



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 34



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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“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.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The 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 8/18

General Fund: 26,045.00

Christian Sharing: 50.00

Misc: 7.00

Loose: 40.00

CDs: 9.00

Donuts: 61.00

ULMA: 100.00

Total: 26,312.00

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

8/27 6:00 WTS Meeting

8/28 12:00 Wednesday Worship

8/29 8:00 Quilters

8/30 10:00 Bible Investigation Class

9/15 Rally Day

ATTENDANCE

8/18 Sun 8:00 service: 112

Sun 10:45 service: 84

Adult Bible Class: 113

8/18 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 2

8/21 Wednesday 12:00 service: 52

MITE OFFERINGS... ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box at your convenience. **AUGUST** mites will go to Bethesda Lutheran Communities. **SEPTEMBER** mites will go to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you!



SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistant/Acolyte 9/1 Sunday 8:00

Allen Kilzer **10:45** Doug Ward

Ushers 9/1 Sunday 8:00 Don Mast; Eric Mast; John Mickler; Jim M. Snow; Jim R. Snow; Ron Kelm **10:45** Joe Marsaglia; Paul Giesler; Bruce Gifford; Loren Hiser; Dave Schroeder; Chad Wooters

Coffee Servers 9/1 Sunday Tim & Lesley Ellison

Financial Counters 9/1 Sunday Mark Ames; John Crowe; Tim Ellison; Paul Giesler

Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up 9/1 Sunday Shirley McMillen; Dian Centers; Bev Myrvold; Linda Ripple; Tim & Lynn Block; Amanda Block

Greeters 9/1 Sunday 8:00 Dick & Dona Bailey **10:45** Steve & Carol Goebel

Trustees Week of 8/25 Don Mast; Cory Ritter; Eric Mast; Jim Snow; Paul Phillips; Ted Workman; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



Birthdays and Anniversaries

8/24 Judy Arnold; Rick Campbell; Karen Easterling; Kathy Fulk; Warren Leevy
8/26 Steve & Peg Musgrove (24 years)
8/31 Dian Centers; Leah Moore; Susie Schoon Nelson & Merrilee Lock (5 years)



Birthday and Anniversaries

9/1 Matt Carlson; Bruce Gifford
9/2 Chuck Centers; Lani Mierek
Will & Jennifer Bryan (1 year)
Marvin & Carolyn Rau (68 years)
Ken & Mary Joe Wrigley (24 years)
9/3 Doug Ward
Richard & Sharon Carlson (47 years)
Ben & Margo Tschetter (2 years)
9/4 Rick & Lisa Leach (48 years)
Gary & Nancy Quandt (54 years)
9/5 Molly Thompson
9/6 Nancy Wolf

9/8 Josh Bryan
Kurt & Wendy Bickes (34 years)
9/10 Marlene Crawford
9/11 James & Janie Lewis (33 years)
Doug & Debbie Taylor (53 years)
Alex & Vicki Wegmann (31 years)
9/12 Travis & Jessica Buth (3 years)
9/13 Earlene Carlen; Dick Guhl
9/14 Terry Propst
Greg & Mindy Whisnant (22 years)
9/15 Robert Key
9/17 Dick & Sarah Guhl (69 years)
9/18 Mya Morgenthaler; Donna Wisner
9/19 Marco Wegmann; Mattias Wegmann
Matt & Kelly Carlson (9 years)
9/20 Jackson Leevy
Jim & Linda Snow (55 years)
Jeff & Cathy Spengler (50 years)
9/21 Tim Leach; Sue Williams
9/22 Shirley Ditzler; Maureen Key
Roger & Kim Letterly (34 years)
9/23 Quinn Stenger
9/24 Karen Buth; Nancy Wene
Aldon & Susan Ruwe (41 years)
9/25 Austin Taylor
9/27 Kelly Schoon
9/28 Paula Haggard
9/29 Craig Goeppinger
9/30 Robin Williams
Scott & Karen Easterling (30 years)
Robert & Maureen Key (45 years)

8.25.2024

Lesson 9

SUNDAY
SCHOOL
N3-8th Grade
Lesson Summaries

After His death on the cross, Jesus was sealed in a tomb with a large stone. But He didn't stay dead. Today, we learn about His empty tomb and what His resurrection means for our lives today and in the future. In Jesus' death, death itself, which has stalked God's creation since Adam and Eve's fall, has been forever defanged.

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PLAN TO BE SAFE

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What can you do as individuals or families to minimize your risk of being victimized? First, be actively and constantly aware of your surroundings. If you are not diligent in knowing what is going on around you, both in the immediate and distant sense, you allow yourself to be vulnerable, likely unaware of a threat. Trust your instincts and if something does not look or feel right, assume it is not, and take action that makes you safe. Second, and very much related to being aware of your surroundings, is a plan to be safe. What will I do if? Identify potential risks (the fire alarm sounds, building fills with smoke, you hear what could be an explosion, someone appears to be stalking you) and develop a plan, think through what you would do if that risk involved you or has the potential to involve you, and that includes removing yourself from the perceived threat. Conducting such a proactive exercise ahead of a crisis event that threatens your safety allows you to react and follow the previously thought out plan as opposed to standing there thinking, what am I going to do. Those few seconds are very valuable to your safety.

Lighting is the best defense for your home. Significantly brightening the exterior of your residence with bright L.E.D. bulbs and added fixtures as needed makes your house less attractive to the bad person. Look at your landscaping from a risk analysis perspective. Much residential landscaping is overgrown and can provide a good hiding place for someone intent on victimizing you. Trimming back or removing landscaping to eliminate such hiding places and good exterior lighting may well make your house less attractive to the criminal, causing that person to go to another house.

I can't guarantee you will not be victimized. But by taking a few proactive steps, you can make yourself less vulnerable than the next person or next house resulting in the criminal targeting that person or house instead of you.

Think about it! PLAN TO BE SAFE. An ongoing, conscious, proactive exercise that just might minimize your victimization potential. It is much easier to avoid victimization than to recover from it.

John Mickler
Pilgrim Lutheran Church
Safety Officer

Thank you

As we return home this week we praise God for Larry's successful surgery and pray His continuing blessings on Larry's ongoing rehabilitation. We have been overwhelmed by the prayerful support and expressed love of our Pilgrim family. Pastors Bill and Brock have each encouraged us and prayed with us on numerous occasions and we cannot thank them enough. We look forward to joining you in worship in the near future.

Blessings,
Nancy and Larry



Dear Pilgrim family,

Many of you know we are downsizing and moving just down the street. Because God has blessed us so much we are offering any Pilgrim who needs or wants things that we can't take with us. We have a hide-a-bed, love seat, several chairs, lamps and more. These are absolutely free. The only thing is, you will have to move them since we can't. Please call us at 217-872-2765 to come see what we have. God has richly blessed with good measure pressed down and overflowing. We can't thank our Pilgrim family enough for all your prayers during our time of need.

Ron and Lois YaDeau



in Pilgrim's Wooded Area
Sunday, September 15, 2024
12:15-4:00 p.m. (Eat at 12:15)

Sign up by September 4!

Menu: Kirby (IGA) Foods in Effingham- Fried Chicken or BBQ Pulled Pork, Twice Baked Potato Casserole, Western Baked Beans, 7-layer Salad, Macaroni & Cheese, Rolls/Butter, Assorted Pies, Iced Brownies, Fruit Cobbler. Tea, Lemonade, Soda & Water.

FREE-WILL OFFERING.

★ **Mimi's Frosty Ice Cream Truck** (formerly Mr. Softee) will be here. Each person will get one (1) Mimi's ticket worth \$4 to use on the ice cream treat of your choice. Depending on what treat you order, you may need to have some extra cash so be prepared.

★ **Interactive games and inflatables:**
25/8 Xtreme: Extreme Air Jumper, 3-in-1 Sports,
Bounce House/Slide Combo

★ **Twisted H Farm Petting Zoo**

What to bring:
A lawn chair!



Sign-up sheet is in the worship folder.
Fill it out and hand to an usher
or email Kay at Kt2155@gmail.com.

