



# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 53



**Pilgrim Lutheran Church**

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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



**December 31, 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- 12/24**

- General Fund: 8,340.00
- Walther Theological Seminary: 1,000.00
- Christian Sharing: 250.00
- Altar Flowers/Poinsettias: 75.00
- Memorials: 720.00
- CDs: 14.00
- Angel Tree: 145.00
- Donuts: 57.00
- Higher Things Youth Conference: 100.00
- Total: 10,701.00

**ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

- 1/3 No Bible Class, Wed Worship or Midweek
- 1/4 8:00 Braille at LSA  
8:00 Quilters
- 1/5 5:30-7:30 PKC/PYC Frenzied Friday

**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. **JANUARY** mites will go to Braille Workers. Thank you!

**ATTENDANCE**

- 12/24 Sunday 8:00 service: 128
- Sunday 10:45 service: 77
- Adult Bible Class: 75
- 12/24 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 9
- 12/24 Christmas Eve service: 225
- 12/25 Christmas Day service: 75

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

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

## SERVING THE LORD

**Communion Assistant/Acolyte** 12/31 New Year's Eve Gary Quandt 1/7 Sunday 8:00 Gary Quandt

**10:45** Greg Collingwood

**Ushers** 1/7 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** 1/7 Sunday Steve & Carol Goebel

**Financial Counters** 1/7 Sunday Kevin Ripple; Bob Ellis; Drew Gensler

**Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up** 1/7 Sunday Shirley McMillen; Dian Centers; Linda Ripple; Tim & Lynn Block; Amanda Block

**Greeters** 1/7 Sunday 8:00 Loren & Melinda Hiser

**10:45** Ray & Linda Beals

## DECEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

12.31.2023

Unit 5

Lesson 3



In today's lesson, "The Fall-Short Report," students will learn how Moses chooses one man from each of the twelve tribes and sends them to spy on the land God has promised. The spies report a land of great plenty but occupied by mighty, fearsome people. Despite Caleb and Joshua's pleas to seize the land promised to them, the people rebel. Moses pleads for mercy, and God promises to care for His people. At the same time, He condemns the Israelites to forty years of wandering in the wilderness. Of all the adults, only Joshua and Caleb will live to enter the Promised Land.

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## Thank You

With tear filled eyes we wish to thank our Pilgrim family for the many prayers, cards, and personal support for our beloved son, Tad Allen Williams! Our selfish human hearts are broken with his loss but we also find solace from knowing our son is now healed and with his Lord and Savior! This is the toughest challenge we have ever faced in our lives! Without heartfelt support from our beloved pastors and their wives we probably wouldn't have survived this experience! Psalm 139 will forever be in our hearts thanks to Pastor Brock! Thanks again and blessings to all!

Pete and Sue Williams

