



# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 3



**Pilgrim Lutheran Church**

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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



**January 18, 2026**

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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 1/11**

General Fund: 10,407.83

Sunday School: 11.00

Loose: 140.00

Donuts: 65.00

Total: 10,623.83

**ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

- 1/19 6:30 Council Meeting
- 1/20 6:00 WTS Board Meeting
- 1/21 10:30 Bible Class  
12:00 Wednesday Worship-Communion  
4:15-6 Midweek Grades 1-6  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
- 1/22 8:00 Quilters
- 1/25 12:00-3:00 PYC Connect
- 2/8 12:15 (after late service)  
Ladies' Guild Soup Luncheon
- 5/16 **SAVE THE DATE!**  
5:00 Pilgrim's 75th Anniversary Celebration  
More information coming soon!

**ATTENDANCE**

- 1/11 Sunday 8:00 service: 100  
Sunday 10:45 service: 90  
Adult Bible Class: 80  
Sunday School N3-Gr. 12:12
- 1/14 Wednesday 10:30 Bible Class: 32
- 1/14 Wednesday 12:00 service: 42

**End-of-the-Year Offering Statements  
are available for pick up  
on a table in the narthex.  
Please pick yours up today.**

**MITE OFFERINGS...**ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. **JANUARY** mites will go to New Life Pregnancy Center.



## SERVING THE LORD

**Communion Assistants** 1/21 Wed Allen Kilzer  
1/25 Sunday 8:00 Alan Ruwe **10:45** Mark  
Thompson

**Ushers** 1/25 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** 1/25 Sunday  
Jane Martin; Sarah Marsaglia; Carrie Thompson

**Coffee Servers** 1/21 Wed Andy Apel 1/25 Sunday  
Don Carmichael; Kathy Fulk

**Financial Counters** 1/25 Sunday Rich Lanier;  
Rick Leach; Steve Musgrove; Gary Schueller

**Greeters** 1/25 Sunday 8:00 Dick & Dona Bailey  
**10:45** Tara Martin; Carrie Thompson



- 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

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

1.18.2026

Unit 2, Lesson 6

In the lesson for this week, "Wise Men Worship," God leads Gentile scholars to worship the Christ. Following their visit, Joseph immediately flees with his young family to the safety of Egypt. When Herod's insane jealousy dies with him, the Holy Family returns home to Nazareth. Discuss, "How does God keep you and I safe today?"

## PILGRIM YOUNG ADULTS FOR CHRIST (PAC)

GROW IN FAITH  
TOGETHER



Ages 18–35

Thursdays  
at 5:30 PM



Join our GroupMe





*75th Anniversary  
of Pilgrim Lutheran Church*

*May 16, 2026 5:00 p.m.*

*More information coming soon!*

The Ladies' Guild will be working on the upcoming celebration  
of our 75th anniversary of Pilgrim Lutheran Church!

We are in need of help from the congregation.

We want to hear stories from members about any memories you have from past years.

It can be anything, such as:

VBS

Fellowship Club

Mother/daughter banquets

Father/son banquets

Sports teams (bowling, baseball, basketball, softball, etc.) Who won all those trophies???

Forums

Evangelism

Choir directors (Who were some from the past?)

PKC & PYC

Also: Pictures from the past! Does anyone have any pictures from the building of our church or the addition of the Sunday School wing or the all-purpose room and kitchen?

We are scheduling a meeting to form some committees to help us  
with the above items and also with decorating.

We will need some ideas and help with making decorations  
and any ideas you might have for them.

Please join us on Monday, February 16, 2026 at 1:30 for the first meeting.

We need everyone's help!

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Kilzer or Linda M. Workman.

Thank you!  
Kathy Kilzer  
Ladies' Guild President

# PYC CONNECT

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 FROM NOON-3

### NEW MONTHLY YOUTH GROUP MEETING

*Calling all 7th-12th graders – grab a friend and come hang out!*

-  **Food & Snacks**
-  **Open Gym**
-  **Games**
-  **Real Talk**
-  **Bring your friends!**

**A place to hang out, laugh, and grow together.**

**▶ Questions?**

**Text or call Kay at 217-358-4401**

**✨ Come once. Come every month. Just come.**

**Sign up by January 23!**

**“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...”**

**Colossians 3:16**

**BE THE LIGHT**