



# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 2



Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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

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**Newsletter Editor:** Contact office  
**Newsletter Deadline:** 9 A.M. Wednesday  
**Office is open:** Mon-Thurs 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
and Friday 8 a.m. to Noon.

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

### ATTENDANCE

12/31 Sat 7:00 service: 63  
1/1 Sun 8:00 service: 97  
Sun 10:45 service: 84  
1/1 Adult Bible Class: 92  
1/1 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 1  
1/4 Wed 10:30 Bible Class: 40  
1/4 Wed 12:00 service: 49

### OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 1/1

General: 19,572.47  
Walther Theological Seminary: 2,211.00  
Christian Sharing: 581.00  
Flowers: 25.00  
Misc: 749.87  
Loose: 40.00  
CDs: 22.00  
Angel Tree: 75.00  
Donuts: 48.82  
Higher Things Youth Conference: 2,211.00  
Total: 25,536.16

### ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

1/11 10:30 Bible Class  
12:00 Wednesday Worship  
4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
1/12 8:00 Quilters

2023  
Offering  
Envelopes



**2023 Offering Envelopes are available on the table in the narthex. Please begin using them in January 2023.**

## SERVING THE LORD

### Communion Assistant/Acolyte 1/15 Sunday

8:00 Gary Quandt 10:45 Doug Ward

**Ushers 1/15 Sunday** 8:00 Don Mast; Eric Mast; John Mickler; Jim M. Snow; Jim R. Snow; Ron Kelm 10:45 Joe Marsaglia; Bruce Gifford; Paul Giesler; Loren Hiser; Dave Schroeder; Chad Wooters

**Coffee Servers 1/11 Wed** Ron Kelm 1/15 Sunday Brandilyn Hines & Mattias Wegmann

**Financial Counters 1/15 Sunday** Rich Lanier; Rick Leach; Steve Musgrove; Gary Schueller  
**Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up**

1/15 Sunday Steve & Jennifer Gensler; Don & Jo-Anne Mast; Gary & Mary Ann Driskell

**Greeters 1/15 Sunday** 8:00 Marlene Crawford; Phyllis Kunzeman 10:45 Sarah Marsaglia; Bonnie Engel

**MITE OFFERINGS...** ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box at your convenience. **JANUARY** mites will go to New Life Pregnancy Center. Thank you.



### Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1/1 Greg Collingwood; Tony Greitman  
Ron & Carolyn Wagner (41 years)
- 1/3 Mark Ames; Wendy Bickes; Phyllis  
Kunzeman; Zofia Wegmann
- 1/6 Betty Budde; 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 Judy McQuality; Glenda Sinnard
- 1/17 Suzanne Heinkel
- 1/19 Eldred Budde
- 1/20 Celia Ritter; Leanne Roberts; John  
Wainwright

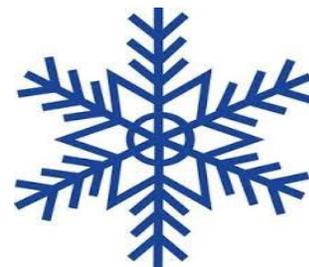
- 1/22 Steve Gensler; Tim Laesch; Rita Wise
- 1/23 Jane Martin
- 1/24 Pat Abbott; Ellis Buth
- 1/25 Cathy Anderson; Bob Ellis; Shirley  
McMillen; Brad Saul
- 1/26 Jared Potrafka
- 1/27 Don Mast
- 1/28 Mila Coers
- 1/30 Nora Kinney; Jordan Letterly; River  
Lofland; Pete Williams



1/8/23  
LESSON 4  
UNIT 2

In this week's lesson, "A Nativity Night," Mary and Joseph travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem, where a simple stable serves as the birthplace for the promised Christ Child. Angelic hosts announce the birth of the Savior to ordinary shepherds, who hasten to worship the child. Having seen the Savior in the flesh, the shepherds quickly spread the news of His birth. Ask one another, "How can we share the message of the birth of the Savior today?"

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**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.

## 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.



Contact Kay Tolly if you have any questions.