



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 14



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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



April 6, 2025

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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 3/30

General Fund: 24,204.00
Christian Sharing: 40.00
Altar Flowers: 110.00
Memorials: 25.00
CDs: 13.00
Donuts: 50.00
Total: 24,442.00

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- 4/7 1:30 Ladies' Guild Meeting
- 4:30 Chancel Choir
- 6:30 Elders' Meeting
- 4/9 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
- 4/10 8:00 Quilters
- 6/9 9:00-12:00 VBS (Monday-Friday)

ATTENDANCE

- 3/30 Sun 8:00 service: 102
- Sun 10:45 service: 54
- Adult Bible Class: 93
- Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 8
- 4/2 Wednesday 10:30 Bible Class: 40
- Wednesday Lent 12:00 service: 48
- Wednesday Lent 7:00 service: Canceled

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 Braille Workers.



SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistant/Acolyte 4/13 Sunday

8:00 Allen Kilzer **10:45** Doug Ward

Ushers 4/9 Wed **12:00** Stan Lange's Team

7:00 Tim White's Team 4/13 Sunday **8:00** Tim

White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry;
Cory Ritter **10:45** Stan Lange; Will Bryan; Craig
Goepfinger; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley;
Gary Winchester

Coffee Servers 4/9 Wed Dave & Vicki Schroeder
4/13 Sunday Doug & Vicky Lueck

Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up 4/13 Sunday Ted
& Linda Sue Workman; Jane Martin; Nancy
Quandt; Carrie Thompson

Financial Counters 4/13 Sunday John Mickler;
Ellis V. Buth; Dain Friend; Paul Zeck

Greeters 4/13 Sunday **8:00** Jim & Linda Snow
10:45 Kurt & Wendy Bickes

Trustees Week of 4/6 Larry Wolf, Pete Williams;
Brad Roberts; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



- 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

4.6.2025 LESSON 3



“A Centurion Converts” is the title for this week’s lesson. A faithful and generous centurion named Cornelius has a vision of God’s angel telling him to bring Peter to Caesarea. In Joppa, Peter sees a vision of a sheet descending from the sky, filled with all kinds of animals. The instruction to “kill and eat” confuses Peter, since many of the animals on the sheet are considered unclean. The Spirit tells Peter to go to Caesarea. At Cornelius’s home, the Holy Spirit descends on the Gentiles as Peter preaches the Gospel to them. Peter commands the Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

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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!**

Our youth and parents would appreciate your support...

12 PYC youth and parents are signed up and ready to go to the 2025 HIGHER THINGS CONFERENCE!

July 29-August 1, 2025
Calvin University
Grand Rapids, Michigan



What's this year's theme?

All Things New

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" (Revelation 21:5)

The one who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Jesus promises that just as He is risen, we will rise. The last great enemy has been destroyed. Everlasting life belongs to all who believe... one day.

But for us, some days, that day feels far away. Like it'll never come... like it's been made for someone other than you.

Dear one, hear the promise for you today, too. "Behold, I am making all things new." ...right now. It doesn't just mean that one day, everything will be fixed. It means that things are allowed to be broken today. Nothing can be so damaged that it can't be made new. Nothing broken will stay that way. There is a resurrection of all flesh.


We can look forward with hope, even when everything falls apart around us. The promise isn't held at arm's length. When today is still broken, He who sits on the throne wants you to cling to the promise now. You are already a child of God, and so you are already a child of the resurrection. Call the sin that destroys what it is. Call death the last great enemy. It has already been defeated.

Live a steadfast faith today no matter what things look like because you rest on a yesterday that was made whole on the cross. Realize that God hates the same things you war against too, but he has already won the victory... the victory that makes **All Things New**.

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!

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.



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.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

*I press on toward the goal
for the prize of the
upward call of God
in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 3:14, ESV

**NEW DATES
2026**

**JOIN PILGRIM
MEMBERS ON A TRIP
TO YELLOWSTONE
AND BEYOND...**



2026 **2026**

**NEW DATES AND INFO COMING FOR
JUNE 2026!**
**CONTACT KAY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THE LIST TO
RECEIVE INFO**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yellowstone National Park w/ Guide • Cody Night Rodeo • Buffalo Jeep Safari • Crazy Horse Memorial | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mt. Rushmore • Golden Spike Tower • Triangle X Float Trip • Old Trail Town • Custer State Park • Trial of Jack McCall | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Museum of Military Vehicles • Badlands National Park • Corn Palace • Wall Drug |
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Contact Kay Tolly at 217-358-4401 to sign up! Email: kt2155@gmail.com