



# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 48



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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



December 1, 2024

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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 11/24**

General Fund: 21,032.00  
Christian Sharing: 55.00  
Altar Flowers: 100.00  
Sunday School: 11.00  
Memorials: In Memory of Lorna Schoon  
Missions: 380.00  
Braille: 380.00  
Misc: 7,200.00  
CDs: 8.00  
Thanksgiving Food Gifts: 601.00  
Donuts: 68.00  
Total: 29,835.00

**ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

- 12/1 6:30 Elders' Meeting
- 12/4 10:30 Bible Class  
12:00 Advent Wed Worship-Communion  
4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
7:00 Advent Wed Worship-Communion
- 12/5 8:00 Braille at LSA  
8:00 Quilters  
12:00 Ladies' Guild Christmas Luncheon
- 12/7 9:00-11:00 Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 12/8 12:15-3:00 Sunday School Christmas Program and Lunch Event

**ATTENDANCE**

11/24 Sun 8:00 service: 110  
Sun 10:45 service: 61  
Adult Bible Class: 88  
11/24 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 6  
11/28 Thanksgiving 9:00 service: 73

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

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

**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!

## SERVING THE LORD

**Communion Assistant/Acolyte** 12/4 Wed 12:00

Allen Kilzer **7:00** Don Mast 12/8 Sunday 8:00

Tom Greenwood **10:45** Don Mast

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

**Coffee Servers** 12/4 Wed Ron Kelm; 12/8 Sunday Ron & Carolyn Wagner

**Financial Counters** 12/8 Sunday Kevin Ripple; Bob Ellis; Drew Gensler; Steve Myrvold

**Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up** 12/8 Sunday Ted & Linda Sue Workman; Jane Martin; Nancy Quandt; Carrie Thompson

**Greeters** 12/8 Sunday 8:00 Doug & Vicky Lueck **10:45** Byron & Nancy Brown

## 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



*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](mailto: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.

### 12.1.2024 Lesson 13



Today, we will study "A Mountaintop Wonder." Jesus takes His inner circle-Peter, James, and John-up on a mountain. There, they see Jesus in His heavenly glory as Moses and Elijah appear alongside Him, discussing His upcoming departure. In his excitement, Peter offers to build three tents so they can remain on the mountaintop. Suddenly, a cloud-a sign of God's presence-appears and a voice speaks out from it: "This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!" (Luke 9:35).

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Thank you

Dear Pilgrim Family,

There are just not enough words in order to properly thank you. To our wonderful Pastors (and their wives), to the Ladies' Guild and all of the Pilgrim staff, Mom's service was beautiful. The meal served to our family and friends was perfect. Your kind words, cards and prayers were so special to us. We are beyond grateful for our Pilgrim family.

Blessings and Love,  
The Lorna Schoon Family

*Ladies' Guild Christmas Luncheon*

**Where:** Flesor's Candy Kitchen in Tuscola  
*We will be in the same room as last year.*

**When:** Thursday, December 5th, 2024

**Time:** 12:00 p.m.

**Menu:** Chicken and Noodles  
Honey Roasted Tenderloin  
Mashed Potatoes  
Veggie  
Side Salad  
Dessert or Ice Cream  
Drink

**Cost:** \$25.00 per person

*Must be paid to Kathy Kilzer or Linda Workman  
by Sunday, December 1st.  
We will car pool from church at 10:30 a.m.*

There will be time to shop for candy either before or after.



**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 person\*\*Single 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, 2025\*\*1/2 balance (Final payment) due March 15, 2025

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



*“His Name  
Shall Be  
Called”*

*Christmas Program*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

12:15-3:00

You are invited to a special Christmas Program Event presented by our children and youth.

Lunch will be served followed by a special Christmas Program. Please plan on staying for the program when signing up for the lunch.

**DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR THE LUNCH IS  
DECEMBER 1**

**NO SIGN UP IS NECESSARY TO ATTEND THE PROGRAM  
AT 2:00**

