



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 39



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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



September 28, 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 9/21

General Fund: 16,066.00
Christian Sharing: 8.00
Sunday School: 11.00
Memorial: 100.00
Misc: 5,375.00
Loose: 40.00
Donuts: 74.00
ULMA: 73.69
Total: 21,747.69

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- 10/1 10:30 Bible Class
12:00 Wednesday Worship-Communion
4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6
7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
- 10/2 8:00 Braille at Unity (LSA)
8:00 Quilters
- 10/31 5:30-8:00 Hallow Him
- 12/7 Sunday School Christmas Program

ATTENDANCE

- 9/21 Sun 8:00 service: 103
Sun 10:45 service: 97
Adult Bible class: 82
Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 13
- 9/24 Wed 10:30 Bible class: 44
Wed 12:00 service: 54

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. **OCTOBER** mites will go to Walther Theological Seminary.

"They do not say in their hearts, 'Let us fear the Lord our God, who gives rain in its season, the autumn rain and the spring rain, and keeps for us the weeks appointed for the harvest.'"



SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistants 10/1 Wed Allen Kilzer
10/5 Sunday 8:00 Tom Greenwood **10:45** Don Mast
Ushers 10/5 Sunday 8:00 Stan Lange; Will Bryan;
Craig Goeppinger; Terry Massey; Steve Musgrove;
Dave Pressley; Gary Winchester **10:45** Tim White;
Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter;
Mark Thompson

Communion Set up & Clean Up 10/5 Sunday
Shirley McMillen; Dian Centers; Bev Myrvold;
Linda Ripple; Tim & Lynn Block; Amanda Block

Coffee Servers 10/1 Wed Steve & Bev Myrvold
10/5 Sunday Kurt & Wendy Bickes

Financial Counters 10/5 Sunday Kevin Ripple;
Bob Ellis; Steve Myrvold

Greeters 10/5 Sunday 8:00 Jim & Linda Snow
10:45 Barbara Buesking

Trustees Week of 9/28 Paul Zeck; Harvey
Thompson; Byron Brown; Bob Ellis; Doug Lueck;
Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



9/28 Paula Haggard; Addison Hyden
Travis & Erin Duncan (1 year)
9/29 Craig Goeppinger
9/30 Robin Williams
Scott & Karen Easterling (31 years)
Robert & Maureen Key (46 years)



10/1 Sandy Laesch; Jan Ritter
10/4 Adam Apel
10/5 Jim Peck
10/6 David Carlen
Loren & Melinda Hiser (62 years)
10/8 Cynthia Farrar; Thomas Rutherford;
Vicki Wegmann
10/9 Brad Roberts; Adam Winchester
10/11 Kay Tolly
10/12 Morgan Binder; Gene Wise
10/14 Keagan Haksaslia; Jean Mueller
Rich & Shannon Lanier (30 years)
10/15 John Crowe; Ben Jedlicka
10/16 Becky Basil; Linda Beals; Jay Scott
Orson & Debbie Hoffman (38 years)

10/17 Samantha Ames; Steven Musgrove
10/18 Dick Arnold
10/20 Lesley Ellison; Drew Thornton
Tom & Judy Greenwood (41 years)
10/22 Dorothy Johnson; Andrew Mills
10/23 Larry Baker; Caitlin Whaley
10/26 Atlee Mills; Paul Phillips
10/27 Rosie Ellison
10/28 Lisa Leach; Merrilee Lock
10/29 Ella Abbott; Andy Apel; Larry Wolf
10/30 Teresa Schueller
10/31 Gus Greenwood

9.28.2025

Unit 1

Lesson 4



In today's lesson, "A Call to Action," Abram responds to God's calling as he leaves his idolatry and homeland to follow the one true God. Abram takes his wife, Sarai, and nephew Lot as they journey to the land of Canaan. The Lord's appearance prompts Abram to build an altar, celebrating God's promise to give this land to his descendants. Discuss how God guides and leads us by His Word today.

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*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!*



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 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!"



WE ARE ADOPTING AN ALL-CONGREGATION TEXTING/EMAIL COMMUNICATION SERVICE

- Closing & cancellation notifications, eliminating the need for individual phone calls
- Important updates
- Reminders and communication for specific groups
- Easy to sign up
- Sign up to receive texts or emails or both
- Your information is private
- No spam
- Unsubscribe at any time
- If you don't text or email NOTIFY us and you will still receive a phone call from the office
- There is no charge for this service but your carrier message and data rates may apply.

Help us to communicate important information to you by signing up NOW!

TEXT
to this number
84576
the letters
PLC
and you will receive a welcome notification
OR Sign up at pilgrimlutheranchurch1.flocknote.com

Please contact Kay Tolly if you need assistance or have questions.



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

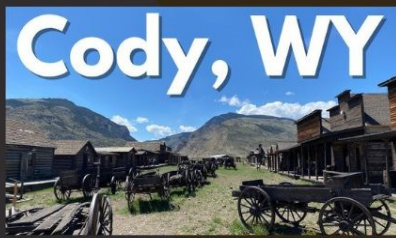
Donate NON-PERISHABLE FOODS to the WSOY Food Drive now through October 2.

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





**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



OCTOBER

2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:30 Bible Class 12:00 Wed Worship Communion 4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation	2 8:00 Braille at Unity (LSA) 8:00 Quilters	3	4
5 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	6 6:30 Elders' Meeting	7	8 10:30 Bible Class 12:00 Wed Worship Communion 4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation	9 8:00 Quilters	10 Sanctuary Reserved for Wedding Rehearsal	11 Sanctuary Reserved for Wedding
12 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School All-Purpose Room Reserved	13	14	15 10:30 Bible Class 12:00 Wed Worship Communion 4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation	16 8:00 Quilters	17	18
19 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	20 6:30 Council Meeting	21	22 10:30 Bible Class 12:00 Wed Worship Communion 4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation	23 8:00 Quilters	24	25
26 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	27	28 6:00 WTS Board Meeting	29 10:30 Bible Class 12:00 Wed Worship Communion 4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation	30 8:00 Quilters	31 5:30-8:00 Hallow Him	

