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

ATTENDANCE

12/4 Sun 8:00 service: 99
12/4 Sun 10:45 service: 88
12/4 Adult Bible Class: 98
12/4 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 7
12/7 Wed 10:30 Bible Class: 40
12/7 Wed 12:00 service: 77

OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 12/4

General: 15,193.25
Walther Theological Seminary: 600.00
Flowers: 400.00
Sunday School: 2.00
MISC: 623.59
Loose: 80.00
CDs: 9.00
Angel Tree: 845.00
Donuts: 64.00
Total: 17,816.84

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

12/11 3:00 Sunday School Christmas Program
12/14 10:30 Bible Class
12:00 Wed Worship
4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6
8th Grade Confirmation
12/15 8:00 Quilters
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

12/18 Sunday 8:00 Allen Kilzer

10:45 Doug Ward

Ushers 12/18 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 12/14 Wed Gary & Mary Ann Driskell

12/18 Sunday Alex & Vicki Wegmann

Financial Counters 12/18 Sunday Kevin

Ripple; Bob Ellis; Drew Gensler; Steve

Myrvold

Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up

12/18 Sunday Steve & Jennifer Gensler; Don

& Jo-Anne Mast; Gary & Mary Ann Driskell

Greeters 12/18 Sunday 8:00 Jim & Linda

Snow 10:45 Byron & Nancy Brown



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)

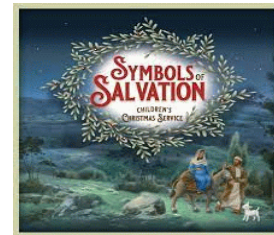
12/30 Mark Thompson; Ted Workman

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

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.



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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

LESSONS

N3-8th Grade
Lesson Summaries

12/11/22

LESSON 14

2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-13

"The King's Table" is the title of today's lesson. Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son, suffered crippling injuries at age 5 while escaping Saul's enemies with his nurse. Once David established his kingdom, his thoughts turned to whether there were any survivors from Saul and Jonathan's line. Discovering Mephibosheth, David bestows on him Saul's land and fortune. Mephibosheth's family moves to Jerusalem, where he always eats at the king's table. Discuss how God provides for our daily needs today.

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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.



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!