



# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 38



**Pilgrim Lutheran Church**

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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



**September 21, 2025**

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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 9/14**

General Fund: 11,809.65  
Christian Sharing: 63.00  
Sunday School: 11.00  
Misc: 8,784.66  
Loose: 41.00  
CDs: 1.00  
Personal Purchase by Member: 88.49  
Donuts: 55.00  
Rally Day: 1,274.79  
Total: 22,128.59

**ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

9/24 10:30 Bible Class  
12:00 Wednesday Worship  
4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
9/25 8:00 Quilters  
9/28 12:00-3:00 PKC/PYC Planning Meeting

**ATTENDANCE**

9/14 Sun 8:00 service: 93  
Sun 10:45 service: 103  
Adult Bible Class: 90  
Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 12  
9/17 Wed 10:30 Bible Class: 41  
Wed 12:00 service: 49

**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.



*The Communion Committee is in need of volunteers for Communion set up once a month. Please contact Jane Martin at 217-917-0996 if you're able to serve!*

## SERVING THE LORD

**Communion Assistants** 9/28 Sunday 8:00 Gary Quandt **10:45** Greg Collingwood

**Ushers** 9/28 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** 9/28 Sunday Jane Martin; Sarah Marsaglia; Carrie Thompson

**Coffee Servers** 9/24 Wed PLC Office 9/28 Sunday Dick & Dona Bailey

**Financial Counters** 9/28 Sunday John Mickler; Ellis V. Buth; Dain Friend; Paul Zeck

**Greeters** 9/28 Sunday 8:00 Allen, Kathy & Parker Kilzer **10:45** Will & Jennifer Bryan

**Trustees** Week of 9/21 Larry Wolf; Pete Williams; Brad Roberts; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control

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 Goepfing

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)  
9/15 Robert Key  
9/17 Dick & Sarah Guhl (70 years)  
9/18 Mya Morganthaler; Donna Wisner

9.21.2025

Unit 1

Lesson 3



Widespread sin and corruption filled the earth, but "Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD" (Genesis 6:8). In today's lesson, "A New Beginning," students will learn how, following God's command, Noah and his family begin constructing a massive ark, with provisions for an extended journey. At the Lord's direction, each animal kind boards the ark, along with Noah and his family. The fountains of the deep open and rain falls for forty days, swallowing up every living thing. Through the flood, God keeps Noah's family safe and lands them on a mountain. Discuss the sign of the promise God gives us: the rainbow.

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Pilgrim Phyllis Kunzeman is in need of a ride to church. Her address is 4310 E. White, which is two blocks after you cross the William St. bridge. Please call Phyllis at 217-412-3677 if you can help! Thank you!



## 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!"

### **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**



**PYC/PKC IS SPONSORING THE FOOD DRIVE AT  
PILGRIM AS A SERVICE PROJECT**

**Donate NON-PERISHABLE FOODS to the WSOY Food  
Drive now through October 2.**

**The Food Drive will take place at the Kroger parking  
lot on Rt. 36 on Friday, October 3.**

**Kroger bags will be on a table by the red doors to put items in.  
Anyone that would like to volunteer to transport the food on  
October 3 please let Kay know.**

**CANNED FRUITS - CANNED VEGETABLES - CANNED MEATS -  
CANNED BEANS - CANNED SOUPS - PASTAS - CANNED SAUCES -  
CANNED DAIRY - DRY PASTA - DRY CEREALS AND OATS - BOXED  
MEALS - BOTTLED JUICE - CONDIMENTS - JARS PEANUT BUTTER  
AND GRAPE JELLY - GRANOLA BARS - TRAIL MIX - JERKY - BEEF  
STICKS - FRUIT CUPS**



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