



# 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”



September 14, 2025

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Rev. Lucas Abbott

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### 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 9/7

General Fund: 21,144.00  
Walther Theological Seminary: 100.00  
Christian Sharing: 714.51  
Altar Flowers: 35.00  
Sunday School: 2.00  
Memorials: 25.00  
Loose: 65.00  
Donuts: 59.35  
Total: 22,144.86

### ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

9/15 1:30 Ladies' Guild Meeting  
6:30 Council Meeting  
9/16 6:00 WTS Board Meeting  
9/17 10:30 Bible Class  
12:00 Wednesday Worship-Communion  
4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
9/18 8:00 Quilters  
9/28 12:00-3:00 PKC/PYC Planning Meeting

### ATTENDANCE

9/7 Sun 8:00 service: 72  
Sun 10:45 service: 139  
Adult Bible Class: 91  
Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 16  
9/10 Wed 10:30 Bible Class: 34  
Wed 12:00 service: 45

**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.



## SERVING THE LORD

**Communion Assistants** 9/17 Wed Gary Quandt

9/21 Sunday 8:00 Tom Greenwood

**10:45** Greg Collingwood

**Ushers** 9/21 Sunday 8:00 Don Mast; Eric Mast;

John Mickler; Jim M. Snow; Jim R. Snow

**10:45** Joe Marsaglia; Grant Abbott; Paul Giesler;

Bruce Gifford; Loren Hiser; Dave Schroeder; Chad

Wooters

**Communion Set up & Clean Up** 9/21 Sunday

Steve & Jennifer Gensler; Don & Jo-Anne Mast;

Patti Zeck; Jane Martin

**Coffee Servers** 9/21 Sunday Kurt & Wendy Bickes

**Financial Counters** 9/21 Sunday Mark Ames; John

Crowe; Tim Ellison; Paul Giesler

**Greeters** 9/21 Sunday 8:00 Scott & Rita Perry

**10:45** Byron & Nancy Brown

**Trustees** Week of 9/14 Larry Wolf; Pete Williams;

Brad Roberts; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control

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)



9/1 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)

**9.14.2025**

**Unit 1**

**Lesson 2**



The lesson this week is “A Mighty Wonder.” In six days, through His spoken Word alone, the heavenly Father creates a universe so vast and complex it defies our limited human understanding. Humankind, the crown of His creation, made in His own image, comes to be through the intimate work of His hands and with His own breath. Discuss the wonders of God’s creation with your family.

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## Chancel Choir Gathering - Monday, October 13

The Pilgrim Chancel Choir will have its first rehearsal and get-together on Monday, October 13 at 4:30 pm. We will be discussing plans for the upcoming season and doing some singing together.

Whether you are interested in singing regularly or only for special services, we invite you to attend. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the choir, enjoy fellowship, and share in the gift of music.

If you will be joining us, please RSVP to Kay Tolly at 217-358-4401 or email at [kt2155@gmail.com](mailto:kt2155@gmail.com) so we know to expect you. We look forward to beginning another season of praising the Lord through song!

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

*Dear Pilgrim Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

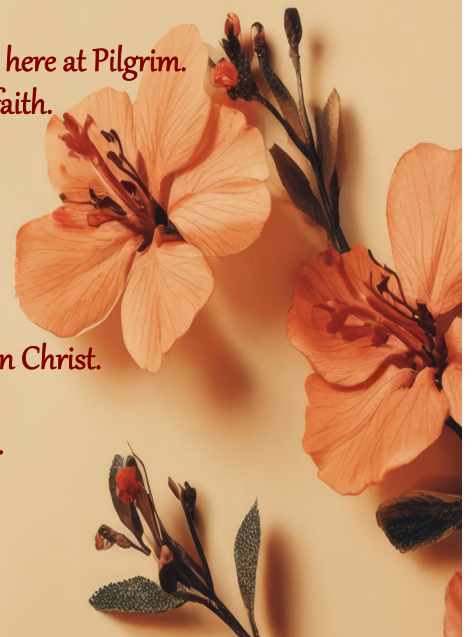
*I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to you for the kind and thoughtful recognition of my 25 years serving as your Youth Director. This past Sunday was such a blessing, and I was truly surprised and touched by your kindness. Thank you to Kathy Kilzer for providing the beautiful cake, to our pastors and Beth for arranging the details, and to the congregation for the cards, messages, and gifts.*

*Most of all, I thank our gracious Lord for giving me the privilege of serving Him here at Pilgrim. It is a joy and honor to share His Word with our youth and to walk with you in faith. You are a tremendous blessing to me and truly feel like family.*

*As we look ahead, I want to encourage all of you to continually lift our children, youth and families up to the Lord in prayer. They face many attacks and temptations in this world, yet we know that God is faithful. Let us pray that He would guard them, strengthen them, and keep them steadfast in the true faith in Christ.*

*Thank you again for your kindness, prayers, and support of the youth program.  
To God alone be the glory!*

*In Christ,  
Kay Tolly*



# PKC/PYC SEPTEMBER 28 KICK-OFF! NOON - 3PM

## SIGN UP BY SEPTEMBER 21!

*Get ready for an afternoon packed with FUN, FOOD, and FELLOWSHIP! Help shape our upcoming year as we look forward to a year rooted in God's Word!*

*All Pilgrim Kids for Christ grades 1-6 & Pilgrim Youth for Christ grades 7-12 and parents are invited!*

### WHAT'S HAPPENING:

- *Pizza Lunch, Ice Cream and Cookies*
- *Open gym & games*
- *Brainstorming & planning for future events for October 2025-Summer of 2026*

Come share your ideas as we plan ways for our children, youth, and families to remain rooted in God's Word, share the faith and to live out our confession of Christ in our worship, study and fun!

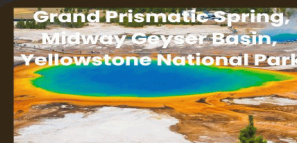
**"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly..."**

**Colossians 3:16**

# BE THE LIGHT



**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