



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 14



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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



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Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The 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- 3/31

General Fund: 34,168.64

Altar Flowers/Lilies: 150.00

Sunday School: 1.00

Memorials: 735.00

Misc: 410.34

Loose: 10.00

CDs: 9.00

Donuts: 217.00

Total: 35,700.98

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

4/10 10:30 Bible Class
12:00 Wednesday Worship
4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6
7th Grade Confirmation

4/11 8:00 Quilters

4/28 12:15 Ladies' Guild Spring Banquet

6/10 9:00-12:00 VBS (Monday-Friday)

ATTENDANCE

3/28 Maundy Thursday service: 101

3/29 Good Friday service: 192

3/31 Sun 8:00 service: 170

Sun 10:45 service: 160

Adult Bible Class: 99

Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 14

4/3 Wednesday 10:30 Bible Class: 37

Wednesday 12:00 service: 51

MITE OFFERINGS... ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box at your convenience. **APRIL** mites will go to New Life Pregnancy Center. Thank you!

End-of-the-year Offering Statements are available for pick up on a table in the narthex. Please pick yours up today.



SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistant/Acolyte 4/14 Sunday

8:00 Allen Kilzer; Gary Quandt **10:45** Greg Collingwood; Doug Ward

Ushers 4/14 Sunday **8:00** Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter; Ron Kelm **10:45** Stan Lange; Craig Goeppinger; Bob Meadows; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; Gary Winchester

Coffee Servers 4/10 Wed Ron Kelm

4/14 Sunday Paul & Patti Zeck

Financial Counters 4/14 Sunday Mark Ames; John Crowe; Tim Ellison; Paul Giesler

Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up 4/14 Sunday Ted & Linda Sue Workman; Jane Martin; Nancy Quandt; Carrie Thompson

Greeters 4/14 Sunday **8:00** Dick & Dona Bailey **10:45** Steve & Carol Goebel

Trustees Week of 4/7 Paul Zeck; Harvey Thompson; Byron Brown; Bob Ellis; Doug Lueck; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 4/1 Robin Breeden; Mary Jo Ward
4/2 Will Bryan; Warner Gensler
4/3 Hannah Thomas
Mike & Kathy O'Bryan (53 years)
4/4 Allison Ruwe; Brittany Williams
4/5 Chad & Megan Wooters (16 years)
4/6 Ellis V. Buth; Mary Ann Driskell;
Bryant Taylor; Linda Wise
Dick & Dona Bailey (51 years)
4/8 Byron Brown; Penny McBride; Susan Ruwe
Kevin & Debbie Ripple (29 years)
4/9 Cameron Letterly
4/11 Sherry Egan; Jo-Anne Mast
4/13 Paulette Browne; Tim Ellison; Paula Scott;
Margo Tschetter
4/14 Larry Grischow; Emmett Stenger
4/15 Dorothy Dittus
4/16 Tom Greenwood; Lesa Mills; Lindsey Rotz
4/17 Patti Zeck
4/19 Allen Kilzer
4/20 Jaimie Ford; Gayle Lange; Mike O'Bryan;
Brett Stenger

- 4/21 Dana Embrey
4/22 Dorothy Price
4/23 David & Vicki Schroeder (47 years)
4/24 Sue Kopetz
4/25 Linda Ripple; Catherine Spengler
4/26 Jim R. Snow; Alice Stathers
4/29 Warren & Benita Leevy (1 year)
4/30 Lynn Block; Gary Schueller;
Mary Jo Wrigley

4.7.2024

Unit 6

LESSON 3



In today's lesson, "A Whirlwind Ascent," Elijah takes Elisha along as they travel from place to place. Along the way, they meet the sons of the prophets, who warn Elisha of Elijah's impending departure. Upon reaching the Jordan, Elijah parts the river with his cloak, allowing them to cross over. There, Elisha asks to receive a double measure of Elijah's spirit. Chariots and horses of fire appear, and God takes Elijah to heaven in a whirlwind. Gathering his master's cloak, Elisha continues the elder prophet's work.

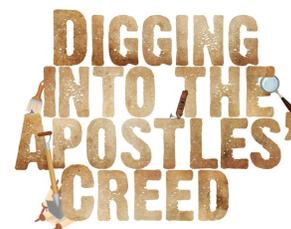
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Mark Your Calendar for

VBS

June 10-14

9-Noon



The Higher Things® Digging Into the Apostles' Creed Vacation Bible School (VBS) focuses on the Apostles' Creed.

Join us as we take our students on an archeological dig to really examine how the Trinity is shown in the Baptism of Jesus and further teach about each person of the Trinity.

Parents of graduating high school or college students... Please list your child's name, date of graduation and name of the school on the back of your attendance card or email the Church Office at plc@pilgrimlutherandecatur.org.

Congregational Spring Banquet

HOSTED BY: LADIES' GUILD

Everyone is welcome!

Please come and enjoy fellowship with all of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

When: Sunday, April 28, 2024

Time: 12:15 P.M. (after second service)

Menu: *Food provided by Cracker Barrel*

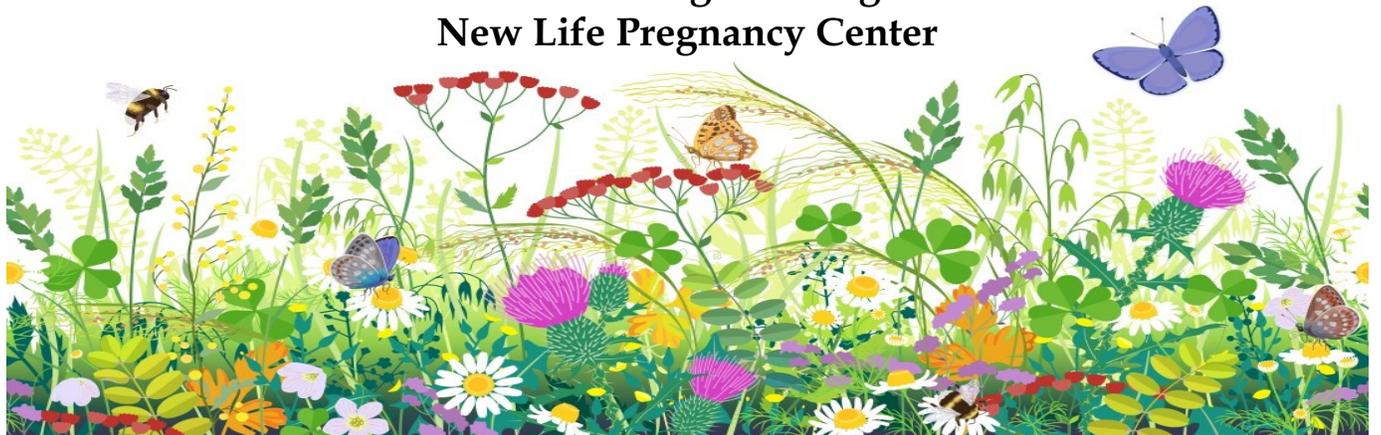
Sugar Cured Ham	Green Beans
Southern Fried Chicken	Biscuits and Corn Muffins
Macaroni and Cheese	Side Salad
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	

Desserts: *Provided by the Ladies' Guild*

Chocolate Sheet Cake	Peach Pie
White Texas Sheet Cake	Pecan Pie
Wine Cake	Coconut Cream Pie
Carrot Cake	Chocolate Pie
Chocolate Lush	Lemon Meringue Pie
Cookies	

Please sign up by April 21st if you plan to attend.

**A free will offering will be given to:
New Life Pregnancy Center**



Our youth and parents would appreciate your support...



12 PYC youth and parents are signed up and ready to go to the **HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE** at Concordia University in Mequon, WI from June 25-28.

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.

If you would like to contribute, please contact Kay Tolly.

What is this year's theme?

WHO AM I? "Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands." Isaiah 49:16a

Identity. More than what do you want to be when you grow up. More than what's expected of you. What do you see when you look in the mirror? What gives you value? What makes you "you"?

Dealing with insecurity, anxiety, and self-hate is hard enough before the pressures of the world, the pressures of your family, your own hopes and wants and dreams, and even the pressures of the church make this question debilitating. So Jesus baptizes you. Your identity is here. A child of God. It gives shape to the rest. It gives shape to your role as a man, a woman. It gives promise to your vocation. It even gives answer to your sin.

You don't identify by that anymore. Not by what you've done. By what's been done for you. Who am I? A Christian. You're found in the wounds of the Savior. Your identity starts there.

Why Higher Things conferences?

The mission of Higher Things is to make the Gifts of Christ Jesus known to youth and young adults. Since 2000, Higher Things has held a total of 55 Lutheran youth conferences! In 2024, they have added three more to that list.

We participate in these conferences because we are convinced that youth need solid teaching and experiences that will nurture a lasting Christian faith. Higher Things believes in challenging youth to learn the pure doctrine of the Christian faith. By teaching them the same message that they already hear at home and at Pilgrim, 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.