



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 5



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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



February 1, 2026

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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 1/25

Church canceled due to bad weather. No report.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- 2/1 12:00-3:00 PYC Connect
- 2/4 10:30 Bible Class
- 12:00 Wednesday Worship-Communion
- 4:15-6 Midweek Grades 1-6
- 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
- 2/5 8:00 Braille at Unity
- 8:00 Quilters
- 2/8 12:15 (after late service)
- Ladies' Guild Soup Luncheon
- 2/16 1:30 Ladies' Guild meeting to discuss PLC's
- 75th Anniversary. We need everyone's help!
- 5/16 5:00 Pilgrim's 75th Anniversary Celebration
- More information coming soon!

ATTENDANCE

- 1/25 Church canceled due to bad weather.
- 1/28 Wednesday 10:30 Bible Class: 24
- 1/28 Wednesday 12:00 service: 30

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. **FEBRUARY** mites will go to United Lutheran Mission Association.

**2025 year-end statements are available on the table in the Narthex!
Pick yours up today!**



**Ladies' Guild
Annual Congregational
Soup Luncheon**

**February 8, 2026 at 12:15
(after 2nd service)**

**Deadline to sign up is February 4!
Sign up today on the board in the Narthex.**

SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistants 2/4 Wed Gary Quandt

2/8 Sunday 8:00 Allen Kilzer 10:45 Doug Ward

Ushers 2/8 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 2/8 Sunday

Ted & Linda Workman; Jane Martin; Nancy

Quandt; Jane Martin; Carrie Thompson

Coffee Servers 2/4 Wed Church Staff

2/8 Sunday Mattias & Brandilyn Wegmann

Financial Counters 2/8 Sunday John Mickler;

Ellis V. Buth; Dain Friend; Paul Zeck

Greeters 2/8 Sunday 8:00 Lani Mierek; Dave &

Vicki Schroeder 10:45 Kurt & Wendy Bickes



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

2.1.2026

Unit 2, Lesson 8

In Christian education this week, we learn how "Fishers Follow." Spotting some fishing boats by the shore of Galilee, Jesus turns Simon Peter's boat into a floating pulpit. He preaches from the boat and then commands the disciples to put out to fish. Although they had fished all night without a catch, now they find their nets full to bursting. Recognizing his sinfulness, Peter falls down in front of his Savior and Lord, who calls him to a new kind of fishing. Ask, "How does God help us recognize our sinfulness? How does He rescue us from our sins?"



PKC & PYC will be collecting spare change to support New Life Pregnancy Center through their "Change for Life" campaign.

You may pick up your bottle to fill at home or drop your change in the large plastic bottle provided. The table with the bottles is located at the red door area.

Bottles must be returned by March 15.

Every coin helps support life and families in our community. Thank you for partnering with our children and youth in this meaningful project to support life.

"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made... In your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me." ~Psalm 139:13-16



*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