



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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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 5/17

General Fund: 8,989.00

Misc: 100.00

Loose: 40.00

Donuts: 64.00

Higher Things Youth Conference: 500.00

Total: 9,693.00

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

5/25 Church Office Closed for Memorial Day

5/27 12:00 Wednesday Worship

5/28 8:00 Quilters

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

ATTENDANCE

5/17 Sunday 8:00 service: 104
Sunday 10:45 service: 105
Adult Bible Class: 99
Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 12
5/20 Wednesday 12:00 service: 55

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.

The Lord brings the counsel
of the nations to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

The counsel of the Lord
stands forever,
the plans of his heart
to all generations.

Blessed is the nation
whose **God is the Lord,**
the people whom he has
chosen as his heritage!

SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistants 5/31 Sunday 8:00 Alan Ruwe
10:45 Doug Ward

Ushers 5/31 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 5/31 Sunday Aldon & Susan Ruwe

Financial Counters 5/31 Sunday John Mickler; Ellis V.
Buth; Dain Friend; Paul Zeck

Greeters 5/31 Sunday 8:00 Jean Mueller; Linda
Workman 10:45 Ted & Theresa Lyons

Communion Set Up & Clean Up 5/31 Sunday
Karen Svendsen; Patti Zeck; Melinda Hiser; Jane
Martin; Carrie Thompson

Trustees Week of 5/24 Larry Wolf; Pete Williams;
Brad Roberts; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



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



6/1 Ellie Gensler; Ashley Whisnant
6/2 Kelly Carlson; Rachel Gensler; David
Pressley
6/3 Hadley Carlson; Joe Marsaglia; Bob
Meadows
Joe & Sarah Marsaglia (31 years)
6/4 Betty Budde; Emily Williams
6/6 Sue Black

6/7 Alexis Cassell
John & Cathy Anderson (51 years)
Dave & Julie Pangrac (46 years)
Brett & Emily Stenger (18 years)
6/8 Debbie Taylor
6/9 Andrew Scott
6/11 Asher Rager; Leslie Roberts
Terry & Chris Massey (49 years)
6/12 Roger Letterly
6/13 Ted & Theresa Lyons (35 years)
6/14 Gary Workman
Hayden & Brittany Ater (1 year)
6/15 Craig & Jackie Goepfinger (30 years)
6/17 Orville Fulk; Nancy Grischow; Paul Zeck
Matt & Rebekah Christoffersen (9 years)
Don & Jo-Anne Mast (28 years)
6/18 Shannon Binder; Samuel Cotner;
Maryann Kissel; Ron Wagner
Andrew & Sara Hyden (5 years)
6/20 Lucas Abbott; Jim M. Snow
6/22 Stan & Gayle Lange (30 years)
Paul & Donna Phillips (47 years)
6/23 Lizzie Day; Nelson Lock; Lucy Snow;
Renee Wilson
Cory & Jan Ritter (19 years)
Paul & Patti Zeck (58 years)
6/24 Bev Myrvold
Grant & Ella Abbott (4 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 (40 years)
6/29 Barb Luka; Nancy Quandt
6/20 Amanda Block; David Bryan
Greg & Michele Collingwood (36 years)

MEMORIAL DAY

SITTER NEEDED

We are in need of a *sitter*
for Victor

starting 6/4/26. Hours would be 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We could bring him to the sitter or they could come to us.

Pay is negotiable and will be discussed during initial meeting.

Please text Katie or Ellis
217-433-2079, 217-433-1153

SUNDAY SCHOOL

5.24. 2026
Unit 3, Lesson 10

This week, students will study "A Servant Speaks." The Twelve select Stephen as one of the first seven deacons in the Early Church. Synagogue leaders twist Stephen's words, falsely accusing him of blasphemy. Stephen's testimony before the high priest recalls Israel's rejection of God's promise and their rejection of Jesus, the promised Savior. When Stephen says he sees a vision of Jesus standing at the right hand of God, the enraged officials cast Stephen out of the city and stone him. As a family, consider discussing, "How does the death of Stephen affect the other believers?" the Church forever?"



DYING CHURCH
RISING
HOPE

Higher Things Conference 2026

— 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.

SOS
Substitute Organist
SERVICE

Can you **help** or know of **someone** at **Pilgrim** that would like to be trained?

We need more people willing to take turns running the SOS on **Sundays/Wednesdays** when we don't have an organist.

It's not difficult to run and I would be happy to train you or show you how it works.

You can sit with one of our experienced volunteers before doing it alone.

Teens are welcome to give it a try too.

Please contact me to take a look!

~Kay Tolly

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FOR

VBS

AGES 4 – 8th GRADE (IN FALL)



June 8-12, 9-Noon

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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