



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 49



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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



December 8, 2024

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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 12/1

General Fund: 25,948.45
Walther Theological Seminary: 125.00
Poinsettias: 150.00
Sunday School: 11.00
Misc: 2,683.55
CDs: 7.00
Angel Tree: 155.00
Donuts: 61.35
Total: 29,141.35

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

12/8 12:15-3:00 Sunday School Christmas Program and Lunch Event
12/11 10:30 Bible Class
12:00 Advent Wed Worship
4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6
7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
7:00 Advent Wed Worship
12/12 8:00 Quilters

ATTENDANCE

12/1 Sun 8:00 service: 95
Sun 10:45 service: 81
Adult Bible Class: 101
12/1 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 13
12/4 Wednesday 10:30 Bible Class: 42
12/4 Wednesday 12:00 Advent service: 65
12/4 Wednesday 7:00 Advent service: 26

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 Lutheran World Relief. Thank you!



2025 Offering Envelopes are available on the tables in the narthex. Please begin using them in January 2025. Pick yours up today!



SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistant/Acolyte 12/15 Sunday

8:00 Allen Kilzer **10:45** Greg Collingwood

Ushers 12/11 Wed **12:00** Tim White's Team

7:00 Stan Lange's Team

12/15 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 12/11 Wed Paul & Patti Zeck

12/15 Sunday Jim & Linda Snow

Financial Counters 12/15 Sunday Rich Lanier;

Rick Leach; Steve Musgrove; Gary Schueller

Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up 12/15 Sunday

Steve & Jennifer Gensler; Don & Jo-Anne Mast;

Patti Zeck; Jane Martin

Greeters 12/15 Sunday **8:00** Jean Mueller; Linda

M. Workman **10:45** Will & Jennifer Bryan

DECEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 12/1 John Mickler
12/5 Grant Abbott
Derek & Samantha Ames (15 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 (3 years)
12/13 Jeff Cotner; Steve Goebel; Asa Hutchins;
Harvey Thompson
12/14 Razjada Brown; Marsha Crowe
Mark & Carla Luka (28 years)
12/15 Marvin Rau
12/19 Suzie Beltz
12/20 Greg Whisnant
12/22 Jennifer Gensler; Joe Wisner
12/24 Dave Pangrac; Donna Phillips
Wayne & Barbara Buesking (70 years)
12/26 Gloria Parton
12/28 Jim & Carrie Snow (28 years)
12/29 Greg & Lesa Mills (40 years)
12/30 Mark Thompson; Ted Workman
12/31 Carol Allen; Mike Bunch; Ashley Lofland;
Marilyn Mills

The year-end cut-off date for 2024
contributions is Sunday, December 29, 2024.

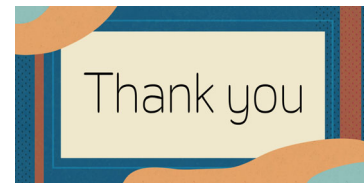
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Lesson 14



In today's lesson, "Mission Wonders," Jesus gathers seventy-two followers and sends them out to the surrounding towns and villages. Taking nothing with them, these disciples depend on the willing welcome of local residents. There they remain, healing and spreading God's Word. Returning from their mission, the seventy-two rejoice in the many miracles they witnessed. Jesus reminds them to rejoice in their salvation.

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A shout of thanks to my fellow trustees for their hard work and dedication keeping the Lord's property looking so great this year. A special thanks to Don and Jo-Anne Mast for the beautiful flowers they planted and maintained all summer long. Thanks to all who served the Lord this year!

Blessings,
Larry Wolf



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.



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.



WE ARE ADOPTING AN ALL-CONGREGATION TEXTING/EMAIL COMMUNICATION SERVICE

- Closing & cancellation notifications, eliminating the need for individual phone calls
- Important updates
- Reminders and communication for specific groups
- Easy to sign up
- Sign up to receive texts or emails or both
- Your information is private
- No spam
- Unsubscribe at any time
- If you don't text or email NOTIFY us and you will still receive a phone call from the office
- There is no charge for this service but your carrier message and data rates may apply.

Help us to communicate important information to you by signing up NOW!

TEXT to this number **84576** the letters **PLC** and you will receive a welcome notification
OR Sign up at pilgrimlutheranchurch1.flocknote.com

Please contact Kay Tolly if you need assistance or have questions.



HIGHLIGHTS

- 12 Nights Lodging
- 12 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 7 Dinners
- Luxury Motorcoach by Timi's Tours
- Travel Insurance Included (may be additional Cost for certain pre-existing conditions)
- Gratuities for Guides and Bus Driver Included
- Hotel Luggage Handling where available
- Great Platte River Road Archway
- Golden Spike Tower
- National Museum of Military Vehicles
- Craig Thomas Discovery Center
- Grand Teton National Park with Guide
- Grand Teton Snake River Float Trip with Dinner
- Jackson Hole
- Yellowstone National Park with Guide

- Badlands National Park
- Grizzly Discovery Center
- Buffalo Bill Center of the Wests
- Free Time in Downtown Cody, WY
- Old Train Town
- The Cody Cattle Company Dinner/Show
- Cody Night Rodeo
- Black Hill Touring with Guide
- Mt. Rushmore
- Custer State Park
- Buffalo Safari Jeep Tour
- Crazy Horse Memorial
- Tatanks: Story of the Bison
- Free Time in Deadwood, SD
- Trial of Jack McCall
- Wall Drug & Corn Palace

Double Occupancy \$4860.00 per person**Triple Occupancy \$4309.00 per person.

Quad Occupancy \$2890.00 per personSingle Occupancy \$7250.00 per person

A deposit of \$1000.00 per person is required to hold your spot. Payments must be made on time and in keeping with the payment plan.

Payments Per Person 1/2 balance due January 15, 20251/2 balance (Final payment) due March 15, 2025

Contact Kay Tolly at 217-358-4401/ 217-877-2444 or email at kt2155@gmail.com for the itinerary and registration form. There's complete brochures on the tract rack where the sermons are.