



# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 31



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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



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[www.pilgrimlutherandecatur.org](http://www.pilgrimlutherandecatur.org)

[www.unitedlutheranmission.org](http://www.unitedlutheranmission.org)

[www.waltherseminary.org](http://www.waltherseminary.org)

### Office Hours:

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 7/27

General Fund: 33,236.03

Walther Theological Seminary: 300.00

Christian Sharing: 13.00

Sunday School: 1.00

Memorials: 50.00

Loose: 80.00

CDs: 1.00

Donuts: 38.00

Higher Things Youth Conference: 500.00

Total: 34,219.03

### ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

8/4 6:30 Elders' Meeting

8/6 12:00 Wednesday Worship- Communion

8/7 8:00 Quilters

9/7 12:15-4:00 Rally Day

**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 United Lutheran Mission Association.

### ATTENDANCE

7/27 Sun 8:00 service: 92

Sun 10:45 service: 72

Adult Bible Class: 77

Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 9

7/30 Wednesday 12:00 service: 49

**MISSING AN ITEM? CHECK THE LOST & FOUND BOX IN THE USHERS' ROOM. WE ALSO HAVE A SMALL COLLECTION OF EYE GLASSES THAT HAVE BEEN LEFT BEHIND. THOSE CAN BE FOUND ON TOP OF THE CABINET IN THE USHERS' ROOM. ANY ITEMS THAT ARE NOT PICKED UP BY AUGUST 17 WILL BE DONATED. THANK YOU!**



## SERVING THE LORD

**Communion Assistants** 8/6 Wed Allen Kilzer

8/10 Sunday 8:00 Tom Greenwood

**10:45** Greg Collingwood

**Ushers** 8/10 Sunday 8:00 Tim White; Derek Ames;

Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter **10:45** Stan

Lange; Will Bryan; Craig Goepfinger; Terry

Massey; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; Gary

Winchester

**Communion Set up & Clean Up** 8/10 Sunday

Ted & Linda Sue Workman; Jane Martin; Nancy

Quandt; Carrie Thompson

**Coffee Servers** 8/10 Sunday Dave & Vicki

Schroeder

**Financial Counters** 8/10 Sunday Kevin Ripple;

Bob Ellis; Drew Gensler; Steve Myrvold

**Greeters** 8/10 Sunday 8:00 Dick & Dona Bailey

**10:45** Larry & Nancy Grischow

**Trustees** Week of 8/3 Larry Wolf; Pete Williams;

Brad Roberts; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



### Birthdays & Anniversaries

8/1 Bob Jacobs

8/2 Larry Coers; Margaret Duncan;  
Andi Gensler

David & Earlene Carlen (56 years)

Ron & Lois YaDeau (55 years)

8/3 Jeff & Valerie Cotner (29 years)

8/4 Tim & Lynn Block (52 years)

8/5 Mattias & Brandilyn Wegmann (2 years)

8/6 Allen & Kathy Kilzer (42 years)

Mark & Sue Kopetz (53 years)

8/7 Ellis & Karen Buth (43 years)

Mike & Heather Norris (21 years)

8/8 Tina Williams; Linda Sue Workman

Kevin & Mila Coers (44 years)

Larry & Nancy Grischow (56 years)

8/9 Erin Duncan

8/12 Palmer Gensler

8/13 Brock & Beth Abbott (37 years)

8/14 Mark Pokey

8/15 Kelly Holcomb; Chad Wooters

Greg & Barb Luka (38 years)

8/16 Kurt Bickes; Ruth Bork; Loren Hiser

8/17 Natalie Stout

8/18 Pam Rhodes

8/19 Ralph Kuhn

8/20 Sylvia Ohlwine

8/21 Joe & Donna Wisner (32 years)

8/22 Janet Foster

Harvey & Ruth Ann Thompson (55 years)

8/23 Roger German

8/24 Judy Arnold; Rick Campbell; Karen

Easterling; Kathy Fulk; Warren Leevy

8/26 Steve & Peg Musgrove (25 years)

8/31 Dian Centers; Leah Moore; Susie Schoon

Nelson & Merrilee Lock (6 years)



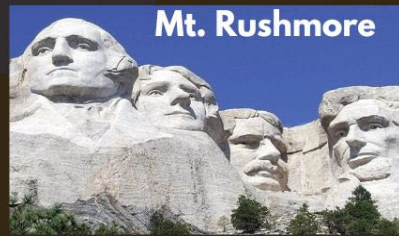
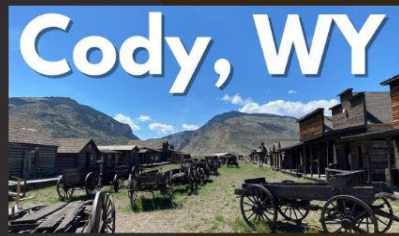
Can you help or know of someone at Pilgrim that would like to be trained? We need more people willing to take turns running the SOS on Sundays/Wednesdays when we don't have an organist.

It's not difficult to run and I would be happy to train you or show you how it works.

You can sit with Dave Schroeder, Will & Jennifer Bryan, or Sarah Marsaglia before doing it alone. Teens are welcome to give it a try too. Please contact me to take a look!

~Kay Tolly





**Join Pilgrim  
Members On  
A Trip to  
Yellowstone &  
Beyond**  
(You do not have to be a  
member to join us)



**June 17 to  
June 30,  
2026**

- Yellowstone National Park w/ Guide
- Cody Night Rodeo
- Buffalo Jeep Safari
- Crazy Horse Memorial

- Mt. Rushmore
- Golden Spike Tower
- Triangle X Float Trip
- Old Trail Town
- Custer State Park
- Trial of Jack McCall

- National Museum of Military Vehicles
- Badlands National Park Corn Palace
- Wall Drug
- And More

Contact Kay Tolly at 217-358-4401 to sign up! Email: [kt2155@gmail.com](mailto:kt2155@gmail.com)