



# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 35



**Pilgrim Lutheran Church**

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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



**August 31, 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 8/24**

General Fund: 6,155.00

Walther Theological Seminary: 150.00

Sunday School: 10.00

Memorials: 100.00

Loose: 43.00

Donuts: 37.61

Total: 6,495.61

**ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

- 9/1 Church Office Closed for Labor Day
- 9/3 12:00 Wednesday Worship-Communion
- 9/4 8:00 Quilters
- 9/7 12:15-4:00 Rally Day

**ATTENDANCE**

- 8/24 Sun 8:00 service: 101
- Sun 10:45 service: 96
- Adult Bible Class: 89
- Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 11

**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. **SEPTEMBER** mites will go to Braille Workers.



## SERVING THE LORD

**Communion Assistants** 9/3 Wed Allen Kilzer

9/7 Sunday 8:00 Tom Greenwood

**10:45** Doug Ward

**Ushers** 9/7 Sunday 8:00 Don Mast; Eric Mast; John Mickler; Jim M. Snow; Jim R. Snow; Mark

Thompson **10:45** Joe Marsaglia; Grant Abbott; Paul Giesler; Bruce Gifford; Loren Hiser; Dave Schroeder; Chad Wooters

**Communion Set up & Clean Up** 9/7 Sunday

Shirley McMillen; Dian Centers; Bev Myrvold; Linda Ripple; Tim & Lynn Block; Amanda Block

**Coffee Servers** 9/7 Sunday Tim & Lesley Ellison

**Financial Counters** 9/7 Sunday Kevin Ripple; Bob Ellis; Drew Gensler; Steve Myrvold

**Greeters** 9/7 Sunday 8:00 Doug & Vicky Lueck

**10:45** Steve & Bev Myrvold

**Trustees** Week of 8/31 Don Mast; Cory Ritter; Eric Mast; Jim Snow; Paul Phillips; Ted Workman; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



### Birthdays & Anniversaries

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)

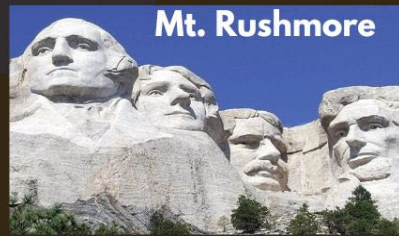
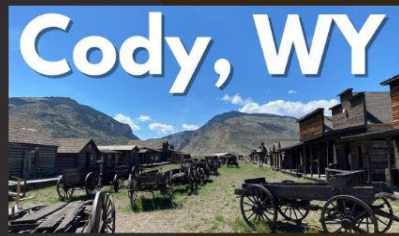


Can you help or know of someone at Pilgrim that would like to be trained? We need more people willing to take turns running the SOS on Sundays/Wednesdays when we don't have an organist.

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



**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)



# SEPTEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>Labor Day</b> Church Office Closed	2	3 12:00 Wed Worship Communion	4 8:00 Quilters	5	6
7 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School 12:15-4:00 Rally Day	8	9	10 10:30 Bible Class 12:00 Wed Worship 4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	11 8:00 Quilters	12	13
14 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	15 6:30 Council Meeting	16 6:00 WTS Board Meeting	17 10:30 Bible Class 12:00 Wed Worship Communion 4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	18 8:00 Quilters	19	20
21 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	22	23	24 10:30 Bible Class 12:00 Wed Worship 4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	25 8:00 Quilters	26	27
28 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	29	30				