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

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and Friday 8 a.m. to Noon.

Fridays: 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the Sanctuary is Reserved.

ATTENDANCE

11/20 Sun 8:00 service: 119
11/20 Sun 10:45 service: 90
11/20 Adult Bible Class: 114
11/20 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 9

OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 11/20

General: 29,568.00
Christian Sharing: 75.00
Flowers: 25.00
Sunday School: 2.00
MISC: 115.43
CDs: 19.00
Thanksgiving Food: 201.00
Donuts: 76.00
Total: 30,081.43

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

11/30 10:30 Bible Class
12:00 Wed Worship
4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6
8th Grade Confirmation
12/1 8:00 Braille at LSA
8:00 Quilters
12/2 6:00-8:00 Frenzied Friday Paint Party
12/8 12:00 Ladies' Guild Christmas Luncheon
at The Village Tea Room in Springfield
12/11 3:00 Sunday School Christmas Program
12/21 No Wed Bible Class, Wed Worship or
Midweek School
12/24 7:00 Christmas Eve Service
12/25 9:00 Christmas Day Service
(One service, No Bible Class or Sunday
School)
12/28 No Wed Bible Class, Wed Worship or
Midweek School
12/31 7:00 New Year's Eve Service Communion

SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistant/Acolyte

12/4 Sunday 8:00 Gary Quandt

10:45 Greg Collingwood

Ushers 12/4 Sunday 8:00 Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter; Ron Kelm 10:45 Craig Goeppinger; Stan

Lange; Terry Massey; Bob Meadows; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; John Wainwright

Coffee Servers 11/30 Wed Paul & Patti Zeck

12/4 Sunday Dave & Vicki Schroeder

Financial Counters 12/4 Sunday Mark Ames; John Crowe; Tim Ellison; Paul Giesler

Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up

12/4 Sunday Shirley McMillen; Dian Centers; Bev Myrvold; Linda Ripple; Tim & Lynn Block; Amanda Block

Greeters 12/4 Sunday 8:00 Doug & Vicky Lueck 10:45 Ray & Linda Beals

Trustees- Week of 11/27 Larry Wolf; Ray Beals; Pete Williams; Brad Roberts; Brett Stenger; Aaron Purcell; Gene Wise- Litter Control



11/27 Megan Wooters

11/28 Dona Bailey
Timothy & Lynette White (41 years)

11/29 William Bork; Emily Musgrove

11/30 Betty Potrafka



12/1 John Mickler

12/5 Grant Abbott
Derek & Samantha Ames (13)

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 Betty Conover; Eva Snow
Robert & Erica Meadows (1)

12/12 David Ireland

12/13 Jeff Cotner; Steve Goebel; Harvey Thompson
Bryant & Martha Bomball (63)

12/14 Razjada Brown; Marsha Crowe
Phil & Marge Beach (65)
Mark & Carla Luka (26)

12/15 Marvin Rau

12/19 Suzie Beltz

12/20 Greg Whisnant

12/22 Jennifer Gensler; Joseph Wisner

12/24 Dave Pangrac; Donna Phillips
Wayne & Barbara Buesking (68)

12/26 Gloria Parton

12/28 Jim & Carrie Snow (26)

12/29 Greg & Lesa Mills (38)

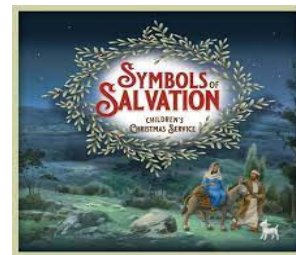
12/30 Mark Thompson; Ted Workman

12/31 Carol Allen; Mike Bunch; Ashley Lofland; Marilyn Mills

2023
Offering
Envelopes



2023 Offering Envelopes are available on the tables in the narthex. Please begin using them in January 2023. Pick yours up today!



The Sunday School Christmas Program, "Symbols of Salvation," will be on December 11, 2022 at 3:00. Please join the children as they proclaim the birth of our Savior!

MITE OFFERINGS... ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box at your convenience. **NOVEMBER** mites will go to Lutheran World Relief. **DECEMBER** mites will go to Bethesda Lutheran Communities. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

N3-8th Grade
Lesson Summaries

11/27/22

LESSON 12

1 Samuel 3

"A Prophet Serves" is the title for this week's lesson. Having been raised in the tabernacle from the time he was a young child, Samuel continues to serve Eli the priest. One night, Samuel runs to Eli, thinking Eli is calling his name. Eli sends Samuel back to bed, assuring him he had not called. As the pattern repeats, Eli tells Samuel to lie down once again but then next time respond, "Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears" (1 Samuel 3:9). When the Lord calls once again, He gives Samuel a vision of how Samuel will succeed Eli rather than Eli's "worthless" sons. Discuss how God used the prophet Samuel to do His work.

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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.

HOW CAN WE COMMUNICATE WITH YOU?



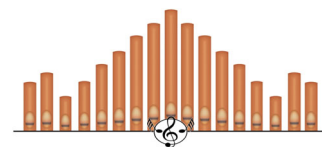
For information and cancellations:

1. Sign up with **Flocknote by texting to this number 84576 and put PLC in the message area.** Please only include the groups that you are a member of. If you are not on the Council, trustees or PYC, for example, don't ask to be in that group. Make sure that you include your name and email address. If you need help please contact me, Kay Tolly. You can also sign up at pilgrimlutheranchurch1.flocknote.com.

2. Kay posts a lot of announcements, pictures, and information on our **PRIVATE MEMBERS ONLY FACEBOOK PAGE.** Please ask to join by going to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/62157575041/>. That link should take you to Members of Pilgrim Lutheran Church Decatur Illinois. You will request to join and then the administrators will approve your request. We are being very cautious in approving due to so many hackers out there. Kay may call and verify that you made the request, or you can let her know by calling the church office. We also have a PUBLIC Facebook page, but you will not receive the info on that page that you will receive on our PRIVATE page. That page is Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Confessional, Decatur, IL <https://www.facebook.com/pilgrimlutherandecaturil>. Since that page is public you can share videos and other items from that page.



Contact Kay if you have any questions.



VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of two to three people to train to run the Substitute Organist Program.

Kay Tolly programs an iPad for the service and you would be following instructions to hook up the iPad and hit the correct button for each portion of the service.

Two people have generously volunteered their time and have successfully executed the program. We would like to add several more people to the rotation for this very important part of our worship services.

If interested, please contact Kay.



Where: The Village Tea Room
3301 Robbins Road
Date: Thursday, December 8, 2022
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Cost: \$16.00 per person plus
tax & gratuity (includes drink)
RSVP: Before Sunday, November 27

Make your selections
on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

We can car pool from the church parking lot
for those that can't or don't want to drive.
Meet at the church no later than 10:30 a.m.

There is shopping in the building of the Tea Room
for those who wish to do so after lunch.

We are collecting items to be donated to the New Life Pregnancy Center.
A box is in the Narthex. Please leave items there.

*The Ladies' Guild is asking the congregation for donations for the
New Life Pregnancy Center.*

Please leave items in the box in the narthex.

*Please place monetary donations in the offering box and note
New Life Pregnancy Center. Thank you!*

Items needed for New Life Pregnancy Center

Blessing Boutique Wish List:

- Used Summer clothing-toddler sizes
- Children's Onsie
- Socks
- Diapers- sizes 3-6
- Pull-ups- all sizes
- Baby wipes
- Enfamil A.R. Formula & Gentlease Formula
- Baby wash
- Baby lotion
- Toilet paper
- Adult personal hygiene items
- Purex powdered laundry detergent
- "Fresh Spring Waters
- GoodNites Bedtime Pants
boys 38-65 lbs. S/M & L/XL
- Children's underwear- sizes 2T-7

Layette Wish List:

- Hooded Towels
- Socks
- Bibs
- Infant toys
- New summer clothing & sleepers (0-3 month)

Thrift Shoppe Needs:

Merchandise needs:

- Bridal gowns

Supply needs:

- White cardstock, Shout, Dawn blue dish
detergent, Gain Fling Pods (laundry detergent)

Puberty Presentation Needs:

- Travel size deodorant
- Travel size body wash
- Travel size toothpaste
- Hershey's kisses/Mint Lifesavers
- Panty liners
- Hair ties



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!

Frenzied Friday Paint Party
December 2
6:00-8:00 pm

JENN KILLION WILL SHOW US HOW TO MAKE A CANVAS PAINTING IN A FUN AND EASY WAY. IT WILL MAKE A GREAT GIFT OR DECORATION FOR YOUR ROOM. EVERYONE BRING A SNACK TO SHARE (NO DINNER TONIGHT) SIGN UP BY NOV. 27. YOU WILL CHOOSE FROM THE SAMPLES OF CANVAS OR WOOD. JENN PAINTED THE SAMPLES BELOW!



BIG THANKS!

To all my fellow trustees who gave of their time and energy keeping the Lord's property looking so nice all season long. Thanks to all of the members of the congregation who also help out each year doing some of the work when we ask for help. Don and Jo-Anne Mast do such a great job making the planter look so nice with the beautiful flowers.

I would like to reach out to any of our younger members who may be able to help out in any way to contact Pastor Bill, Pastor Brock, or myself, Larry Wolf.

*Thanks and Blessings,
Larry Wolf*



DECEMBER 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 18 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School | 19 6:30 Council Meeting | 20 6:00 WTS Board of Trustees Meeting | 21 All Classes and Worship Services are cancelled. | 22 8:00 Quilters | 23 | 24  7:00 Christmas Eve Worship |
| 25 9:00 Christmas Day Worship No Bible Classes or Sunday School  | 26 | 27 | 28 All Classes and Worship Services are cancelled. | 29 8:00 Quilters | 30 | 31  7:00 New Year's Eve Worship Communion |