



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 43



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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



October 26, 2025

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Rev. Bill Abbott
Rev. Lucas Abbott

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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 10/19

General Fund: 7,465.00
Sunday School: 11.00
Memorials: 50.00
Loose: 40.00
Donuts: 69.00
Total: 7,635.00

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- 10/26 Ladies' Guild Reformation Breakfast
(Continental Breakfast served after 8:00 service)
- 10/27 4:30 Chancel Choir
- 10/29 10:30 Bible Class
12:00 Wednesday Worship
4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6
7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
- 10/30 8:00 Quilters
- 10/31 5:30-8:00 Hallow Him
- 12/7 Sunday School Christmas Program

ATTENDANCE

- 10/19 Sun 8:00 service: 109
Sun 10:45 service: 92
Adult Bible class: 85
Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 14
- 10/22 Wed 10:30 Bible class: 35
Wed 12:00 service: 47

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. **NOVEMBER** will go to Lutheran World Relief.



SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistants 11/2 Sunday 8:00 Tom Greenwood **10:45** Doug Ward

Ushers 11/2 Sunday 8:00 Joe Marsaglia; Grant Abbott; Paul Giesler; Bruce Gifford; Loren Hiser; Dave Schroeder; Chad Wooters **10:45** Don Mast; Eric Mast; John Mickler; Jim M. Snow; Jim R. Snow; Mark Thompson

Communion Set up & Clean Up 11/2 Sunday Shirley McMillen; Dian Centers; Bev Myrvold; Linda Ripple; Tim & Lynn Block; Amanda Block

Coffee Servers 10/29 Wed Steve & Bev Myrvold 11/2 Sunday Cory & Jan Ritter, Celia & Harper

Financial Counters 11/2 Sunday Kevin Ripple; Bob Ellis; John Mickler; Steve Myrvold

Greeters 11/2 Sunday 8:00 Scott & Rita Perry **10:45** Rich & Shannon Lanier

Trustees Week of 10/26 Larry Wolf; Pete Williams; Brad Roberts; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



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



11/1 Dick Bailey; Royce Stenger
Chuck & Dian Centers (61 years)
11/2 Michelle Gensler; Lavona McKinney
11/3 Kathy Kilzer
11/4 Kelly Barnes; Scott Easterling;
Julie Jedlicka
11/5 John Anderson
Larry & Angee Baker (32 years)
11/6 Beth Abbott; Sam Greenwood;
Chuck McKinney
11/7 Caden Saul; Mark Scott

11/10 Mark Kopetz; Bob McQuality;
Erica Meadows
11/11 Travis Buth
11/12 Kay Sutherland
Orville & Kathy Fulk (42 years)
11/13 Christy Harding; Benita Leevy; Greg Mills
11/14 Melinda Hiser; Zach Mills
11/15 Jana Thrasher; Linda Workman
11/16 Brenda Bunch; Stephanie Whisnant
11/17 Dain Friend; Stephanie Leevy
11/18 Rich Carlson; Marvin Jensen
11/19 Robert Black
11/20 David Binder
Paul & Becky Basil (55 years)
11/22 Gary Driskell; Stan Lange
11/23 Stacey Apel
11/24 Peyton Ruwe
11/25 Gene & Linda Wise (58 years)
11/26 Bryce Turner
Dick & Judy Arnold (71 years)
11/27 Megan Wooters
11/28 Dona Bailey
Tim & Lynette White (44 years)
11/29 Bill Bork

10.26.2025

Unit 1

Lesson 8



Today's lesson, "The Egypt Exit," tells of ten terrible plagues and how Pharaoh relents and releases the Israelites to worship in the wilderness. Realizing the Israelites have no intention of returning, Pharaoh's army pursues the runaways. Caught between Pharaoh's charioteers and the waters of the Red Sea, the people cry out to God. Moses stretches his hand over the sea as God parts the waters, enabling the people to pass through the sea on dry ground. As Egypt's army attempts to follow, the sea closes in over them, so not one survives. As a family, talk about the ways God protects us from our enemies today.

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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 LOVE HAVING YOU AS
a part of our
Pilgrim Flock!**



Help us communicate important info to you by signing up NOW or UPDATING YOUR CELL OR EMAIL!



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To 84576

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**PILGRIM
YOUNG ADULTS
FOR CHRIST
(PAC)**

**GROW IN FAITH
TOGETHER**



Ages 18-35

**Thursdays
at 5:30 PM**

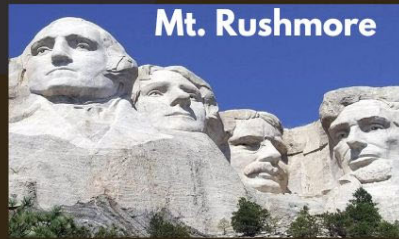
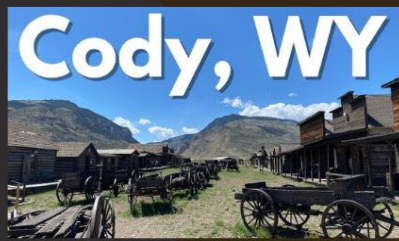


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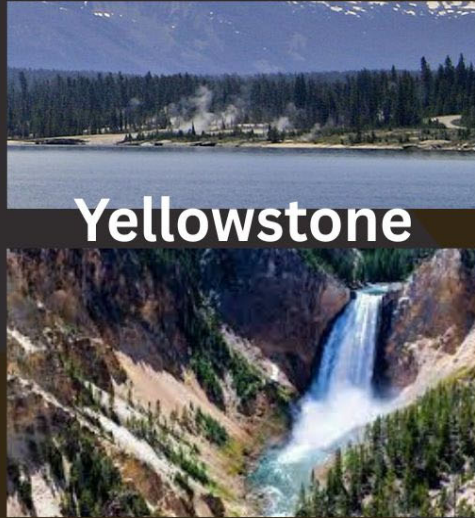
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NOVEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <small>Move Your Clocks Back 1 hr!</small> 
2 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School Daylight Savings Time Ends	3 4:30 Chancel Choir	4	5 10:30 Bible Class 12:00 Wed Worship Communion 4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation	6 8:00 Braille at Unity 8:00 Quilters	7	8
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16 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School 9:30 Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal Begins 	17 4:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 Council Meeting 7:00 Voters' Meeting	18 6:00 WTS Board of Trustees Meeting	19 10:30 Bible Class 12:00 Wed Worship Communion 4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation	20 8:00 Quilters	21	22
23 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	24 4:30 Chancel Choir	25	26 All Classes and Worship Services are Canceled	27 9:00 Thanksgiving Day Worship  <i>Thanks be to God!</i>	28	29
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**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

Deadline to sign up is November 1, 2025!

- 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

Officers Present:
President – Kathy Kilzer
Vice President – Nancy Quandt
Secretary – Dian Centers
Treasurer – Sarah Marsaglia

Pilgrim Ladies Guild
2155 North Oakland Avenue
Decatur, Illinois 62526

Poster Design – Erica Meadows

The Pilgrim Ladies Guild business meeting was called to order at 1:32 PM on Monday, September 15, 2025 by President Kathy Kilzer.

There were 12 in attendance: Linda M. Workman, Bev Myrvold, Nancy Brown, Linda Snow, Sandy Norris, Kathy Kilzer, Jane Martin, Nancy Quandt, Patti Zeck, Sarah Marsaglia, Vicki Schroeder and Dian Centers

Vice President Nancy Quandt gave the opening prayer that included prayer for our new Junior Confirmands.

Minutes: The minutes were read and one correction was made.

Treasurer's Report: Sarah Marsaglia said she added a line item in her books and rearranged the order of Guilds and Committees in her books. She mentioned that Nancy Wene no longer wanted to audit the Guild Treasurer's books. A Guild budget amount of \$1,968.30 was submitted and approved for the coming fiscal year. A copy of the Treasurer's report is attached to these minutes.

CHANCEL GUILD - Jane Martin The following committees care for the chancel furnishings, prepare for and clean up after Holy communion, Baptisms, and weddings.

CANDLE and BRASS COMMITTEE – Linda Snow
NO REPORT

COMMUNION COMMITTEE – Jane Martin

The overhead light has been replaced and additional lights over the counter have been installed. More volunteers are needed for setting up communion. Communion set-up is only once a month per volunteer. Training is simple and volunteers can set up communion with another volunteer.

Please call Jane Martin at 217-917-0996 if you would be willing.

DORCAS QUILTING CIRCLE – Linda M. Workman

Quilters gather on Thursday mornings usually at 8 AM at Pilgrim. If you have any questions about having a top quilted, please call Linda Workman at (202) 286-5858.

We are still working on the 75th Anniversary Quilt.

FUNERAL DINNERS GUILD - Sandy Norris

The Funeral Dinners Guild provides funeral dinners for the family and friends of a departed Pilgrim member.

There have been two funerals since our last meeting. There was a dinner served for 60 on April 12, 2025 for the family and friends of Nelda McCoy. A dinner was also served for 48 family and friends of Richard Rotz on July 29, 2025.

HOSPITALITY GUILD - This Guild strives to maintain a friendly atmosphere at Pilgrim through these committees.

RECEPTIONS COMMITTEE – Jo Ames

This committee usually organizes two or three receptions each year for functions such as: the Question and Answer night for the Junior Confirmation class, Junior Confirmation Sunday, and after the Christmas program.

Approximately 25 family members were served cake and punch at the Junior Confirmation reception on Question and Answer night on Friday, May 2, 2025. Kathy Kilzer and Janet Foster were servers. (Reported by Kathy Kilzer)

A cake was served at a surprise 25th work Anniversary Reception for Kay Tolly between first service and Bible Class on September 9, 2025 (Rally Day).

COFFEE SERVERS COMMITTEE – Beth Abbott

A roster of volunteers is maintained by the church office. Volunteers prepare hot water for tea, regular and decaf coffee and provide tea bags, milk, and donuts during Fellowship time on Sunday and Wednesday mornings before the Bible Study Classes.

I will probably be adding myself and Andy Apel to the rotation for coffee set up and clean up for the Wednesday 10:30 AM Bible classes. We are down to just two teams to serve on Wednesdays.

I would appreciate anyone who is willing to volunteer. Please call me at the church office if you are willing to volunteer. There are 13 volunteer teams who rotate setting up and cleaning up after coffee for the Sunday Coffee/Donut time. There are 29 members who serve as Sunday Coffee Servers.

GREETERS COMMITTEE – Beth Abbott

Greeters give a friendly welcome to Pilgrim members and visitors. The Greeter roster is maintained by the church office.

We have 20 teams of Greeters who welcome Pilgrim members and visitors to worship. There are 4 total members who serve as Greeters. We lost one team of greeters.

KITCHEN GUILD – Sandy Norris

The Kitchen Guild takes care of keeping the kitchen stocked, cleaned, and orderly. This Guild oversees Congregational dinners served from the kitchen.

- Nothing to report

EASTER BREAKFAST COMMITTEE – Jean Mueller

This committee prepares an Easter Brunch between services on Easter morning.

I'm still needing a little more help for the brunch at Easter.

LIBRARY GUILD – Nancy A. Brown

The Library is open to ALL MEMBERS of Pilgrim. This Guild selects books and media materials, keeps the library attractive, supervises the borrowing of material, and maintains books in good repair. The goal is to keep Christians growing in their faith by reading and studying.

To check out a book, please sign the card in the back of the book, date it with the day you check it out, and drop the card in the green box. Remember to be considerate and return the book(s) in 2-3 weeks. You may check it out again for another 2-3 weeks.

**** For any book donations to Pilgrim, please call one of the Pastors. Space is limited.**

MISSIONS GUILD

BRILLE CENTER COMMITTEE – Jean Mueller

The Braille Center committee prepares reading materials for the visually impaired.

We've started Braille work again finally. We made 10 books of 1st Samuel in August. We are trying to get more Lutheran churches involved again. We need Pilgrim volunteers to act as subs.

MITE BOX COMMITTEE – Debbie Ripple

A mite is defined as a coin of very small value. This committee distributes mites collected monthly from the Mite boxes and sends them to different organizations. Any Pilgrim member may take an empty Mite box and begin collecting their mites for missions. A list of the monthly mission distribution is posted on the Guild bulletin board above the Mite box table in the Narthex. Return your mites, whenever you wish, place in the decorated box on the table and take an empty mite box.

Hello ladies. I'm sorry I missed the meeting last week and forgot to submit a mite box report. Here is the list of deposits since the last report. All deposits were made on the 25th.

April – Braille Center - \$52.87

May – Lutheran World Relief - \$36.59

June – Bethesda Lutheran Communities – \$38.72

July – New Life Pregnancy Center – \$95.83

August – United Lutheran Missionary Association (ULMA) – \$73.69

TRACTS COMMITTEE – Vicki Schroeder

The Tract Committee is a ministry giving brief, but readily obtainable information on life topics from the conservative Biblical perspective.

The Tract Rack got scanty over the summer (which is good – praise God). I went through all the tracts and made a list of our needs. Kay ordered right away the ones we needed. The Tract Rack once again is full. TAKE A LOOK.

NURSERY GUILD – Chairwoman vacancy

There is no active Nursery at this time. If you need the Nursery for your child at a future church service or Bible Class, please contact the church office at (217) 877-2444.

IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SITTING IN THE NURSERY ON A ROTATION BASIS WITH OTHER VOLUNTEERS PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE (217) 877-2444. YOUR PARTICIPATIONS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

PRAYER GUILD – *This Guild unites members in imploring God to aid those in need and in proclaiming our thankfulness to Him.*

PRAYER CHAIN COMMITTEE – Patti Zeck

Please email your prayer requests to Patti Zeck at pzeck4055@hotmail.com. Prayers also may be requested by calling Patti Zeck at (217) 855-6395. Additionally prayers may be requested on the back of the Attendance Cards at any church service or by calling the Church office (217) 877-2444.

One new member was added to the committee. We now have 86 prayer members on the Prayer Chain.

PRAYER COMMITTEE – Sarah Marsaglia

Still praying for the church militant. Especially for members of ULMA (United Lutheran Mission Association) and anyone in altar and pulpit fellowship with ULMA.

SUNSHINE GUILD

The committees of the Sunshine Guild strive to brighten the lives of those in the hospital, nursing homes, or assisted living facilities.

ALTAR FLOWER COMMITTEE

The Altar Flower Committee has been deleted.

HOSPITALS COMMITTEE – Kathy Fulk

The Hospitals Committee sends cards to those in the hospital.

Twenty-three Get Well Cards have been mailed out. Everything is going fine.

SHUT-INS COMMITTEE – Bev Myrvold

This committee sends out birthday, Christmas, and Easter cards to our Pilgrim shut-ins.

Eight birthday cards were mailed in May and June. No Shut-in Birthdays in July, August or September. Assisted Living 7 Homebound 12 for a total of 19.

WEDDING GUILD - Shannon Lanier: (217) 413-7800 Wedding Set Up

Nancy Jacobs: (217) 853-0802 Wedding Clean Up

NO REPORT

PROGRAM GUILD – Linda Workman

Programs are determined and organized functions for the congregation and for the Ladies Guild.

Approximately 203 Pilgrims and guests attended the Ordination Dinner for Lucas Abbott on March 16, 2025. Cracker Barrel catered the family style event. The Pilgrim youth assisted with trays and providing help. Set up and clean up went smoothly, but we need to discuss some changes for large dinners held at Pilgrim. Dessert sign up will be limited. Drinks should be in a different area. There was a lot of food left over.

For Reformation there will be a light breakfast featuring German coffee cakes on October 26, 2025 and will be held in the kitchen area of the all-purpose room at 9 A.M. between Bible Class and Second Service.

We are again car pooling to Flessor's for our Ladies Guild Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 4, 2025 at noon.

We will have a Pilgrim Soup Luncheon on Sunday, February 8, 2026 in the all-purpose room at 12:15 P.M.

There will be no Spring Luncheon, instead we will be celebrating at a catered event for Pilgrim's 75 Anniversary on Saturday, May 16, 2036 at the Decatur Conference Center. Time will be announced later.

President's Notes: Meetings:

Monday, September 15, 2025 1:30 P.M.

Monday, November 17, 2025 1:30 P.M.

Monday, January 19, 2026 1:30 P.M.

Monday, March 9, 2025 1:20 P.M.

Upcoming Events:

Light Reformation Breakfast; Sunday, October 26, 2025 in All-purpose room, at 9 A.M.

Guild Christmas Luncheon; Thursday, December 4, 2025 Flessor's Candy and Kitchen in Tuscola at noon

Soup Luncheon; Sunday, February 8, 2026 in All purpose room, at 12:15 P.M.

Pilgrim's 75th Anniversary Banquet; Saturday, May 16, 2026 at Decatur Conference Center

Vice President's Notes – None

New Business – Discussion centered around planning and ideas for the Pilgrim's 75th Anniversary celebration.

Old Business – None

Business Tabled – None

The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer said in unison.

Respectfully submitted, Dian Centers, secretary