



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 22



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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



May 31, 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 5/24

General Fund: 16,400.00

Memorials: 505.00

Loose: 40.00

Personal purchase by member: 198.00

Donuts: 63.00

Total: 17,206.00

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

6/1 6:30 Elders' Meeting

6/3 12:00 Wednesday Worship-Communion

6/4 8:00 Braille at Unity

8:00 Quilters

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

ATTENDANCE

5/24 Sunday 8:00 service: 110

Sunday 10:45 service: 90

Adult Bible Class: 100

Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 10

5/27 Wednesday 12:00 service: 47

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. **JUNE** mites will go to Bethesda Lutheran Communities.



SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistants 6/3 Wed Gary Quandt
6/7 Sunday 8:00 Tom Greenwood **10:45** Mark
Thompson

Ushers 6/7 Sunday 8:00 Stan Lange; Will Bryan; Craig
Goepfinger; Terry Massey; Steve Musgrove; Dave
Pressley; Gary Winchester **10:45** Tim White; Derek
Ames; Mark Ames; Ted Lyons; Scott Perry; Cory
Ritter; Mark Thompson

Coffee Servers 6/7 Sunday Loren & Melinda Hiser

Financial Counters 6/7 Sunday Kevin Ripple; Bob
Ellis; John Mickler; Steve Myrvold

Greeters 6/7 Sunday 8:00 Joe & Sarah Marsaglia
10:45 Paul Giesler; Chad & Megan Wooters

Communion Set Up & Clean Up 6/7 Sunday
Kathy Kilzer; Dian Centers; Bev Myrvold; Tim & Lynn
Block; Amanda Block

Trustees Week of 5/31 Larry Wolf; Pete Williams;
Brad Roberts; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



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)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

5.31.2026
Unit 3, Lesson 11

This week, we will study "A Deacon Delivers" in class. Directed by an angel, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official reading from the Book of Isaiah while riding in his chariot. Realizing the Ethiopian needs help to understand the Scriptures, Philip steps in. After instructing the Ethiopian, Philip baptizes the man and then is carried away by the Spirit to Azotus. Consider discussing, "Who helps us understand Scripture today?"

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

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



**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.

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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