



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 4



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

“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 1/18

General Fund: 17,094.66
Walther Theological Seminary: 400.00
Sunday School: 1.00
Memorials: 474.00
Loose: 72.00
CDs: 1.00
Donuts: 65.00
Higher Things Youth Conference: 730.00
Total: 17,094.66

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- 1/25 12:00-3:00 PYC Connect
 - 1/28 10:30 Bible Class
 - 12:00 Wednesday Worship
 - 4:15-6 Midweek Grades 1-6
 - 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
 - 1/29 8:00 Quilters
 - 2/8 12:15 (after late service)
 - Ladies' Guild Soup Luncheon
 - 5/16 5:00 Pilgrim's 75th Anniversary Celebration
- More information coming soon!

ATTENDANCE

- 1/18 Sunday 8:00 service: 96
- Sunday 10:45 service: 94
- Adult Bible Class: 94
- Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 15
- 1/21 Wednesday 10:30 Bible Class: 38
- 1/21 Wednesday 12:00 service: 48

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.

2025 year-end statements are available on the table in the Narthex!



SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistants 2/1 Sunday 8:00 Alan Ruwe **10:45** Don Mast

Ushers 2/1 Sunday 8:00 Stan Lange; Will Bryan; Craig Goeppinger; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; Gary Winchester **10:45** Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Ted Lyons; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter; Mark Thompson

Communion Set up & Clean Up 2/1 Sunday Shirley McMillen; Dian Centers; Bev Myrvold; Linda Ripple; Tim & Lynn Block; Amanda Block

Coffee Servers 1/28 Wed Church Office

2/1 Sunday Dick & Dona Bailey

Financial Counters 2/1 Sunday Mark Ames; John Crowe; Tim Ellison; Paul Giesler

Greeters 2/1 Sunday 8:00 Loren & Melinda Hiser **10:45** Grant & Ella Abbott



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



2/1 Jeff Spengler
2/2 Jason Leevy; B.J. Rotz; Nathan Scott
2/3 Steve Myrvold
2/5 Steve Musgrove
2/6 Bryant Bomball
2/7 Henry Ellison; Kenny Ripple; Luke Scott
2/8 Cory Ritter; Ron YaDeau
2/11 Jason Collingwood; Paul Giesler; Addison Rotz
2/12 Mike Williams
2/13 Smitha Jeyaseelan; Joseph Scott
2/14 Jennifer Bryan; Valerie Cotner; Courtney Taylor; Carolyn Wagner; Alex Wegmann
Bob & Nancy Jacobs (61 years)

2/15 Greg Goebel; Aaron Norris
2/18 Ellis V. & Katie Buth (9 years)
2/19 Josiah Ohlwine; Ripken Rotz; Aldon Ruwe
2/21 Peg Musgrove; Bonnie Propst; Connie Searl; Lois YaDeau
2/24 Shannon Lanier
2/27 Kathy Helphrey; Cambell Lanier
Steve & Jennifer Gensler (38 years)
2/28 Sarah Guhl; Sarah Marsaglia
2/29 Andy & Stacey Apel (10 years)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

1.25.2026

Unit 2, Lesson 7

This week in our Christian education time, we discuss "Claimed and Tested." At Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan River, the heavens open, the Spirit descends, and the Father speaks: "You are My beloved Son" (Luke 3:22). Jesus goes from the waters of Baptism to the wilderness, where He faces a series of temptations from the devil. Jesus resists each one as He speaks the truth of God's Word against the lies of Satan.

Ask one another,
"How can we use God's Word
as we defend our faith?"

To our Pilgrim Family,

Biggest heartfelt Thank You's to all of you for your love and prayers for my mom over the years; and those of you who attended her memorial and shared stories & care. To the pastors for such a lovely service, and Pastor Bill for a very touching sermon. ♥ To the Ladies' Guild for a delicious meal for our family. It was so nice for our family to gather and be together after the service. To Beth and Pastors Brock and Lucas for help setting things up and getting ready. I'm so Blessed and Thankful to be a part of this faith family.

Much love,

Jennifer Gensler & Family



*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



February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	2 6:30 Elders' Meeting	3	4 10:30 Bible Class 12:00 Wed Worship Communion 4:15-6 Midweek Grades 1-6 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation	5 8:00 Braille at Unity 8:00 Quilters	6	7
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