



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 52



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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



December 24, 2023

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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- 12/17

General Fund: 21,474.09

Altar Flowers/Poinsettias: 310.00

Sunday School: 11.00

Memorials: 300.00

CDs: 3.00

Postage Rebate: 100.00

Angel Tree: 530.00

Donuts: 72.00

Total: 22,800.09

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

12/24 7:00 Christmas Eve Service

12/25 9:00 Christmas Day Service

12/31 7:00 New Year's Eve Service

12/27 No Bible Class, Wed Worship or Midweek

12/28 8:00 Quilters

1/5 5:30-7:30 PKC/PYC Frenzied Friday

ATTENDANCE

12/17 Sunday 8:00 service: 127

Sunday 10:45 service: 83

Adult Bible Class: 97

12/17 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 8

12/20 Wednesday 10:30 Bible Class: 36

12/20 Wednesday 12:00 service: 52

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 12/31 Sunday

8:00 Allen Kilzer 10:45 Doug Ward

Ushers

12/24 Christmas Eve 7:00 Joe Marsaglia; Bruce Gifford; Paul Giesler; Loren Hiser; Dave Schroeder; Chad Wooters

12/25 Christmas Day 9:00 Stan Lange, Craig Goepfinger; Bob Meadows; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; Gary Winchester

12/31 Sunday 8:00 Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter; Ron Kelm 10:45 Stan Lange; Craig Goepfinger; Bob Meadows, Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; Gary Winchester

Coffee Servers 12/31 Sunday Doug & Vicky Lueck

Financial Counters 12/31 Sunday John Mickler; Ellis V. Buth; Dain Friend; Paul Zeck

Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up

12/31 Sunday Karen Svendsen; Nancy Jacobs; Melinda Hiser; Jane Martin; Carrie Thompson

Greeters

12/24 Christmas Eve 7:00 Jim & Linda Snow

12/25 Christmas Day 9:00 Joe & Sarah Marsaglia

12/31 Sunday 8:00 Doug & Vicky Lueck

10:45 Paul Giesler; Megan Wooters

DECEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 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

JANUARY

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1/1 Greg Collingwood
Ron & Carolyn Wagner (42 years)
- 1/3 Mark Ames; Wendy Bickes; Phyllis Kunzeman; Zofia Wegmann
- 1/6 Coline Ganley
- 1/7 Debbie Hoffman

- 1/10 Tara Martin
- 1/11 Erin Ripple; Karen Svendsen
- 1/13 Diane Jones; Darlene Lear
- 1/14 Mary Teschner
- 1/15 Makenna Haksasila
- 1/16 Blake Luka; Glenda Sinnard
- 1/17 Suzanne Heinkel
- 1/19 Eldred Budde
- 1/20 Celia Ritter; Leanne Roberts; John Wainwright
- 1/22 Steve Gensler; Tim Laesch; Rita Wise
- 1/23 Jane Martin
- 1/24 Pat Abbott; Ellis Buth
- 1/25 Cathy Anderson; Bob Ellis; Shirley McMillen; Brad Saul
- 1/26 Jared Potrafka
- 1/27 Don Mast
- 1/28 Mila Coers
- 1/30 Nora Kinney; Jordan Letterly; River Lofland; Pete Williams

12.24.2023

Unit 5

Lesson 2



Today, we will study "A Tent for God." Moses begins the process of building a portable house (called a tabernacle) for the Lord by gathering offerings from the Israelites. God provides detailed instruction for the creation of the ark of the covenant as well as the other fixtures of the tabernacle. When the tabernacle is finally assembled, the glory of the Lord descends on the tabernacle in the form of a cloud. As long as the presence remains, the people remain in that place.

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

**The year-end cut-off date
for 2023 contributions is
Sunday, December 31, 2023.**



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,

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!

To all our Pilgrim family and friends,

Thank you for your many prayers and words of encouragement as our mother Ruby moved on to Glory and is now with the Lord. A special thanks to Pastors Bill and Brock for the comforting funeral service, Pastor Bill and Pat for the many visits, Nancy Wolf for playing the organ at the funeral, the Ladies' Guild for the delicious luncheon and those who served and those who donated food. We feel so blessed to be a part of this Pilgrim family.

*In Christ,
Gary Quandt and family
Sherry Egan and family*

**Blessed Christmas
from the Pastors and staff
of Pilgrim Lutheran Church!**



*Thanks be unto God
for his inexpressible gift.*

2 Corinthians 9:15, ESV