



# 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 21, 2025

## OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 12/14

12/14 Services were canceled.

## ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- 12/22 3:00 Bell Choir  
4:30 Chancel Choir
- 12/24 No Bible Class, Wed Worship or Midweek  
7:00 Christmas Eve Worship
- 12/25 9:00 Christmas Day Worship
- 12/26 Sanctuary Reserved for Wedding Rehearsal
- 12/27 Sanctuary Reserved for Wedding

**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.**

Rev. Brock Abbott  
Rev. Bill Abbott  
Rev. Lucas Abbott

### Staff:

Kay Tolly, Youth Director  
Beth Abbott, Office Manager  
Judy Tish, Secretary  
Andy Apel, Custodian

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### websites:

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

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

[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.

## ATTENDANCE

12/14 Services were canceled.

12/17 Wednesday 10:30 Bible Class: 35

Wednesday 12:00 Advent Worship: 57

Wednesday 7:00 Advent Worship: 38

**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.



*For God*  
so Loved the World,  
that he gave  
his only son,  
that whoever believes  
in him should not perish  
*but have eternal life.*

John 3:16

## SERVING THE LORD

**Communion Assistants** 12/28 Sun 8:00 Gary Quandt **10:45** Greg Collingwood

**Ushers** 12/28 Wed 8:00 Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter **10:45** Stan Lange; Will Bryan; Craig Goepfinger; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; Gary Winchester

**Communion Set up & Clean Up** 12/28 Sunday Jane Martin; Sarah Marsaglia; Carrie Thompson

**Coffee Servers** 12/28 Sunday Dick & Dona Bailey

**Financial Counters** 12/28 Sunday Kevin Ripple; Bob Ellis; John Mickler; Steve Myrvold

**Greeters** 12/28 Sunday 8:00 Jean Mueller; Linda Workman **10:45** Paul Giesler; Chad & Megan Wooters



- 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

12.21.2025  
Unit 2  
Lesson 2



“Comfort in Captivity” is the theme for our lesson this week. When Nebuchadnezzar takes the Israelites into exile in Babylon, Jeremiah writes to the exiles, assuring them of God’s continuing care for them. Through Jeremiah, God promises a new covenant where His people will live eternally through Jesus. Discuss, “How does God comfort us today?”

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**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.**



**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.**



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.

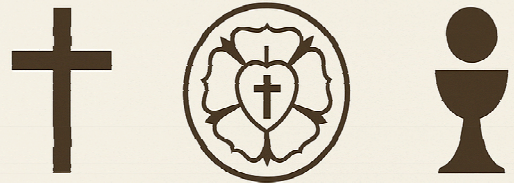
In the narthex, at the north wall, is our **Angel Tree**. If you wish to participate:

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

