



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 36

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



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Newsletter Deadline: 9 A.M. Wednesday

**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
12/23 Midweek School classes canceled
12/24 12:00 and 7:00 Christmas Eve Services
12/27 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
12/30 Midweek School classes canceled
.....God willing.....

■ Reservations for Christmas Eve 12:00 or 7:00
services will be taken starting no earlier than 8:00
a.m. on Monday, December 21. All must sign up
including Sunday School teachers and parents of
Sunday School students.

■ Also, reservations for Sunday, December 27 will
be taken on the 21st.

OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 12/18

General: 4,748.00

Poinsettia: 200

Memorials Frank Rozzell: 305

Memorial Bill Dondeville: 100

Memorial Mary Mickler: 30

Memorial Ilene Henrichsmeyer: 30

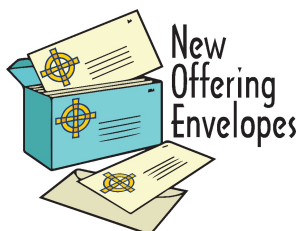
Misc: 17.44

Angel Tree: 250 Continued . . .



Postage Office Expense: 62.50
ULMA: 100
Christian Sharing: 40
Total: 5,882.94

The **CUT OFF DATE** to give 2020 offerings is December 27. Any contributions received after that date will counted in 2021.



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 OR in your designated pew. 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.

Pilgrim **DORIS POKEY** is in therapy after her recent stroke. If you'd like to send a card, she is at:
Kindred Hospital
500 W Romeo B Garrett Ave
Peoria IL 61605

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

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.

A BIG THANKS

I'd like to thank all my fellow trustees who gave of their time this past season making the Lord's property look its very best. Also, my thanks go out to Don and Jo-Anne Mast who kept up the front planter with the beautiful flowers. My thanks to the congregation for their support making sure we have good equipment to keep the grounds looking good.

—Blessings to all,
Larry Wolf

DEAR PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH,

During this past year, you have placed raised Braille dots under the fingertips of an individual who is blind. You have put a Large Print Bible into the hands of an elderly person struggling to cope with the isolation happening in the world around us. You have provided a voice for those who listen to the digital audio recordings of devotions and God's Word.

Your gifts, your prayerful support, have shared the love of Christ with many people living in darkness.

—Peace and Praise,
Jay Zemke, President
Lutheran Braille Workers

It
came
to pass
in those
days that
there went
out a decree
from Caesar
Augustus that all
the world should be
taxed: And this taxing
was first made when
Quirinius was governor
of Syria, and all went to be
taxed every one into his own
city. And Joseph also went up
from Galilee, out of the city of
Nazareth, unto the city of David, to
be taxed with Mary his espoused wife,
being great with child. And so it was that
while they were there, the days were accom-
plished that she should be delivered and she
brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in
swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger because there
was
no
room
for them in the inn.
Luke 2:1-7

Blessed CHRISTmas
The Pastors and Staff
of Pilgrim Lutheran Church