



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 49



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Office is open: Mon-Thurs 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
and Friday 8 a.m. to Noon.

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

ATTENDANCE

11/24 Thanksgiving service: 60
11/27 Sun 8:00 service: 98
11/27 Sun 10:45 service: 80
11/27 Adult Bible Class: 6
11/27 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 8
11/30 Wed 10:30 Bible Class: 43
11/30 Wed 12:00 service: 51

OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 11/27

General: 33,364.00
Flowers: 75.00
Sunday School: 2.00
MISC: 68.54
CDs: 12.00
Donuts: 42.00
Total: 33,563.54

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

12/5 6:30 Elders' Meeting
12/7 10:30 Bible Class
12:00 Wed Worship Communion
4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6
8th Grade Confirmation
12/8 8:00 Quilters
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

12/7 Wednesday 12:00 Allen Kilzer

12/11 Sunday 8:00 Tom Greenwood

10:45 Don Mast

Ushers 12/11 Sunday 8:00 Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter;

Ron Kelm 10:45 Craig Goepfinger; Stan Lange; Terry Massey; Bob Meadows; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; John Wainwright

Coffee Servers 12/7 Wed Ron Kelm

12/11 Sunday Jim & Linda Snow

Financial Counters 12/11 Sunday John Mickler; Ellis V. Buth; Dain Friend; Paul Zeck

Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up

12/11 Sunday Ted & Linda Sue Workman; Jane

Martin; Nancy Quandt; Carrie Thompson

Greeters 12/11 Sunday 8:00 Stan & Lani

Mierek 10:45 Kurt & Wendy Bickes

DECEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

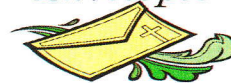
12/28 Jim & Carrie Snow (26)

12/29 Greg & Lesa Mills (38)

12/30 Mark Thompson; Ted Workman

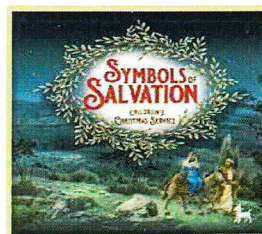
12/31 Carol Allen; Mike Bunch; Ashley Lofland; Marilyn Mills

2023 Offering Envelopes



2023 Offering Envelopes are available on the tables in the narthex.

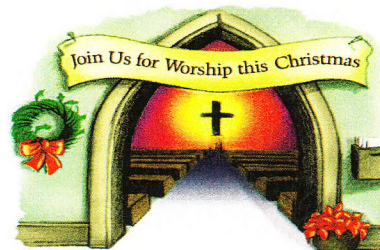
Please begin using them in January 2023. Pick yours up today!



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. DECEMBER mites will go to Bethesda Lutheran Communities. Thank you.



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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

LESSONS

N3-8th Grade
Lesson Summaries

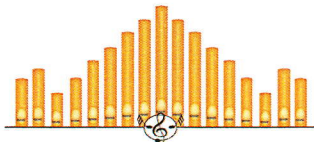
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LESSON 13

1 Samuel 16:1-13; 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 7:4-17

Today's lesson, "A King Forever," looks forward to our forever King, Jesus. God sends Samuel to anoint the next king of Israel, with the reminder, "The LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7). God rejects each of Jesse's sons, so Samuel sends for the youngest, David, whom God has chosen to become the greatest king of Israel. Surviving Saul's insane jealousy, David becomes king and establishes Jerusalem as his stronghold. As a family, talk about how God used David to unite His people and how Jesus will unite all believers.

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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.

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.



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!

*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