



# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 42



**Pilgrim Lutheran Church**

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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



**October 19, 2025**

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[www.waltherseminary.org](http://www.waltherseminary.org)

**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 10/12**

General Fund: 10,877.22  
Christian Sharing: 700.00  
Sunday School: 1.00  
Memorial: 195.00  
Loose: 145.00  
Personal Purchase by Member: 36.00  
Donuts: 69.00  
Total: 12,023.22

**ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

10/20 4:30 Chancel Women's Choir only  
6:30 Council Meeting  
10/22 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  
10/23 8:00 Quilters  
10/31 5:30-8:00 Hallow Him  
12/7 Sunday School Christmas Program

**ATTENDANCE**

10/12 Sun 8:00 service: 106  
Sun 10:45 service: 116  
Adult Bible class: 96  
Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 14  
10/15 Wed 10:30 Bible class: 40  
Wed 12:00 service: 53

**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** 10/26 Sunday 8:00 Allen Kilzer **10:45** Greg Collingwood

**Ushers** 10/26 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** 10/26 Sunday Jane Martin; Sarah Marsaglia; Carrie Thompson

**Coffee Servers** 10/22 Wed Paul & Patti Zeck  
10/26 Sunday Bob & Erica Meadows

**Financial Counters** 10/26 Sunday John Mickler; Ellis V. Buth; Dain Friend; Paul Zeck

**Greeters** 10/26 Sunday 8:00 Jean Mueller; Linda Workman **10:45** Paul Giesler; Chad & Megan Wooters

**Trustees** Week of 10/19 Don Mast; Cory Ritter; Eric Mast; Jim Snow; Paul Phillips; Ted Workman; 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

0/31 Gus Greenwood

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Unit 1

Lesson 7



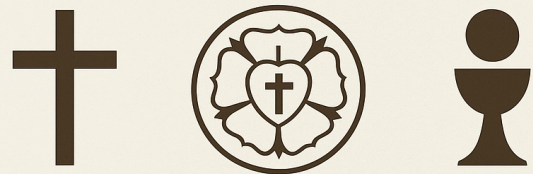
Today, we will study "Fiery Directions."

Miraculously rescued through the waters of the Nile by Pharaoh's daughter, Moses escapes the condemnation pronounced on the other Hebrew boys. Leaving behind his life of privilege, Moses flees to Midian, where he encounters the living God in a burning bush. Through this encounter, God directs and equips Moses to rescue His chosen people from their slavery in Egypt. Discuss how we are saved through the waters of Baptism.

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## PILGRIM YOUNG ADULTS FOR CHRIST (PAC)

### GROW IN FAITH TOGETHER



Ages 18–35

Thursdays  
at 5:30 PM



Join our GroupMe

*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 and no hard candy. 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.**

Thank you for supporting our youth!



We're thrilled to share that there's growing interest in restarting our Handbell Choir!

You don't need to read music to play the bells- just a willing heart and a commitment to practice and participate.

This is a wonderful opportunity to serve the Lord and be part of something truly special.

If you're interested or have any questions, please reach out to Linda Workman at 202-286-5858 or Kay Tolly at the church office or 217-358-4401

Let's make a joyful noise together!



The Ladies' Guild is hosting a  
**Light Reformation Breakfast**  
on **Sunday, October 26**  
(after 8:00 service, before Bible class)

**Serving:**

Cinnamon Rolls  
Strudel  
Coffee Cake  
Fruits  
Juice (orange & apple)

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Rev. Alan J. Braun of Roseville, MN, was called to glory on October 12, 2025, at the age of 83. Rev. Braun served at Pilgrim as Assistant Pastor under Pastor George Beiderwieden from 1968 to 1972. He continued to serve at St. Michael Lutheran Church, Wayne, MI, from 1972 to 1985, and King of Kings Lutheran Church from 1985 to 2012.

Please keep Rev. Braun's family in your prayers.

*"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15*