



PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS
WEEK OF: October 28—November 4, 2018
HYMNS FOR TODAY: 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

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WEEK OF October 28, 2018

Sunday—Reformation Sunday

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

Monday

9:00a Preschool
6:00p Jazzercise

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

9:00a Preschool
12:15p CCPL Mobile Library
1:15p Preschool Board
6:00p Jazzercise
7:00p NO Evening Prayer

Thursday

9:00a Preschool
9:15a MOMs
9:30a Large Print
1:00p Bible Study
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
9:30a Sunday School
9:30a Youth Bells
10:45a Worship and Holy Communion

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Bob and Kay Nowakowski and their family at the death of their daughter, Laura Murphy, on Saturday, October 20. Laura's memorial service was held Thursday, October 25. Thoughts and prayers for Bob, Kay, and grandson, Mickey Murphy are much appreciated.

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.

WHAT'S UP IN WORSHIP? Have you noticed how the sharing of the peace has moved? We are now beginning our worship with this ancient ritual. In the twenty-first century it still feels good to be welcomed and greeted as we gather to worship, and this is a gracious way to help a first time visitor feel comfortable in our community. If you see someone you don't know, try to greet them and welcome them to worship.

This fall we have brought back an old liturgy setting - the **Now the Feast Liturgy** by Marty Haugen. Many of you will remember how the youth choirs ROW and GAP led worship with this liturgy about twenty years ago. I am excited to play this liturgy again and this time adapt it to the organ with its variety of sounds (my favorite part is the Sanctus where I can pull out all the stops!) Themes of thankfulness, stewardship, and harvest run through this liturgy making it a lovely choice for autumn and the end of the Pentecost season where we give thanks for God's gifts to us and respond with our tithes and pledge commitments for 2019. To highlight the joyous feel of this liturgy we are doing continuous line communion at 10:45 a.m. worship. When Advent comes, we will return to kneeling to match the reverent and reflective nature of Advent. We will also change liturgy settings for Advent (one of my favorite parts of my job is pondering which liturgy seems to best match the upcoming liturgical season for us), so stay tuned!

TODAY is the 501st anniversary of the Reformation. Last year, of course, Lutheran churches around the world held special worship services, hymn festivals, concerts, and programs. While perhaps not as "over the top" as last year (how else can you describe a fantastic hymn festival led by David Cherwien like what we experienced last year?) Today we remember Martin Luther's courage to stand up for his beliefs and his tenacity in upending medieval beliefs about God's grace and purpose in the lives of ordinary believers. As a result, today we know God's grace is free to all who believe. and is not dependent on our good works. Our good works are a thankful response to God's blessings in our lives.

On All Saints Sunday, November 4, our worship will celebrate the lives of those who have passed away in the past year as well as celebrate how we are

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 21, 2018—215
Wednesday, October 24, 2018—19

sinner but also saint through God's grace and forgiveness. Look for aspects of this service that remind you of Easter. (A big hint...start with the prelude - I hope to sing the Mozart Alleluia). (Sarah Williams)

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Evening Prayer worship on Wednesday October 31, due to Halloween and knowing that many of us will have family commitments and special plans that night. Evening prayer will resume Wednesday November 7.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS—Dr. Fred Niedner will conclude a four-week study "Birth and Rebirth in the Bible." The adult class will meet at 9:30 a.m. Today's study is **Born from Above (Birth Metaphors in the New Testament)**

Wisdom, Reality and Erotica await all Pilgrim adults willing to venture into the Bible Study classroom (on 2nd floor east) at 9:30 a.m. on November 4. That's when Lynn Willis will begin a 5-week study of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and the Song of Solomon, the so-called "Wisdom Books" of the Bible. The authorship of all three books has traditionally been ascribed to King Solomon, and the rabbis of old said, undoubtedly with a twinkle in their eyes, that Solomon wrote the Song of Solomon in amorous youth, Proverbs in seasoned middle age, and Ecclesiastes in disillusioned old age. None of these books gets much attention in our weekly lectionary or preaching, but Martin Luther spoke of Ecclesiastes, for example, as "this very beautiful and useful book," which "on many counts deserves to be in everyone's hands and to be familiar to everyone." It is said, as well, that in the 12th Century, Bernard of Clairvaux wrote 86 sermons on the Song of Solomon and never got past the third chapter! Indeed, the erotic poetry of the Song of Solomon, at first reading, seems more suited to a steamy romance novel than to Holy Writ. But, Luther and Bernard, among others, saw what modern interpreters and preachers do not: that these three books can provide the careful reader training in the daily life of faith and can stir the human heart to devotion. Come and find out for yourself what these amazing books of poetry say to you about life's realities, illusions, and promises.

"NOVEMBERING" SERVICE FOR-ALL SAINTS DAY REMEMBRANCES—This year, as part of our All Saints Day services, we are asking anyone who has lost a loved one to submit the **person's name**, a favorite **photo**, and a **special scripture** verse that gave witness to the life and faith of the person who was lost—be it a Pilgrim member or a close friend or relative of a Pilgrim member. We are putting together slides that will be shown during both the 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services on Sunday, Nov. 4. Please submit the materials by **Wednesday, Oct. 31**, so we have time to prepare the slides. Send information to Debbie Collins (DebbieCollins@pilgrimindy.org) and/or Lee Ann Roeder (leeann.roeder@me.com).

STEWARDSHIP—Join us at noon on November 11 for our **Stewardship/Commitment Sunday luncheon featuring WTHR news anchor Scott Swan** who will share his personal testimony and how his experience with Lamplighter Ministries has made him a better steward. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please sign up early so we can get an accurate count for the luncheon.

STARRY NIGHT CAMPAIGN—The Christmas season is approaching and one of the activities at Pilgrim is the Starry Night Campaign. The stars will be suspended in the narthex each Sunday starting today through Sunday, November 25. The last day to bring your gifts/donations will be Sunday, December 2. If you are not familiar with the Starry Night Campaign, the stars are labeled with an item. If you so choose, please take the star(s) you would like and purchase the item(s) listed. Please bring the gift(s) and the star(s) back to Pilgrim and place them all in the gift box in the narthex. Gift Cards should be put in an envelope and, along with the star, placed in the Gift Box. Gift Cards will be retrieved each week for security. If you would prefer to give money, please make a check payable to Pilgrim Lutheran Church and note it is for the Starry Night. Place the check in the offering plate.

Last year several Pilgrim members, in addition to providing gifts, assisted at the Christmas Store, which is located at Gethsemane Lutheran Church at 6810 E. 10th Street. Volunteers are always needed. See other advisories at Pilgrim regarding volunteering at the Christmas Store.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM—It isn't even Halloween and here we are talking about the 2018 Children's Christmas Program! Because family and travel commitments make it hard for all of our children to participate in our traditional program held on Christmas Eve, we are moving the children's program to Sunday, Dec. 16, during the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Details still are being worked out, but we are very excited about this chance for all of our children to participate in sharing the good news of Jesus' birth! (Gloria Worth)

CALLING ALL GUY SINGERS! The Pilgrim's Men's Choir will be singing the National Anthem at the Butler men's basketball game on Saturday February 2, game time noon. We invite all guys who are interested in singing to join us! We are hoping to take a big group there and have a great time. Email Sarah Williams if you're interested sarahwilliams@pilgrimindy.org and by letting us know this fall we can keep you updated on plans, order your nifty Butler blue shirt and get you the music. We will rehearse a few times in January. Time commitment is minimal but stepping out onto the Butler court and singing the national anthem in four part harmony to an appreciative crowd is quite thrilling!