



Pilgrim's Progress Weekly

Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526
"Where the Bible is the inspired, inerrant Word of God"



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Worship Service and Bible Study Times:

Sunday Service at 8 and 10:45 A.M.

Sunday Bible Study Hour for All Ages 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday Service Year-Round 7 P.M.

[September-April Wednesdays]

Adult Bible Study 6 & 9:30 A.M. and Midweek
School Gr 1-8 4:15 P.M.

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Newsletter Deadline: 9 A.M. Wednesday

Worship Folder Deadline: 9 A.M. Tuesday.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thurs: 7 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Fri: 7 a.m. to noon

ULMA Mission Congregation

Listed is the name and address of the mission congregation, along with the mission pastor, of our United Lutheran Mission Association.

Christ the Rock Lutheran Church 799 Pine Ave Carlsbad CA 92008 10:15 a.m. worship Tamarack (North)&College Blvds.
Rev William Mack (cell 920-203-2544)

MARCH 24, 2019

SUNDAY 3/24

8:00 Worship/Communion

9:00 WSOY Broadcast

9:30 Bible Study All Ages

10:45 Worship/Communion

MONDAY 3/25

10:00 BIC in Library

6:30 Ladies Guild Business Meeting in the kitchen area

TUESDAY 3/26

WEDNESDAY 3/27

12:15 Worship

4:15 Midweek School Gr 1-6 and 8th Gr Confirmation class

7:00 Worship

THURSDAY 3/28

8:00 Quilting

6:00 Chancel Choir

FRIDAY 3/29

SATURDAY 3/30

ATTENDANCE

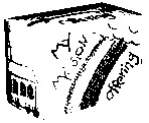
3/17 Sunday Services: 269

3/17 Sunday Bible Classes: 139

Adults 117; High School 4; Children 18

3/20 Wednesday Services: 96

3/21 Shut-In Service: 17



MITE OFFERINGS go to missions Pilgrim Lutheran supports. March mites will be used for Bethesda Home Communities. You can pick up a mite

offering box on the table in the narthex, in front of the Guild bulletin board. Pilgrim members, women AND men are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. When your mite offering box is full, place it in the decorative box on the table and take an empty mite offering box home. Thank-you!

VISITORS...Ted Lyons; Art & Ora Ohlwine; Bob Teela; Carol Glenn



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THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Attention - Hurry - Thrivent Members!

Call 1.800.847.4836 by March 31 to designate the organization you wish for the use of your Choice Dollars.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/24 Cory Bickes; Barbara Buesking
- 3/25 Courtney Jacobs; Mark Luka; Doug Taylor
- 3/27 **W** Chuck & Lavona McKinney 64 yrs
- 3/28 Jo Ames; Robert Barr
- 3/29 Zach Luka; Aaron Purcell
- 3/31 Terry Massey
W Kenny & Linda Ripple 52 yrs

HELP NEEDED PLEASE...

Nursery sitters Wednesday nights for worship. Contact Kay Tolly if you can help. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/31 2:45 The Congregation is invited to the PKC/PYC Service Project. **SEATING IS LIMITED!** Please bring a finger-food to share. We will have food, drinks and fellowship at 3:00. Julie will play at 4:00. Sign up by TODAY March 24. Award-winning pianist Julie McClarey will entertain us. "The piano is an orchestra under your fingers," says Julie, a three-time World Championship Old-Time Piano Playing Contest Champion.
- 4/1 6:30 Elders Meeting Library
- 4/28 12:15 Congregation Spring Banquet hosted by the Ladies Guild
- 6/3-7 Vacation Bible School Week

SERVING THE LORD

- Acolyte** Wed 3/27 12:15 & 7 p.m. Usher
- Sun 3/31 Henry Ellison 10:45 Doug Ward
- Coffee Set-up** 3/29 Linda Beals
- Coffee Servers** Sun 3/31 Alan Ruwe & Doug Lueck
- Communion Set-Up/Clean-up** Sun 3/31 Karen Svendsen; Nancy Jacobs; Melinda & Loren Hiser; Erica Bryan; Ron Kelm
- Trustees** 3/17-3/30 Paul Zeck; Byron Brown; Bob Ellis; Doug Lueck; Aaron Purcell; Harvey Thompson
- Flower Delivery** 3/31 Phyllis Kunzeman
- Communion Assistants** Sun 3/31 Tom Greenwood 10:45 Doug Ward
- Financial Secretaries** Sun 3/31 Mike O'Bryan; Kevin Ripple; Mike Williams
- Greeters** Sun 3/31 Alex & Vicki Wegmann Family 10:45 Merrilee Kuenzel; Cyndi Farrar
- Nursery** Sun 3/31 8:00 no one 9:30 no one 10:45 Jennifer Gensler

YOUTH GROUPS ACTIVITY

PKC Grades 1-6/Families & PYC Grades 7-12 Sign up for activities on the PKC or PYC bulletin boards or call 877-2430 to leave a message or email kaytolly@pilgrimlutherandecatur.org or call or text 358-4401. A parent or adult must attend PKC (Gr 1-6) activities with their children and everyone in the family is welcome to attend.

- 3/31 **PKC/PYC Service Project.** Please sign up by TODAY March 24 to help set up and serve. The times are listed on the PKC/PYC boards. Award-winning pianist Julie McClarey will entertain our guests. Please bring a finger-food to share. We will have food, drinks and fellowship at 3:00. Julie will play at 4:00.
- 4/28 2:00 **PKC** Bowling at Sparetime Lanes. Sign up by April 21.
- 5/3 **PYC** Post-Confirmation Questioning pizza party at Monical's North after the reception. Sign up by May 1.
- 6/3-7 VBS. **PKC** mark your calendar and invite all of your friends. [**PYC** sign up to help at VBS!]

Coming up this summer:

PKC Summer Camp Days [**PYC** volunteer to help with one or many.]
 Family Camp Weekend in August or September.
 St. Louis Ball Game

7/16-19 **We will be attending in Mequon, Wisconsin. WHY HIGHER THINGS?**

We live in a culture of blurry religious distinctions and do-it yourself spirituality, Youth, especially, need solid ground that will nurture lasting Christian faith. Rather than treating youth as an adolescent subculture and confusing them with religious experiences that cannot be replicated at home, Higher Things believes in challenging youth to learn the pure doctrine of the Christian faith, By teaching them the same message that they hear at home, youth grow in the fullness of the Christian faith as they come to appreciate historic liturgical practice and its unique focus on God's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation for us delivered in Word and Sacrament.

How can you help?

We are signed up and ready to go and we would appreciate your support. We do not do any fund-raising at Pilgrim so it's important that we are able to send our youth and parents to these conferences.

If you can help in any way with a donation it would be greatly appreciated. The Conference cost is \$375 per person which includes housing, meals, t-shirt, entertainment and

conference/worship materials for three nights. We will also be using Peoria Charters bus this year. Please let Kay Tolly know if you donate so we can write Thank-you cards while we are at the conference and in order to keep track of our costs. Please make out any checks to Pilgrim Lutheran Church and put "Higher Things" in the memo portion. We are blessed to have 28 of our Pilgrim youth and parents/chaperones attending this year.

The Theme for 2019: Concordia

"The Word of the Lord endures forever," (1 Peter 1:25)

"Concordia." It literally means "with one heart" in Latin. The Church is united around the confession of Jesus as our Lord and Savior like a congregation singing together in many different parts but singing the same song together in perfect harmony.

Concordia Isn't just a feeling that we are one. It's not only something that we strive to have. We don't sacrifice what we believe in order to be united. True Concord is always centered around the confession of Christ and Him crucified! God speaks. We receive His words into our ears. He gives our tongues the words to say to Him and to those around us. We repeat, together, His Words back to Him. We sing them, we confess them, all agreeing together, "with one heart and voice" our confession of Jesus! In a world where youth are tempted to compromise, Higher Things is excited to plan our 2019 Conferences centered on the theme of the Church and Unity.