



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 48



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

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Fridays: 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. sanctuary reserved

OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 12/12

General: 13,121.00
Walther Theological Seminary: 120
Poinsettia: 285
Sunday School: 2
CDs: 11
Angel Tree: 551
Donuts/Milk/Coffee: 75.35
ULMA (Guild Mites): 151.89
Total: 14,317.24



ATTENDANCE

12/12 Sun 8:00 service: 103
12/12 Sun 10:45 service: 78
12/12 Adult Bible Classes: 92
12/12 Sunday School N3-Gr 12: 13
12/15 Wed Adult Bible Class: 45
12/15 Wed Worship 12:00: 59
12/15 Wed Worship 7:00: 15

MITE OFFERINGS ... ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box at your convenience. Thank-you. DECEMBER mites will go to Braille Work.

CUT-OFF DATE FOR 2021 OFFERINGS is December 26. Any offering contribution we receive after that date will be counted in the new year.



HELP IS NEEDED DECEMBER 23

AT 10:00 to assemble Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Sunday Worship folders. It shouldn't take more than an hour of your time. Please let Patti know if you can help. 217-877-2444 or email plc@pilgrimlutherandecatur.org.

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

Christmas Schedule 2021

12/22: NO morning adult class; Midweek
 School; or Wednesday Worship services
 12/24: 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship
 12/25: 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship
 12/26: 8:00 & 10:45 a.m. Worship services
 9:30 a.m. Bible Study for all ages
 12/29: NO morning adult class; Midweek
 School; or Wednesday Worship services
 12/31: 7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve worship
 1/2/2022 8:00 & 10:45 a.m. Worship services
 9:30 a.m. Bible Study for all ages
 1/5: ALL Wednesday activities resume:
 10:30 Adult class; 12:00 Worship;
 Midweek School

!! COMING EVENTS !!

12/20 6:30 Council Meeting
 12/22 NO Wednesday Classes or Worship
 12/23 10:00 Office Helpers assemble Christmas
 worship and Sunday worship folders
 12/24 12:00 Church Office closed
 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service
 12/25 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day service
 12/29 NO Wednesday Classes or Worship
 12/31 12:00 Church Office closed
 7:00 New Year's Eve Worship
 1/3/2022 6:30 Elders' Meeting
 1/10 1:30 Ladies Guild Business Meeting

 **DECEMBER**
Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 19 Suzie Beltz
- 20 Greg Whisnant
- 22 Jennifer Gensler; Joe Wisner
- 24 David Pangrac; Donna Phillips
W Wayne & Barbara Buesking 67 yrs
- 26 Gloria Parton
- 28 W Jim & Carrie Snow 25 yrs
- 29 W Greg & Lesa Mills 37 yrs
- 30 Mark Thompson; Ted Workman
- 31 Carol Allen; Mike Bunch; Sarah Farrar;
Ashley Lofland; Marilyn Mills

DEAR PASTORS and PILGRIM FAMILY:

Mark and I are very thankful for the outpouring of love we've received at the passing of his Dad on November 1 and my Mom on December 2. Thank you to Pastor Bill and Pastor Brock for their phone calls and faithful reminders of God's great love and mercy in Christ. We also want to extend our deepest appreciation to all our brothers and sisters in Christ who called, sent cards, and expressed condolences to us. In all trials and heartache, the Lord is with us. We are very blessed in the way He used our Pilgrim family to reach out to us. Thank you all.

—Mark and Jo Ames

SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistants 12/26 Sunday 8:00
Allen Kilzer 10:45 Doug Ward
Ushers 7:00 Christmas Eve Tim White's Team
9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Chuck Barnes' Team
12/26 Sunday 8:00 Tim White; Derek Ames;
Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter; Ron Kelm
10:45 Craig Goepfing; Stan Lange; Dave
Pressley; John Wainwright
Coffee Servers 12/26 Sunday Class Dave & Vicki
Schroeder
Financial Counters 12/26 Steve Myrvold; Kevin
Ripple [Plan to stay and count any offerings
given after the late service.]
Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up 12/26 Sunday
Ray & Linda Beals; Jane Martin; Sarah
Marsaglia; Carrie Thompson
Greeters 12/26 Sunday 8:00 Jean Mueller &
Linda Workman 10:45 Kurt & Wendy Bickes