



# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 8



**Pilgrim Lutheran Church**

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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



**February 25, 2024**

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**Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The 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- 2/18**

General Fund: 11,072.00

Sunday School: 1.00

Memorials: 350.00

MISC: 250.00

Loose: 40.00

CDs: 1.00

Donuts: 60.00

Total: 11,774.00

**ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

2/26 4:15 Chancel Choir

2/28 10:30 Bible Class

12:00 Wednesday Worship

4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

2/29 8:00 Quilters

3/1 Church Closed for plumbing

6/10 9:00-12:00 VBS (Mon.-Fri.)

**ATTENDANCE**

2/18 Sun 8:00 service: 91

Sun 10:45 service: 81

Adult Bible Class: 95

Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 12

2/21 Wednesday 10:30 Bible Class: 34

Wednesday 12:00 service: 56

**MITE OFFERINGS...** ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box at your convenience.

**FEBRUARY** mites will go to Lutheran World Relief. **MARCH** mites will go to Bethesda Lutheran Communities. Thank you!

**End-of-the-year Offering Statements are available for pick up on a table in the narthex. Please pick yours up today.**

## SERVING THE LORD

### **Communion Assistant/Acolyte** 3/3 Sunday 8:00

Allen Kilzer **10:45** Doug Ward

### **Ushers** 3/3 Sunday 8:00 Joe Marsaglia; Bruce

Gifford; Paul Giesler; Loren Hiser; Dave Schroeder; Chad Wooters **10:45** Don Mast; Eric Mast; John Mickler; Jim M. Snow; Jim R. Snow; Mark Thompson

### **Coffee Servers** 2/28 Wed Dave & Vicki

Schroeder 3/3 Sunday Dave & Vicki Schroeder

### **Financial Counters** 3/3 Sunday Kevin Ripple;

Bob Ellis; Drew Gensler

### **Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up** 3/3 Sunday

Shirley McMillen; Dian Centers; Linda Ripple; Tim & Lynn Block; Amanda Block

### **Greeters** 3/3 Sunday 8:00 Doug & Vicky Lueck **10:45** Kurt & Wendy Bickes



### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

- 2/18 Ellis V. and Katie Buth (7 years)  
2/19 Dorothy Klockenga; Josiah Ohlwine;  
Ripken Rotz; Aldon Ruwe  
2/21 Peg Musgrove; Bonnie Propst;  
Connie Searl;  
Lois YaDeau  
2/22 Chuck & Kelly Barnes (46 years)  
2/24 Shannon Lanier  
2/27 Kathy Helphrey; Cambell Lanier  
Steve & Jennifer Gensler (36 years)  
2/28 Sarah Guhl; Sarah Marsaglia  
2/29 Andy & Stacey Apel (8 years)



### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

- 3/1 Rebekah Christoffersen  
Kaye & Duane Beals (10 years)  
3/3 Jewel Barr; Susan Hoem  
Eldred & Betty Budde (68 years)  
3/4 Kiersten Hill

- 3/5 Nancy Brown; Rita Perry  
Jim & Susie Peck (31 years)  
Ted & Linda Sue Workman (58 years)  
3/6 Janie Lewis; Carrie Snow  
3/8 Nicole Carlen; Matt Christoffersen;  
Carrie Thompson  
3/10 Ivan Jayakar; Josh Scott  
3/11 Rosemary Bolyard; Christine Massey  
Adam & Rachel Gensler (7 years)  
3/12 Jean Carter; Janice Dittus; Ron Kelm;  
Bev Winchester  
3/13 Chuck Barnes; Barbara Oyler  
3/14 Nathan Ripple  
3/15 Marcia Potrafka; Harper Ritter  
3/19 Katie Buth; Victor James Buth  
3/20 Gary & Mary Ann Driskell (54 years)  
3/21 Gary & Teresa Schueller (15 years)  
3/22 Gabi Wegmann  
3/23 Alan Ruwe  
3/24 Barbara Buesking  
3/25 Courtney Jacobs; Mark Luka; Doug Taylor  
3/27 Chuck & Lavona McKinney (69 years)  
3/28 Jo Ames  
3/29 Zach Luka; Aaron Purcell  
3/31 Terry Massey  
Kenny & Linda Ripple (57 years)

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Unit 5

Lesson 11

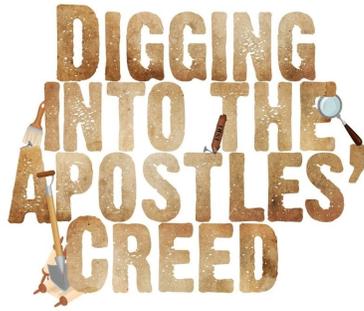


Today, we will study "The Faith-Full Friends." The Bible tells us David and Jonathan were such close friends that "the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David" (1 Samuel 18:1). Saul's insane jealousy of David tests their friendship to the limit. David and Jonathan establish a plan to alert David if Saul continues to seek his life. Sadly, Saul's anger remains unchecked. Jonathan, faithful to God's will, warns David to flee from the king.

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**Mark Your Calendar for  
VBS**

**June 10-14  
9-Noon**



The Higher Things® Digging Into the Apostles' Creed Vacation Bible School (VBS) focuses on the Apostles' Creed. Join us as we take our students on an archeological dig to really examine how the Trinity is shown in the Baptism of Jesus and further teach about each person of the Trinity.

**FRENZIED FRIDAYS**

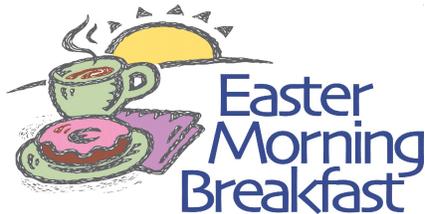
**JOIN US FROM 6:00 - 8:30**

**MARCH 8  
MARCH 15  
MARCH 22**

Pilgrim Youth 1st - 12th grade  
6-12 grade may invite friends  
We need....Parents and other adults willing to participate and /or help chaperone (parents must attend with 1-5th graders)

**\*\*Pizza and drinks provided  
\*\*Everyone bring snacks to share  
\*\*You must sign up each week to attend**

**Open gym with basketball, kickball,  
and other games and activities  
Devotions  
Food**



Jean Mueller is coordinating our Easter Morning Breakfast on March 31 and she is in need of your help with the following:

**6:45-7:45 a.m.**  
Set up - 2 helpers

**9:00 a.m.**  
Keep trays filled & Clean up - 2 helpers

**Please contact Jean at 217-877-4060  
if you are able to help.  
Thank you!**

**The Season of Lent**

**The Journey to Life . . .  
Love Beyond Comprehension**

**Romans 5:1-11**  
Peace with God Through Faith



*Thank you*

*The family of Bonnie Engel would like to thank you all for the hugs, love, and prayers for us and mom during this difficult illness. Our Pilgrim family has always been a blessing to us and we see it more during the difficult times. We rejoice in knowing that she is with her Lord & Savior.*

*Sarah & Joe  
Missy, David, Joshua, Taylor, Caleb  
Kathleen*