



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 30



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

"Where the Bible is the inspired, inerrant Word of God"



July 26, 2026

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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 7/19

General Fund: 9,652.00

Christian Sharing: 62.00

Memorials: 50.00

Loose: 2.00

Donuts: 68.00

Total: 9,834.00

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

7/29 12:00 Wednesday Worship

7/30 8:00 Quilters

8/2 PYC event featuring Pastor Bill's
presentation, "From Darkness to Light:
A Christian Response to the Occult"
12:00 Pizza lunch for those who sign up
12:40 Presentation Begins
(no sign up needed for presentation only)

9/13 RALLY DAY - Mark Your Calendars!

ATTENDANCE

7/19 Sunday 8:00 service: 117

Sunday 10:45 service: 79

Adult Bible Class: 93

Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 9

7/22 Wednesday 12:00 service: 49

MITE OFFERINGS...ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. **JULY** mites will go to New Life Pregnancy Center. **AUGUST** mites will go to United Lutheran Mission Association.

CHILDCARE NEEDED

Ellis and Katie Buth are looking for childcare for Victor during the school year.

He goes to school in the mornings, so care is needed from **11:15 or 11:30 a.m.** (depending on location) until **4:00 p.m.**

We are willing to have the sitter watch him at their house or ours, either one-on-one or home daycare, no preference.

Pay is negotiable and will be discussed during initial meeting.

PLEASE TEXT:

Katie: 217-433-2079 | **Ellis:** 217-433-1153

SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistants 8/2 Sunday **8:00** Allen Kilzer
10:45 Don Mast

Ushers 8/2 Sunday **8:00** Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Ted Lyons; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter **10:45** Stan Lange; Will Bryan; Craig Goeppinger; Terry Massey; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; Gary Winchester

Coffee Servers 8/2 Sunday Jim & Linda Snow

Financial Counters 8/2 Sunday Kevin Ripple; Bob Ellis; John Mickler; Steve Myrvold

Greeters 8/2 Sunday **8:00** Loren & Melinda Hiser
10:45 Grant & Ella Abbott

Communion Set Up & Clean Up 8/2 Sunday Kathy Kilzer; Dian Centers; Bev Myrvold; Linda Ripple; Tim & Lynn Block; Amanda Block

Trustees Week of 7/26 Paul Zeck; Harvey Thompson; Byron Brown; Bob Ellis; Doug Lueck; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



- 7/27 Sharon Carlson
Byron & Nancy Brown (52 years)
- 7/28 Michele Collingwood
- 7/29 Adam Gensler
BJ & Lindsey Rotz (20 years)
- 7/30 Blaine Burns; Heather Norris
- 7/31 Nancy Jacobs; Joe Scott
Brad & Amber Saul (22 years)



- 8/1 Bob Jacobs; Avery Pierson
- 8/2 Larry Coers; Margaret Duncan
David & Earlene Carlen (57 years)
Ron & Lois YaDeau (56 years)
- 8/3 Jeff & Valerie Cotner (30 years)
- 8/4 Tim & Lynn Block (53 years)
- 8/5 Mattias & Brandilyn Wegmann (3 years)
- 8/6 Allen & Kathy Kilzer (43 years)
Mark & Sue Kopetz (54 years)
- 8/7 Ellis & Karen Buth (44 years)
Mike & Heather Norris (22 years)
- 8/8 Linda Sue Workman
Kevin & Mila Coers (45 years)
Larry & Nancy Grischow (57 years)
- 8/9 Erin Duncan
- 8/10 Riley Day
- 8/13 Brock & Beth Abbott (38 years)

- 8/14 Mark Pokey
- 8/15 Kelly Holcomb; Chad Wooters
Greg & Barb Luka (39 years)
- 8/16 Kurt Bickes; Ruth Bork; Loren Hiser
- 8/17 Natalie Stout
- 8/18 Pam Rhodes
- 8/19 Ralph Kuhn
- 8/21 Joe & Donna Wisner (33 years)
- 8/22 Janet Foster
Harvey & Ruth Ann Thompson (56 years)
- 8/23 Roger German
- 8/24 Judy Arnold; Rich Campbell; Karen Easterling; Kathy Fulk; Warren Leevy
- 8/26 Steve & Peg Musgrove (26 years)
- 8/31 Dian Centers; Leah Moore; Susie Schoon
Nelson & Merrilee Lock (7 years)

SOS
Substitute Organist
SERVICE

Can you help or know of someone at Pilgrim that would like to be trained?

We need more people willing to take turns running the SOS on **Sundays/Wednesdays** when we don't have an organist.

It's not difficult to run and I would be happy to train you or show you how it works.

You can sit with one of our experienced volunteers before doing it alone.

Teens are welcome to give it a try too.

Please contact me to take a look!

~Kay Tolly

BELL CHOIR

Rehearsals

BEGINNING IN
OCTOBER!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!
Psalm 98:4

Bell Choir rehearsals will begin in **OCTOBER**.

Rehearsals will be held on
MONDAYS
4:30-6:00 P.M.

All are welcome!
Whether you are an experienced ringer or have never rung before, we would love to have you join us.

Training will be provided, and no experience is necessary.
Join us as we glorify God through the gift of handbells while serving together in worship and Christian fellowship.

Interested?
Please contact
LINDA WORKMAN or KAY TOLLY



SAVE ★ THE ★ DATE!

PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH
RALLY DAY
CARNIVAL

... **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026** ...

— ★ *in Pilgrim's wooded area* ★ —

LUNCH AT 12:15 P.M.

Catering by
Bricks Exquisite Eats

ATTRACTIONS

AirWalk Action Dual Slide
Billiard Soccer
Soccer Dart
Roller Ball Game
Carnival Games

SPECIAL GUESTS

Heartland
Mini Hoofs

SWEET TREATS

The Frozen Spoon
Ice Cream Truck

**ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION**

Prizes for
Carnival Games

Volunteers Needed

Free-Will Offering

More Information
Coming Soon

★ **COME ONE, COME ALL!** ★

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT:

A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE
TO THE OCCULT

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Join Pastor Bill

as he shares his family's personal journey
from involvement with the occult—
including witchcraft, Ouija boards,
and other spiritual practices—
to the saving faith found in Jesus Christ.

Through personal testimony and the truth of God's Word,
this presentation will examine the dangers of occult practices,
expose the deception behind them, and proclaim the hope,
forgiveness, and freedom that are found in Christ alone.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

PIZZA LUNCH AT NOON

Presentation following lunch.

COMING JUST FOR THE PRESENTATION?

Be prepared for it to begin at 12:40
in the All-purpose room.

SIGN UP IS NECESSARY TO EAT LUNCH. DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS JULY 29.

A **PYC** PRESENTATION – OTHERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!





August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School PYC- Pastor Bill presents, "From Darkness to Light" 12:00 Lunch 12:40 Presentation	3 6:30 Elders' Meeting	4	5 12:00 Wed Worship Communion	6 8:00 Braille at Unity 8:00 Quilters	7	8
9 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	10	11	12 12:00 Wed Worship	13 8:00 Quilters	14	15
16 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	17 6:30 Council Meeting	18 6:00 WTS Board Meeting	19 12:00 Wed Worship Communion	20 8:00 Quilters	21	22
23 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	24	25	26 12:00 Wed Worship	27 8:00 Quilters	28	29
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