



# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 47



**Pilgrim Lutheran Church**

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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



**November 23, 2025**

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**Office Hours:**

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 11/16

General Fund: 8,517.25

Christian Sharing: 5.00

Sunday School: 1:00

Thanksgiving Food: 343.00

Donuts: 57.00

Total: 8,923.25

## ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

11/24 3:00 Bell Choir

4:30 Chancel Choir

11/26 No Classes or Worship Service

11/27 9:00 Thanksgiving Day Worship

12/7 Sunday School Christmas Program Event

12:15 Luncheon

2:00 Sunday School Christmas Program

## ATTENDANCE

11/16 Sun 8:00 service: 114

Sun 10:45 service: 88

Adult Bible class: 89

Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 15

11/19 Wed 10:30 Bible class: 30

Wed 12:00 service: 48

**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.



## SERVING THE LORD

**Communion Assistants** 11/30 Sunday 8:00 Gary Quandt **10:45** Don Mast

**Ushers** 11/30 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** 11/30 Sunday Karen Svendsen; Nancy Jacobs; Melinda Hiser; Carrie Thompson

**Coffee Servers** 11/30 Sunday Paul & Patti Zeck

**Financial Counters** 11/30 Sunday Kevin Ripple; Bob Ellis; John Mickler; Steve Myrvold

**Greeters** 11/30 Sunday 8:00 Dick & Dona Bailey **10:45** Will & Jennifer Bryan



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



12/1 John Mickler  
12/4 Andrew Hyden  
12/5 Grant Abbott  
Derek & Samantha Ames (16 years)  
12/6 Michelle O'Bryan; Scott Perry  
12/7 Tim White  
12/8 Kevin Ripple  
12/10 Sandy Norris; Gary Winchester  
12/11 Eva Snow  
Bob & Erica Meadows (4 years)  
12/13 Jeff Cotner; Steve Goebel; Asa Hutchins;  
Harvey Thompson  
12/14 Razjada Brown; Marsha Crowe  
Mark & Carla Luka (29 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 (71 years)  
12/26 Gloria Parton  
12/28 Jim & Carrie Snow (29 years)  
12/29 Greg & Lesa Mills (41 years)  
12/30 Mark Thompson; Ted Workman  
12/31 Mike Bunch; Ashley Lofland;  
Marilyn Mills

11.23.2025  
Unit 1  
Lesson 12



"A Prophet Serves" is the title for this week's lesson. Having been raised in the tabernacle from the time he was a young child, Samuel continues to serve Eli the priest. One night, Samuel runs to Eli, thinking Eli is calling his name. Eli sends Samuel back to bed, assuring him he had not called. As the pattern repeats, Eli tells Samuel to lie down once again but then next time respond, "Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears" (1 Samuel 3:9). When the Lord calls once again, He gives Samuel a vision of how Samuel will succeed Eli rather than Eli's "worthless" sons. Discuss how God used the prophet Samuel to do His work.

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

Please begin using them  
in January 2026.

Pick up yours today!





# Ladies' Guild Annual Christmas Luncheon

**When:** *Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025*

**Time:** *Noon*

**Where:** *Flesar'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!*



*The Ladies' Guild will be collecting items for the Oasis Day Center.*

Items to Donate:  
Socks  
Hats  
Gloves

*Please put your donations in the box in the Narthex.*

**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*