



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 34

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"Where the Bible is the inspired, inerrant Word of God"



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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
plc@pilgrimlutherandecatur.org**

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

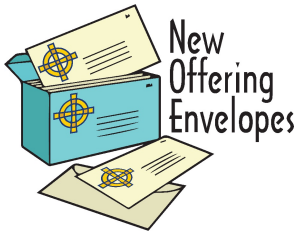
COMING UP

Fridays: 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. sanctuary reserved
12/9 4:30-6:00 Gr 7 & 8 Confirmation Classes
5:00-6:00 Gr 1-6
12/12 12:00-2:00 Rehearse and record Sunday
School Christmas Program
12/13 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
12/21 6:30 Council Meeting
.....God willing.....

OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY

General: 18,935.00
ULMA: 950
Christian Sharing: 175
Memorials Dale Workman: 195
Memorial Bill Dondeville: 50
Walther Theological Seminary: 60
Poinsettia: 200
Thanksgiving Food: 445
Angel Tree: 335
Loose: 75
Total: 21,420.00





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 the envelopes.

1. Those of you who are attending in-church services will see your offering envelopes the table 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.

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.

FREE YARN

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

Call Bonnie Propst 521-6581 if interested.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

- 12.1 John Mickler
- 12.4 Patti Newlin
- 12.5 Grant Abbott; Karalee Misner
W Derek & Samantha Ames 11 yrs
- 12.6 Michelle O'Bryan; Scott Perry
- 12.7 Drew Gensler; Mary Jo Thacker; Tim White
- 12.8 Kevin Ripple
- 12.9 Drake Gensler; Mike Mears
- 12.10 Sandy Norris; Stan Roberts; Gary Winchester
- 12.11 Betty Conover; Eva Snow
- 12.12 David Ireland

- 12.13 Jeff Cotner; Steve Goebel; Harvey Thompson
W Bryant & Martha Bomball 61 yrs
- 12.14 Razjada Brown; Marsha Crowe
W Phil & Marge Beach 63 yrs
W Mark & Carla Luka 24 yrs
- 12.15 Marvin Rau
- 12.19 Suzie Beltz
- 12.20 Greg Whisnant
- 12.22 Jennifer Gensler; Joe Wisner
- 12.24 Mike Claypool; David Pangrac; Donna Phillips
W Wayne & Barbara Buesking 66 yrs
- 12.26 Gloria Parton
- 12.28 W Jim & Carrie Snow 24 yrs
- 12.29 Ilene Henrichsmeyer
W Greg & Lesa Mills 36 yrs
- 12.30 Mark Thompson; Ted Workman
- 12.31 Carol Allen; Mike Bunch; Sarah Farrar; Ashley Lofland; Marilyn Mills



2020 ANGEL TREE

Keeping in mind the precautions we are taking this year ... the Angel Tree was not set up in our narthex as in the past.

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 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 make it out to "Pilgrim Lutheran Church" and put "Angel Tree" in the memo portion.
3. Place your Angel Tree donation in the basket on one of the offering boxes or mail your check to the church.

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



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 just 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.**

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

Please list "in memory" 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.