



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 20



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

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

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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

5/7 Sun 8:00 service: 94
Sun 10:45 service: 109
5/7 Adult Bible Class: 123
5/7 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 8
5/10 Wednesday 12:00 service: 50

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. Thank you!

OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 5/7

General Fund: 17,107.66
Walther Theological Seminary: 100.00
Sunday School: 12.00
MISC: 19.05
Loose: 60.00
CDs: 15.00
Personal purchase by member: 28.00
Donuts: 42.00
Total: 17,383.71

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

5/15 6:30 Council Meeting
5/16 6:00 WTS Board Meeting
5/17 12:00 Wednesday Worship-Communion
5/18 8:00 Quilters
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 to let us know so that a Pastor may come and visit you. Thanks!



*Big thanks to our Confirmands,
Kathy Kitzer, Karen Svendsen,
and Lucas Abbott for supporting our
2023 After-Questioning Reception.
Yours in Christ,
Brenda Bunch*

SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistant/Acolyte 5/17 Wed Gary Quandt 5/21 Sunday 8:00 Tom Greenwood
10:45 Greg Collingwood

Ushers 5/21 Sunday 8:00 Don Mast; Eric Mast; John Mickler; Jim M. Snow; Jim R. Snow; Ron Kelm 10:45 Joe Marsaglia; Bruce Gifford; Paul Giesler; Loren Hiser; Dave Schroeder; Chad Wooters

Coffee Servers 5/21 Sunday Ron & Carolyn Wagner

Financial Counters 5/21 Sunday John Mickler; Ellis V. Buth; Dain Friend; Paul Zeck
Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up

5/21 Sunday Steve & Jennifer Gensler; Don & Jo-Anne Mast; Gary & Mary Ann Driskell

Greeters 5/21 Sunday 8:00 Paulette Browne; Jean Mueller; Linda M. Workman
10:45 Steve & Bev Myrvold

Trustees Week of 5/14 Don Mast; Cory Ritter; Eric Mast; Jim Snow; Paul Phillips; Ted Workman; Gene Wise-Litter control



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



God Bless Our 2023 Pilgrim Graduates

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

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.

5.14.2023
Lesson 8
Unit 3



The Bible lesson this week is "An Ascending Truth." During His last days on earth, Jesus instructs His disciples, preparing them for the challenges that lie ahead. Gathering His disciples on the Mount of Olives one last time, Jesus physically ascends to heaven. Two angels repeat Christ's promise to return in the same way He ascended into heaven. Discuss, "What great commission does Jesus give His followers?"



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.



“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

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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