



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 20



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 5/10

General Fund: 23,556.67

Altar Flowers: 47.50

Loose: 160.00

CDs: 1.00

VBS: 30.00

Donuts: 51.00

Higher Things Youth Conference: 200.00

Total: 24,046.17

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

5/18 6:30 Council Meeting

5/20 12:00 Wednesday Worship-Communion

5/21 8:00 Quilters

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

5.17. 2026
Unit 3, Lesson 9

ATTENDANCE

5/10 Sunday 8:00 service: 114

Sunday 10:45 service: 91

Adult Bible Class: 89

Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 14

5/13 Wednesday 12:00 service: 52

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.

"A Telling Truth" is the Bible lesson for this week. With the sound of a rushing wind and tongues of fire, the promised Holy Spirit descends on the disciples. As they speak "in other tongues" (Acts 2:4), their hearers, from a multitude of nations, hear about "the mighty works of God" (v. 11) in their own languages. Beginning with Old Testament prophecies, Peter's sermon proclaims Jesus, the promised Messiah. Discuss, "How did Pentecost change the Church forever?"

SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistants 5/20 Wed Gary Quandt
5/24 Sunday 8:00 Allen Kilzer **10:45** Greg Collingwood
Ushers 5/24 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 5/24 Sunday Dick & Dona Bailey
Financial Counters 5/24 Sunday Mark Ames;
John Crowe; Tim Ellison; Paul Giesler
Greeters 5/24 Sunday 8:00 Bob & Erica Meadows
10:45 Will & Jennifer Bryan
Communion Set Up & Clean Up 5/24 Sunday
Stacey Apel; Sarah Marsaglia; Jane Martin; Carrie
Thompson
Trustees Week of 5/17 Don Mast; Cory Ritter;
Eric Mast; Ted Workman; Greg Luka;
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

A graphic for the 'DYING CHURCH RISING HOPE' conference. It features a central illustration of a church building with a cross on top, surrounded by flames and a rainbow. The text 'DYING CHURCH RISING HOPE' is written in a stylized font, with 'HOPE' in large, blue, outlined letters. Below the illustration, it says 'Higher Things Conference 2026'. The graphic is framed by blue and orange brushstrokes.

— PYC 2026 —
HIGHER THINGS CONFERENCE
SUPPORT NEEDED!
JUNE 30 – JULY 3, 2026

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

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

OUR YOUTH

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.

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.

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 – 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!