



PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF: October 29 - November 5, 2017

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Sunday—Reformation Sunday

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion
 9:00a Youth Bells
 9:30a Sunday School
 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion
 2:30p Return from Confirmation Camp

Monday

9:00a Preschool
 6:00p Jazzercise

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

9:00a Preschool
 10:00a CCPL Program
 12:30p 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

Friday

9:00a Preschool

Saturday

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

Sunday—All Saints Sunday

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion
 9:00a Youth Bells
 9:30a Sunday School
 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion
 12:00p Worship Training and Lunch

ADULT CLASS led by Fred Niedner concludes his 5-week study on *Five Centuries of Mystery and Paradox: How Lutherans Live with Unanswerable Questions*. Today will cover The Problem of Evil: How can evil exist and even thrive in the creation of an all-powerful, good God?

REMINDER: UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Pilgrim Lutheran Church is preparing to publish a new, internally-created directory of Pilgrim Members and Friends. This will be a temporary tool to assist a new pastor in learning our names and faces. To provide the most up-to-date and current information for a new pastor, it is important that we review and update everyone's information before printing the new directory. You should have received an email or a letter by mail with instructions for updating your household information and directory photo. **If you have not received an email or letter**, you can read the letter and update your information online at <http://pilgrimindy.org/plcdirectory>. All photos and revised household information must be submitted or returned to the church office no later than **Monday, November 6, 2017**. Questions? Contact the church office at 317-846-2221 or pilgrim@pilgrimindy.org

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE—On All Saints Day we will remember in our prayers those who have died since last All Saints Day. Among our membership, there are three persons – Maurice Kelsey, Wayne Follstad and Vance Sauer. There is a list started in the narthex where you may add names of those who have died this past year that you would like remembered. Please list the person's full name (first name should be one you want used in prayers), the date of their death this year, and your name in case we need to be in touch with you about a person. You may include on this list family friends and loved ones – this is not simply a list of our own members who have died, but of those we have commended to God's eternal care and keeping.

YOUTH GROUP member Elizabeth Rexing is collecting unwanted/extra Halloween candy to donate to the Halloween Candy Buyback program. We will collect the candy, bring it to a local dentist's office, and it will be sent to troops stationed overseas. There will be collection boxes for your extra candy in the Narthex on Sunday, November 5. Contact Elizabeth Rexing or Jenny Pitts with questions.

COMMUNITY REFORMATION SERVICE Cornerstone Lutheran Church (4850 E. Main St., Carmel IN) is hosting the Indiana Central Region celebration of the **500th Anniversary of the Reformation this afternoon at 3:00 PM**. This historic celebration and hymn festival will feature the following:

- A familiar hymn from every century since the Reformation
- Special music by a festival choir, and guest organists and instrumentalists from area churches
- A 20-minute pre-service organ recital by our own, Sarah Gran Williams
- Rev. Dr. Walter A. Maier III, guest speaker
- Refreshments to follow

For more information, contact Dr. Barry Bobb, Director of Sanctuary Music, Cornerstone Lutheran Church (bbobb@cornerstonelutheran.church, 317.814.4252).

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 22, 2017— 122
 Wednesday, October 25, 2017—18

**NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS NOVEMBER 5th:
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 500th anniversary of the Reformation, and since Fred Niedner's (just-completed today) adult bible class examined topics that set Lutheran theology apart from that of many other denominations, it seems fitting that the Adult 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 will be led by Lynn Willis, will run for 3 Sundays: November 5th, 12th, and 19th in the Adult Study room on the 2nd floor. Please plan to attend.

LAY ASSISTANTS, READERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS, USHERS, ACOLYTES & ALTAR GUILD WORKERS!

We are excited to host a worship leaders' workshop on **Sunday, November 5th** in the sanctuary following the 10:45 AM worship service. This will be beneficial for not only those who are considering or would like to serve in any of these positions, but also for those who currently serve. Please indicate your interest by signing up on the sheet on the credenza under the narthex TV. Those attending will have lunch provided.

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

**DONATE 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.**

SACRED THREADS PROJECT *Little Dresses for Africa*

Sacred Threads will be undertaking an international mission project 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

SPECIAL EVENT FOR GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS

You are invited and encouraged to attend one of our New Member Orientation session on **Sunday, November 19th 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. If you have interest in attending or have questions, **please email or phone the church office** at 317.846.2221 or pilgrim@pilgrimindy.org.

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 biocat-swanson@att.net

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. Please contact me if you have questions, comments, suggestions or concerns at 317-846-4373 or dchunden@outlook.com. ~Dave Hunden

REFORMATION FIVE HUNDRED YEARS

The **INDIANA WIND SYMPHONY'S REFORMATION CONCERT** will be November 12th at 7:00 PM at The Palladium in Carmel, IN. We are still looking for voices who would like to sing in the Concert. The November 1st rehearsal is at the Palladium at 7:00 PM, and November 8th rehearsal is at the Carmel Middle School (300 S. Guilford) at 7:00 PM and November 12th at the Palladium at 3:00 PM.