



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 13



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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



March 29, 2026

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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 3.22

General Fund: 24,757.75

Christian Sharing: 90.00

Altar Flowers: 200.00

Sunday School: 1.00

CDs: 1.00

Donuts: 77.00

Higher Things Youth Conference: 100.00

Total: 25,226.75

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- 3/30 4:30 Chancel Choir
- 4/1 ALL Wednesday activities canceled
- 4/2 8:00 Braille at Unity
8:00 Quilters
7:00 Maundy Thursday Service-Communion
- 4/3 Good Friday Service-Communion
- 4/5 8:00 & 10:45 Easter Sunday-No Communion
Continental Breakfast after the 8:00 service
Bible Class and Sunday School at 9:30
- 5/16 5:00 Pilgrim's 75th Anniversary Dinner
- 6/8 9:00-12:00 VBS (Monday-Friday)

ATTENDANCE

- 3/22 Sunday 8:00 service: 103
Sunday 10:45 service: 96
Adult Bible Class: 90
Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 8
- 3/25 Wednesday 10:30 Bible Class: 28
Wednesday 12:00 service: 55
Wednesday 7:00 service: 21

MITE OFFERINGS...ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. **MARCH** mites will go to Braille Workers. **APRIL** mites will go to Walther Theological Seminary.



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Sunday

SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistants 4/2 Maundy Thursday Don Mast 4/3 Good Friday Mark Thompson

Ushers 4/2 Maundy Thursday Joe Marsaglia's Team

4/3 Good Friday Stan Lange's Team

4/5 Sunday 8:00 Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Ted Lyons; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter

10:45 Stan Lange; Will Bryan; Craig Goepfinger; Terry Massey; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; Gary Winchester

Coffee Servers 4/5 Sunday Kurt & Wendy Bickes

Financial Counters 4/5 Sunday John Mickler; Ellis V. Buth; Dain Friend; Paul Zeck

Greeters 4/2 Maundy Thursday Don Carmichael

4/3 Good Friday Steve & Bev Myrvold 4/5 Sunday 8:00 Joe & Sarah Marsaglia **10:45** Orville & Kathy Fulk

Trustees Week of 3/29 Don Mast; Cory Ritter; Eric Mast; Ted Workman; Greg Luka; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



3/29 Zack Luka

3/31 Terry Massey

Kenny & Linda Ripple (59 years)



4/1 Robin Breeden; Mary Jo Ward

4/2 Will Bryan; Warner Gensler

4/3 Hannah Thomas

Mike & Kathy O'Bryan (55 years)

4/4 Brittany Ater; Allison Ruwe

4/5 Chad & Megan Wooters (18 years)

4/6 Ellis V. Buth; Mary Ann Driskell; Bryant Taylor; Linda Wise

Dick & Dona Bailey (53 years)

4/8 Byron Brown; Penny McBride; Susan Ruwe

Kevin & Debbie Ripple (31 years)

4/9 Cameron Letterly; Nicole O'Brien

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; 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 (49 years)

4/24 Sue Kopetz

4/25 Linda Ripple; Catherine Spengler

4/26 Jim R. Snow

4/29 Warren & Benita Leevy (3 years)

4/30 Lynn Block; Gary Schueller; Mary Jo Wrigley

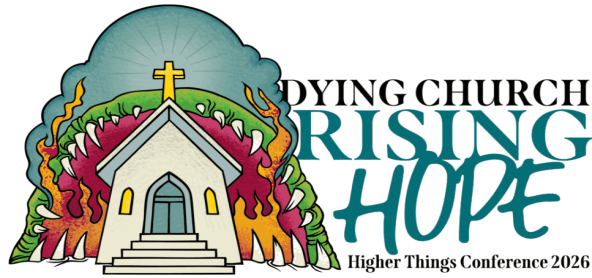
SUNDAY SCHOOL

3.29.2026

Unit 3, Lesson 2

"A Prayer Lesson" is the title of this week's Bible lesson. With Jesus' disciples, we, too, implore, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1). Jesus teaches His disciples—and all humankind—the prayer used throughout the Church to this day. Jesus follows His instruction with a parable illustrating how our heavenly Father unfailingly hears all our prayers. As a family, challenge one another to recite the Lord's Prayer from memory.





PYC 2026

Higher Things Conference Support Needed!

WHY Higher Things conferences are held:

- Christ-Centered Focus: The core mission is to make the Gifts of Christ Jesus known to youth, highlighting that salvation and forgiveness are won by Jesus and delivered through His Word.
- Solid Lutheran Teaching: Conferences focus on teaching the "pure doctrine" of the Christian faith, helping youth understand what they believe and why, rather than focusing solely on entertainment.
- Liturgical Worship: Worship at these events follows the historic, liturgical tradition of the Church (e.g., Matins, Vespers, Divine Service), providing consistency and reverence that connects youth to their home congregations.
- "Dare to be Lutheran": The events encourage youth to embrace their Lutheran heritage and identity, offering a space to engage with the faith on university campuses and other confessional Lutheran youth.
- Fellowship and Fun: While focused on faith, the conferences include recreational activities, providing a

We do not do any fundraising at Pilgrim, so if you would like to help offset the cost with a free-will donation above and beyond your tithe, it would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to contribute, please get in touch with Kay Tolly or mark your check "Higher Things" in the memo.

We are so happy that we have 17 attending this year!

The cost is \$580 per student, and chaperone costs are higher due to lodging, plus transportation expenses.

If you would like to help support our youth and offset the cost, donations are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for helping our teens grow in Christ and in His Word!



75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Pilgrim Lutheran Church



SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026

5:00 P.M.

Decatur Conference Center

4191 W. Rt. 36

Buffet Dinner choices:

Grilled Chicken Breast or Pork Fillet

Vegetable Medley, Green Beans, Corn, or Baked Beans

Roasted Potato, Mashed Potato, or Mac & Cheese

Salad & Rolls

Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, Water

Cake

Wine & Beer available at a cash bar

We will be sharing memories, showing photos, and enjoying fellowship together. There is no cost for this celebration. There is a tote by the red doors to deposit memories, photos, or stories to share. Be sure to write your name on them so we can return them to you. If you have any questions, please contact Linda M. Workman or Kathy Kilzer.

Please sign up before May 4, 2026!

Pilgrim Lutheran Church Memory Page

75 Years Serving Our Lord, Jesus Christ

Our church has been blessed over these 75 years with so many faithful members serving in many different capacities. We have had the opportunity to talk with a few members about memories they have and it's been wonderful.

We are asking our members to take a little time to jot down some memories about the people and activities we've had over the years. If you could help us with that, we will get all the information together and share it at our 75th Anniversary Celebration Saturday, May 16, 2026.

There will be a "Pilgrim Lutheran Church Memory Box" placed by the Red Doors where you can place your shared memories. If you have pictures or videos, that would be even better! **We do ask that you put your name on your memory page and/or your pictures so we can return them to you when we finish our compilation.** Place them in an envelope and put them in the box.

All memories/pictures need to be placed in the box by April 12, 2026 so we have time to get the presentation put together!

If you have any questions, please ask Kathy Kilzer or Linda Workman.

Thank you so much for sharing your "Church Family Memories". We have listed below some of the activities to help you get those memories going!

Pilgrim Lutheran Ladies Guild

Children and Youth

VBS
Rally Day
PYC/PKC
Walther League
Youth House
Boy Scout Troup
Children's Church w/Pastor Munch
Christmas Programs
Plays

Sports

Basketball teams
Softball teams (Guys and Girls)

Choirs and Directors over the years

Chancel
Youth Choir
Children's Choir
Bell Choir
Music for Sunday School Children

Let's Eat!

Mother/Daughter Banquet
Men's Banquet
Wednesday Night Suppers
Easter Breakfast
Reformation Dinners
Ladies Guild Breakfasts/Luncheons

Guilds

Ladies Guild:
Chancel
Braille
Funerals
Hospitality
Kitchen
Library
Mission
Nursery
Prayer
Sunshine
Wedding
Programs
Quilt Guild

Organ/Organists

History of Organs – Ron YaDeau
Organists

Combined Churches

Forums
Ascension
Real Life Worship
Synodical Convention in Spfld

Miscellaneous

Exercise Group
Couples Group
Just a Bunch of Moms
Clothing Room
Time Capsule

Pastors and Staff

Pastors
DCE's
Vicars
Secretaries
Custodians

Place your memory page and any pictures in the "Pilgrim Lutheran Church Memory Box" by April 12, 2026! Thank you!