



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 52



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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



December 28, 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 12/21

General Fund: 53,914.00

Poinsettias: 400.00

Sunday School: 10.00

Memorials: 410.00

Loose: 41.00

Angel Tree: 1090.00

Donuts: 106.00

ULMA: 5.00

Higher Things Youth Conference: 200.00

Total: 56,176.00

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

12/31 No Bible Class, 12:00 Wed Worship or Midweek
7:00 New Year's Eve Worship

**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.**

ATTENDANCE

12/21 Sunday 8:00 service: 138

Sunday 10:45 service: 116

Adult Bible Class: 81

Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 18

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. **JANUARY** mites will go to New Life Pregnancy Center.

For at one time you were darkness,

**BUT NOW
YOU ARE LIGHT
IN THE LORD**

Walk as children of light.

EPHESIANS 5:8, NIV

SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistants 1/4 Sunday 8:00 Alan Ruwe **10:45** Mark Thompson

Ushers 1/4 Sunday 8:00 Don Mast; Eric Mast; John Mickler; Jim M. Snow; Jim R. Snow; Mattias Wegmann

10:45 Joe Marsaglia; Grant Abbott; Paul Giesler; Bruce Gifford; Loren Hiser; Dave Schroeder; Chad Wooters

Communion Set up & Clean Up 1/4 Sunday Shirley McMillen; Dian Centers; Bev Myrvold; Linda Ripple; Tim & Lynn Block; Amanda Block

Coffee Servers 1/4 Sunday Doug & Vicky Lueck
Financial Counters 1/4 Sunday Mark Ames; John Crowe; Tim Ellison; Paul Giesler

Greeters 1/4 Sunday 8:00 Scott & Rita Perry
10:45 Ted & Theresa Lyons



12/28 Jim & Carrie Snow (29 years)
12/29 Greg & Lesa Mills (41 years)
12/30 Mark Thompson; Ted Workman
12/31 Mike Bunch; Marilyn Mills



1/1 Greg Collingwood
Ron & Carolyn Wagner (44 years)
1/3 Mark Ames; Wendy Bickes;
Phyllis Kunzeman; Zofia Wegmann
1/6 Coline Ganley
1/7 Debbie Hoffman
1/9 Jennifer Meyer
1/10 Elizabeth Martin
1/11 Karen Svendsen
1/13 Diane Jones; Darlene Lear
1/15 Makenna Haksasila
1/16 Blake Luka; Glenda Sinnard
1/17 Suzanne Heinkel
1/20 Celia Ritter; John Wainwright

1/22 Tim Laesch
1/23 Jane Martin
1/24 Pat Abbott; Ellis Buth
1/25 Cathy Anderson; Bob Ellis; Shirley McMillen; Brad Saul
1/27 Don Mast
1/28 Mila Coers
1/30 Nora Kinney; Jordan Letterly; River Lofland; Pete Williams



12.28.2025

Unit 2, Lesson 3

In our Christian education time this week, we study the account of Daniel in “A Trap and a Release.” Daniel’s promotion to a high leadership role in Babylon causes political jealousy among other leaders. King Darius decrees that everyone must worship only him, but Daniel remains faithful to the one true God, praying three times daily. The king condemns Daniel to the lions’ den, but God’s angel shuts the lions’ mouths, so Daniel remains unharmed. Discuss how God protects His people from danger today.

PILGRIM
YOUNG ADULTS
FOR CHRIST
(PAC)

GROW IN FAITH
TOGETHER



Ages 18–35

Thursdays
at 5:30 PM




Join our GroupMe

The family of Ron Kelm is looking for anyone who could use a standing walker. If you or a loved one could use either of these, please contact Erica Meadows at 217-454-5202.



January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  New Year's Day Church Office Closed	2	3
4 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	5	6	7 10:30 Bible Class 12:00 Wed Worship Communion 4:15-6 Midweek Grades 1-6 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation	8 8:00 Quilters	9	10
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18 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	19 1:30 Ladies' Guild Meeting 6:30 Council Meeting	20 6:00 WTS Board Meeting	21 10:30 Bible Class 12:00 Wed Worship Communion 4:15-6 Midweek Grades 1-6 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation	22 8:00 Quilters	23	24
25 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	26	27	28 10:30 Bible Class 12:00 Wed Worship 4:15-6 Midweek Grades 1-6 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation	29 8:00 Quilters	30	31