



# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 50



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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



December 10, 2023

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Rev. Bill Abbott

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[www.pilgrimlutherandecatur.org](http://www.pilgrimlutherandecatur.org)

[www.unitedlutheranmission.org](http://www.unitedlutheranmission.org)

[www.waltherseminary.org](http://www.waltherseminary.org)

### Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Sanctuary is reserved from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Fridays.

**Newsletter Deadline:** Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.

### OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY- 12/3

General Fund: 19,739.00

Walther Theological Seminary: 100.00

Altar Flowers/Poinsettias: 125.00

Sunday School: 1.00

Misc: 374.22

CDs: 3.00

New Life Pregnancy Center: 50.00

Angel Tree: 750.00

Donuts: 64.10

Total: 21,206.32

### ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

12/10 12:15-3:00 Sunday School Christmas Program and Brunch Event

12/13 10:30 Bible Class

12:00 Wednesday Worship

4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

12/14 8:00 Quilters

### ATTENDANCE

12/3 Sunday 8:00 service: 104

Sunday 10:45 service: 60

Adult Bible Class: 109

12/3 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 9

12/6 Wednesday 10:30 Bible Class: 40

12/6 Wednesday 12:00 service: 65

**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 United Lutheran Mission Association. Thank you!



## SERVING THE LORD

**Communion Assistant/Acolyte** 12/17 Sunday

**8:00** Gary Quandt **10:45** Doug Ward

**Ushers** 12/17 Sunday 8:00 Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter; Ron Kelm **10:45** Stan Lange; Craig Goepfing; Bob Meadows; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; Gary Winchester

**Coffee Servers** 12/13 Wed Ron Kelm

12/17 Sunday Kurt & Wendy Bickes

**Financial Counters** 12/17 Sunday Rich Lanier; Rick Leach; Steve Musgrove; Gary Schueller

**Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up**

12/17 Sunday Steve & Jennifer Gensler; Don & Jo-Anne Mast; Patti Zeck; Jane Martin

**Greeters** 12/17 Sunday 8:00 Marlene Crawford; Phyllis Kunzeman **10:45** Byron & Nancy Brown

## DECEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 12/1 John Mickler  
12/5 Grant Abbott  
Derek & Samantha Ames (14 years)  
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 Eva Snow  
Bob & Erica Meadows (2 years)  
12/13 Jeff Cotner; Steve Goebel; Harvey Thompson  
12/14 Razjada Brown; Marsha Crowe  
Mark & Carla Luka (27 years)  
12/15 Marvin Rau  
12/19 Suzie Beltz  
12/20 Greg Whisnant  
12/22 Jennifer Gensler; Joe Wisner  
12/24 David Pangrac; Donna Phillips  
Wayne & Barbara Buesking (69 years)  
12/26 Gloria Parton  
12/28 Jim & Carrie Snow (27 years)  
12/29 Greg & Lesa Mills (39 years)  
12/30 Mark Thompson; Ted Workman  
12/31 Carol Allen; Mike Bunch; Ashley Lofland; Marilyn Mills

## Offering Envelopes



**2024 Offering Envelopes are available on the tables in the narthex. Please begin using them in January 2024. Pick yours up today!**

12.10.2023

Unit 4

Lesson 14



In today's "Waterworks" lesson, we learn about how God provided water from the rock. Having moved their camp from the wilderness of Sin to Rephidim, the Israelites face a new challenge—no water. Despite His daily food supply, the people doubt God's ability to provide water for them and their livestock. Moses cries out the Lord, who instructs him to strike the rock with his staff. Moses does so and water pours out, providing all that the people need.

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**FREE KITTENS TO GOOD HOME**  
**Three were born September 10, and another three were born about two weeks later.**  
**They are garage kitties and at a playful stage.**  
**If you are interested,**  
**call Lynette White at 217-794-5028.**

## Angel Tree

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!



*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](mailto:plc@pilgrimlutherandecatur.org).*

## WITH Gratitude

*Dear Pilgrim family,*

*Thank you for your prayers during my recent bout with Covid. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.*

*In Christ,  
Ron Kelm*

IN HONOR OF

Pastor Donald Pritchard

For his many years of faithful service to the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church and the Pleasant Plains community

Zion Lutheran Church

525 N. Cartwright St, Pleasant Plains, IL 62677

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Divine Service at 10:15. Everyone is welcome

Lunch will be served after the service.

(Appx 11:30)

RSVP by December 10, 2023 to:

[stephaniegoebel@yahoo.com](mailto:stephaniegoebel@yahoo.com)

