

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

Sunday

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

Monday

9:00a	Preschool
6:00p	Jazzercise

Tuesday

9:00a	Preschool
9:30a	Large Print
6:30p	Ladies Nite Out @ Luciana's
	Mexicana Cantina

Wednesday

Thursday	
7:30p	Congregational Life Meeting
7:00p	Evening Prayer with Holy Communion
6:00p	Jazzercise
5:30p	Worship & Music Committee
2:30p	CCPL Mobile Library
9:00a	Preschool

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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
6:30p	Kids in Christ

Saturday

8:30a	Jazz	ercise
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Sunday

8:00a	Worship and Holy Communion
9:00a	Youth Bells
9:30a	Sunday School
10:45a	Worship and Holy Communion
12:00p	Fine Arts Committee
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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE Sunday, September 17, 2017— 143 Wednesday, September 20, 2017— 16

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PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS WEEK OF: September 24 - October 1, 2017

HYMNS FOR TODAY: 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM #880 #480 and #358 #770

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

LADIES NITE OUT—Our September gathering will be to join the WELCA ladies for a night out of fun and fellowship. We will gather Tuesday, September 26th at 6:30 PM. Our joint event will be at Luciana's Mexican Restaurant and Cantina located at 3716 East 82nd Street. Don't miss this special time! Please note: October will be our last gathering for this year as we take a break for November and December and resumes in January of the new year.

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 5th grade and continuing through High School. For information. contact Kevin more Donley (kevin.donley@comcast.net) or come to our first rehearsal Sunday October 1st at 9:00 AM in the Sanctuary.

PILGRIM FINE ARTS SERIES PRESENTS ... A Hymn Festival for the 500th 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 13th, 7:30 **PM** at Pilgrim for this event as we mark the 500th 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.

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.

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 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' schedules, 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.

ADULT CLASSES RESUME TODAY 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.

<u>Next Sunday, October, 1 begins a five</u> <u>week study with Fred Niedner</u>. 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

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?

STEWARDSHIP DINNER November 19, 11:45a – 1:00 p, 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