



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 48



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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



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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 11/23

General Fund: 8,841.00
Christian Sharing: 51.00
Sunday School: 11:00
Angel Tree: 500.00
Thanksgiving Food: 820.00
Donuts: 75.00
Total: 10,298.00

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- 12/1 3:00 Bell Choir
4:30 Chancel Choir
6:30 Elders' Meeting
- 12/3 10:30 Bible Class
12:00 Advent Wed Worship-Communion
4:15 Midweek Grades 1-6
7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
7:00 Advent Wed Worship-Communion
- 12/4 8:00 Braille at Unity
8:00 Quilters
12:00 (Leave Pilgrim at 10:30)
Ladies' Guild Christmas Luncheon
at Flesor's Candy Kitchen in Tuscola
- 12/6 9:00 Sunday School Christmas Program
Rehearsal
- 12/7 Sunday School Christmas Program Event
12:15 Luncheon
2:00 Sunday School Christmas Program

ATTENDANCE

- 11/23 Sun 8:00 service: 116
Sun 10:45 service: 78
Adult Bible class: 84
Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 9

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. **DECEMBER** mites will go to Bethesda Lutheran Communities.



SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistants 12/3 Wed 12:00 Allen Kilzer **7:00** Don Mast 12/7 Sunday 8:00 Tom Greenwood **10:45** Don Mast

Ushers 12/7 Sunday 8:00 Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter **10:45** Stan Lange; Will Bryan; Craig Goepfinger; Terry Massey; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; Gary Winchester

Communion Set up & Clean Up 12/7 Sunday Shirley McMillen; Dian Centers; Bev Myrvold; Linda Ripple; Tim & Lynn Block; Amanda Block

Coffee Servers 12/3 Wed Steve & Bev Myrvold 12/7 Sunday Dave & Vicki Schroeder

Financial Counters 12/7 Sunday Rich Lanier; Rick Leach; Steve Musgrove; Gary Schueller

Greeters 12/7 Sunday 8:00 Doug & Vicky Lueck **10:45** Joe & Sarah Marsaglia



- 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

11.30.2025

Unit 1

Lesson 13



Today's lesson, "A King Forever," looks forward to our forever King, Jesus. God sends Samuel to anoint the next king of Israel, with the reminder, "The LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7). God rejects each of Jesse's sons, so Samuel sends for the youngest, David, whom God has chosen to become the greatest king of Israel. Surviving Saul's insane jealousy, David becomes king and establishes Jerusalem as his stronghold. As a family, talk about how God used David to unite His people and how Jesus will unite all believers.

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The year-end cut-off for 2025 contributions is Sunday, December 28, 2025.



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:

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. God bless your Christmas and your giving!

PILGRIM YOUNG ADULTS FOR CHRIST (PAC)

GROW IN FAITH TOGETHER



Ages 18–35

Thursdays
at 5:30 PM



Join our GroupMe

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.





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!



*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

DECEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	3:00 Bell Choir 4:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 Elders' Meeting		10:30 Bible Class 12:00 Advent Wed Worship Communion 4:15-6 Midweek Grades 1-6 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Advent Wed Worship Communion	8:00 Braille at Unity 8:00 Quilters 12:00 (Leave PLC at 10:30) Ladies' Guild Christmas Luncheon at Flesor's Candy Kitchen in Tuscola		9:00 SS Christmas Program Rehearsal
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School 12:15-3:00 Lunch/Sunday School Christmas Program	3:00 Bell Choir 4:30 Chancel Choir		10:30 Bible Class 12:00 Advent Wed Worship Communion 4:15-6 Midweek Grades 1-6 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Advent Wed Worship	8:00 Quilters		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	3:00 Bell Choir 4:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 Council Meeting	6:00 WTS Board Meeting	10:30 Bible Class 12:00 Advent Wed Worship Communion 4:15-6 Midweek Grades 1-6 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Advent Wed Worship Communion	8:00 Quilters		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	3:00 Bell Choir 4:30 Chancel Choir		No 10:30 Bible Class, 12:00 Worship or Midweek 7:00 Christmas Eve Worship	9:00 Christmas Day Worship	Sanctuary Reserved for Wedding Rehearsal	Sanctuary Reserved for Wedding
28	29	30	31			
8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School			No 10:30 Bible Class, 12:00 Worship or Midweek 7:00 New Year's Eve Worship Communion			