



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 7



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 2/8

General Fund: 17,379.00

Christian Sharing: 700.00

Sunday School: 1.00

Memorials: 820.00

Misc: 134.99

Loose: 105.00

Donuts: 84.00

ULMA: 3,000.00

Higher Things Youth Conference: 150.00

Total: 22,373.99

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- 2/16 1:30 Ladies' Guild Meeting
- 4:30 Chancel Choir
- 6:30 Council Meeting
- 2/17 6:00 WTS Board Meeting
- 2/18 10:30 Bible Class
- 12:00 Ash Wednesday Worship-Communion
- 4:15-6 Midweek Grades 1-6
- 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
- 7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship-Communion
- 2/19 8:00 Quilters
- 4:30 Handbell Choir
- 5/16 5:00 Pilgrim's 75th Anniversary Dinner

ATTENDANCE

- 2/8 Sunday 8:00 service: 90
- Sunday 10:45 service: 93
- Adult Bible Class: 86
- Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 12
- 2/11 Wednesday 10:30 Bible Class: 35
- Wednesday 12:00 service: 47

MITE OFFERINGS...ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. **FEBRUARY** mites will go to United Lutheran Mission Association.

Please join the Ladies' Guild
for a planning meeting on
Monday, February 16, at 1:30 p.m.
We'll be forming committees to plan
Pilgrim's 75th Anniversary Dinner.
We need everyone's help
to make this event a success!

SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistants 2/18 Ash Wed

12:00 Gary Quandt **7:00** Greg Collingwood

2/22 Sunday **8:00** Alan Ruwe **10:45** Don Mast

Ushers 2/18 Ash Wed **12:00** Stan Lange's Team

7:00 Tim White's Team 2/22 Sunday **8:00** Stan

Lange; Will Bryan; Craig Goepfinger; 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 2/22 Sunday

Jane Martin; Carrie Thompson

Coffee Servers 2/18 Wed Church Staff

2/22 Sunday Loren & Melinda Hiser

Financial Counters 2/22 Sunday Rich Lanier;

Rick Leach; Steve Musgrove; Gary Schueller

Greeters 2/22 Sunday **8:00** Doug & Vicky Lueck

10:45 Paul Giesler; Chad & Megan Wooters



- 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

2.15.2026

Unit 2, Lesson 10

The Sermon on the Mount is the topic for this week's lesson, "Mountain Message." Jesus reminds His listeners not to worry about things they cannot control. The birds of the air and the flowers of the field serve as examples of God's continuing care for His creation. Likewise, we have no need for worry or anxiousness, because God provides and cares for us.

A graphic for the 'Change for Life' campaign. It features three baby bottles (pink, yellow, and blue) on a wooden surface. The bottles have labels that say 'NEW LIFE pregnancy center'. To the right, the text 'CHANGE FOR LIFE' is written in large, white, outlined letters. Below this, it says 'Funds donated to our baby bottle campaign support the life-changing, life-saving work of New Life Pregnancy Center.' A white box on the right contains the text 'PICK UP YOUR BOTTLES: January 25th' and 'RETURN YOUR BOTTLES: March 15th'. At the bottom, it says 'To give online, visit [friendsnewlifepregnancycenter.com/donate](https://www.friendsnewlifepregnancycenter.com/donate)' and includes a QR code.

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

Join Choir!

**Chancel Choir
&
Bell Choir**
rehearsals begin soon!

Chancel Choir:
Monday, February 16
at 4:30 p.m.

Bell Choir:
Thursday, February 19
at 4:30 p.m.

I was glad when
they said to me,
"Let us go to the house
of the Lord!"

Psalm 122:1, ESV



Mark your calendars! May 16, 2026, 5:00 p.m. More info coming soon!

The Ladies' Guild will be working on the upcoming dinner of the 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



PKC
February &
March Activities

PKC is for 1-6 Grade and Family

- March 22--Bowling at Victory Lanes in Decatur
(More info to come) **SIGN UP BY 3/15**

Mark your calendar for VBS
June 8-12, 9-Noon

"Diving Into the
10 Commandments"



PYC
ACTIVITIES

**FEBRUARY/MARCH
2026**

PYC is for 7th-12th grade

****February 22 from Noon-2:30
PYC Connect (Invite a friend)
Sign up by 2/18**

****March 22 Bowling at Victory Lanes
in Decatur (More info to come)
Sign up by 3/15**