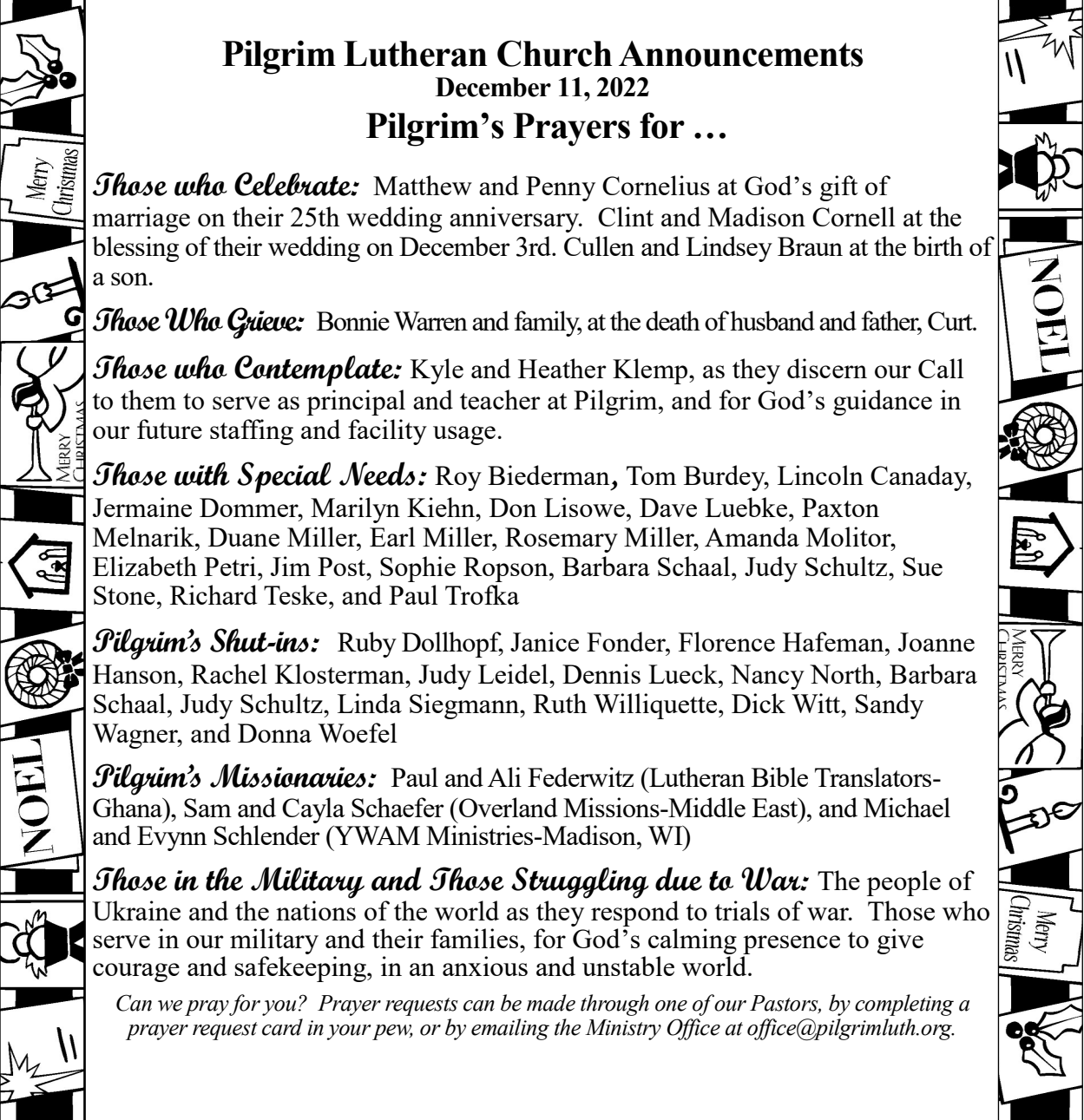




Pilgrim Lutheran Church Announcements

December 11, 2022

Pilgrim's Prayers for ...



Those who Celebrate: Matthew and Penny Cornelius at God's gift of marriage on their 25th wedding anniversary. Clint and Madison Cornell at the blessing of their wedding on December 3rd. Cullen and Lindsey Braun at the birth of a son.

Those Who Grieve: Bonnie Warren and family, at the death of husband and father, Curt.

Those who Contemplate: Kyle and Heather Klemp, as they discern our Call to them to serve as principal and teacher at Pilgrim, and for God's guidance in our future staffing and facility usage.


Those with Special Needs: Roy Biederman, Tom Burdey, Lincoln Canaday, Jermaine Dommer, Marilyn Kiehn, Don Lisowe, Dave Luebke, Paxton Melnarik, Duane Miller, Earl Miller, Rosemary Miller, Amanda Molitor, Elizabeth Petri, Jim Post, Sophie Ropson, Barbara Schaal, Judy Schultz, Sue Stone, Richard Teske, and Paul Trofka

Pilgrim's Shut-ins: Ruby Dollhopf, Janice Fonder, Florence Hafeman, Joanne Hanson, Rachel Klosterman, Judy Leidel, Dennis Lueck, Nancy North, Barbara Schaal, Judy Schultz, Linda Siegmann, Ruth Williquette, Dick Witt, Sandy Wagner, and Donna Woefel

Pilgrim's Missionaries: Paul and Ali Federwitz (Lutheran Bible Translators-Ghana), Sam and Cayla Schaefer (Overland Missions-Middle East), and Michael and Evynn Schlender (YWAM Ministries-Madison, WI)

Those in the Military and Those Struggling due to War: The people of Ukraine and the nations of the world as they respond to trials of war. Those who serve in our military and their families, for God's calming presence to give courage and safekeeping, in an anxious and unstable world.

Can we pray for you? Prayer requests can be made through one of our Pastors, by completing a prayer request card in your pew, or by emailing the Ministry Office at office@pilgrimluth.org.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pilgrim's Three-Year Ministry Plan - Pilgrim's three-year ministry plan is available, as a printed copy, in the entryway at both sites, or a digital version on Pilgrim's website. We are now addressing the need for immediate funding for several projects. Information on these short-term projects, and how to you can donate, is available in a "*Pilgrim's Projects*" pamphlet in the Narthex today.

Endowing the Future: Funding Future Church Worker Students - The Pilgrim Endowment Committee is pleased to announce that the following students have been awarded educational grants to continue their education to become full-time Church Workers:

Seminary Student: Jedidiah McClellan, Concordia Seminary-St. Louis

Teaching/Youth Ministry Student: Katrina Erickson, Concordia University-Wisconsin

We pray for their continued success as they prepare for their service in God's Kingdom.

The Goetsch Family Memorial Scholarship to Concordia University-WI was first established in 2015 by John Goetsch to encourage deserving students to attend a college that will provide them with a Christian Education, assist recipients with financial aid in order to attain their education, and publicize to others the importance of Christian Education. The scholarship is available to any Pilgrim member. Priority will be given to any incoming freshmen, however, current students enrolled at Concordia University WI are also eligible and encouraged to apply. The scholarship is administered by the Concordia University WI Foundation with the recipient being selected by the Pilgrim Endowment Committee. Applications for the 2023-2024 school year are available at the Welcome Center after December 15, 2022. **The deadline for the applications is February 6, 2023.** Questions regarding the scholarship should be directed to LuEllen Oskey at lueoskey@gmail.com.



2022 Church Pictorial Directories Update - Pilgrim's new pictorial directories are expected to be available for pickup at church in mid-December.

End of Year Giving - Our church is blessed by the generosity of God's people. As we prepare to wind down the calendar year, we would like to remind the congregation that cash gifts that are mailed and postmarked by Dec. 31, 2022 are calendar year 2022 gifts. We will provide you with your total amount of 2022 tax-deductible gifts to assist you in completing your tax return. These giving statements will be mailed directly to your home address in late January.

2023 Offering Envelopes will be mailed out in the next few weeks - Please note that new offering envelope numbers are assigned with the start of every new year. It is helpful for our volunteer offering counters that only 2023 envelopes are used starting on Jan. 1st. Please recycle unused 2022 offering envelopes at the end of December.

Holiday Hours for the Ministry Office - Please note that the Ministry Office will be closed on Friday, Dec. 23rd; Monday, Dec. 26th; Friday, Dec. 30th; and Monday, Jan. 2nd.

Winter Weather Closings - We always strive to hold our church services, even through the worst of Wisconsin winters. In rare instances where our services are canceled due to winter storms, it will be announced on our pilgrimluth.org website and Facebook.

ADVENT NOTICES

During the season of Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. The season of Advent lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. Pilgrim celebrates Advent in many ways...



Advent Midweek Worship Services - Our midweek Advent worship services will be led by the children of our Church and School at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm:

- ◆ Wed. Dec. 14 6th-8th grades, “*A Night in Bethlehem*”
- ◆ Wed. Dec. 21 “*Christmas at Pilgrim*” (7:00 pm service only)



Advent Devotionals are available today in the Narthex at both sites. Please help yourself to a copy and pick up an extra copy to share with a friend, relative, or neighbor.

The Suamico Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, Dec. 18th at 9:00 am. Please join us for this special presentation.

“Christmas at Pilgrim” is coming! This annual music service will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to join us for a service filled with the joy of the season, and bring a friend! Please note because we have so many gifted and willing musicians at Pilgrim, plan to come early for 20 minutes of pre-service music!

Christmas Poinsettias and Decorations - If you would like to provide a Poinsettia or fund Christmas decorations, please pick up an order form from the round table in the Narthex.

MISSIONS

Come Hear an Update on Important Middle East Mission Work! Please join Sam and Cayla Schaefer in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, Dec. 18th(10:00 am – 10:30 am) or (11:30 am – 12:00 pm) to hear about their exciting mission work in the Middle East. The Board of Christian Life and Growth is preparing free pork sandwiches and beverages for all who attend. Please make it a point to greet the Schaefers and enjoy fellowship with your Pilgrim friends.



Missionary Updates

December Coins for Christ - Through the “*Coins for Christ*” program, all loose coins in the offering plate are donated to a recipient that rotates monthly. December’s recipient is **Northeastern Wisconsin Lutheran High School (NEWLHS)**. Please help us fundraise for this important mission by placing your spare change in the offering plate! Last month’s recipient, Ministry to the Armed Forces, received over \$120.

To assist students in making appropriate career and post secondary choices a proactive testing program has been implemented at NEWLHS. The five year ACT composite was 23.1 compared to state average 20.8 and national of 20.9. The **ALL THINGS NEW**

CAMPAIGN for facility improvement is making possible a new 9,000 square foot addition – erected last year and opened in January of 2022. Your prayers and support of NEWLHS insures continuing quality Christian secondary education.

Lutherans for Life - Abortion and assisted suicide attempt to acquire one's salvation by violence (Matthew 11:12). But God's kingdom comes as He mercifully preserves at our weakest (Matthew 11:5-6). We need not seize happiness at the expense of others. Rather, we advocate endurance in sufferings such as surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis (James 5:11), and with our support for them we strengthen instead of extinguish (Isaiah 35:3). *lutheransforlife.org*

CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEWS

Youth Contact: Rebekah (920-965-2233) or rebekahspaulding@pilgrimpluth.org

All children in PreK-Grade 6 are invited to take part in this year's "Christmas at Pilgrim" service on Wed. Dec 21st. We're learning some simple songs and a fingerplay for our youngest ones. We'll be practicing during the Sunday School hour, but you don't have to be enrolled in Sunday School to participate. If interested and not in Sunday School, contact Ruth at ruthmackie@pilgrimpluth.org to provide you with what you need to practice at home.

Acolyte Volunteers - Acolyte sign up for confirmation students is available on our website via this QR code. We ask that all confirmation students fulfill their requirement of acolyting seven times during the school year.



Calling all High School Girls? High School girls are invited to a Bible Study! We enjoy time connecting with the "Shine: Sparkling with God's Love" study. Each week is a different topic and discussion, so join this group anytime! Friends are always invited. The next meeting is Monday, Dec. 19th from 7:00pm - 8:30pm (location TBD).

High School Christmas Social! All High School students are invited to a High School Christmas Social at 5:30 pm on December 21st. Stay tuned for more info coming out next week on this fun event. Friends are invited! Save the date for January High School Wednesday Nights: January 4th and January 18th from 5:30-7:00 pm.

PILGRIM'S MINISTRIES



Prayer Ministry - Please consider joining us each week after the Sunday 10:30 service as this important ministry meets to confidentially pray for concerns that individuals bring forward, as well as for current issues affecting Christ's church and our nation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The December Sanctuary Candle is sponsored this month by Gerald, Jodi, Cameron, Haley, and Blake Fonder in memory of Elmer and Josephine Giese.

This week's altar flowers are sponsored by Shirley Meisner in memory of husband Marshall Meisner and son Bradley Meisner.

For 2023, please consider sponsoring a candle for \$20/month, sponsoring one vase of flowers for \$25/week (or two vases for \$50/week), or sponsoring the church bulletins for \$50/week. Donation envelopes are on a table just below the flower chart by the Gym.

SCHOOL NEWS

School Office: 920-965-2244 and Daycare Office: 920-965-2234

Business Sponsorship of Class Trip - Each year the 7th/8th grade students take a class trip. This year, we are heading to the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter. We are looking for people who are interested in being a business sponsor by purchasing advertising space on the back of the t-shirts the students will wear on the trip and after. Your tax deductible donation of at least \$100 or more will go directly to our class trip for covering costs. If you are interested, please attach your graphic in the form of a PDF file or a hi-res JPEG file and send your check to the office made out to Pilgrim Lutheran and in the memo line write "class trip sponsorship". All files should be sent to lisadhein@pilgrimluth.org. The deadline for donations is Friday, Feb. 1st.

All Pro Dad's Breakfast - On Tuesday, Dec. 13th at 7:00 am, the Men's Ministry will host All Pro Dad's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall for all K-8th school age children, their fathers and grandfathers, with a hot breakfast, video discussion, devotions, and giveaways.

December POPS Dine to Donate! Treat yourself at Smart Cow Yogurt Bar (2321 S. Oneida St.) on Tuesday, Dec. 20th from 3-9:00 pm and a part of your purchase will be donated to the school to support student learning.

Plan to join us in celebrating the birth of our Savior! The Christmas season provides many wonderful opportunities to introduce others to our church.

Advent Midweek Worship

Our midweek Advent worship services are led by the children of our Church and School.

Wed. Dec. 14, 6th-8th grades, 8:30 am & 7 pm
"A Night in Bethlehem"

Wed. Dec. 21, 7:00 pm service only
"Christmas at Pilgrim"

Christmas Eve Worship

Family Worship

This service offers festive Christmas music familiar to children.

Green Bay Site - 2:00 & 4:00 PM

Candlelight Worship

This service offers melodious Christmas favorites for music and concludes in candlelight.

Green Bay Site - 6:00 & 8:00 PM

Suamico Site - 3:00 & 5:00 PM

Christmas Day Worship

Christmas Morning Worship with Communion

Green Bay Site - 9:00 &

10:30 AM (Traditional services)

Suamico Site - 9:00 AM (Blended service)



THIS WEEK AT PILGRIM

Sun. 12/11 - Third Sunday of Advent

- 7:45 AM Traditional Worship Service (C)
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service (C)
- 9:00 AM Blended Worship Service (Suamico)
- 9:00 AM Sunday School/Bible Study (various)
- 10:00 AM Sunday School (Suamico - various)
- 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service (C and live stream)
- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry (C)
- 1:00 PM Hmong Bible Study (various)
- 2:00 PM Hmong Worship Service (C)

Mon. 12/12

- 6:30 PM Church Council (UR)

Tues. 12/13

- 7:00 AM All Pro Dads Breakfast (FH)
- 10:00 AM Pastor Malme Bible Study (C and live stream)
- 6:30 PM Adult Handbells Practice (C)
- 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (C)

Wed. 12/14

- 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study (CL)
- 8:30 AM 6th-8th Grades Advent Service in Chapel
- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study (UR)
- 9:30 AM Pastor Hanson Bible Study (YAR)
- 6:00 PM Confirmation (FH)
- 6:00 PM Revelation Bible Study (CR)
- 7:00 PM 6th-8th Grades Advent Service (C and live stream)

Thurs. 12/15

- 12:30 PM Women's Bible Study (CL)
- 1:00 PM Cover Girls (UR)
- 6:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting (CR)

Fri. 12/16

No events

Sat. 12/17

- 6:45 AM Men's Basketball (G)
- 6:45 AM Men's Ministry Breakfast/Bible Study (FH)
- 9:00 AM Praise Team (C)
- 11:00 AM Hmong Christmas Service and Meal (C)
- 5:00 PM Traditional Worship Service (C and live stream)
- 5:30 PM Saturday Bible Study/Dinner (Bay Family Restaurant)

Sun. 12/18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 7:45 AM Traditional Worship Service (C)
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service (C)
- 9:00 AM Blended Worship Service (Suamico)
- 9:00 AM Sunday School/Bible Study (various)
- 10:00 AM Sunday School (Suamico - various)
- 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service (C and live stream)
- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry (C)
- 1:00 PM Hmong Bible Study (various)
- 2:00 PM Hmong Worship Service (C)



TO FULFILL WHAT THE LORD HAD SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET.

Matthew 1:22, ESV

A Collaboration Across Time and Place

For Christmas Day worship, many churches use Psalm 98. It is fitting, then, that Isaac Watts, who interpreted 132 psalms as hymn texts, based a now-beloved carol on it.

Watts (1674-1748) was a student of language, religion and philosophy. He wanted to make Scripture more relevant to lay people and thought hymns could help. Watts composed more than 600 hymn texts, many still in use. But Psalm 98:4-9, "*Joy to the World*," needed music to fit its words.

Enter Lowell Mason (1792-1872), an American choir director. He came across Watts' Psalm 98 hymn text and sought inspiration for a melody from the famous oratorio *Messiah* by George F. Handel (1685-1759). Mason pulled musical phrases from sections of Handel's work, resulting in the tune we now recognize as "*Joy to the World*."

So it is that three men who lived across three centuries and never met — along with the composer of the original psalm more than two millennia earlier — together produced a hymn to the Christ-child, which millions have sung and continue to love.



Location Key:

C	Church Sanctuary	Room 130
CR	Conference Room	Room 144
FH	Fellowship Hall	Room 142
G	Gym	Room 125
UR	Upper Room	Rm 244/245
YAR	Youth Activity Room	Rm 241
CL	Church Library	Room 143
TWR	Teacher Work Room	Room 212

The live streaming link is always available at pilgrimluth.org

Stewardship

Third Sunday in Advent

James 5:7-10

Patience and timing—two valuable commodities in the agricultural communities of the world. The city dweller who visits a Midwest rural area in mid-October may ask the farmer, “*Why have you not harvested your corn?*” not realizing that the fields are filled with feed corn, rather than the corn which we eat. The farmer needs to be an excellent manager: knowing the exact moment of readiness for his crop to be harvested; being ready with the equipment needed to accomplish the tasks like cultivating, planting, harvesting; hiring or recruiting help from others when needed; and watching and waiting. In this hurry-up world, we have difficulty with watching and waiting patiently. We tend to grumble and complain, become impatient with our circumstances and with one another. During this Advent season we are watching and waiting for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, Our Savior. And we are reminded of our need for watching and waiting for Christ’s second coming and the time of judgment. Like the farmer, we need to be excellent managers of resources and time - always ready, always equipped with the tools of faith and love, always ready to bring others to faith with us.

His Love, Our Response

Last week’s Worship Attendance	1,301
Last week’s Offering (Week #23)	\$37,267
Last week’s Budgeted Need	\$34,407
YTD Offerings	\$605,310
YTD Budgeted Need	\$600,599

Thrivent Choice Dollars Fiscal Year-to-Date Total: \$1,293

*Thank you for designating your Thrivent Choice dollars to Pilgrim Lutheran.
Interested in how you can assign Thrivent funds to our church and school? Visit
thrivent.com/choice to designate Pilgrim as the recipient of your Thrivent Choice Dollars.*

Simple Ways to Give

Offering Plate - Place in offering plate during the church service.

Mail or Drop-off - You can mail your offering to:
Pilgrim Lutheran, 1731 St. Agnes Drive, Green Bay, WI 54304 or
drop-off at the Welcome Center.

E-giving - Online giving is simple and private using your
checking account or debit/credit cards.

Look for “*E-giving*” at pilgrimluth.org.



SERVING AT PILGRIM

This Week

WELCOME CENTER	Sat. 12/10 Sun. 12/11		Lin Lehman Tracy Wahlen
VIDEO			Mackie/Raddant / Schroeder
ELDERS	Sat. 12/10 Sun. 12/11	5:00 PM 7:45 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Kosman Ruggles D. Olp Schelk
	Wed. 12/14	7:00 PM	Schuettpelz
USHER TEAM	Sat. 12/10 Sun. 12/11	5:00 PM 7:45 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 7:00 PM	Wanek Luepke Look Borst Gipp
ACOLYTES	Sat. 12/10 Sun. 12/11	5:00 PM 7:45 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Simon Ford-Gustafson Anakin Ford-Gustafson Austin Hendricks AJ Hendricks Addi Bruley Calleigh Kiser Malia Aulik Aubrey Weis
	Wed. 12/14	7:00 PM	Eli Sawyer Emilia Belovoskey
ORGANIST	Sat. 12/10 Sun. 12/11	5:00 PM 7:45 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Aaron Schroeder Aaron Schroeder Aaron Schroeder Malme Praise Team
	Wed. 12/14	7:00 PM	Ruth Mackie

Singers: Angie Burkel, Trudy Goderstad, Lydia Lloyd, Ben Malme, Tammy Nier, John Schultz, Rebekah Spaulding; *Congas:* Paul Goderstad; *Bass:* Andrew Korth; *Guitar:* Jacob Yorton; *Sound:* Kelly Heimerman; *Piano:* Christine Malme

SUAMICO - Sun. 12/11 9:00 AM

ELDER	Craig Erickson
USHER	R. Stafford
MUSIC	Emily Van Nuland

Next Week

WELCOME CENTER	Sat. 12/17 Sun. 12/18		Lin Lehman Cathy Novak
VIDEO			Baumler/Zeitler/ Krueger
ELDERS	Sat. 12/17 Sun. 12/18	5:00 PM 7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Cherveney (<i>Asst. H. Olp</i>) Ruge (<i>Asst. Heimerman</i>) Gipp (<i>Asst. McClellan</i>)
	Wed. 12/21	7:00 PM	Ganz (<i>Asst. VanBeaver/ Schelk</i>) Schuettpelz
USHER TEAM	Sat. 12/17 Sun. 12/18	5:00 PM 7:45 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 7:00 PM	Kosman Rolefson D. Olp Kraszewski Gipp
ACOLYTES	Sat. 12/17 Sun. 12/18	5:00 PM 7:45 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Asher Reinemann Noah Reinemann Paige Look Meredith Lemke-Scott Scarlett Evans Cali Krohn Lauren Stuelpner Emilia Belovoskey
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SUAMICO - Sun. 12/18 9:00 AM

ELDER	Seyferth
USHER	B. Reinhold
MUSIC	Albins



Please give prayerful consideration to serving in one of these roles. If you are interested in sharing your time and talents, please email: barbaravanseveren@pilgrimluth.org