



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 51



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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“Where the Bible is the inspired, inerrant Word of God”



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Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Sanctuary is reserved from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Fridays.

Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.

OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY- 12/10

General Fund: 16,061.68

Christian Sharing: 100.00

Altar Flowers/Poinsettias: 305.00

Misc: 1,376.37

CDs: 5.00

Angel Tree: 1,317.00

Donuts: 55.00

Higher Things Youth Conference: 100.00

Total: 19,320.05

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

12/18 6:30 Council Meeting

12/19 6:00 WTS Board of Trustees Meeting

12/20 10:30 Bible Class

12:00 Wednesday Worship-Communion

4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6

7th Grade Confirmation

12/21 8:00 Quilters

MITE OFFERINGS... ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box at your convenience. **DECEMBER** mites will go to United Lutheran Mission Association. Thank you!

ATTENDANCE

12/10 Sunday 8:00 service: 110

Sunday 10:45 service: 102

Adult Bible Class: 101

12/10 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 12

12/13 Wednesday 10:30 Bible Class: 36

12/13 Wednesday 12:00 service: 65



2024 Offering Envelopes are available on the tables in the narthex. Please begin using them in January 2024. Pick yours up today!

SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistant/Acolyte 12/20 Wed Allen Kilzer 12/24 Sunday 8:00 Tom Greenwood **10:45** Greg Collingwood

Ushers 12/24 Sunday 8:00 Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter; Ron Kelm **10:45** Stan Lange; Craig Goeppinger; Bob Meadows; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; Gary Winchester 12/24 Christmas Eve 7:00 Team 2

Coffee Servers 12/20 Wed Dave & Vicki Schroeder 12/24 Sunday Tim & Lesley Ellison

Financial Counters 12/24 Sunday Mark Ames; John Crowe; Tim Ellison; Paul Giesler

Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up

12/24 Sunday Jane Martin; Sarah Marsaglia; Carrie Thompson

Greeters 12/24 Sunday 8:00 Allen, Kathy & Parker Kilzer **10:45** Bev Winchester 12/24

Christmas Eve 7:00 Jim & Linda Snow

DECEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

12/1 John Mickler
12/5 Grant Abbott
Derek & Samantha Ames (14 years)
12/6 Michelle O'Bryan; Scott Perry
12/7 Drew Gensler; Tim White
12/8 Kevin Ripple
12/9 Drake Gensler
12/10 Sandy Norris; Stan Roberts; Gary Winchester
12/11 Eva Snow
Bob & Erica Meadows (2 years)
12/13 Jeff Cotner; Steve Goebel; Harvey Thompson
12/14 Razjada Brown; Marsha Crowe
Mark & Carla Luka (27 years)
12/15 Marvin Rau
12/19 Suzie Beltz
12/20 Greg Whisnant
12/22 Jennifer Gensler; Joe Wisner
12/24 David Pangrac; Donna Phillips
Wayne & Barbara Buesking (69 years)
12/26 Gloria Parton
12/28 Jim & Carrie Snow (27 years)
12/29 Greg & Lesa Mills (39 years)
12/30 Mark Thompson; Ted Workman
12/31 Carol Allen; Mike Bunch; Ashley Lofland; Marilyn Mills

JANUARY

Birthdays and Anniversaries

1/1 Greg Collingwood
Ron & Carolyn Wagner (42 years)
1/3 Mark Ames; Wendy Bickes; Phyllis Kunzeman; Zofia Wegmann
1/6 Coline Ganley
1/7 Debbie Hoffman
1/10 Tara Martin
1/11 Erin Ripple; Karen Svendsen
1/13 Diane Jones; Darlene Lear
1/14 Mary Teschner
1/15 Makenna Haksasila
1/16 Blake Luka; Glenda Sinnard
1/17 Suzanne Heinkel
1/19 Eldred Budde
1/20 Celia Ritter; Leanne Roberts; John Wainwright
1/22 Steve Gensler; Tim Laesch; Rita Wise
1/23 Jane Martin
1/24 Pat Abbott; Ellis Buth
1/25 Cathy Anderson; Bob Ellis; Shirley McMillen; Brad Saul
1/26 Jared Potrafka
1/27 Don Mast
1/28 Mila Coers
1/30 Nora Kinney; Jordan Letterly; River Lofland; Pete Williams

12.17.2023

Unit 5

Lesson 11



The lesson this week is "The Idle Idol." Atop Mount Sinai, Moses receives the Law from God. Meanwhile, the Israelites grow impatient and convince Aaron to create a golden idol. When God sends Moses down from the mountain, Moses sees the people's wanton worship and smashes the stone tablets. The people are punished for their idolatry. Moses returns to Sinai to plead God's mercy for the people.

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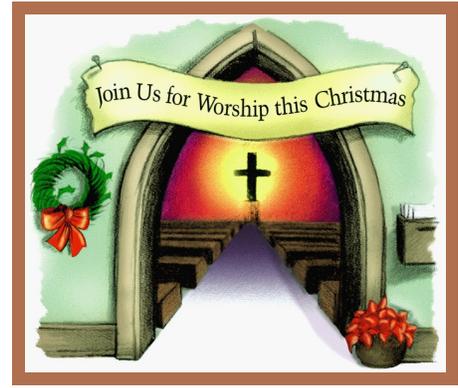
Angel Tree

We have an opportunity during this Advent season to respond to God's gift ... His Son ... by giving a gift of love for those in our Faith Family who need our help and support.

In the narthex, at the north wall, is our **ANGEL TREE**. If you wish to participate, it's as easy as 1-2-3.

1. Take one of the "angel" envelopes and put your gift inside.
2. Write your name on the envelope and place it in a church offering box.
3. Select an angel ornament and put it on the tree.

Let's fill the tree with angels in response to our love for our Savior and our Pilgrim members in need.
God bless your Christmas and your giving!



If you would like an invitation to Christmas services sent to anyone, please give the complete name and address to the office. You can call the office at (217)877-2444 or email the information to plc@pilgrimlutherandecatur.org.



Third
Sunday of Advent