



# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 15



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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



April 14, 2024

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

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

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

## 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- 4/7

General Fund: 24,754.00

Walther Theological Seminary: 100.00

Christian Sharing: 700.00

Altar Flowers: 25.00

Sunday School: 11.00

Memorials: 1,088.00

Loose: 10.00

CDs: 13.00

Donuts: 82.00

Total: 26,783.00

## ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

4/15 6:30 Council Meeting

4/16 6:00 WTS Board Meeting

4/17 10:30 Bible Class

12:00 Wednesday Worship-Communion

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

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

4/18 8:00 Quilters

4/28 12:15 Ladies' Guild Spring Banquet

6/10 9:00-12:00 VBS (Monday-Friday)

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

## ATTENDANCE

4/7 Sun 8:00 service: 98

Sun 10:45 service: 89

Adult Bible Class: 89

Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 8

4/10 Wednesday 10:30 Bible Class: 40

Wednesday 12:00 service: 49

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** 4/17 Wed Allen Kilzer 4/21 Sunday **8:00** Allen Kilzer  
**10:45** Doug Ward

**Ushers** 4/21 Sunday **8:00** Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter; Ron Kelm **10:45** Stan Lange; Craig Goeppinger; Bob Meadows; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; Gary Winchester

**Coffee Servers** 4/17 Wed Dave & Vicki Schroeder 4/21 Sunday Cory & Jan Ritter, Celia & Harper

**Financial Counters** 4/21 Sunday John Mickler; Ellis V. Buth; Dain Friend; Paul Zeck

**Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up** 4/21 Sunday Steve & Jennifer Gensler; Don & Jo-Anne Mast; Patti Zeck; Jane Martin

**Greeters** 4/21 Sunday **8:00** Marlene Crawford; Phyllis Kunzeman **10:45** Joe & Sarah Marsaglia

**Trustees** Week of 4/14 Don Mast; Cory Ritter; Eric Mast; Jim Snow; Paul Phillips; Ted Workman; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



### Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 4/1 Robin Breeden; Mary Jo Ward
- 4/2 Will Bryan; Warner Gensler
- 4/3 Hannah Thomas  
Mike & Kathy O'Bryan (53 years)
- 4/4 Allison Ruwe; Brittany Williams
- 4/5 Chad & Megan Wooters (16 years)
- 4/6 Ellis V. Buth; Mary Ann Driskell;  
Bryant Taylor; Linda Wise  
Dick & Dona Bailey (51 years)
- 4/8 Byron Brown; Penny McBride; Susan Ruwe  
Kevin & Debbie Ripple (29 years)
- 4/9 Cameron Letterly
- 4/11 Sherry Egan; Jo-Anne Mast
- 4/13 Paulette Browne; Tim Ellison; Paula Scott;  
Margo Tschetter
- 4/14 Larry Grischow; Emmett Stenger
- 4/15 Dorothy Dittus
- 4/16 Tom Greenwood; Lesa Mills; Lindsey Rotz

- 4/17 Patti Zeck
- 4/19 Allen Kilzer
- 4/20 Jaimie Ford; Gayle Lange; Mike O'Bryan;  
Brett Stenger
- 4/21 Dana Embrey
- 4/22 Dorothy Price
- 4/23 David & Vicki Schroeder (47 years)
- 4/24 Sue Kopetz
- 4/25 Linda Ripple; Catherine Spengler
- 4/26 Jim R. Snow; Alice Stathers
- 4/29 Warren & Benita Leevy (1 year)
- 4/30 Lynn Block; Gary Schueller;  
Mary Jo Wrigley

4.14.2024

Unit 6

LESSON 4



In today's lesson, "Healing Waters," Syrian commander Naaman travels to see the prophet Elisha, hoping to find a cure for his leprosy. Taking along letters of introduction from the king of Syria, silver and gold, and new clothing, Naaman travels first to the king of Israel. Fearing reprisal from the Syrians, the king sends Naaman away. Naaman is directed to Elisha's house, where a messenger tells him to go wash in the Jordan seven times. Despite his initial resistance, Naaman washes, and his flesh is transformed like that of a little child.

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Parents of graduating high school or college students...  
Please list your child's name, date of graduation  
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).

# Congregational Spring Banquet

HOSTED BY: LADIES' GUILD

*Everyone is welcome!*

*Please come and enjoy fellowship with all of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ!*

**When:** Sunday, April 28, 2024

**Time:** 12:15 P.M. (after second service)

**Menu:** *Food provided by Cracker Barrel*

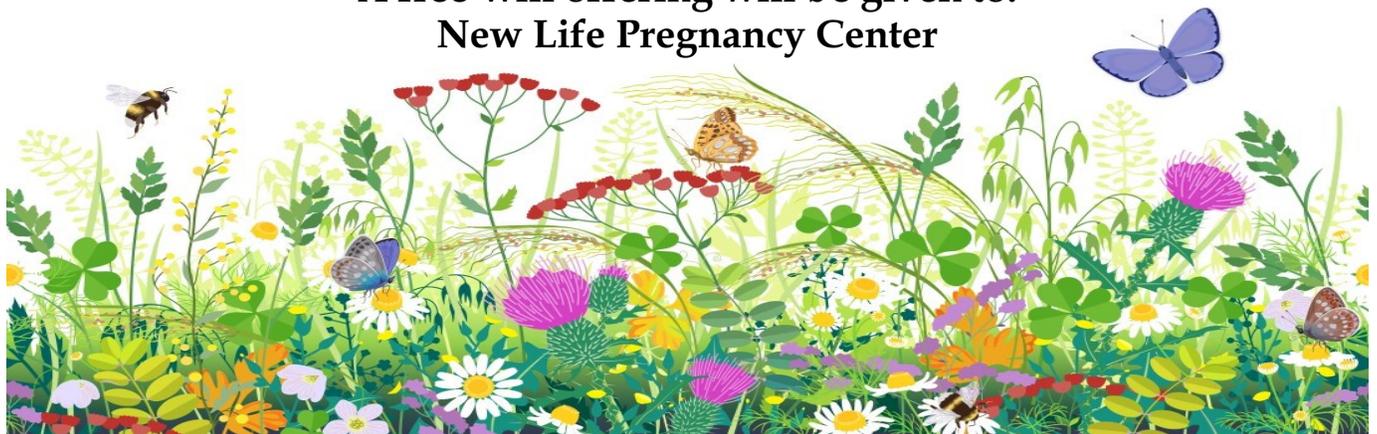
Sugar Cured Ham	Green Beans
Southern Fried Chicken	Biscuits and Corn Muffins
Macaroni and Cheese	Side Salad
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	

**Desserts:** *Provided by the Ladies' Guild*

Chocolate Sheet Cake	Peach Pie
White Texas Sheet Cake	Pecan Pie
Wine Cake	Coconut Cream Pie
Carrot Cake	Chocolate Pie
Chocolate Lush	Lemon Meringue Pie
Cookies	

**Please sign up by April 21st if you plan to attend.**

**A free-will offering will be given to:  
New Life Pregnancy Center**



## Our youth and parents would appreciate your support...



12 PYC youth and parents are signed up and ready to go to the ***HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE*** at Concordia University in Mequon, WI from June 25-28.

We do not do any fundraising at Pilgrim so if you would like to help offset the cost with a free-will donation above and beyond your tithe it would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to contribute, please contact Kay Tolly.

***What is this year's theme?***

**WHO AM I? “Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.” Isaiah 49:16a**

Identity. More than what do you want to be when you grow up. More than what's expected of you. What do you see when you look in the mirror? What gives you value? What makes you "you"?

Dealing with insecurity, anxiety, and self-hate is hard enough before the pressures of the world, the pressures of your family, your own hopes and wants and dreams, and even the pressures of the church make this question debilitating. So Jesus baptizes you. Your identity is here. A child of God. It gives shape to the rest. It gives shape to your role as a man, a woman. It gives promise to your vocation. It even gives answer to your sin.

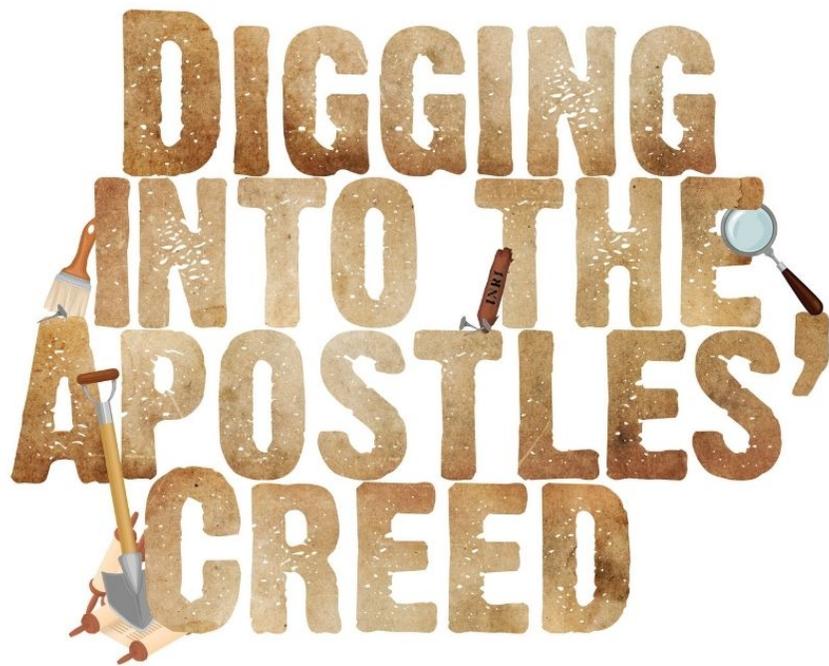
You don't identify by that anymore. Not by what you've done. By what's been done for you. Who am I? A Christian. You're found in the wounds of the Savior. Your identity starts there.

***Why Higher Things conferences?***

The mission of Higher Things is to make the Gifts of Christ Jesus known to youth and young adults. Since 2000, Higher Things has held a total of 55 Lutheran youth conferences! In 2024, they have added three more to that list.

We participate in these conferences because we are convinced that youth need solid teaching and experiences that will nurture a lasting Christian faith. Higher Things believes in challenging youth to learn the pure doctrine of the Christian faith. By teaching them the same message that they already hear at home and at Pilgrim, youth grow in the fullness of the Christian faith as they come to appreciate historic liturgical practice and its unique focus on God's Gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation for us delivered in Word and Sacrament.

**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.**