



# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 50



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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



December 14, 2025

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[www.waltherseminary.org](http://www.waltherseminary.org)

### 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 12/7

General Fund: 39,342.55

Walther Theological Seminary: 100.00

Christian Sharing: 700.00

Poinsettias: 135.00

Memorials: 50.00

Angel Tree: 500.00

Donuts: 80.00

Total: 40,907.55

### ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

12/15 3:00 Bell Choir

4:30 Chancel Choir

6:30 Council Meeting

12/16 6:00 WTS Board Meeting

12/17 10:30 Bible Class

12:00 Advent Wed Worship-Communion

4:15-6 Midweek Grades 1-6

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

7:00 Advent Wed Worship-Communion

12/18 8:00 Quilters

### ATTENDANCE

12/7 Sun 8:00 service: 83

Sun 10:45 service: 109

Adult Bible Class: 91

Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 10

12/10 Wednesday 10:30 Bible Class: 36

Wednesday 12:00 Advent Worship: 50

Wednesday 7:00 Advent Worship: 19

**MITE OFFERINGS...**ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. **DECEMBER** mites will go to Bethesda Lutheran Communities.

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

**Please begin using them in January 2026.**

**Pick yours up today.**

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



## SERVING THE LORD

**Communion Assistants** 12/17 Wed 12:00 Allen Kilzer **7:00** Doug Ward 12/21 Sun 8:00 Tom Greenwood **10:45** Doug Ward

**Ushers** 12/17 Wed 12:00 Stan Lange's Team **7:00** Tim White's Team 12/21 Sunday 8:00 Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter **10:45** Stan Lange; Will Bryan; Craig Goepfing; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; Gary Winchester

**Communion Set up & Clean Up** 12/21 Sunday Steve & Jennifer Gensler; Don & Jo-Anne Mast; Patti Zeck; Jane Martin

**Coffee Servers** 12/17 Wed Steve & Bev Myrvold 12/21 Sunday Kurt & Wendy Bickes

**Financial Counters** 12/21 Sunday John Mickler; Ellis V. Buth; Dain Friend; Paul Zeck

**Greeters** 12/21 Sunday 8:00 Jim & Linda Snow **10:45** Barbara Buesking

12.14.2025

Unit 2

Lesson 1



This week in our Christian education time, we study "A Divided Kingdom." Solomon's heir, Rehoboam, ignored the pleas of the people to lighten their load; instead, he threatened to make their workload even more difficult. Angered by his response, ten tribes of Israel make Jeroboam their leader, leaving Rehoboam to lead only the tribes of Judah and Benjamin in Jerusalem, where the temple was. As a family, discuss how the division of the kingdom affected the worship life of the people. Ask, "How could dividing yourself from church affect your worship life?"

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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



**The family of Ron Kelm is looking for anyone who could use an All-In-One desktop computer and/or a standing walker. If you or a loved one could use either of these, please contact Erica Meadows at 217-454-5202.**



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!

*Dear Pilgrims,  
We want to thank you for your love, prayers and support as Orville recuperated from his recent fall. We appreciate the calls from the Pastors, as well as all the outpouring of prayers, cards, calls and texts, and visits from our Pilgrim family. It was very comforting to know that so many Pilgrims were praying for us. We thank all of you for your love and concern. We are truly blessed!!!*

*Orville & Kathy Fulk*



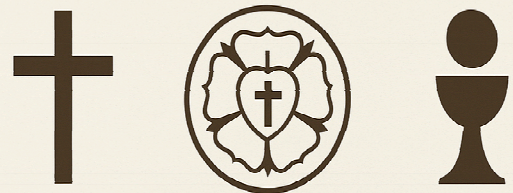
A Pilgrim member has the following items for sale:

- ◆ World's Best Kitty Litter-50 lb bag
- ◆ Electric cat water fountain with filter
- ◆ Cat travel carrier
- ◆ Canon printer (Used one time)

Please call Barbara Buesking at 217-521-6814 if interested.

## PILGRIM YOUNG ADULTS FOR CHRIST (PAC)

### GROW IN FAITH TOGETHER



Ages 18-35

Thursdays  
at 5:30 PM



Join our GroupMe