



**PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**WEEK OF: September 8, 2019**  
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**Sunday—Rally Day**

- 8:00a Worship and Holy Communion w/Sunday School Teacher Installation  
9:30a Faith Formation Meeting and Adult Faith Formation Class  
10:15a Combo Group  
10:45a Worship and Holy Communion w/Sunday School Teacher Installation  
4:00p Jr & Sr Youth @ Darrell and Susie Pike's for Youth Meeting

**Monday**

- 9:00a Preschool  
6:00p Jazzercise

**Tuesday**

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

**Wednesday**

- 9:00a Preschool  
10:00a CCPL Program  
12:15p CCPL Mobile Library  
6:00p Jazzercise  
6:30p Evening Prayer w/Holy Communion

**Thursday**

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

**Friday**

- 9:00a Preschool

**Saturday**

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

**Sunday**

- 8:00a Worship and Holy Communion  
9:00a Youth Bells  
9:30a Sunday School  
10:45a Worship and Holy Communion  
12:00p New Member Orientation Meeting

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Tom and Char Raines at the death of their son, Michael of Chicago, Illinois, on Sunday, September 1. The memorial service will be held at Zion Lutheran Church on Saturday, September 14, with visitation starting at 9:30 am and the funeral service to start at 11:00 am. Please keep their family in your prayers as we all grieve with them.

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?** This Sunday is Rally Sunday – the date that Sunday School for both kids and adults and confirmation classes for the youth resume after a summer break. Often this Sunday feels like everyone has come back together after going separate ways during a summer filled with travels and activities. Now we come back to Pilgrim with renewed energy to do our work, both within and outside the church walls. The gospel for today asks us to contemplate the cost of discipleship – what that meant for Jesus' disciples and what it could mean for us. Rally Sunday reminds us that despite any hardships or troubles we face as Christians in this world we belong to Christ's community – and can find that support and grace amongst each other here at Pilgrim.

**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.

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

Also today, Rally Sunday, we will be recognizing and offering words of prayer and blessing over those who are serving our faith community in this meaningful way. Join us as we give thanks for the blessings these leaders are to Pilgrim.

**NEW ADULT FAITH FORMATION**—"Dialogues on the Refugee Crisis," a new adult Sunday school course, begins today at 9:30 a.m. in the former confirmation classroom. 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. What do you think is your responsibility to the refugees of the world?

**YOUTH GROUP TODAY**—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](mailto:RobertSJ@pilgrimindy.org).

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**  
Sunday, September 1, 2019—135

**NEW MEMBER CLASS**—A New Member Class will be September 15 at 12:00 pm. If you (or someone you know) is interested in joining our congregation, call the church office at (317) 846-2221 or see Pastor Heidi.

**SUPER SENIORS LUNCHEON**—Be sure to sign up for the Super Seniors luncheon at noon on Tuesday, September 17, in Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Doug Kasper, Supervisory Special Agent, Complex Financial Crimes Squad in the Indianapolis office of the FBI. One of the subject areas we expect him to address is computer/internet phishing and hacking, and related scams, to which some of us have been subjected. Cost will be \$8.00. The menu will be lasagna, salad, Italian bread, and "some kind" of dessert. As usual, please feel free to promote/advertise this outside our group; bring your friends!

**ALL-CONGREGATION EVENT:** Community Celebration honoring 40 years of Pilgrim Preschool at the 10:45 am worship service on Sunday, September 29. Following worship will be the festivities.

Calling all Pilgrims to help with our **PRESCHOOL CELEBRATION!** Please see the sign-up sheets in the Narthex and add your name to the list in the area of interest to you.

Food will be served in Fellowship Hall. There will be inside seating, as well as outside seating – weather permitting. Many of you will need to contribute food items; this is a designated-item pitch-in. *WHEN YOU SIGN UP TO BRING ONE OF THE FOOD ITEMS – OTHER THAN ROLLS – BE SURE TO TAKE ONE OF THE PROVIDED DISPOSABLE PANS.* As the sign-up sheet says, "Take a pan, fill it up, and bring it back **ALREADY COOKED**; we will keep it warm!" We will refrigerate the potato/pasta salads as necessary.

We also will need monitors for many activities and other areas, to include perimeter security/street safety. The purpose of these monitors is to keep the activities moving as well as welcome our preschool families and other people from the community.

**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.

**THURSDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY AT PILGRIM**—The monthly Thursday Ladies Bible Study will be meeting again this fall, on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Our first meeting this month be from 1-3:00 pm on Thursday, Sept. 19, in the upstairs conference room. At that time we will give an overview of last year's study the gospel of John, in His Last Words, with a discussion of chapters 18-21. Then I will share several options we have between some

other books and bible studies for you to decide which study you'd like to use for the rest of the year. If you have any questions, please contact Susie Pike at 317-710-6981, or by email: [susan.p.pike@gmail.com](mailto:susan.p.pike@gmail.com)

**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!

**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](mailto:hockey_john@att.net)

**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.

**NAMETAGS**—Please remember to wear your nametags. It will be most helpful for our new staff members! Thank you!!

**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.