - Katrina Brown 5:00p-Plano Lesson - Yon	<b>11</b> 9:00a-Preschool 11:30a-Plano Lesson 2:30p-CCPL Mobile Library 4:00p-Plano Lesson - Yon 6:00p-Jazzercise 7:00p-Holden Evening Prayer W/Holy Communion	<b>12</b> 8:00a-Hymn Festival Rehearsal 9:00a-Preschool 9:15a-MOMs Group 9:30a-Large Print Group 4:00p-Plano Lesson - Yon 6:00p-Handbell Rehearsal 6:00p-Jazzercise 7:00p-Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b> 8:00a-Hymn Festival Rehearsal 10:00a-Plano - Yon 7:30p-Hymn Festival With David Cherwien	<b>14</b> 8:30a-Jazzercise 9:30a-Plano Lesson - Yon 12:00p-United Church of God
<b>15</b> 8:00a-Worship and Holy Communion and ELCA Global Mission Sunday 9:00a-Youth Bells 9:30a-Sunday School 10:45a-Worship and Holy Communion and ELCA Global Mission Sunday 11:00p-CROP WALK	<b>16</b> 3:30p-Plano Lesson 4:00p-Plano - Yon 6:00p-Jazzercise 7:00p-Evangelism & Communications	<b>17</b> 9:00a-Preschool 9:30a-Large Print 12:00p-Super Seniors Luncheon 4:00p-Obse Lesson - Katrina Brown 5:00p-Plano Lesson - Yon 7:00p-Board of Directors Meeting	<b>18</b> 9:00a-Preschool 11:30a-Plano Lesson 2:30p-CCPL Mobile Library 4:00p-Plano Lesson - Yon 6:00p-Jazzercise 7:00p-Holden Evening Prayer W/Holy Communion 7:30p-Congregational Life Meeting	<b>19</b> 9:00a-Preschool 9:15a-MOMs Group 9:30a-Large Print Group 12:00p-Plano Lesson 4:00p-Plano Lesson - Yon 6:00p-Handbell Rehearsal 7:00p-Choir Rehearsal	<b>20</b> 8:45a-Preschool Speech & Hearing 9:00a-Preschool 10:00a-Plano - Yon 4:00p-Plano Lesson 6:30p-Kids in Christ	<b>21</b> 8:30a-Jazzercise 9:30a-Plano Lesson - Yon 11:00a-Volunteer Opportunity @ LCFS 12:00p-United Church of God
<b>22</b> 8:00a-Worship and Holy Communion 9:00a-Youth Bells 9:30a-Sunday School 10:45a-Worship and Holy Communion 11:45a-Constitution Forum and Lunch 3:00p-Plano Recital - Yon	<b>23</b> 9:00a-Preschool 3:30p-Plano Lesson 4:00p-Plano - Yon 6:00p-Jazzercise	<b>24</b> 9:00a-Preschool 9:30a-Large Print 4:00p-Obse Lesson - Katrina Brown 5:00p-Plano Lesson - Yon	<b>25</b> 9:00a-Preschool 11:30a-Plano Lesson 2:30p-CCPL Mobile Library 4:00p-Plano Lesson - Yon 6:00p-Jazzercise 7:00p-Holden Evening Prayer W/Holy Communion	<b>26</b> 9:00a-Preschool 9:15a-MOMs Group 9:30a-Large Print Group 12:00p-Plano Lesson 4:00p-Plano Lesson - Yon 6:00p-Handbell Rehearsal 7:00p-Choir Rehearsal	<b>27</b> 9:00a-Preschool 10:00a-Plano - Yon 4:00p-Plano Lesson 5:30p-Confirmation Retreat 6:30p-Kids in Christ	<b>28</b> 8:30a-Jazzercise 9:30a-Plano Lesson - Yon 12:00p-United Church of God
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# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

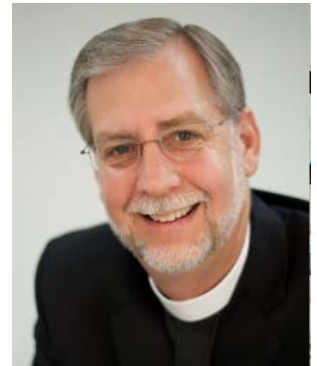
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Tom Wagenhauser Lynn Willis Sarah Zetzl	<b>2</b>	Jim & Julie Williams (24 years)
Emily Fischer Denny Licht Emmy Watson	<b>3</b>	Matt & Melissa Baum (2 years)
Robby Peeters Sharon Peterson	<b>5</b>	
Ashley Eddie	<b>6</b>	
	<b>8</b>	Bob & Kay Nowakowski (57 years)
Katrina Brown	<b>9</b>	
	<b>10</b>	Pete & Mary Shonie (58 years)
Eric Lamb Myra McClain Stephanie Murray	<b>11</b>	
Mamie Garard Jennifer Nelson	<b>12</b>	Erika & Ryan Malone (4 years)
Matthew Hatfield Chris Jordan	<b>13</b>	
Andy Rexing	<b>14</b>	
Annemarie Allen John Williams	<b>15</b>	
	<b>16</b>	William & Karen Day (41 years)
Jonathan Lamb Sierra Roach	<b>18</b>	
Jim Durst	<b>19</b>	
Jolene Worth	<b>20</b>	
Joshua Longmire Jim Zetzl	<b>21</b>	
Kathleen Hatfield Ryan Williams	<b>22</b>	
	<b>24</b>	Justin & Emily Goffinet (2 years) John & Di Gunnell (19 years)
Cooper Sims	<b>26</b>	
Carrie Sailer Jim Williams	<b>27</b>	
Brad Allen Lee Ann Roeder	<b>28</b>	
Merlene Glover	<b>29</b>	
Carey Kraabel	<b>31</b>	



# I-K Lutheran

October 2017

## *Where God is doing new things*



This year's commemoration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation is unlike most other previous commemorations. Many previous anniversaries were characterized by looking backward to celebrate and reassert what makes Lutherans and other Protestant traditions different from Roman Catholicism. This year Lutherans and Roman Catholics are looking back and looking forward together. As one book, co-written by Lutheran and Roman Catholic writers, puts it, we are remembering together in hope of re-membering the body of Christ. [Ageson, Julie K. **One Hope: Re-Membering the Body of Christ**. Fortress Press.]

This quincentenary's common commemoration is rooted in 50 years of formal dialogue between Lutherans and Roman Catholics. These decades of dialogues have, in turn, been rooted in the understanding that unity is first and foremost a gift of the Holy Spirit. But we also acknowledge that we have failed to live into that unity and are called to repent and live into that gift as vigorously as we can in order to serve the world together in the name of the Christ who unites us.

In preparation for the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, the Lutheran World Federation and the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity issued a joint resource entitled "From Conflict to Communion: Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017." That very helpful resource concludes with five ecumenical imperatives. I think of them more like helpful guides, directions, or even commitments that can shape engagement not just between Lutherans and Roman Catholics, but for any groups or individuals who are reaching across divides to live more deeply into the unity that Christ prayed for and God offers as gift. I have adapted these wise guides here in the hope that they will assist you in your local setting as you participate in the relational reformation of reconciliation in which we "share the goal of confessing Christ in all things, who alone is to be trusted above all things as the one Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5f) through whom God in the Holy Spirit gives himself and pours out his renewing gifts" [*Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification*, 18].

- We always begin from the perspective of unity and not from the point of view of division in order to strengthen what is held in common even though the differences are more easily seen and experienced.
- We let ourselves be continuously transformed by the encounter with the other and by the mutual witness of faith.
- We again commit to seek visible unity, to elaborate together what this means in concrete steps, and to strive repeatedly toward this goal.
- We jointly rediscover the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ for our time.
- We witness together to the mercy of God in proclamation and service to the world.

Peace be with you,

Bishop Bill Gafkjen

"From Conflict to Communion": <http://ow.ly/mZWC30fbviE>

"Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification": <http://ow.ly/sTCW30fbv8y>

## **Know Your Numbers: Indiana-Kentucky Synod/Mission Territory**

The Indiana-Kentucky mission territory includes people of God who live in Indiana and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The territory covers a total of 76,826 square miles with a total population of more than 11 million people. 51,000 people are ELCA Lutherans attending worship in 182 congregations, and 2 congregations under development. This includes Bishop Bill and 130 active pastors, 12 pastors who are on leave from call, 135 retired pastors, 35 pastors serving in non-congregational ministries, 2 synodically authorized ministers, 15 active Deacons and 15 retired Deacons. There is one synodically authorized worship community, two congregations under development, three camps and five campus ministries. The mission territory is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which includes about four million members in nearly 95,000 congregations organized in 65 synods.

## **Campus Ministry at University of Louisville**

We pleased that Pastor Austin Newberry is now serving as Campus Pastor for the new Episcopal/Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Louisville. Pastor Newberry began his ministry at the University of Louisville on September 1, 2017. He continues to serve as Pastor of First Lutheran Church in Louisville. If you have students attending the University of Louisville, please let Pastor Newberry know by emailing him at [p.austin.flc@gmail.com](mailto:p.austin.flc@gmail.com).

## **Youth News**

The first issue of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod's *Youth News* went out earlier this week. If you'd like to receive future issues by email, please contact Carol Webb at [cwebb@iksynod.org](mailto:cwebb@iksynod.org).

## **"God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday**

Did your congregation participate in "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday? If so, we'd love to hear what you did! We've already heard about an amazing variety of service to our neighbors done across our mission territory. Send us your story. We'd love to see your photos, too. Send to [tdearchs@iksynod.org](mailto:tdearchs@iksynod.org).

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about Pilgrim's Constitution

September 2017

### Why do we need to update our constitution?

Our constitution represents a body of fundamental principles and rules that govern the structure and activities of Pilgrim. As with any organization, it is prudent to periodically review the governing documents and update them.

### Who is driving this process, and why now?

The Board of Directors has recommended a review and update of our constitution. Pastor Al, both interim pastors and the Board agree that any new pastoral candidate will want to see a constitution with more fulsome provisions, for example around how and when a pastor can be called or terminated. A pastor would want to see a constitution

### What's wrong with our current constitution?

Our current constitution and bylaws are dated 1993, and were most recently amended in 2000. Our current document is silent on many important subjects, such as the process for calling a pastor and for the termination of such a call. It is also confusing about leadership and decision-making.

### What is the ELCA Model Constitution for Congregations?

The ELCA Model Constitution for Congregations (the "Model") is the standard governing document for ELCA congregations. Changes and improvements to the Model are made at the ELCA churchwide assembly, most recently in 2016.

The ELCA constitution declares "The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America shall be one church." The Model is designed to reflect a principle of unity, that is, a summary of our doctrinal foundation, and certain procedures and patterns that are followed throughout ELCA congregations.

The Model has twenty (20) chapters:

Chapter 1. NAME AND INCORPORATION

Chapter 2. CONFESSION AND FAITH

Chapter 3. NATURE OF THE CHURCH

Chapter 4. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Chapter 5. POWERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Chapter 6. CHURCH AFFILIATION

Chapter 7. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

Chapter 8. MEMBERSHIP



- Chapter 9. ROSTERED MINISTER
- Chapter 10. CONGREGATION MEETING
- Chapter 11. OFFICERS
- Chapter 12. CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL
- Chapter 13. CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEES
- Chapter 14. ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE CONGREGATION
- Chapter 15. DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS AND ADJUDICATION
- Chapter 16. AMENDMENTS
- Chapter 17. BYLAWS
- Chapter 18. CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS
- Chapter 19. INDEMNIFICATION
- Chapter 20. PARISH AUTHORIZATION

The Model has a specific numbering system, which matches the ELCA's and the Synod's constitutions, and in which bylaws and continuing resolutions are integrated within the chapter to which they pertain.

The constitution provisions in chapters 2-9 and 15-20 are preceded with an asterisk (\*). Sections marked with an asterisk (\*) are required and must be used without alteration or amendment of the text in any manner. Provisions marked as required relate to (1) matters of unity within the life of this church; and (2) responsibilities of congregations of this church, and the interdependent relationship of congregations, synods and the churchwide organization. Said another way, provisions with an asterisk reflect what we share and have in common with the ELCA and other ELCA congregations.

Provisions in chapters 10-14 pertain to internal structure and governance within this congregation. Therefore, the Model provisions in chapters 10-14 can be tailored and personalized for our congregation's use.

### **Is the constitution a contract?**

No, our constitution is not a contract. A contract, in a legal sense, is an agreement between two or more parties where each party relies on the other to do something and, if one party breaches the contract, the aggrieved party sues for breach and is entitled to damages, such as compensation. Lots of us, with our employment or management experience, know a contract as something carefully negotiated between two parties. Types of contracts include employment contracts, contracts for the sale and purchase of property, and service contracts. To view our constitution through a "contract" lens however, is misguided.

Our constitution, in contrast to a contract, is voted upon by the congregation. If passed it represents a governing document that guides us and outlines procedures to follow. Nobody is going to sue us for

"breaching" our constitution.

We, as a non-profit corporation formed under Indiana law, can and certainly do enter into contracts with parties such as a contract to buy property insurance, a contract to maintain our elevator, or an employment agreement. However, our constitution is not a "contract" with the ELCA or anyone else.

### **If we adopt the ELCA Model, what are the benefits to Pilgrim?**

1. We acknowledge that we are one body of Christ, as part of the ELCA, and not simply an individual congregation.
2. We adopt a set of principles, procedures and responsibilities that has been essentially evolved as a "best practices" document for lots of other ELCA congregations over the last 25-30 years.
3. There is comfort knowing that the constitution will guide us on what to do if and when something very unlikely actually happens. For example, if half of the congregation wants to leave and take the organ with them, the Constitution has mapped out a procedure; OR if we must terminate a call with a pastor, the Constitution again has mapped out a procedure.
4. In the eyes of the Synod and call candidates, we are not viewed as irregular. New candidates and pastors will already be familiar with the core principles, procedures and responsibilities laid out in our Constitution.

### **With the ELCA Model, what are we giving up?**

1. The comprehensive Model makes improvising much less likely. For example, the Model requires a congregation to call pastoral leadership from the clergy roster of the ELCA (except in special circumstances and with the approval of the Synod bishop). Some members might prefer the flexibility, for example, to call a pastor at some point in the future.
2. We also give up the ability to tweak Model provisions. For example, our current constitution states that voting members must be 21 years old. The Model states that any confirmed member (as early as 8<sup>th</sup> grade) may vote.

### **The ELCA Model document seems long and complicated. Why can't we pick and choose what we want from the Model document?**

The ELCA is comprised of 65 Synods and over 10,000 congregations across the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The Indiana-Kentucky Synod, is comprised of 186 congregations.

Having the same required provisions within the constitutions of all member congregations ensures a consistent community, as well as basic best practices from a legal, communal and mission perspective. Specific principles include protecting minority voices within congregations, providing transparency and accountability in our congregational governing structure, and complying with Indiana law and with the

church's governing documents. As with any comprehensive document, the Model is lengthy and detailed in order to provide specificity and avoid miscommunication.

**Under the Model, if Pilgrim ceases to exist, will the Synod take our property?**

No. The Congregation is authorized to sell, mortgage, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of its property under Indiana law. The Congregation has all authority under the Model unless certain authorities have been specifically delegated to the Congregational Council. If the Congregation decides to disband or merge with another Congregation, the Congregation would decide what to do with its real estate. If, as a congregation, we fail to dispose of our property, then it has to go somewhere. It cannot go to individuals; it has to go to another not-for-profit organization. The not-for-profit organization with whom we have the closest relationship and with whom we share common values is the Indiana-Kentucky Synod. Historically, the bishop's office has helped congregations that dissolve to find ways to dispose of their property in ways the congregation wants.