



# ilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 32



Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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

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Newsletter Deadline: 9 A.M. Wednesday

Office is open: Mon-Thurs 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
and Friday 8 a.m. to Noon.

Fridays: 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the Sanctuary is Reserved.

## ATTENDANCE

7/31 Sun 8:00 service: 105

7/31 Sun 10:45 service: 95

7/31 Adult Bible Class: 102

7/31 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 13

8/3 Wed 12:00 service: 32

## OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 7/31

General: 13,161.00

Walther Theological Seminary: 100.00

Christian Sharing: 100.00

Sunday School: 2.00

Memorials: 25.00

Misc: 102.89

Loose: 40.00

CDs: 3.00

Donuts: 60.10

Total: 13,593.99

**MITE OFFERINGS** ... ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box at your convenience. Thank you. AUGUST mites will go to New Life Pregnancy Center.

## !! ACTIVITIES/EVENTS !!

8/10 12:00 Wednesday Worship

8/11 8:00 Quilters

8/14 12:00-3:00 PKC/PYC

Back-to-School Splashdown

9/11 12:15-3:00 Rally Day Picnic

## CANCELLATIONS

When there is a cancellation of any event we cannot telephone all the members and all those who serve in various capacities. Please check the Member Facebook page or the Prayer Chain daily. Thank you!



## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/1 Bob Jacobs; Gary Walters  
8/2 Larry Coers; Margaret Duncan;  
Andi Gensler  
David & Earlene Carlen (53 years)  
Ron & Lois YaDeau (52 years)  
8/3 Allen Hansen  
Jeff & Valerie Cotner (26 years)  
8/4 Tim & Lynn Block (49 years)  
8/6 Allen & Kathy Kilzer (39)  
Mark & Sue Kopetz (50 years)  
8/7 Ellis & Karen Buth (40 years)  
Mike & Heather Norris (18 years)  
8/8 Wayne Gable; Linda Sue Workman  
Kevin & Mila Coers (41 years)  
Larry & Nancy Grischow (53 years)  
8/9 Amy Pitzer; Erin Svendsen  
8/12 Palmer Gensler  
8/13 Brock & Beth Abbott (34 years)  
8/14 Mark Pokey  
8/15 Kelly Holcomb; Diana Thompson;  
Chad Wooters  
Greg & Barb Luka (35 years)  
8/16 Kurt Bickes; Ruth Bork; Loren Hiser;  
Kelsey Maddox  
8/17 Natalie Stout  
8/18 Matt Pangrac; Pam Rhodes  
8/19 Ralph Kuhn  
8/20 Sylvia Ohlwine  
8/21 Connor Sutherland  
Joseph & Donna Wisner (29 years)  
8/22 Janet Foster  
Harvey & Ruth Ann Thompson  
(52 years)  
8/23 Roger German  
8/24 Judy Arnold; Rick Campbell;  
Karen Easterling; Kathy Fulk;  
Warren Leevy  
Bob & Judy McQuality (54 years)  
8/26 Mckenna Phillips  
Steve & Peg Musgrove (22 years)

- 8/29 Heather Spengler  
8/31 Dian Centers; Violet Maddox;  
Leah Moore; Susie Schoon  
Nelson & Merrilee Lock (3 years)

## SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistant/Acolyte 8/14 Sunday  
8:00 Tom Greenwood 10:45 Doug Ward  
Ushers 8/14 Sunday 8:00 Tim White; Derek  
Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter;  
Ron Kelm 10:45 Craig Goepfinger; Stan Lange;  
Terry Massey; Bob Meadows; Steve Musgrove;  
Dave Pressley; John Wainwright  
Coffee Servers 8/14 Sunday Dick & Dona  
Bailey  
Financial Counters 8/14 Sunday Mark Ames;  
John Crowe; Tim Ellison; Paul Giesler  
Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up 8/14 Sunday  
Ted & Linda Sue Workman; Jane Martin; Nancy  
Quandt; Carrie Thompson  
Greeters 8/14 Sunday 8:00 Doug & Vicky  
Lueck 10:45 Sarah Marsaglia; Bonnie Engel  
Trustees- Week of 8/7 Don Mast; Cory Ritter;  
Eric Mast; Paul Phillips; Jim Snow; Ted  
Workman; Litter Control- Gene Wise

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*Farm Fresh*  
**EGGS**

Brett and Emily Stenger  
have farm fresh eggs for sale!  
\$3.00/dozen  
Please call or text before Sunday  
and they will bring them to church.  
217-433-7895 (Emily)

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## Cemetery Lots

**A Pilgrim member has three cemetery lots for sale.  
This is Special Hedge Estate #3.  
They are private, surrounded with hedge bushes.  
Contact Pilgrim Jim Peck at 217-422-2705.**



*Dear Pilgrim Congregation,*

*We are so grateful to have had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Higher Things conference this past week at Valparaiso University. From the breakaway sessions to the worship services to the question and answer panels, we learned so much which prompted multiple insightful discussions and strengthened our faith. Words cannot express how uplifting it was to sing hymns in the beautiful chapel with so many voices singing the words of faith in unison. It was amazing to be surrounded by so many Lutherans and hear consistent messages supported by scripture. Thank you so much for your support of Higher Things. What a blessing!*

*In Christ,  
Joe, Donna, Jennifer and Rachel Wisner*



*Dear Pilgrim Family,*

*I can't thank you enough for your generous support of Higher Things each year. I was grateful to be able to accompany Josh and watch him experience it for the first time. It was an uplifting week and only possible because of you.*

*Thank you!  
Erica Meadows*

*Dear Pilgrim Family,*

*Thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend my first Higher Things. I really enjoyed the breakaway sessions and am already looking forward to going again next year.*

*Thank you again,  
Josh Bryan*



*Dear Pilgrim family,*

*Thank you for allowing me to go to the Higher Things conference at Valparaiso University. The experience that I, and I know everyone else, found very uplifting and strengthening to our faith in Christ. The services that we attended daily were astounding with almost a thousand Christians singing praises to God in one accord, giving only a fraction of what the choir of Heaven will sound like in eternity. The breakaway sessions that we attended throughout the week were insightful and gave good instruction on how to deal with the issues that we are experiencing daily in the world. Overall, the friendship, fellowship, and teaching was very uplifting. It was an experience I will never forget, so thank you very much.*

*God's Blessings,  
Blaine Burns*

