



WEEK OF October 20, 2019

Sunday

- 8:00a Worship and Holy Communion
- 9:00a Youth Bells
- 9:30a Sunday School
- 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion
- 12:00p Confirmation Banner Making
- 12:00p Youth to deliver carved pumpkins to our homebound family

Monday

- 9:00a Preschool
- 6:00p Jazzercise

Tuesday

- 9:00a Preschool
- 9:30a Large Print
- 12:00p Super Senior Game Day
- 6:00p Jazzercise
- 6:30p Ladies Nite @ Hollyhock Hill
- 7:00p Board of Directors

Wednesday

- 9:00a Preschool
- 12:15p CCPL Mobile Library
- 6:00p Jazzercise
- 6:00p Evening Prayer w/Holy Communion
- 7:00p Carmel Interfaith Alliance

Thursday

- 9:00a Preschool
- 9:30a Large Print
- 6:00p Jazzercise
- 6:00p Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Friday

- 9:00a Preschool—Speech and Hearing Screening
- 5:00p Confirmation Retreat

Saturday

- Confirmation Retreat—continued
- 8:30a Jazzercise
- 12:00p United Church of God

Sunday—REFORMATION SUNDAY

- Confirmation Retreat—continued
- 8:00a Worship and Holy Communion
- 9:00a Youth Bells
- 9:30a Sunday School
- 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 13, 2019—132
Wednesday, October 9, 2019—12

PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS **WEEK OF: October 20, 2019** **HYMNS: #710, #725, #742, #614, #579**

GUEST PREACHER TODAY—Pastor Murdaugh is a graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, with an M.Div. and M.Th. In his 40 years of ministry he's serviced congregations in AR, LA, MS, and GA. He has held various positions in the LCMS, and currently serves in the FL/GA District as Circuit Visitor, District Reconciler and Stewardship Committee. He has decades of experience in short term mission work in Mexico, China, Europe, India, and with Hispanics, Koreans, Ethiopians, Eretrians and Sudanese in the U.S. He is a founding member of the Chirala Medical & Educational Trust, Inc., and serves as CFO of the Board. Pastor Murdaugh is with us to share the work he and his partners have been doing the past 15 years in Chirala, Andhra Pradesh, India, with the revitalization and ongoing mission of Baer Christian Hospital—a Lutheran mission hospital whose history dates back to 1909 when it was opened by Dr. Mary Baer, a Lutheran missionary doctor from OH. The mission and ministry of Baer Christian Hospital includes an outpatient clinic reaching hundreds of people a week. The mission also houses and supports two evangelism and church planter training schools; and an orphanage and ministry to the poor street children of Chirala.

LAST CALL FOR NEW DIRECTORY PHOTOS—Today is the last day to update your directory photo for our upcoming new directory release. Stop by the back of the sanctuary before, between or after services and smile pretty!

CHANGE TO WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICES—On October 23 and 30 we will meet from 6-6:30 p.m. for worship in order to caravan to the Interfaith Alliance program for its 7 p.m. start. Join us for worship and travel with us, or meet us at the Library! (See insert for more information!).

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE TIME—It's time to start preparing for our 2020 Pledge Drive! In the next few weeks all PLC members will receive a letter in the mail containing your 2020 Pledge Card. We ask you to prayerfully consider submitting a pledge for 2020 to help us exceed last year's budget. During the services on Nov. 10 we will collect the completed pledge cards but, if you prefer, you can always return your pledge directly to the church office. By pledging we are better able to plan our resources to support our many ministries and help the church operate efficiently all year long. When we give to God we are able to discover what God gives to us. We are forever grateful for you and your year-long support!

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES—Oct. 26-27: Pilgrim Youth will participate in the Confirmation Retreat at Lutheran Hills for grades 6th-9th along with high school mentors. Pastor Heidi and Robert will both be in attendance that weekend.

KIDS IN CHRIST is "oh-fish-ially" kicking off! Children grades K-5 are invited to join us on Friday, October 18 from 6:30-8:30. Our theme for this night is "Over the Sea," where we will explore Jesus' call to fisherfolks to come and follow him. Bring a friend and wear your bluest, coolest, fishiest outfit if that floats your boat, and come ready to play games, sing songs, do crafts, and learn about how much Jesus loves you! For questions or more information, please contact Lianna Campos at liannacampos@pilgrimindy.org or 317-954-1601.

SUPER SENIOR GAME DAY—Super Seniors Game Day will take place October 22 from 11:30 a.m.—2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch and join in the fun and fellowship. We will also meet on November 12 and December 18. Questions, please contact Kathy Hatfield at jimcabac@aol.com

LADIES NITE OUT—Tuesday, October 22 will be our final Ladies Nite Out event for this year (we usually skip November and December due to holiday schedules). We will gather at Hollyhock Hill, which is located at 8110 North College Avenue. It will be at the usual time of 6:30 p.m. I hope you can join us for this year's closing event for fellowship, friendship, food and drink.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION—Today Pastor John's class will not be meeting. His class participants are encouraged to come hear from Pastor Murdaugh **October 27**—topic will be Sanctuary church. At the last ELCA Churchwide assembly it was voted that the ELCA become a Sanctuary Church. Come join us at 9:30 a.m. in the upstairs adult classroom as we learn what this team means and how it relates to scripture and discipleship. Pastor John Roberts will be leading the discussion.

9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION PARENTS—will meet in the fellowship hall at 12:15 p.m. today to complete confirmation banners for their child in preparation of Confirmation on All Saints Sunday, November 3. Parents or Guardians are asked to come prepared with their child's confirmation verse and a sack lunch if needed. Banners for each youth will be displayed on November 3. The youth will be participating in a youth group service project during this time.

“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. 3. Please submit the materials by **Monday, Oct. 28**, so we have time to prepare the slides. Send your information to Debbie Collins (DebbieCollins@pilgrimindy.org) and/or Lee Ann Roeder (leeann.roeder@me.com).

STARRY NIGHT PROGRAM: This year the Starry Night Program will begin on Sunday, November 3. But instead of the Stars hanging from above, they will be laid out on one of the tables in the Narthex during the **Confirmand Recognition and Celebration event**. On the three following Sundays, the stars will be hung from above as you've seen them in past years. The purpose of the Stars is for those interested in participating to take one or more stars and purchase the items listed on the stars and bring them to Pilgrim by Sunday, December 1, which will be the last day to bring your gifts/items to church. During the following week, December 2-6, the items will be gathered and taken to Lutheran Child and Family Services (LCFS) near Community Hospital on E. 16th Street. From there, all the items collected from all donors will be trucked to Gethsemane Lutheran Church near 10th and Shadeland Ave. for the Christmas Store sponsored by the LCFS Sharing Place. Pilgrim members have in recent years been involved as volunteers at the Christmas Store, which is open December 9-12. Be on the lookout for

the sign-up opportunity to volunteer at the Christmas Store.

The **PILGRIM FINE ARTS SERIES** presents the Ball State University Organ Studio in concert on Sunday, November 17 at 4 p.m. The program will feature works by François Couperin, Bach, Mendelssohn, Johann Matthias Michel, Vienne, and popular hymns. The students featured on the program are Cody Carson (Peru, IN), Noah Freeman (Richmond, IN), Wolff Von Roos (Indianapolis, IN), Peter T. Lehmann (Mishawaka, IN), Pimplo Promvech (Thailand), and Nina Lee Hecko (Taiwan). Come hear great music and sing along to familiar hymns presented by this young generation of organists!

Pilgrim Garden Update—After a rough start this spring, the garden eventually came around with abundant harvests of cucumbers, beans, eggplant, tomatoes, and a few peppers late in the summer. Hopefully you've sampled some of the last of the tomato crop available in the narthex over the past few weeks. A special thanks to John and Noel Shilling and Jenny Pitts for handling many of the deliveries this year. We've been alternating between the Hamilton County Food Bank in Noblesville (Mondays) and The Sharing Place in Franklin (Thursdays). This biweekly schedule seems to work well with the volume of produce coming out of the garden. The produce is always well received, (especially the eggplant!). The time has come for fall cleanup and to complete installation of the fence. Beginning this Saturday for the next few Saturdays, we'd welcome help to get us ready for next spring. We'll plan to start at 8:00 a.m./ and work only for a couple of hours. We'd love to see the return of Pilgrim's "Stump Removal Squad" that was assembled the day of the Gaga Pit assembly ☐, as another stump needs to go before the fence can go up. As with any project we're making adjustments after each year. Although we can't control the weather, we can adjust the veggies we plant and the timing. Most importantly, communication can be improved. I'm thinking that a group texting (rather than the bulletin board and/or email) will be the most effective way to let volunteers know what tasks are most important as the summer progresses. We could really use more "workers in the vineyard", especially with picking and weeding. Other than certain scheduled events (eg. planting) your time in the garden would be on your own. Let me know if you'd like to be included on the group text and contribute to this important part of Pilgrim's Social Ministry.

~Thanks, Paul Swanson (317-605-7735) biocatswanson@att.net

SIMPLY GIVING PROGRAM—Forgetting your weekly giving envelope? Tired of hand writing checks each week? If so, we encourage you to consider signing up for the Simply Giving Program. Simply Giving is a convenient and secure way to have your regular giving electronically transferred from your bank account or credit card instead of hand writing checks. You can choose the amount and frequency to be electronically transferred. You should have received an email with a copy of the form, or contact the church office. Return completed forms to Kyle Fedorcha's mailbox or the church office.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS, "*Christ in Our Home*" for October-December, 2019, are available. Please pick up a copy in the narthex, or ask an usher to assist you in obtaining one.