



## PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF: October 8 - 15, 2017

**HYMNS FOR TODAY: 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM**

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### WEEK OF OCTOBER 8, 2017

#### Sunday

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

#### Monday

9:00a Preschool  
 6:00p Jazzercise

#### Tuesday

9:00a Preschool  
 9:30a Large Print

#### Wednesday

9:00a Preschool  
 2:30p CCPL Mobile Library  
 6:00p Jazzercise  
 7:00p Evening Prayer with Holy Communion

#### Thursday

9:00a Preschool  
 9:15a MOMs Group  
 9:30a Large Print  
 6:00p Jazzercise  
 6:00p Handbell Rehearsal  
 7:00p Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00p Hymn Festival Rehearsal

#### Friday

9:00a Preschool  
 7:30p Hymn Festival w/David Cherwien

#### Saturday

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

#### Sunday—ELCA Global Mission Sunday

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion  
 9:00a Youth Bells  
 9:30a Sunday School  
 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion  
 1:00p CROP Walk

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Dick and Sundry Hughes at the death of Dick's brother, Jim Hughes, on Sunday, October 1st. Prayers also requested for Jim's wife, Susan, and her family.

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.

**GUEST PASTOR**—Please welcome Pastor Paul Schumacher, former pastor of Pilgrim and longtime member, as he conducts our worship service today. He is filling in for Pastor Rudy Mueller, Pilgrim's Interim Pastor.

**ADULT CLASSES**—continues today with week two of a five week study with Fred Niedner.

#### **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.

**TODAY** – 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?

**PILGRIM FINE ARTS SERIES PRESENTS . . .** A Hymn Festival for the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation led by David Cherwien, organist, and the choirs of Pilgrim Lutheran, Calvary United Methodist, Christ Lutheran, and Bethlehem Lutheran Churches with Michele Robeson-Howard's brass quartet.

Please join us on **Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM** at Pilgrim for this event as we mark the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation! We will give thanks for how

#### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Sunday, October 1, 2017— 130

Wednesday, October 4, 2017—21

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 very excited to play our new organ! We will sing the great hymns of our faith, all tied together with narrations by Susan Palo Cherwien. Free-will offering will be taken.

**THURSDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY** "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. Sign up for the class and the study book is on the sheet on the small table in the narthex. For further information contact Susie Pike at 317-710-6981.

Or, 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 10:00 AM 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)

**CROP Walk**—The annual CROP Walk will be held on **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 1:00 PM at Christian Theological Seminary near Butler University and will wind approximately 3 miles through the Butler Tarkington area. Please contact John Shilling at 317-908-3047 or [jshill224@att.net](mailto:jshill224@att.net) for registration materials to become a walker or more information on how you can become involved.

**CONSTITUTIONAL FORUM October 22, 2017, 11:45a – 1:00p Fellowship Hall.** Lunch will be served. Pilgrim is in the process of updating its Constitution and Bylaws. We will gather and discuss the

*ELCA Model Constitution for Congregations*, and consider a draft that has been put forth by the constitution task force (Frank Bates, Mark Tisdale, Karin Veatch and John Williams). Any new constitution will be voted upon by the congregation, so please consider attending the forum to listen, learn and share your thoughts. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. FAQ document is available now (narthex). Draft constitution and summary document will be circulated shortly.

**STEWARDSHIP DINNER November 19, 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM**, 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.

**SACRED THREADS PROJECT *Little Dresses for Africa***—Sacred Threads will be undertaking an international mission project in October and November named "Little dresses for Africa". 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 sent to Africa.

We will meet on November 7th at the church to cut out patterns for "Little Dresses for Africa" If anyone in the congregation has fabric they wish to donate, we would welcome it. The stipulation is that it needs to be 1 yard or more. Please see box at church for fabric donations. Questions?? Call Evelyn Kramer 317.475.9848

**PILGRIM GARDEN MINISTRY UPDATE**—We're excited to announce that Pilgrim will be embarking on a vegetable garden ministry beginning in the spring of 2018. The infrastructure allowing fresh garden produce to be donated and distributed to those in need is well in place in Marion & Hamilton counties... so we don't have to go it alone! A location for our new garden has already been chosen, just east of the maintenance building at the east side of our property. Excavation and site preparation will begin this month! As part of our Social Ministry program, we encourage gardeners and "would be" gardeners in our congregation to step up and lend a hand in this new endeavor. We are looking for donations of garden equipment, especially a rototiller! Please contact Paul Swanson with interest, questions, and advice: 317-344-3051 (H), 317-605-7735 (cell), or [biocatswanson@att.net](mailto:biocatswanson@att.net)

**DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS, "Christ in Our Home"** for October - December, 2017, 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 see Pastor Mueller or stop by the church office.