



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 17



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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



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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 4/19

General Fund: 9,724.84
Christian Sharing: 50.00
Sunday School: 5.00
Loose: 82.00
CDs: 2.00
Donuts: 68.00
Higher Things Youth Conference: 500.00
Total: 10,431.84

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

4/29 12:00 Wednesday Worship
4/30 8:00 Quilters
5/16 5:00 Pilgrim's 75th Anniversary Dinner
6/8 9:00-12:00 VBS (Monday-Friday)

ATTENDANCE

4/19 Sunday 8:00 service: 120
Sunday 10:45 service: 113
Adult Bible Class: 99
Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 13
4/22 Wednesday 12:00 service: 45

MITE OFFERINGS...ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. **APRIL** mites will go to Walther Theological Seminary. **MAY** mites will go to Lutheran World Relief.



SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistants 5/3 Sunday 8:00 Gary Quandt **10:45** Greg Collingwood

Ushers 5/3 Sunday 8:00 Don Mast; Eric Mast; John Mickler; Jim M. Snow; Jim R. Snow; Mattias Wegmann

10:45 Joe Marsaglia; Grant Abbott; Paul Giesler; Bruce Gifford; Loren Hiser; Dave Schroeder; Chad Wooters

Coffee Servers 5/3 Sunday Cory & Jan Ritter, Celia & Harper

Financial Counters 5/3 Sunday John Mickler; Ellis V. Buth; Dain Friend; Paul Zeck

Greeters 5/3 Sunday 8:00 Dick & Dona Bailey **10:45** Steve & Bev Myrvold

Communion Set Up & Clean Up 5/3 Sunday Shirley McMillen, Dian Centers; Bev Myrvold; Linda Ripple; Tim & Lynn Block; Amanda Block

Trustees Week of 4/26 Paul Zeck; Harvey Thompson; Byron Brown; Bob Ellis; Doug Lueck; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



- 4/26 Jim R. Snow
- 4/29 Warren & Benita Leevy (3 years)
- 4/30 Lynn Block; Gary Schueller; Mary Jo Wrigley



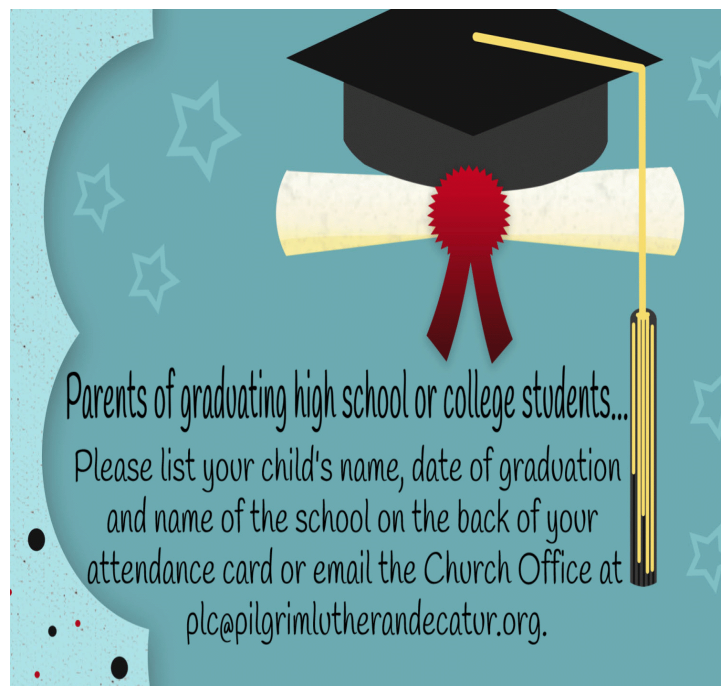
- 5/1 Bob Larson
- 5/2 Wayne Buesking; Carol Goebel
- 5/3 Dylan Duzan; Ted Lyons; Mike Norris
- 5/4 Braden Thornton
Brian & Amy Cassell (25 years)
- 5/5 Gary & Brenda Workman (47 years)
- 5/6 Larry Henrichsmeyer
- 5/9 Duane Beals; Rich Lanier; Vicki Schroeder; Emily Scott
- 5/11 Rick & Raeann Campbell (53 years)
- 5/12 Jerry Ellis; Debbie Perkins
- 5/13 Tim Block; Vicky Lueck
- 5/14 Gary & Bev Winchester (59 years)
- 5/15 Landon Wise

- 5/17 Doris Teela
Mike & Robin Williams (40 years)
- 5/18 Doug & Vicky Lueck (7 years)
- 5/19 Raeann Campbell
Ben & Julie Jedlicka (48 years)
- 5/20 Tim & Lesley Ellison (31 years)
- 5/21 Norma Cooper
- 5/22 Amy Carlen
- 5/25 Scarlett Moore
- 5/27 Kim Letterly; Debbie Ripple; Davis Wegmann; Lynette White
- 5/28 Todd & Dana Embrey (33 years)
- 5/30 Ruth Ann Thompson
John & Rita Mickler (56 years)
- 5/31 Parker Kilzer; Daniel Lyons; Brenda Workman

SUNDAY SCHOOL

4.26. 2026
Unit 3, Lesson 6

This week, students will study "A Living Truth." The women who witness Christ's burial are the first to witness His resurrection. With great joy, they run to tell His disciples that Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Discuss, "How can we as a family spread the word of Christ's resurrection?"





PYC 2026 Higher Things Conference Support Needed!

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!

- 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 healthy, fun, and safe environment for youth to connect with peers who share similar beliefs.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR **VBS**

AGES 4 – 8th GRADE (IN FALL)



Join us for an exciting under-the-sea adventure!
Students will dive deep as we discover the meaning
behind each of the Ten Commandments and learn how
they are good gifts from God.

While we fall short of keeping God's commandments,
Jesus has fulfilled them for us!
Come learn how we are saved by His grace
and guided by His Word.

SCAN TO REGISTER →



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DIVING INTO THE 10 COMMANDMENTS VBS 2026 T-SHIRTS

ORDER BY **SUNDAY, MAY 17**

**SIGN UP
IN THE
NARTHEX!**

Please list:

- ✓ Name
- ✓ Size (Youth or Adult)
- ✓ Quantity



COST
\$15
Youth S -
Adult XL

\$18
XXL



IMPORTANT

- T-shirts are **free** for VBS children.
- If you're able to pay, thank you!
- If not, the church will gladly cover the cost.
- Donations to help offset costs are appreciated!

Mark "T-shirt" and give to the office or Kay Tolly.



**PLEASE DO NOT
PUT MONEY IN
THE OFFERING BOX.**



**QUESTIONS
OR ORDERS?**



Call 877-2444



Email
kt2155@gmail.com

DON'T MISS OUT – ORDER TODAY!

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!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	4	5	6 12:00 Wed Worship Communion	7 8:00 Braille @ Unity 8:00 Quilters	8	9
10 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	11	12	13 12:00 Wed Worship	14 8:00 Quilters	15	16 5:00 Pilgrim's 75th Anniversary Dinner Celebration Decatur Conference Center
17 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	18 6:30 Council Meeting	19 6:00 WTS Board Meeting	20 12:00 Wed Worship Communion	21 8:00 Quilters	22	23
24 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	25 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	26	27 12:00 Wed Worship	28 8:00 Quilters	29	30
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