



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 46



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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



November 16, 2025

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Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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 11/9

General Fund: 21,468.67

Christian Sharing: 8.00

Thanksgiving Food: 595.00

Donuts: 86.00

Total: 22,157.67

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

11/17 1:30 Ladies' Guild Meeting

3:00 Bell Choir

4:30 Chancel Choir

6:30 Council Meeting

7:00 Voters' Meeting

11/18 6:00 WTS Board of Trustees Meeting

11/19 10:30 Bible Class

12:00 Wednesday Worship-Communion

4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

11/20 8:00 Quilters

12/7 Sunday School Christmas Program Event

12:15 Luncheon

2:00 Sunday School Christmas Program

ATTENDANCE

11/9 Sun 8:00 service: 97

Sun 10:45 service: 90

Adult Bible class: 84

Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 12

11/12 Wed 10:30 Bible class: 34

Wed 12:00 service: 47

MITE OFFERINGS...ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box at your convenience.

NOVEMBER will go to Lutheran World Relief.

2026 Offering Envelopes
are available on the tables
in the narthex.

Please begin using them
in January 2026.

Pick up yours today!



SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistants 11/19 Wed Gary Quandt
11/23 Sunday 8:00 Allen Kilzer **10:45** Doug Ward

Ushers 11/23 Sunday 8:00 Joe Marsaglia; Grant Abbott; Paul Giesler; Bruce Gifford; Loren Hiser; Dave Schroeder; Chad Wooters **10:45** Don Mast; Eric Mast; John Mickler; Jim M. Snow; Jim R. Snow; Mark Thompson

Communion Set up & Clean Up 11/23 Sunday
Jane Martin; Sarah Marsaglia; Carrie Thompson

Coffee Servers 11/19 Wed Paul & Patti Zeck
11/23 Sunday Tim & Lesley Ellison

Financial Counters 11/23 Sunday John Mickler; Ellis V. Buth; Dain Friend; Paul Zeck

Greeters 11/23 Sunday 8:00 Pete & Sue Williams
10:45 Kurt & Wendy Bickes

Trustees Week of 11/16 Paul Zeck; Harvey Thompson; Byron Brown; Bob Ellis; Doug Lueck; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



- 11/1 Dick Bailey; Royce Stenger
Chuck & Dian Centers (61 years)
- 11/2 Michelle Gensler; Lavona McKinney
- 11/3 Kathy Kilzer
- 11/4 Kelly Barnes; Scott Easterling;
Julie Jedlicka
- 11/5 John Anderson
Larry & Angee Baker (32 years)
- 11/6 Beth Abbott; Sam Greenwood;
Chuck McKinney
- 11/7 Caden Saul; Mark Scott
- 11/10 Mark Kopetz; Bob McQuality;
Erica Meadows
- 11/11 Travis Buth
- 11/12 Kay Sutherland
Orville & Kathy Fulk (42 years)
- 11/13 Christy Harding; Benita Leevy; Greg Mills
- 11/14 Melinda Hiser; Zach Mills
- 11/15 Jana Thrasher; Linda M. Workman
- 11/16 Brenda Bunch; Stephanie Whisnant
- 11/17 Dain Friend; Stephanie Leevy
- 11/18 Rich Carlson; Marvin Jensen
- 11/19 Robert Black

- 11/20 David Binder
Paul & Becky Basil (55 years)
- 11/22 Gary Driskell; Stan Lange
- 11/23 Stacey Apel
- 11/24 Peyton Ruwe
- 11/25 Gene & Linda Wise (58 years)
- 11/26 Bryce Turner
Dick & Judy Arnold (71 years)
- 11/27 Megan Wooters
- 11/28 Dona Bailey
Tim & Lynette White (44 years)
- 11/29 Bill Bork

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Unit 1

Lesson 11



Today, we will study "A Judge Gideon to lead His chosen people against their Midianite enemies. God leads Gideon to reduce his army from 32,000 men to a mere 300. Reassured by the Lord, Gideon moves forward with God's improbable plan. Armed with only torches and trumpets, Gideon's mini army defeats the mighty Midianite force without lifting a sword. Discuss ways God can use even small groups of people to accomplish great things.

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Ladies' Guild Annual Christmas Luncheon

When: *Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025*

Time: *Noon*

Where: *Flesor's Candy Kitchen
Tuscola*

We will car pool from the church at 10:30 for all going who need a ride.

We will be ordering from the menu, so no need to pay ahead this time. We just need a head count.

Please sign up before Nov. 30!

PILGRIM YOUNG ADULTS FOR CHRIST

(PAC)

GROW IN FAITH
TOGETHER



Ages 18–35

Thursdays
at 5:30 PM



Join our GroupMe

**WE LOVE HAVING YOU AS
a part of our
Pilgrim Flock!**



Help us communicate important info to you by signing up NOW or UPDATING YOUR CELL OR EMAIL!



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Christmas Program

Sunday, December 7, 2025
Luncheon Served at 12:15 p.m.

Free will offering

Program at 2:00 p.m.

Cake & Punch after the program

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 November 30

No sign up is necessary to attend the program at 2:00



Every Heart Prepare