



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 36



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

“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.

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 8/31

General Fund: 14,400.81

Christian Sharing: 28.00

Loose: 20.00

CDs: 1.00

Donuts: 34.59

Total: 14,484.40

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

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

9/10 10:30 Bible Class

12:00 Wednesday Worship

4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

9/11 8:00 Quilters

9/28 PKC/PYC Planning Meeting

All youth and parents are invited to join us for a fun afternoon of planning, fellowship, and activities! We'll meet from 12:00-3:00 p.m. with pizza for lunch, ice cream sundaes, open gym and games, along with time to plan upcoming youth events. Bring your ideas! Don't miss this afternoon of fun and fellowship!

ATTENDANCE

8/27 Wed 12:00 service: 39

8/31 Sun 8:00 service: 100

Sun 10:45 service: 86

Adult Bible Class: 74

Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 11

9/3 Wed 12:00 service: 42

MITE OFFERINGS...ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box at your convenience.

SEPTEMBER mites will go to Braille Workers.

*In the world
you will have tribulation.*

*But take heart;
I have overcome the world.*

John 16:33

SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistants 9/14 Sunday 8:00 Allen Kilzer **10:45** Greg Collingwood
Ushers 9/14 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 9/14 Sunday Ted & Linda Sue Workman; Jane Martin; Nancy Quandt; Jane Martin; Carrie Thompson
Coffee Servers 9/14 Sunday Kathy Fulk; Linda Snow
Financial Counters 9/14 Sunday Rich Lanier; Rick Leach; Steve Musgrove; Gary Schueller
Greeters 9/14 Sunday 8:00 Jean Mueller; Linda Workman **10:45** Kurt & Wendy Bickes
Trustees Week of 9/7 Don Mast; Cory Ritter; Eric Mast; Jim Snow; Paul Phillips; Ted Workman; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



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 Morganthaler; 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)

9.7.2025
Unit 1
Lesson 1



Today, we will study “The Fall and a Promise.” The slithery serpent caused Eve to doubt God’s Word with one simple question: “Did God actually say ...?” (Genesis 3:1). Seeking to gain wisdom, Eve and Adam rebel against their Creator. Suddenly aware of their condition before God, they vainly attempt to hide their sinful exposure. With sin comes punishment that is just; yet our heavenly Father does not leave humankind without hope. Instead, He promises One who will come to rescue His people from the jaws of death and Satan. As a family, discuss the importance of God’s promise of the Savior.

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"O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord!"

The Chancel Choir invites you to join us in proclaiming Christ crucified through sacred song. No formal audition-just a humble and joyful heart willing to praise God in worship.

When our choir lifts up the hymns and liturgy in the Divine Service, we echo the faith of the Church through the ages and proclaim the Gospel for all to hear. If you love to sing, if your heart is moved by the words of Christ and the rich tradition of Lutheran music, the choir welcomes you.

Why Join the Church Choir?

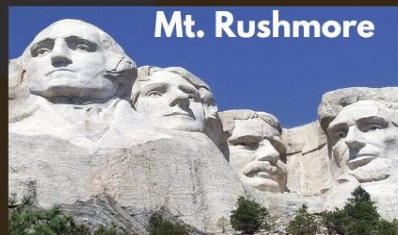
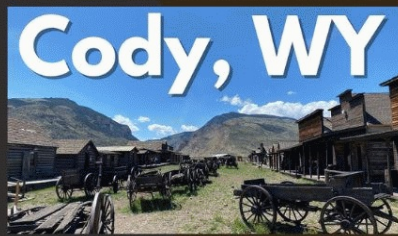
- **Confessing the Faith Through Song:** Lutheran worship centers on proclaiming the Gospel-the choir helps lead the congregation in this confession, lifting up the Word of Christ in rich hymns and liturgical music.
- **Participating in Tradition:** Singing classic hymns like "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" connects you with generations of believers, joining your voice to the Church's ongoing praise and thanksgiving.
- **Help in Leading Worship:** The choir helps lead the congregation in hymns and liturgy.
- **Building Christian Fellowship:** Choir members form close bonds as they rehearse and sing together, supporting one another and growing in faith and friendship.
- **Serving with Joy:** You don't need a solo voice-just a willing spirit. The choir welcomes those who wish to serve God and our congregation through music, no matter your skill level.

Consider joining not just to sing, but to help proclaim Christ, support your fellow worshippers, and experience the richness of our Lutheran heritage in music.

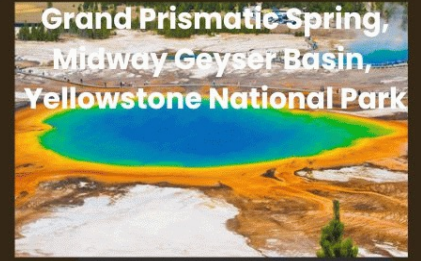
Contact Kay Tolly at kt2155@gmail.com, 217-358-4401 or call the church office at 217-877-2444 ASAP if you might be interested in more information regarding rehearsals and worship services.

8th grade and up are invited to join us!





**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