



PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF: September 1, 2019

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Today

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion
9:30a Summer Movie Series
10:45a Worship and Holy Communion
1:20p Youth to Regal Theater

Monday—Office Closed

8:00a Jazzercise
6:00p Jazzercise

Tuesday

9:00a Preschool
9:30a Large Print
10:00a Sacred Threads
6:00p Jazzercise
7:00p Board of Elders
7:30p Poetry Plus

Wednesday

9:00a Preschool
12:15p CCPL Mobile Library
6:00p Jazzercise

Thursday

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

Friday

9:00a Preschool
9:30a Bulletin Volunteer Planning Meeting

Saturday

8:30a Jazzercise
12:00p United Church of God

Sunday—Rally Day

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion
10:15a Combo Group
9:30a Faith Formation Meeting and Adult Faith Formation Class
10:45a Worship and Holy Communion
4:00p Youth @ Darrell and Susie Pike for Youth Meeting

WHAT'S UP IN WORSHIP? This Sunday we have a very special guest musician at our 10:45 a.m. worship. Rebecca Lee, an organ student of Sarah Williams' will be playing the offering music and postlude. You are encouraged to stay in the pew after worship and listen to her postlude! Rebecca has studied organ for just a couple years but has already made great progress--so much in fact that she was selected as a finalist for the Ball State High School Organ Competition next weekend. She will play the two pieces for us that she will be performing in the competition. Rebecca is a Carmel eighth grader. Thank you, Rebecca, for sharing your talents with Pilgrim!

YOUTH GROUP TODAY—the Middle and High School youth of Pilgrim Lutheran Church shall be meeting at the Regal Village Park 17 movie theater located at 2222 E. 146th St., Carmel, IN 46033, to watch the movie *Overcomer* at 1:20 pm for a 1:40 pm showing. This PG rated film is a faith-based sports drama from Christian filmmaker Alex Kendrick. The stories central them is forgiveness, which is demonstrated on many levels—the greatest of which is God's atonement of man's sins through Jesus' death and resurrection. Please join us for a faith based afternoon at the movies. See you at the movies.

On Sunday, September 8th, 2019, Susie and Darrell Pike will be hosting the Pilgrim Middle and High School youth in their home as part of monthly "*Pilgrim Youth In The House*" events. The event will be held at 11123 Peppermill Ln., Fishers, IN, 46037 from 4:00-6:00 pm. The afternoon will be filled with fun events such as boating, fishing, and swimming, plus delicious food and faith-based devotions.

We are looking for volunteers to share their relationship with Christ and support our wonderful youth in their faith journey. If you are interested in hosting such an event for our youth please contact Interim Youth Director Robert Schwerdtfeger-Jones at RobertSJ@pilgrimindy.org.

BULLETIN VOLUNTEERS MEETING—If you are a bulletin volunteer, or if you think you'd like to be one, join us at 9:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 6, for a planning meeting. We'll be setting our schedule through August 2020. If you can't make the meeting, contact Marcia Runkel or the church office.

RALLY SUNDAY—Faith Formation will begin for all ages on Sunday, Sept. 8. A brief meeting for confirmation parents and youth will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the adult education room upstairs.

Also on Rally Sunday, September 8th—all Faith Formation teachers and helpers are being asked to be present in worship. We will be recognizing and offering words of prayer and blessing over those who are serving our faith community is this meaningful way. Join us as we give thanks for the blessings these leaders are to Pilgrim.

REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR GIFT OF A FLIP FLOP KEYCHAIN AT THE KENYA MISSION TABLE in the Narthex. Please use the attached envelope to place your donation toward the School Fee fund - a partnership between Pilgrim and the Holy Family Center in Kenya. Your contribution toward this life changing project will allow children of God in Kenya to attend school while supporting their dreams for a brighter future.

NEW ADULT FAITH FORMATION—"Dialogues on the Refugee Crisis," a new adult Sunday school course, begins at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 8. Did you know there are more refugees worldwide today than there were after World War II? Did you know that response to the refugee is spoken about from Genesis through Revelation? This eight-week course will be led by Pastor John Roberts and open to all adults. There will be a book available to all, so please sign up to indicate your interest in attending on a list in the narthex. What do you think is your responsibility to the refugees of the world?

SACRED THREADS will meet Tuesday, September 3 at 10:00 am. Please join us!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, August 25, 2019—163
Wednesday, August 28, 2019—16

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS!

Director of Education Lianna Campos

Hello! My name is Lianna, and I'm so excited to serve as Director of Christian Education here at Pilgrim. I graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 2014 with a degree in elementary education, and I taught fifth and sixth grade math and science for the last four years. I am currently a first-year student pursuing a Master's of Divinity at Christian Theological Seminary. My husband and I are beginning our third year of marriage, and we have one dog with hopes for more soon. In my free time, I enjoy playing softball with Circle City Pride, doing cross stitch, learning new jokes, and making string bracelets. I'm looking forward to getting to know you and becoming a part of the Pilgrim community!

Interim Youth Director Robert Schwerdtfeger-Jones

Howdy Y'all! Having spent many years as a pastor's spouse, which included involvement in previous congregational youth activities and programs I am excited to spend time as the Interim Youth Director here at Pilgrim Lutheran Church. I have over 20 years of experience in teaching both middle and high school youth and enjoy both age groups. I also have experience coaching numerous sports.

I am really looking forward to getting to know our youth and their families better. The youth shared some wonderful ideas about future events/activities and service projects that they would like to see as part of their youth program, at our first "Pilgrim Youth in the House" gathering last Sunday. I will be incorporating their ideas and requests into the upcoming months youth calendar. Please be on the lookout for regular email and bulletin announcements as well as Evites to upcoming youth events. If you have any questions, ideas, or would like to volunteer to host a "Pilgrim Youth in the House" dinner gathering please contact me at Robertsj@pilgrimindy.org.

REMINDER! There will NO WORSHIP SERVICE this coming Wednesday, September 4! The regular, weekly midweek services will resume at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 11.

VOTER MEETING—The next Voter's Meeting is Sunday, September 22 at 9:30 am. All confirmed members of Pilgrim are eligible to attend and vote at the meeting. Please join us.

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.

DO YOU LIKE TO SING? Pilgrim Adult Choir is looking for a few more singing friends to join their merry band this fall! We are especially in need of tenors. We begin rehearsals Thursday, September 19, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the choir room. Perfect attendance is not required, nor is a perfect voice, though the ability to read music is helpful. Also, if you are interested in joining Combo Group, which rehearses and sings just once a month, let Sarah know as well. They are an even merrier bunch of folks and the ability to read music is not needed with them!

PREVIOUS, CURRENT & FUTURE BELL RINGERS—The first rehearsal for the adult bell ringers will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19. This will be before the first Adult Choir rehearsal. We will meet downstairs in the back of the Sanctuary. Performance dates have not been set yet.

GUEST PASTOR ON SEPTEMBER 22—Join us for a delicious lunch of pizza and salad in Fellowship Hall after the second service on Sunday, Sept. 22, to meet Lutheran missionary and U.S. military chaplain, Pastor John Bombaro. Pastor John will present a summary of his work to revive the Christian faith in the Baltic Region after a disastrous 50 years of Nazi and Soviet occupation that left more than half of the population without religious affiliation.

Pastor Bombaro recently signed on as missionary to the Luther Academy of Riga, Latvia, which trains pastors and church workers for work in the Baltic nations and Eurasia. Latvia traces its Lutheran history all the way back to 1521, and so presents a great mission opportunity aimed at reclaiming that historical legacy. That opportunity, however, is not without some risk given the recent rise of nationalism in the Baltics. Pastor John will discuss those risks as well as the mission opportunities in his presentation. Here's an opportunity to hear first-hand what mission work is like in countries of the former Soviet Union. **DO PLAN TO ATTEND. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please indicate your intention to attend so we'll know how much food we'll need.** Pastor John will preach at both services on September 22.

WELCA PERSONAL CARE KIT ASSEMBLY—Pilgrim Women of the ELCA will hold their annual Salad and Dessert pitch-in and Personal Care Kit Assembly event at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 24, in Fellowship Hall. This will be in place of the September Ladies Night Out. These care kits go to Lutheran World Relief and are sent overseas to those in need. All ladies of the congregation are invited to this event. Hope to see you there!

PILGRIM PIPE ORGAN EVENTS—We have two organ concerts in the works. At 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17, the students from the Ball State organ department under the tutelage of organ professor Stephen Price will perform a concert (free admission – bring a friend!). Then on the afternoon of Sunday, Feb. 16, Pilgrim will be privileged to host the annual Indianapolis Pipe Organ Festival, sponsored by the AGO (American Guild of Organists) Indianapolis chapter. This event has been at St. Luke's for many years and is a favorite event of many in the community. You will get to hear several of the area's top notch organists pull out all the stops! Watch the announcements for more information (the concert time is TBD).

OLD-FASHIONED BASEBALL GAME—The Pilgrim Red Stockings will host the White River Base Ball Club at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5, for a game played by the rules of 1860 on the field behind the church. Come see how the game has changed over the past 160 years and cheer on the local nine! If you are interested in being a member of the Pilgrim Red Stockings for this event, please contact John Williams at hockey_john@att.net

COMMUNION WARE PREP HELP NEEDED—Volunteers are needed to help with communion ware after worship to wash the communion ware on Sundays. We need both regular and fill-in volunteers. Training will be provided. Please contact Patricia Hanson or the church office if you can help.

NEW MEMBER CLASS—A New Member Class will be forming soon. If you (or someone you know) is interested in joining our congregation, call the church office at (317) 846-2221 or see Pastor Heidi.

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE—If you need pastoral care when the office is closed or when Pastor Heidi is on vacation, please call the church office at (317) 846-2221 and press 3 when prompted to be connected to the pastor on call.