



# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 18



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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

Home of  
 **WALTHER**  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

May 3, 2026

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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 4/26

General Fund: 14,372.39

Loose: 40.00

Donuts: 51.00

Total: 14,463.39

## ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

5/6 12:00 Wednesday Worship-Communion

5/7 8:00 Braille @ Unity

8:00 Quilters

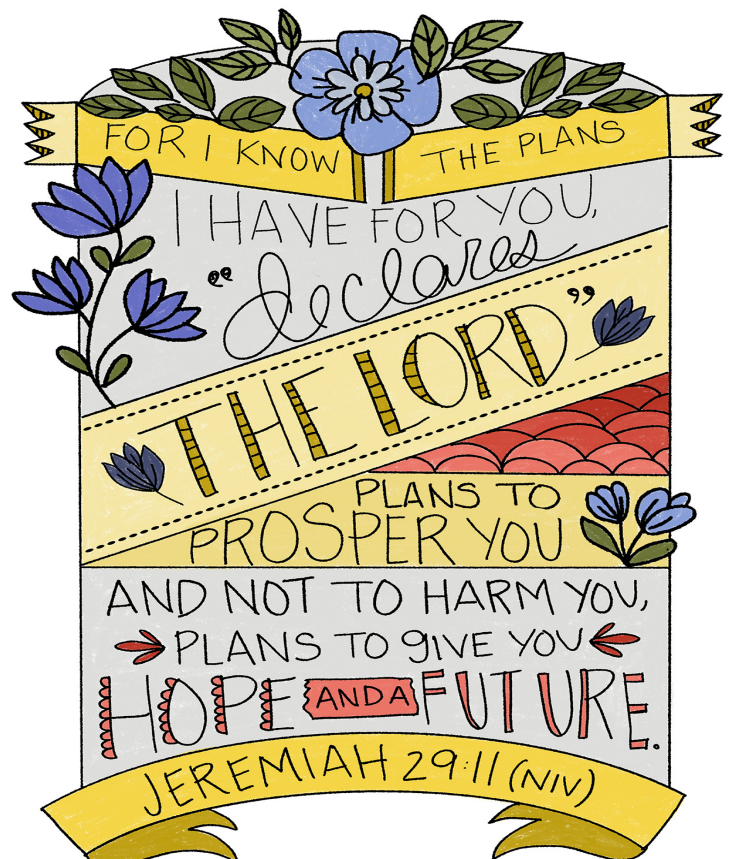
5/16 5:00 Pilgrim's 75th Anniversary Dinner

6/8 9:00-12:00 VBS (Monday-Friday)

## ATTENDANCE

4/26 Sunday 8:00 service: 112  
Sunday 10:45 service: 98  
Adult Bible Class: 109  
Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 10  
4/29 Wednesday 12:00 service: 43

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



## SERVING THE LORD

**Communion Assistants** 5/6 Wed Allen Kilzer

5/10 Sunday 8:00 Alan Ruwe **10:45** Doug Ward

**Ushers** 5/10 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** 5/10 Sunday Ted & Theresa Lyons

**Financial Counters** 5/10 Sunday Kevin Ripple; Bob Ellis; John Mickler; Steve Myrvold

**Greeters** 5/10 Sunday 8:00 Allen, Kathy & Parker Kilzer **10:45** Kurt & Wendy Bickes

**Communion Set Up & Clean Up** 5/10 Sunday Ted & Linda Sue Workman; Jane Martin; Nancy Quandt; Carrie Thompson

**Trustees** Week of 5/3 Paul Zeck; Harvey Thompson; Byron Brown; Bob Ellis; Doug Lueck; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



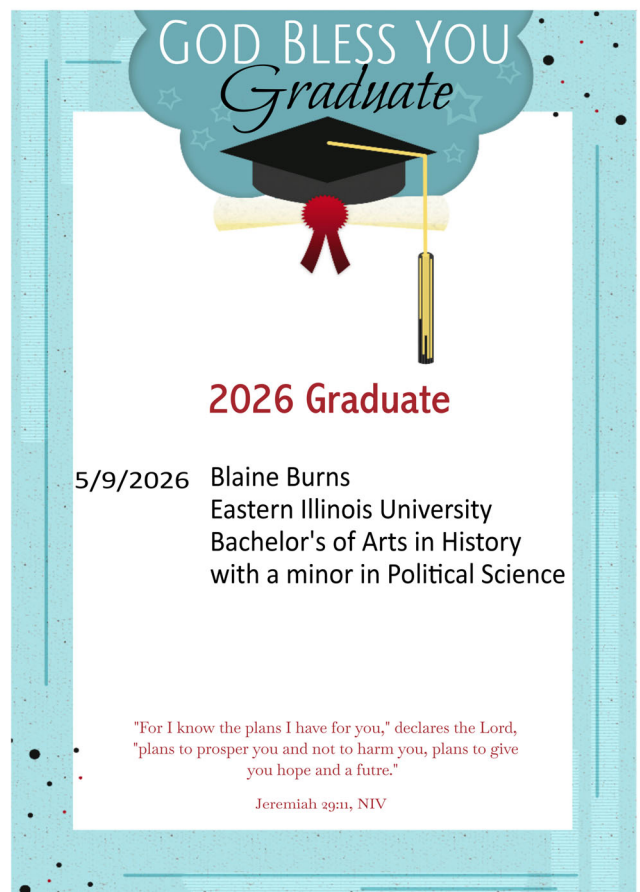
- 5/1 Bob Larson
- 5/2 Wayne Buesking; Carol Goebel
- 5/3 Dylan Duzan; Ted Lyons; Mike Norris
- 5/4 Braden Thornton  
Brian & Amy Cassell (25 years)
- 5/5 Gary & Brenda Workman (47 years)
- 5/6 Larry Henrichsmeyer
- 5/9 Duane Beals; Rich Lanier; Vicki Schroeder; Emily Scott
- 5/11 Rick & Raeann Campbell (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 Teala  
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

5.3. 2026  
Unit 3, Lesson 7

"A Revealing Truth" is the Bible lesson for this week. On Easter afternoon, Jesus joins two disciples discussing the events of the past week in Jerusalem while on their way to Emmaus. Along the way, Jesus interprets the Old Testament prophecies concerning Himself. Arriving at Emmaus, the disciples suddenly recognize Jesus, who then disappears from sight. The disciples quickly return to Jerusalem to share their amazing account. Discuss how you, too, can share this amazing story.





## 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!

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



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR **VBS**

**AGES 4 – 8<sup>th</sup> 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  

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**\$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!