



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 40



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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



October 5, 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 9/28

General Fund: 7,237.00
Christian Sharing: 3.00
Sunday School: 6.00
Memorial: 865.00
Loose: 132.00
Donuts: 68.70
Total: 8,311.70

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- 10/6 6:30 Elders' Meeting
- 10/8 10:30 Bible Class
12:00 Wednesday Worship
4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6
7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
- 10/9 8:00 Quilters
- 10/10 Sanctuary Reserved for Wedding Rehearsal
- 10/11 Sanctuary Reserved for Wedding
- 10/31 5:30-8:00 Hallow Him
- 12/7 Sunday School Christmas Program

ATTENDANCE

- 9/28 Sun 8:00 service: 107
Sun 10:45 service: 107
Adult Bible class: 93
Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 17
- 10/1 Wed 10:30 Bible class: 38
Wed 12:00 service: 46

MITE OFFERINGS...ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box at your convenience. **OCTOBER** mites will go to Walther Theological Seminary.



SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistants 10/12 Sunday

8:00 Allen Kilzer 10:45 Doug Ward

Ushers 10/12 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 10/12 Sunday

Ted & Linda Sue Workman; Jane Martin; Nancy Quandt; Carrie Thompson

Coffee Servers 10/8 Wed Paul & Patti Zeck

10/12 Sunday Jim & Linda Snow

Financial Counters 10/12 Sunday Rich Lanier; Rick Leach; Steve Musgrove; Gary Schueller

Greeters 10/12 Sunday 8:00 Loren & Melinda Hiser 10:45 Gary & Mary Ann Driskell

Trustees Week of 10/5 Paul Zeck; Harvey Thompson; Byron Brown; Bob Ellis; Doug Lueck; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



- 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

10.5.2025

Unit 1

Lesson 5



"A Promising Dream" is the title of this week's lesson. Jacob undeservedly receives his father's blessing-he and his offspring will dwell in the land of Canaan. As the days of Isaac's life approach their end, Jacob rightly fears for his life. Following the urging of Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob sets out for the house of his uncle Laban. Along the way, Jacob dreams of a ladder reaching to heaven, with the Lord Himself standing at the top. The preincarnate Christ repeats God's promise to give this land to Jacob and his descendants. As a family, consider discussing how God can use even sinful people to fulfill His plans.

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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.

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

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






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

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS NOVEMBER 1, 2025!
 Contact Kay Tolly at 217-358-4401 to sign up! Email: kt2155@gmail.com

Sola Gratia
Grace Alone

Sola Fide
Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura
Scripture Alone

**SIGN UP BY
OCTOBER 26!**

**HALLOWHIM
FAMILY
FESTIVAL
CONGREGATION
IS INVITED!**

October 31, 5:30-8 PM

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE REFORMATION DAY AND ALL SAINTS' DAY. SPEND THIS SPECIAL DAY IN OUR CHURCH HISTORY WITH CHRISTIAN FRIENDS. PIZZA, DEVOTION, GAMES, CRAFTS & FUN! A BIG BAG OF CANDY FOR THE KIDS & A SMALLER ONE FOR ADULTS!

NO COSTUMES PLEASE!

**PYC MEMBERS NEEDED AND WILL EARN SERVICE HOURS FOR HELPING.
SIGN UP BY OCTOBER 26!**

**WE NEED LOTS AND LOTS OF CANDY
for our annual PKC Hallow Him Family Festival!**

Please only individually wrapped candy, cookies or other snacks.

Look for the table at the red door entrance.

Let's fill it with lots of treats!

The children really enjoy our annual festival and taking home candy is part of the fun.

Deadline to bring candy/snack donations is **October 26.**

As always, thank you for supporting our youth!