



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 12



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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



March 23, 2025

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Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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 3/16

No report this week.
3/16 & 3/23 will be listed next week.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- 3/24 4:30 Chancel Choir
- 3/26 10:30 Bible Class
12:00 Wednesday Lent Worship
4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6
7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
7:00 Wednesday Lent Worship
- 3/27 8:00 Quilters
- 3/30 4:00-6:00 PYC/PKC
Family Fun Day at the DISC
- 6/9 9:00-12:00 VBS (Monday-Friday)

ATTENDANCE

- 3/16 Sun 10:45 service: 225
Adult Bible Class: 110
Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 4
- 3/19 Wednesday 10:30 Bible Class: 39
Wednesday Lent 12:00 service: 68
Wednesday Lent 7:00 service: 27

MITE OFFERINGS... ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box at your convenience. **MARCH** mites will go to United Lutheran Mission Association.

New Office Hours

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

If you need to come to the church on Friday, please call beforehand so we may accommodate.

Our number is 217-877-2444.

Thank you!



SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistant/Acolyte 3/30 Sunday

8:00 Gary Quandt **10:45** Don Mast

Ushers 3/26 Wed **12:00** Joe Marsaglia's Team

7:00 Don Mast's Team 3/30 Sunday **8:00** Joe Marsaglia; Grant Abbott; Paul Giesler; Bruce Gifford; Loren Hiser; Dave Schroeder; Chad Wooters **10:45** Don Mast; Eric Mast; John Mickler; Jim M. Snow; Jim R. Snow; Mark Thompson

Coffee Servers 3/26 Wed Paul & Patti Zeck
3/30 Sunday Kurt & Wendy Bickes

Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up 3/30 Sunday Karen Svendsen; Nancy Jacobs; Jane Martin; Carrie Thompson **Financial Counters** 3/30 Sunday Rich Lanier; Rick Leach; Steve Musgrove; Gary Schueller

Greeters 3/30 Sunday **8:00** Scott & Rita Perry
10:45 Steve & Bev Myrvold

Trustees Week of 3/23 Don Mast; Cory Ritter; Eric Mast; Jim Snow; Paul Phillips; Ted Workman; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3/23 Alan Ruwe
- 3/24 Barbara Buesking
- 3/25 Courtney Jacobs; Mark Luka; Doug Taylor
- 3/27 Chuck & Lavona McKinney (70 years)
- 3/28 Jo Ames
- 3/29 Zach Luka; Aaron Purcell
- 3/31 Terry Massey
Kenny & Linda Ripple (58 years)



- 4/1 Robin Breeden; Mary Jo Ward
- 4/2 Will Bryan; Warner Gensler
- 4/3 Mike & Kathy O'Bryan (54 years)
- 4/4 Allison Ruwe; Brittany Williams
- 4/5 Chad & Megan Wooters (17 years)
- 4/6 Ellis V. Buth; Mary Ann Driskell; Bryant Taylor; Linda Wise
Dick & Dona Bailey (52 years)
- 4/8 Byron Brown; Penny McBride; Susan Ruwe
Kevin & Debbie Ripple (30 years)

- 4/9 Cameron Letterly
- 4/11 Hayden Ater; 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 Dave & Vicki Schroeder (48 years)
- 4/24 Sue Kopetz
- 4/25 Linda Ripple; Catherine Spengler
- 4/26 Jim R. Snow
- 4/29 Warren & Benita Leevy (2 years)
- 4/30 Lynn Block; Gary Schueller; Mary Jo Wrigley

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Unit 9

Lesson 1



Today, students will study “A Revealing Restoration.” Peter, James, John, Thomas, and a few of the other disciples fish all night on the Sea of Tiberias without catching anything. At dawn, Jesus appears on the beach and tells them to cast their nets on the right side of the boat. Immediately, the nets fill to overflowing, and John realizes Jesus is there. Peter swims ashore to see Jesus, who prepares breakfast. Addressing Peter directly, Jesus asks three times, “Do you love Me?” With each question, Peter becomes more distressed. But through these questions, the Lord restores and reinstates Peter to lead His Church.





To the Sunday School, PYC, PKC, and Midweek School Staff, Teachers, and Students,

I feel incredibly blessed to have you all in my life and to serve as one of your pastors. Your thoughtful gifts, the communion kit, the personalized desk plaque, and the heartfelt homemade cards all mean so much to me. Thank you for taking the time to show such kindness and encouragement. I will always treasure them.

I was so excited when I opened the desk plaque that I placed it on my desk first thing in the morning on my first day of work. The communion kit is also a blessing, and I know it will be put to good use in the years to come. It's well put together and looks very nice.

I look forward to years of growing together in the Word and supporting one another in Christian love and service!

*God's Blessings,
Pastor Lucas*

To the congregations of Pilgrim Lutheran and Our Redeemer,

Words cannot fully express how overwhelmed and grateful I felt during my Graduation, Ordination, and Installation celebrations. The incredible love and support you have shown before, during, and after these milestones are blessings, and I do not take them for granted.

From the generous gifts to the time, effort, and energy poured into the cake reception and dinner, I am deeply thankful for all you have done. When I stood before you all that day, vested in the pastoral stole, I couldn't help but reflect on all God has done that has led me here and how blessed I am to serve among such a caring and faithful congregation. It's a miracle I didn't burst into tears at the thought of how much you are all a blessing to me!

Thank you for your love and support and for making this time in my life so special!

*God's Blessings,
Pastor Lucas*



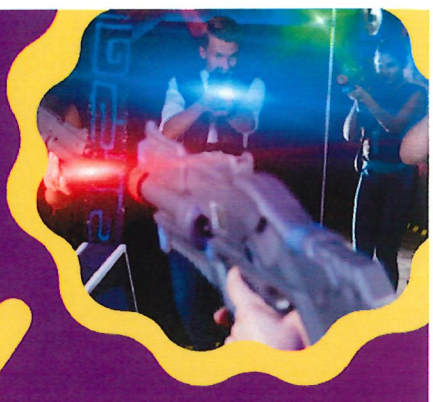
Jean Mueller is coordinating our Easter Morning Breakfast on April 20 and she is in need of your help with the following:

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!**





FAMILY FUN DAY

AT THE DISC



Sunday, March 30
4-6 PM



Meet at the DISC for an
afternoon of fun!

Laser Tag

Basketball

Rock Climbing

Bounce House,
Scooters, Dodgeball

Bring a
change of
clothes

Extra \$ for
snacks/drinks

You must sign up by March 23!