



**PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**WEEK OF: September 17 - 24, 2017**

**HYMNS FOR TODAY: 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM**  
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**#605**  
**#609 and #359**  
**#452**

**WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2017**

**Sunday**

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion  
 9:30a Sunday School Mission Project  
 9:30a Voter's Meeting  
 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion

**Monday**

9:00a Preschool  
 6:00p Jazzercise  
 7:00p Evangelism/Communications Meeting

**Tuesday**

9:00a Preschool  
 9:30a Large Print  
 12:00p Super Seniors Luncheon  
 6:00p WELCA Pitch-in and Service Project  
 7:00p Board of Directors

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday**

8:45a Indpls Conference Ministerium  
 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**

8:30a Jazzercise  
 12:00p United Church of Christ  
 7:00p Youth Group Bonfire @ Powell's

**Sunday**

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion  
 9:30a Sunday School  
 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion  
 12:00p Gods Work Our Hands

**VOTER'S MEETING TODAY at 9:30 AM** in the church nave. All communicant members who are eighteen years of age or older are eligible and *encouraged to attend!*

**FIRST COMMUNION**—Four of our young folks have gone through First Communion Class and are prepared for their First Public Communion. Derek Fedorcha and Caleb Elser will commune today and Charlotte Konow and Noah Berg will commune on September 24th. We keep them in our public prayers, and invite you to keep them in your prayers also.

**WELCA PITCH IN and SERVICE PROJECT**—Join us for the WELCA semi-annual service project on Tuesday, Sept 19th at 6:00 PM. for a pitch-in Salad/ Dessert supper and Personal Care Kit assembly. We will meet in Fellowship Hall for our supper and then assemble our kits which go to Lutheran World Relief. Thanks for your support in the past and hope to see you again this year.

**SUPER SENIORS LUNCHEON**  
**SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, NOON**

Please join us for our monthly luncheon. We are going to make this an "Old Fashioned" Lutheran pitch-in. Please sign up for either an entrée, salad, or dessert. Drinks will be provided. Look for the sign-up sheet on the credenza.

The program will be a Schumacher and Schumacher dialogue. That is Paul and Bob! And no, they are not related other than being brothers in Christ. The topic is **TRUTH!** Pastor Paul will speak on **God's Spiritual Truth** and Head Elder Bob (a physicist by profession) will speak on **God's Physical Truth**. Sounds intriguing—let's come together and hear where the **TRUTH** will lead us.

**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.

Tentative date and venue (TBI) for meeting will be October 3, 2017. Questions?? Call Evelyn Kramer 317.475.9848

**YOUTH GROUP BONFIRE:** Youth Group members (kids in grades 7-12) join us at 7 PM on Saturday, September 23 for an evening of outdoor fun around a

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 Wednesday, September 13, 2017—18

bonfire. We will have dinner and plan to experiment making different kinds of s'mores for dessert.

We will provide dinner, drinks, and a few s'mores basics, but we'd like you to "bring the creativity" when it comes to the s'mores. Bring one new and interesting s'more ingredient, roasting sticks if you have them, and lawn chairs to sit around the fire. Please RSVP to Jenny Pitts or Gail Powell by Thursday, September 21 so we know how many hungry teenagers we will need to feed!

If it rains, we'll probably still gather inside. If you are a youth group member and did not receive the Bonfire Evite, please call Jenny Pitts and let her know. 317-732-4081

**YOUTH BELL RINGERS NEEDED** – We are looking for several new ringers to join the Youth Handbell Choir. No experience necessary. The Youth Handbell Choir accepts ringers starting in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and continuing through High School. For more information, contact Kevin Donley ([kevin.donley@comcast.net](mailto:kevin.donley@comcast.net)) or come to our first rehearsal **Sunday October 1st at 9:00 AM** in the Sanctuary.

#### **THE 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 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.

**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 [jshill224@att.net](mailto:jshill224@att.net) or 317-908-3047 for registration materials to become a walker or more information on how you can become involved.

**THURSDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY** starting Again this year. The fall curriculum is another Priscilla Shirer study entitled "Discerning the Voice of God." Because of some fluidity in the teachers' sched-

ules, we are not yet sure of the exact start up date, but we plan to meet at church in the upstairs adult bible study room on **Thursdays from 11:30-1:30**, with a short sack lunch break. If you are interested in attending this year, there will be a sign up sheet on the small table by the monitor in the narthex. The cost of the participant workbook is \$13.00, which we will order for you, and we will once again have the DVD presentation at each session with daily readings for each lesson. Questions, contact Susie Pike at 317-710-6981.

**KITCHEN CREW APRONS**—Thank you to everyone who donated to the WELCA apron fund! We gathered more than enough to pay for the aprons. The embroidery will be completed this week.

**ADULT CLASSES RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 24 with Pastor Rudy** leading a class on the Lutheran perspective on the bible. He will discuss Martin Luther's understanding of the Word and the Bible, as well as where we are today in Lutheranism.

**The following Sunday, October 1 begins a five week study with Fred Niedner.** Fred has become a fall fixture around Pilgrim and we look forward to his teaching. We are ever grateful he makes the long journey these Sundays from Valparaiso to us. Mark your calendars to come to Fred Niedner proposal for five-week adult education series in October 2017

#### ***Proposed Title, Theme and Series***

##### **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?