



# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 34



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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



August 24, 2025

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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 8/17

General Fund: 15,109.00  
Walther Theological Seminary: 100.00  
Christian Sharing: 53.57  
Sunday School: 5.00  
Memorials: 130.00  
Loose: 70.00  
Donuts: 60.00  
Total: 15,527.57

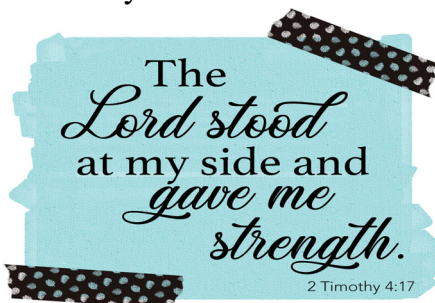
### ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

8/27 12:00 Wednesday Worship  
8/28 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

8/17 Sun 8:00 service: 106  
Sun 10:45 service: 95  
Adult Bible Class: 94  
Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 10  
8/20 Wednesday 12:00 service: 62



**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS  
WILL BE LIMITED THIS COMING  
MONDAY-THURSDAY, AUGUST 25-28  
BECAUSE I WILL BE ON VACATION. YAY!  
JUDY WILL BE IN THE OFFICE  
MONDAY & THURSDAY FROM 8:00-11:30.  
IF YOU NEED TO COME TO CHURCH  
OUTSIDE OF THOSE TIMES,  
PLEASE CALL AHEAD SO SOMEONE  
CAN BE HERE TO HELP YOU. ~BETH**

## SERVING THE LORD

### Communion Assistants 8/31 Sunday

8:00 Allen Kilzer 10:45 Don Mast

**Ushers** 8/31 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 8/31 Sunday

Karen Svendsen; Nancy Jacobs; Melinda Hiser; Jane Martin; Carrie Thompson

**Coffee Servers** 8/31 Sunday Jim & Linda Snow

**Financial Counters** 8/31 Sunday John Mickler; Ellis V. Buth; Dain Friend; Paul Zeck

**Greeters** 8/31 Sunday 8:00 Loren & Melinda Hiser 10:45 Steve & Bev Myrvold

**Trustees** Week of 8/24 Paul Zeck; Harvey Thompson; Byron Brown; Bob Ellis; Doug Lueck; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



### Birthdays & Anniversaries

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)



9/1 Matt Carlson; Bruce Gifford

9/2 Chuck Centers; Lani Mierek Will & Jennifer Bryan (2 years) Marvin & Carolyn Rau (69 years) Ken & Mary Joe Wrigley (25 years)

9/3 Doug Ward Richard & Sharon Carlson (48 years) Ben & Margo Tschetter (3 years)

9/4 Gail Prince Rick & Lisa Leach (49 years) Gary & Nancy Quandt (55 years)

9/5 Molly Thompson

9/6 Nancy Wolf

9/8 Josh Bryan Kurt & Wendy Bickes (35 years)

9/10 Marlene Crawford

9/11 James & Janie Lewis (34 years) Doug & Debbie Taylor (54 years) Alex & Vicki Wegmann (32 years)

9/12 Travis & Jessica Buth (4 years)

9/13 Earlene Carlen; Dick Guhl

9/14 Greg & Mindy Whisnant (23 years)

9/15 Robert Key

9/17 Dick & Sarah Guhl (70 years)

9/18 Mya Morgenthaler; Donna Wisner

9/19 Marco Wegmann; Mattias Wegmann Matt & Kelly Carlson (10 years)

9/20 Jackson Leevy

Jim & Linda Snow (56 years)

Jeff & Cathy Spengler (51 years)

9/21 Tim Leach; Sue Williams

9/22 Maureen Key

Roger & Kim Letterly (35 years)

9/23 Quinn Stenger

9/24 Karen Buth; Nancy Wene

Aldon & Susan Ruwe (42 years)

9/25 Austin Taylor

9/27 Kelly Schoon

9/28 Paula Haggard; Addison Hyden Travis & Erin Duncan (1 year)

9/29 Craig Goepfinger

9/30 Robin Williams

Scott & Karen Easterling (31 years)

Robert & Maureen Key (46 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

# RALLY DAY

in Pilgrim's wooded area

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025**

12:15-4:00 p.m. (eat at 12:15)

Sign up by **August 27**

on the worship folder insert or email

Kay at [Kt2155@gmail.com](mailto:Kt2155@gmail.com).

## Coney McKane's American Eatery

### Menu:

Fried Chicken

Hot Dogs

Pulled Pork Sliders

Baked Beans

Potato Salad

Macaroni & Cheese

Peach Cobbler, Berry Cobbler, Cookies

Tea, Lemonade, Soda & Water

Free-Will Offering



**SCOVILL  
ZOO**  
DECATUR, ILLINOIS



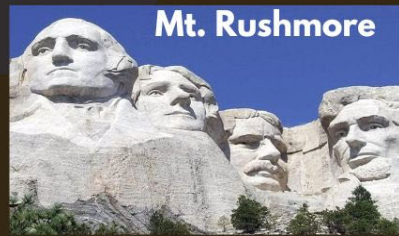
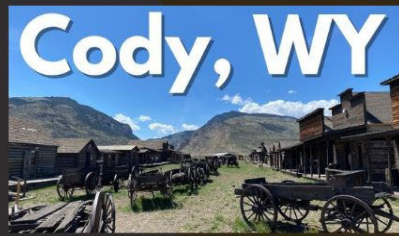
## AIRWALK ACTION CARNIVAL

**PRIZES**



Each person will get one Mimi's ticket worth \$6 to use on the ice cream treat of your choice. Depending on what treat you order, you may need some extra cash.





**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