



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 26



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 6/21

General Fund: 7,620.67

Walther Theological Seminary: 400.00

Loose: 20.00

Donuts: 63.00

Higher Things Youth Conference: 50.00

Total: 8,153.67

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

7/1 12:00 Wednesday Worship-Communion

7/2 8:00 Braille at Unity

8:00 Quilters

9/13 RALLY DAY - Mark Your Calendars!

ATTENDANCE

6/21 Sunday 8:00 service: 96

Sunday 10:45 service: 89

Adult Bible Class: 92

Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 14

6/24 Wednesday 12:00 service: 47

MITE OFFERINGS...ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. **JUNE** mites will go to Bethesda Lutheran Communities. **JULY** mites will go to New Life Pregnancy Center.



SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistants 7/1 Wed Gary Quandt
7/5 Sunday 8:00 Alan Ruwe **10:45** Don Mast
Ushers 7/5 Sunday 8:00 Joe Marsaglia; Grant Abbott;
Paul Giesler; Bruce Gifford; Loren Hiser; Dave
Schroeder; Chad Wooters **10:45** Don Mast; Eric Mast;
John Mickler; Jim M. Snow; Jim R. Snow; Mark
Thompson; Mattias Wegmann
Coffee Servers 7/5 Sunday Harvey & Ruth Ann
Thompson; Smitha Jeyaseelan & Ivan Jayakar
Financial Counters 7/5 Sunday Kevin Ripple; Bob
Ellis; John Mickler; Steve Myrvold
Greeters 7/5 Sunday 8:00 Pete & Sue Williams
10:45 Ted & Theresa Lyons
Communion Set Up & Clean Up 7/5 Sunday
Ted & Linda Sue Workman; Bev Myrvold; Linda
Ripple; Tim & Lynn Block; Amanda Block
Trustees Week of 6/28 Don Mast; Cory Ritter; Eric
Mast; Ted Workman; Greg Luka; Gene & Linda Wise-
Litter control



6/28 Derek Ames; Judy Greenwood;
Connie Henry-Henschen; Braeden Lee;
Ken Wrigley
Mark & Paula Scott (40 years)
6/29 Barb Luka; Nancy Quandt
6/30 Amanda Block; David Bryan
Greg & Michele Collingwood (36 years)



7/1 Julie Pangrac
7/2 Caebrin Lee
Andrew & Mackenzie Mills (15 years)
7/3 Dave Schroeder
7/7 Pete & Sue Williams (63 years)
7/10 Steve & Bev Myrvold (61 years)
7/11 Kaye Beals
7/12 Robert & Sue Black (52 years)
7/13 Brock Abbott; Ryder Saul; Ben Tschetter
Larry & Nancy Wolf (41 years)

7/14 Amy Cassell; Emily Stenger; Brandon
Williams
Brad & Leslie Roberts (47 years)
7/15 Doug Lueck
Mark & Carrie Thompson (9 years)
7/18 Mindy Whisnant
Robert & Robin Breeden (34 years)
7/20 Brandilyn Wegmann
7/21 Charles Duncan; Orson Hoffman;
Morgan Luka; Amy Robinson; Linda
Snow
7/22 Bill Abbott; Angee Baker
Allen & Lesley McCoy (18 years)
7/24 Gloria Beckett; Greg Luka
7/25 Rachel Burns
Mark & Jo Ames (28 years)
7/27 Sharon Carlson
Byron & Nancy Brown (52 years)
7/28 Michele Collingwood
7/29 Adam Gensler
BJ & Lindsey Rotz (20 years)
7/30 Blaine Burns; Heather Norris
7/31 Nancy Jacobs; Joe Scott
Brad & Amber Saul (22 years)

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



SAVE ★ THE ★ DATE!

PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH
RALLY DAY
CARNIVAL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

★ *in Pilgrim's wooded area* ★

LUNCH AT 12:15 P.M.

Catering by
Bricks Exquisite Eats

SPECIAL GUESTS

Heartland
Mini Hoofs

**ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION**

Prizes for
Carnival Games

Volunteers Needed

Free-Will Offering

More Information
Coming Soon

ATTRACTIONS

AirWalk Action Dual Slide
Billiard Soccer
Soccer Dart
Roller Ball Game
Carnival Games

SWEET TREATS

The Frozen Spoon
Ice Cream Truck

★ **COME ONE, COME ALL!** ★



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.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12:00 Wed Worship Communion	2 8:00 Braille at Unity 8:00 Quilters	3	4
5 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	6	7	8 12:00 Wed Worship	9 8:00 Quilters	10	11
12 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	13	14	15 12:00 Wed Worship Communion	16 8:00 Quilters	17	18
19 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	20 6:30 Council Meeting	21 6:00 WTS Board Meeting	22 12:00 Wed Worship	23 8:00 Quilters	24	25
26 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	27	28	29 12:00 Wed Worship	30 8:00 Quilters	31	