



# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 22



Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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

Home of



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May 28, 2023

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Newsletter Deadline: 9 A.M. Wednesday

**Office is open: Mon-Thurs 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and  
Friday 8 a.m. to Noon.**

**Fridays: 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the Sanctuary is  
Reserved.**

### ATTENDANCE

5/21 Sun 8:00 service: 125  
Sun 10:45 service: 83  
5/21 Adult Bible Class: 115  
5/21 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 12  
5/24 No Wed. Worship due to construction

**MITE OFFERINGS...** ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box at your convenience. **MAY** mites will go to Bethesda Lutheran Communities. **JUNE** mites will go to New Life Pregnancy Center. Thank you!

### OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 5/21

General Fund: 17,902.00  
Sunday School: 13.00  
Loose: 90.00  
CDs: 15.00  
Donuts: 70.00  
Total: 18,090.00

### ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

5/29 Memorial Day-Church Office Closed  
5/31 12:00 Wednesday Worship  
6/12 9:00-12:00 VBS (Mon.-Fri.)



The new computer system at Decatur Memorial Hospital is currently unable to give us a list of Pilgrims who are in the hospital. We kindly ask that if you are going to DMH, or find yourself there unexpectedly, please contact the church office at **(217) 877-2444** or email [plc@pilgrimlutherandecatur.org](mailto:plc@pilgrimlutherandecatur.org) to let us know so that a Pastor may come and visit you. Thank you!

### Parents of 2023 Graduates

**Please list your child's name, graduation date, and name of the school on the back of your attendance card or email the church office at [plc@pilgrimlutherandecatur.org](mailto:plc@pilgrimlutherandecatur.org).**

## SERVING THE LORD

### Communion Assistant/Acolyte 6/4 Sunday

8:00 Allen Kilzer 10:45 Don Mast

### Ushers 6/4 Sunday 8:00 Stan Lange; Craig

Goeppinger; Terry Massey; Bob Meadows; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; John Wainwright; Gary Winchester 10:45 Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter; Mark Thompson

### Coffee Servers 6/4 Sunday Dick & Dona

Bailey

### Financial Counters 6/4 Sunday Rich Lanier;

Rick Leach; Steve Musgrove; Gary Schueller

### Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up

6/4 Sunday Shirley McMillen; Dian Centers; Bev Myrvold; Linda Ripple; Tim & Lynn Block; Amanda Block

### Greeters 6/4 Sunday 8:00 Allen, Kathy &

Parker Kilzer 10:45 Joe & Sarah Marsaglia

### Trustees Week of 5/28 Larry Wolf; Ray Beals;

Pete Williams; Brad Roberts; Gene Wise-  
Litter control



### Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 5/30 Ruth Ann Thompson  
John & Rita Mickler (53 years)  
5/31 Parker Kilzer; Brenda Workman



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- 6/1 Ellie Gensler; Ashley Whisnant  
6/2 Kelly Carlson; Rachel Gensler; David Pressley  
6/3 Hadley Carlson; Joe Marsaglia; Robert Meadows  
Joe & Sarah Marsaglia (28 years)  
6/4 Betty Budde; Emily Williams  
Chris & Rita Wise (12 years)  
6/5 Ray & Linda Beals (59 years)  
6/6 Sue Black  
6/7 Alexis Cassell  
John & Cathy Anderson (48 years)  
David & Julie Pangrac (43 years)  
Brett & Emily Stenger (15 years)

- 6/8 Debbie Taylor  
6/9 Andrew Scott  
6/11 Asher Rager; Leslie Roberts  
Terry & Chris Massey (46 years)  
6/12 Roger Letterly  
6/14 Gary Workman  
Bob & Doris Teela (37 years)  
6/15 Craig & Jackie Goeppinger (27 years)  
6/17 Orville Fulk; Nancy Grischow; Paul Zeck  
Matt & Rebekah Christoffersen (6 years)  
Don & Jo-Anne Mast (25 years)  
6/18 Shannon Binder; Maryann Kissel; Ron  
Wagner  
6/20 Lucas Abbott; Jim M. Snow  
6/22 Stan & Gayle Lange (27 years)  
Paul & Donna Phillips (44 years)  
6/23 Nelson Lock; Emily Luka; Lizzie Snow;  
Lucy Snow; Renee Wilson  
Cory & Jan Ritter (16 years)  
Paul & Patti Zeck (55 years)  
6/24 Stan Mierek; Bev Myrvold  
Grant & Ella Abbott (1 year)  
6/25 Rick Leach; Carolyn Rau; Amber Saul;  
Chris Wise  
6/26 Gary Quandt; Adam Rutherford  
David & Erin Ireland (23 years)  
6/27 Jackie Goeppinger; Mason Perry  
6/28 Derek Ames; Judy Greenwood; Connie  
Henry-Henschen; Braeden Lee; Ken  
Wrigley  
Mark & Paula Scott (37 years)  
6/29 Barb Luka; Nancy Quandt  
6/30 Amanda Block; David Bryan  
Greg & Michele Collingwood (33 years)



### *God Bless Our 2023 Pilgrim Graduates*

- ~Jennifer Wisner graduated from Eastern Illinois University (MBA) on May 6.  
~Margo Tschetter graduated from the University of Illinois (MBA in Speech Language Pathology) on May 14.  
~Nathan Ripple graduated from the University of Illinois on May 14 with a Bachelor's of Fine Arts degree in Graphic Design.  
~Mattias Wegmann graduated from Illinois College Jacksonville on May 14.

5.28.2023  
Lesson 10  
Unit 3



This week, students will study “A Servant Speaks.” The Twelve select Stephen as one of the first seven deacons in the Early Church. Synagogue leaders twist Stephen’s words, falsely accusing him of blasphemy. Stephen’s testimony before the high priest recalls Israel’s rejection of God’s promise and their rejection of Jesus, the promised Savior. When Stephen says he sees a vision of Jesus standing at the right hand of God, the enraged officials cast Stephen out of the city and stone him. As a family, consider discussing, “How does the death of Stephen affect the other believers?”

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR VBS**

**JUNE 12-16, 2023  
9AM-NOON**

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.  
PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP.  
SIGN UPS AND STUDENT REGISTRATION ARE  
IN THE WORSHIP FOLDERS!**

You can also register children online on our website at  
<https://pilgrimlutherandecatur.org/ministries/vacation-bible-school>

We are engaged in an epic battle for the hearts and minds of our youth. Every day, they’re bombarded with lies about who they are, who their Creator is, and where their salvation comes from. Thankfully, God has given his children armor to wear in this battle between truth and lies, light and darkness, good and evil.

This year our children and youth will learn that through salvation in Jesus they are a part of God’s Kingdom. They will discover how they can be equipped with the Armor of God to stand strong in today’s battle for truth.



# June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	5 6:30 Elders' Meeting	6	7 12:00 Wed Worship Communion	8 8:00 Braille at LSA 8:00 Quilters	9	10
11 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	12 9:00-12:00 VBS	13 9:00-12:00 VBS	14 9:00-12:00 VBS 12:15 Wed Worship (Please note time change due to VBS.)	15 8:00 Quilters 9:00-12:00 VBS	16 9:00-12:00 VBS	17
18 <b>Father's Day</b> 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	19 6:30 Council Meeting	20 6:00 WTS Meeting	21 12:00 Wed Worship Communion	22 8:00 Quilters	23	24
25 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	26	27	28 12:00 Wed Worship	29 8:00 Quilters	30	