



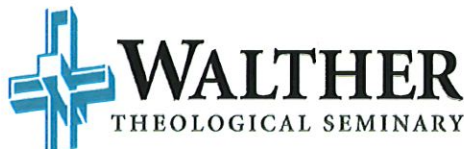
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**Patti's office is open: Mon-Thurs 7 a.m. to Noon
and 1 to 4 p.m. and Friday 7 a.m. to Noon.**

**Reservations are accepted 8:00 a.m. Mondays
through 2 p.m. Thursdays each week. You may
call me (Patti) at 877-2444 OR email me at
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HELP MAKE MORE PEWS AVAILABLE . . .

Families...if all family members are agreeable ask
for a seat for parents and children, grandparents,
etc.

Singles and Couples...if other members are
agreeable make one reservation for your group.

When you make a reservation I need to know how
many people are sitting together and the names.

I cannot guarantee a particular pew. The pews are
set up for various numbers of people and I need to
stick with that guideline.

Thank you for your cooperation.

—Patti Newlin

COMING UP

Fridays: 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. sanctuary reserved
12/2/ 4:30-6:00 Gr 7 & 8 Confirmation Classes
5:00-6:00 Gr 1-6
12/6 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00 Worship
9:15-9:50 Sunday School
9:15-9:50 Adult Bible Study
11:15-11:50 Adult Bible Study
.....God willing.....

OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY
will be reported next week.



2020 Sundays of Advent

It's Good To Be Who We Are!

Advent I ... November 29 ... So Much to Be Thankful For! ... I Thessalonians 3:9-13

Advent II ... December 6 ... Where Our Partnership Takes Us ... Philippians 1:2-11

Advent III ... December 13 ... Reasons to Sing and Rejoice ... Zephaniah 3:14-20

Advent IV ... December 20 ... Blessed Beyond This World's Wisdom ... St. Luke 1:39-45

Dear Pilgrims,

Lift your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner, but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.
(Is. 52:6)

It's obvious, isn't it? This world is well on the way to the last moment. Wearing out! Will vanish like smoke!

God's righteousness is granted to us through faith in Christ. His salvation for His people "will be forever." Once again, the Advent Season will impress upon us the wonders of God's love in Christ.

We will continue with the three services and Bible studies on Sunday. Remember to email or call for a reservation. For those who will remain at home, the services will continue on-line and on the radio. There will be information to follow concerning Christmas.

Love and Blessings to All,

Your Pastors

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Many members are not coming to church due to Covid.

I need to get 2021 offering envelopes to our members.

I am trying to lessen the time and the expense of postage that will result from mailing offering envelopes.

1. Those of you who are attending in-church services will see your offering envelopes on tables in the narthex. They are spaced so you can pick up your box without touching the other boxes.

2. All the offering boxes of members who are not attending in-church services, are in my office. I am asking that when you are out for an appointment or picking up meds or groceries, etc. please stop by the church and collect your offering box. If you don't want to come inside just give me a call (877-2444) and I will leave your offering envelopes in the outside mail box for you.

3. I realize some people may not be able to come to Pilgrim. Any offering boxes left at the end of December, I will begin mailing out.

USHERS:

12/6

8:00 Tim White

10:00 Chuck Barnes

12:00 Don Mast

MITE OFFERINGS for DECEMBER go to the **New Life Pregnancy Center**. Pilgrim members, women AND men are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box to the church office at your convenience. Thank-you.

VESPERS AT MILLIKIN will be available for live stream viewing:

December 5 at 7 p.m. and

December 6 at 2 p.m.

No ticket is required.

To attend the concert go to

<https://millikin.edu/> OR

<https://www.facebook.com/MillikinUniversity/>

FREE YARN

"Nice size bag" of Macrame yarn in assorted colors...free.

Call Bonnie Propst 521-6581 if interested.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

11/29 William Bork; Emily Musgrove

11/30 Betty Potrafka

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES are listed on the next page.

Birth	Dec 1	JOHN MICKLER
Birth	Dec 4	PATTI NEWLIN
Birth	Dec 5	GRANT ABBOTT
Birth	Dec 5	KARALEE MISNER
Wedding	Dec 5	DEREK and SAMANTHA AMES (11)
Birth	Dec 6	MICHELLE O'BRYAN
Birth	Dec 6	SCOTT PERRY
Birth	Dec 7	DREW GENSLER
Birth	Dec 7	MARY JO THACKER
Birth	Dec 7	TIMOTHY WHITE
Birth	Dec 8	KEVIN RIPPLE
Birth	Dec 9	DRAKE GENSLER
Birth	Dec 9	MIKE MEARS
Birth	Dec 10	SANDY NORRIS
Birth	Dec 10	STAN ROBERTS
Birth	Dec 10	GARY WINCHESTER
Birth	Dec 11	BETTY CONOVER
Birth	Dec 11	EVA SNOW
Birth	Dec 12	DAVID IRELAND
Birth	Dec 13	JEFF COTNER
Birth	Dec 13	STEVE GOEBEL
Birth	Dec 13	HARVEY THOMPSON
Wedding	Dec 13	BRYANT and MARTHA BOMBALL (61)
Birth	Dec 14	RAZJADA BROWN
Birth	Dec 14	MARSHA CROWE
Wedding	Dec 14	PHIL and MARGE BEACH (63)
Wedding	Dec 14	MARK and CARLA LUKA (24)
Birth	Dec 15	MARVIN RAU
Birth	Dec 19	SUZIE BELTZ
Birth	Dec 20	GREG WHISNANT
Birth	Dec 22	JENNIFER GENSLER
Birth	Dec 22	JOSEPH WISNER
Birth	Dec 24	MIKE CLAYPOOL
Birth	Dec 24	DAVID PANGRAC
Birth	Dec 24	DONNA PHILLIPS
Wedding	Dec 24	WAYNE and BARBARA BUESKING (66)
Birth	Dec 26	GLORIA PARTON
Wedding	Dec 28	JIM and CARRIE SNOW (24)
Birth	Dec 29	ILENE HENRICHSMEYER
Wedding	Dec 29	GREG and LESA MILLS (36)
Birth	Dec 30	MARK THOMPSON
Birth	Dec 30	TED WORKMAN
Birth	Dec 31	CAROL ALLEN
Birth	Dec 31	MIKE BUNCH
Birth	Dec 31	SARAH FARRAR
Birth	Dec 31	ASHLEY LOFLAND
Birth	Dec 31	MARILYN MILLS



Our tradition at Pilgrim is to adorn the Lord's house at Christmas with poinsettia plants. If you wish to be a part of this floral tribute to the Lord fill in the information below and hand to an usher as you leave...or call the church office.

Our cost is \$25.00 ... OR give what you can.

DEADLINE to order is December 15.

My (our) name is: _____

I (we) will contribute \$ _____ **toward the poinsettia plants.**

___ My (our) contribution is **to the glory of God.**

OR

___ My (our) contribution is **in memory of:**

Please list names clearly.

**Return this order form to the church office
no later than December 15.**

The plants will remain in the sanctuary from the 4th Sunday in Advent through the 1st Sunday in January. We will let you know when the plants may be taken on a "first-come first-served" basis.

After the plants have been provided for, remaining contributions will go to our Christian Sharing Fund to assist those in our Faith Family who are in need.



THIS YEAR HAS BEEN FULL OF CHANGES ... KEEPING IN MIND THE PRECAUTIONS WE ARE TAKING ... THE ANGEL TREE WILL NOT BE PUT UP.

HOWEVER, we still 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.

If you wish to participate, it's as easy as 1-2-3.

1. If giving cash please use one of your offering envelopes or a plain envelope, put your gift inside, and write your name on the envelope and also label it "Angel Tree."
2. If writing a check please make it out to "Pilgrim Lutheran Church" and put Angel Tree in the memo portion.
3. Place your check or "Angel Tree" envelope in the basket on one of the offering boxes **OR** mail a check to the church.

Thank you for your gift in response to our love for our Savior and our Pilgrim members in need.



Forgiven 2021

Higher Things Youth Conference

Calvin University Grand Rapids, MI

July 20-23, 2021

If you are interested in attending this conference please contact me by December 1.
You are not obligated to attend at this point but I need an idea of who is interested.
Kay Tolly call or text 358-4401 or email me at kt2155@gmail.com

"If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven." (John 20:23)

"I forgive you." The three most powerful words in the universe. They don't just change the universe for someone. They change someone's eternity. They change your eternity!

From His Cross, Jesus said, "It is finished" (John 19:30). His once-for-all death is yours, made yours, and is delivered into your ears, your heart, soul, mind, and strength with those three words: "I forgive you." His resurrection from the dead is also yours. Not just yours in your Baptism—once is never enough for Jesus—the forgiveness (justification, innocent verdict) of His resurrection is also made yours through those words: "I forgive you." Jesus delivers through those words all the benefits of His death and resurrection to all who hear and believe them; "He who by grace the Word believes The purchase of His blood receives" (LSB 614:6).

Forgiveness of sins in His Name is everything to Jesus. He sends out pastors to deliver those three eternity-changing words all over the world. He sends your pastor to deliver them to you. If you have sins, even a specific sin, your pastor's there to deliver Jesus' forgiveness for it. It's not just your pastor, either. You, too—yes, you! You were baptized and gifted all the people in your life so that "if your brother sins against you seven times a day and returns to you seven times saying, 'I repent,' you will forgive him" (Luke 17:4).

"I forgive you." Powerful words. Jesus' words. His words for you through "The minister whom Christ has sent" (LSB 614:5). Also His words for others through you. These words won't just change your summer or transform your daily life as a baptized child of God. With these three words, Jesus changes your eternity.