



# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 21



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 21, 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

5/14 Sun 8:00 service: 125  
Sun 10:45 service: 94  
5/14 Adult Bible Class: 108  
5/14 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 6  
5/17 Wednesday 12:00 service: 46

**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 5/14

General Fund: 14,514.00  
Christian Sharing: 100.00  
Altar Flowers: 50.00  
Sunday School: 12.00  
Memorials: 50.00  
Loose: 60.00  
CDs: 2.00  
Donuts: 91.00  
ULMA: 100.00  
Total: 14,979.00

### ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

5/24 No Wed Worship due to Construction  
5/25 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](mailto:plc@pilgrimlutherandecatur.org) to let us know so that a Pastor may come and visit you. Thanks!

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 5/28 Sunday**

8:00 Gary Quandt 10:45 Doug Ward

### **Ushers 5/28 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 5/28 Sunday Paul & Patti Zeck**

### **Financial Counters 5/28 Sunday Kevin Ripple;**

Bob Ellis; Drew Gensler; Steve Myrvold

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

5/28 Sunday Jane Martin; Sarah Marsaglia; Carrie Thompson

### **Greeters 5/28 Sunday 8:00 Marlene**

Crawford; Phyllis Kunzeman 10:45 Ray & Linda Beals

### **Trustees Week of 5/21 Don Mast; Cory Ritter;**

Eric Mast; Jim Snow; Paul Phillips; Ted Workman; Gene Wise-Litter control



### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

- 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



### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

- 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.

5.21.2023  
Lesson 9  
Unit 3



"A Telling Truth" is the Bible lesson for this week. With the sound of a rushing wind and tongues of fire, the promised Holy Spirit descends on the disciples. As they speak "in other tongues" (Acts 2:4), their hearers, from a multitude of nations, hear about "the mighty works of God" (v. 11) in their own languages. Beginning with Old Testament prophecies, Peter's sermon proclaims Jesus, the promised Messiah. Discuss, "How did Pentecost change the Church forever?"

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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.