

**LIFE WITHOUT A SYNOD**  
**October 17, 2009**  
**Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Decatur, Illinois**

- 8:00 - 8:25 A.M.      Welcome....  
Devotion - Pastor James Behling, Missionary at Large, Sola Scriptura  
Evangelical Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.  
Remarks.
- 8:30 - 9:30 A.M.      Our Reasons for Leaving The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, the  
Steps We Took and How We Prepared Our Members.  
Alan Ruwe, Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Decatur, Illinois.  
Frank Butkovich, Redeemer Lutheran Church, St. Clair Shores, Michigan.  
Pastor Brock Abbott, Pilgrim Lutheran Church.
- 9:30 - 9:50 A.M.      Q and A
- 9:55 - 10:25 A.M.      Why We Left and The Way We Did It.  
Ron Mazone and Don LaJoie, Christ the Rock Lutheran Church, Carlsbad,  
California
- 10:25 - 10:45 A.M.      Q and A
- 10:50 - 11:20 A.M.      From Missouri To Virginia - A Former Missouri Synod Pastor Walks the  
Talk.  
Pastor James Shaw, Missionary at Large, Agnus Dei Lutheran Church,  
Fredericksburg, Virginia.
- 11:20 - 11:40 A.M.      Q and A
- 11:45 - 12:40 P.M.      Lunch (At the church.)
- 12:45 - 1:15 P.M.      From Wisconsin To California - A Former ELS Pastor Walks the Talk.  
Pastor Bill Mack, Missionary at Large, Christ the Rock Lutheran Church,  
Carlsbad, California.
- 1:15 - 1:35 P.M.      Q and A
- 1:40 - 2:40 P.M.      The United Lutheran Mission Association (ULMA) - Its Purpose, Its Goals  
and How It Functions.  
Alan Ruwe  
Frank Butkovich  
Kurt Bickes - Legal Concerns for congregations wishing to leave a Synod  
and for those wishing to start a congregation.
- 2:40 - 3:00 P.M.      Q and A
- 3:00 - 3:15 P.M.      Closing