



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”



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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 5/18

General Fund: 11,344.00
Altar Flowers: 25.00
Sunday School: 6.00
Memorials: 55.00
MISC: 153.34
Loose: 100.00
Personal purchase by member: 30.00
Donuts: 64.00
ULMA: 185.93
Higher Things Youth Conference: 400.00
Total: 12,363.27

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

5/26 Memorial Day-Church Office Closed
5/28 12:00 Wednesday Worship
5/29 8:00 Quilters
5/31 All-Purpose Room Reserved
6/9 9:00-12:00 VBS (Monday-Friday)

ATTENDANCE

5/18 Sun 8:00 service: 97
Sun 10:45 service: 83
Adult Bible Class: 92
Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 13
5/21 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 Lutheran World Relief.



Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his saints.

Psalm 116:15

SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistants Sunday 6/1

8:00 Allen Kilzer 10:45 Don Mast

Ushers 6/1 Sunday 8:00 Stan Lange; Will Bryan; Craig Goepfinger; Terry Massey; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; Gary Winchester

10:45 Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter; Mark Thompson

Communion Set up & Clean Up 6/1 Sunday

Shirley McMillen; Dian Centers; Bev Myrvold; Linda Ripple; Tim & Lynn Block; Amanda Block

Coffee Servers 6/1 Sunday Tim & Lesley Ellison

Financial Counters 6/1 Sunday Mark Ames; John Crowe; Tim Ellison; Paul Giesler

Greeters 6/1 Sunday 8:00 Jim & Linda Snow

10:45 Ted & Theresa Lyons

Trustees Week of 5/25 Paul Zeck; Harvey Thompson; Byron Brown; Bob Ellis; Doug Lueck; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



- 5/25 Scarlett Moore
- 5/27 Kim Letterly; Debbie Ripple; Davis Wegmann; Lynette White
- 5/28 Todd & Dana Embrey (32 years)
- 5/30 Ruth Ann Thompson
John & Rita Mickler (55 years)
- 5/31 Parker Kilzer; Brenda Workman



- 6/1 Ellie Gensler
- 6/2 Kelly Carlson; Rachel Gensler; Dave Pressley
- 6/3 Hadley Carlson; Joe Marsaglia; Robert Meadows
Joe & Sarah Marsaglia (30 years)
- 6/4 Betty Budde; Emily Williams
- 6/6 Sue Black
- 6/7 Alexis Cassell
John & Cathy Anderson (50 years)
David & Julie Pangrac (45 years)
Brett & Emily Stenger (17 years)
- 6/8 Debbie Taylor
- 6/9 Andrew Scott

- 6/11 Asher Rager; Leslie Roberts
Terry & Christine Massey (48 years)
- 6/12 Roger Letterly
- 6/14 Gary Workman
- 6/15 Craig & Jackie Goepfinger (29 years)
- 6/17 Orville Fulk; Nancy Grischow; Paul Zeck
Matt & Rebekah Christoffersen (8 years)
Don & Jo-Anne Mast (27 years)
- 6/18 Shannon Binder; Samuel Cotner; Maryann Kissel; Ron Wagner
- 6/20 Lucas Abbott; Jim M. Snow
- 6/22 Stan & Gayle Lange (29 years)
Paul & Donna Phillips (46 years)
- 6/23 Emily Foley; Nelson Lock; Lizzie Snow;
Lucy Snow; Renee Wilson
Cory & Jan Ritter (18 years)
Paul & Patti Zeck (57 years)
- 6/24 Bev Myrvold
Grant & Ella Abbott (3 years)
- 6/25 Rick Leach; Carolyn Rau; Amber Saul;
Chris Wise
- 6/26 Gary Quandt; Adam Rutherford
- 6/27 Jackie Goepfinger
- 6/28 Derek Ames; Judy Greenwood; Connie Henry-Henschen; Braeden Lee; Ken Wrigley
Mark & Paula Scott (39 years)
- 6/29 Barb Luka; Nancy Quandt
- 6/30 Amanda Block; David Bryan
Greg & Michele Collingwood (35 years)

5.25.2025 LESSON 10



Students will study “Preaching and Perils” this week. After an extended stay in Greece, Paul sets off on another journey, finally arriving in Troas. There, as he preaches late into the night, a young man named Eutychus falls asleep on a window ledge and tumbles three floors to his death. Paul rushes to his side and restores Eutychus to life. Later, in his second letter to the Church at Corinth, Paul recounts in detail the numerous hardships he endured in his ministry.

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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.

Mark Your Calendar for VBS

June 9-13

9-Noon



This year at our Higher Things VBS we will focus on The Lord's Prayer. Join us as we learn the Introduction, the 7 petitions, the Conclusion and what they mean to us in our lives.

As always, we will have snack time, music, recreation and crafts.

Use the QR Code or link for Student Registration

**You can also sign up on the registration forms in the
worship folders**

<https://forms.gle/B4MDRVMn2SpUGr8Z9>



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June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	2 6:30 Elders' Meeting	3	4 12:00 Wed Worship Communion	5 8:00 Quilters	6	7
8 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	9 9:00-12:00 VBS	10 9:00-12:00 VBS	11 9:00-12:00 VBS 12:00 Wed Worship	12 8:00 Quilters 9:00-12:00 VBS	13 9:00-12:00 VBS Wedding Rehearsal Sanctuary Reserved	14 Wedding Sanctuary & All-Purpose Room Reserved All Day
15 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	16 6:30 Council Meeting	17 6:00 WTS Board Meeting	18 12:00 Wed Worship Communion	19 8:00 Quilters	20	21
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