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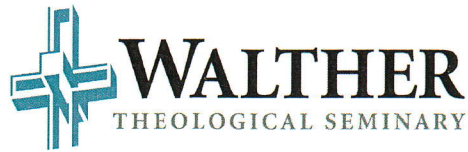
## Keeping in Touch Issue 17



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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

4/16 Sun 8:00 service: 105  
Sun 10:45 service: 84  
4/16 Adult Bible Class: 89  
4/16 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 12

### PKC/PYC Calendar of Events

Friday, April 28-  
Post-Jr. Confirmation Questioning. Pizza Party at Monical's for 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmands and their families.

### OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 4/16

General Fund: 8,291.48  
Christian Sharing: 5.00  
Sunday School: 11.00  
Memorials: 250.00  
MISC: 16.63  
Loose: 100.00  
CD's: 5.00  
Personal Purchase by Member: 21.00  
Donuts: 46.00  
Total: 8,746.11

### ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- 4/23 Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmands pick up robes in the library
- 4/26 12:00 Wednesday Worship-All-Purpose Rm.  
Last Midweek Class  
4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Confirmation Class Pictures
- 4/27 8:00 Quilters
- 4/28 7:00 Confirmation Questioning  
Reception Following
- 4/30 10:45 Service Confirmation
- 5/7 12:15 Congregational Spring Luncheon
- 6/12 9:00-12:00 VBS (Mon.-Fri.)

**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 Lutheran World Relief. Thank you!

## SERVING THE LORD

### Communion Assistant 4/30 Sunday 8:00

Allen Kilzer 10:45 Don Mast

Ushers 4/30 Sunday 8:00 Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter;

Ron Kelm 10:45 Stan Lange; Craig Goepfing; Bob Meadows; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; John Wainwright; Gary Winchester

Coffee Servers 4/30 Sunday Jim & Linda Snow

Financial Counters 4/30 Sunday Kevin Ripple; Bob Ellis; Drew Gensler; Steve Myrvold

### Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up

4/30 Sunday Karen Svendsen; Nancy Jacobs; Melinda Hiser; Jane Martin

Greeters 4/30 Sunday 8:00 Harvey & Ruth Ann Thompson; Smitha Jeyaseela & Ivan Jayakar 10:45 Steve & Carol Goebel

Trustees Week of 4/23 Larry Wolf; Ray Beals; Pete Williams; Brad Roberts; Gene Wise-Litter control



### Birthdays and Anniversaries

4/23 Martha Bomball  
Dave & Vicki Schroeder (46 years)

4/24 Sue Kopetz

4/25 Linda Ripple; Cathy Spengler

4/26 Jim R. Snow; Alice Stathers

4/30 Lynn Block; Gary Schueller;  
Mary Jo Wrigley



### Birthdays and Anniversaries

5/1 Bob Larson

5/2 Wayne Buesking; Carol Goebel

5/3 Morgan Brown; Mike Norris

5/4 Brian & Amy Cassell (22 years)

5/5 Larry Sutherland

Stan & Lani Mierek (61 years)

Terry & Bonnie Propst (45 years)

Gary & Brenda Workman (44 years)

5/6 Larry Henrichsmeyer

5/9 Duane Beals; Rich Lanier; Vicki Schroeder;  
Emily Scott

5/11 Rick & RaeAnn Campbell (50 years)

5/12 Jerry Ellis; Debbie Perkins

5/13 Tim Block; Cheryl Friend; Vicky Lueck;  
Richard Rotz

5/14 Gary & Bev Winchester (56 years)

5/15 Landon Wise

5/16 Violet Bean

5/17 Doris Teela

Mike & Robin Williams (37 years)

5/18 Doug & Vicky Lueck (4 years)

5/19 RaeAnn Campbell; Ron McCoy

5/20 Tim & Lesley Ellison (28 years)

5/21 Norma Cooper

5/22 Amy Carlen

5/25 Scarlett Moore

5/26 Jeff Bomball

5/27 Kim Letterly; Debbie Ripple; Davis Wegmann; Lynette White

5/30 Ruth Ann Thompson

John & Rita Mickler (53 years)

5/31 Parker Kilzer; Brenda Workman

### Annual Congregational Spring Banquet Hosted by the Ladies Guild Sunday, May 7 at 12:15 after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Service

This year we are having a potluck. We would like everyone that wants to bring something to use a recipe from our past Pilgrim Lutheran Cookbook.

*The Ladies Guild will furnish:*  
*Meat (ham, fried chicken and meat loaf)*  
*Rolls*  
*Drinks*  
*Tableware*

Dish is not required to attend.

Please sign up and list what you intend to bring by  
Wednesday, May 3.



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).



## Thank you

Dear Pilgrim family,

Thank you from the depths of our hearts for the prayers, cards, food, flowers, phone calls and expressions of love and concern during these past several weeks. We do praise God for our most wonderful and serving faith family! Words barely capture the depth of love and thanksgiving in our hearts!

Love and blessings in Christ,  
Pastor Bill and Pat



Dearest Pilgrim Family,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! On behalf of our family, I wish to say thank you for all of the love, prayers, and support that you have offered us during these past couple of months. When I lost my job in February, it was certainly an unexpected and big blow to us. If not for the loving care of the people God has placed in our lives, we would not have made it through this wilderness with such strength.

I begin a new job this coming Monday at Skeff Distributing, and I am blessed beyond measure for the provisions which the Lord continues to shower upon me and my family as I move forward with my studies at WTS. We praise and thank God for all the goodness He brings us, and especially for the blessing He has given us in all of you. May His blessings continue and abound for all, and may we always remember the true blessing of His grace, the forgiveness that is ours through the free gift of salvation on behalf of Jesus Christ. Blessings!

In Christ,  
Josh Killion

4.23.2023  
Lesson 5  
Unit 3



This week's lesson is "A Crushing Truth." The events of Christ's crucifixion unfold in a series of brutal and bloody vignettes: questioned before Pilate, mocked and abused by the Roman guard, nailed to the cross. Jesus hangs between life and death—abandoned by His Father—yielding up His life at the moment He chooses. Multiple witnesses see where Christ is laid in a borrowed tomb. Discuss how you can remember the crucifixion of Christ.

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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. Thanks!

# “Keepers of the Kingdom” VBS T-shirt orders Place orders by Sunday, May 14.

VBS T-shirts will be available for anyone who would like one.  
T-shirts will be available free of charge to visitors during VBS.

If you can pay for the shirts the cost is listed below. If you are unable we will cover the cost. If anyone would like to make a donation to help offset the cost please designate “t-shirt” on your check and give to the office or to Kay Tolly.

**DO NOT PUT T-SHIRT MONEY IN THE OFFERING BOX.**

Please place your order by **Sunday, May 14.** You may place your order by signing up on the easel in the narthex, by calling 877-2444 or email me at [kt2155@gmail.com](mailto:kt2155@gmail.com)

**WE NEED TO KNOW THE QUANTITY AND SIZE (Youth or Adult)**

**WHEN ORDERING BY PHONE PLEASE INDICATE THE SIZES (Youth or Adult) AND THE QUANTITY OF EACH SIZE .**

Youth sizes (XS =2-4; S=6-8; M=10-12; L=14-16)

**\$7 for Y small—Adult XL**

**\$9 for XXL**



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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR VBS!**

**JUNE 12-16, 2023**

**9AM—NOON**

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR VOLUNTEER SIGN UPS  
AND STUDENT REGISTRATION IN THE  
WORSHIP FOLDERS!

Online registration information  
will be coming soon.

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.