



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 16



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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



April 21, 2024

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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- 4/14

General Fund: 22,339.67

Christian Sharing: 10.00

Sunday School: 11.00

Memorials: 150.00

Loose: 80.00

CDs: 45.00

Donuts: 73.00

Total: 22,708.67

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- 4/24 10:30 **Last** Bible Class
- 12:00 Wednesday Worship
- 4:15-6:00 **Last** Midweek Grades 1-6
7th Grade Confirmation
- 4/25 8:00 Quilters
- 4/28 12:15 Ladies' Guild Spring Banquet
- 6/10 9:00-12:00 VBS (Monday-Friday)

ATTENDANCE

- 4/14 Sun 8:00 service: 106
- Sun 10:45 service: 67
- Adult Bible Class: 104
- Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 11
- 4/17 Wednesday 10:30 Bible Class: 33
- Wednesday 12:00 service: 45

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!

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.

SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistant/Acolyte 4/28 Sunday **8:00**

Allen Kilzer **10:45** Don Mast

Ushers 4/28 Sunday **8:00** Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter;

Ron Kelm **10:45** Stan Lange; Craig Goepfing; Bob Meadows; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; Gary Winchester

Coffee Servers 4/24 Wed Ron Kelm

4/28 Sunday Mattias & Brandilyn Wegmann

Financial Counters 4/28 Sunday Kevin Ripple;

Bob Ellis; Drew Gensler; Steve Myrvold

Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up 4/28 Sunday Jane

Martin; Sarah Marsaglia; Carrie Thompson

Greeters 4/28 Sunday **8:00** Loren & Melinda Hiser **10:45** Steve & Bev Myrvold

Trustees Week of 4/21 Don Mast; Cory Ritter;

Eric Mast; Jim Snow; Paul Phillips; Ted Workman; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control

- 5/11 Rick & RaeAnn Campbell (51 years)
5/12 Jerry Ellis; Debra Perkins
5/13 Tim Block; Cheryl Friend; Vicky Lueck; Richard Rotz
5/14 Gary & Bev Winchester (57 years)
5/15 Landon Wise
5/16 Violet Bean
5/17 Doris Teela
Mike & Robin Williams (38 years)
5/18 Doug & Vicky Lueck (5 years)
5/19 RaeAnn Campbell
Ben & Julie Jedlicka (46 years)
5/20 Tim & Lesley Ellison (29 years)
5/21 Norma Cooper
5/22 Amy Carlen
5/25 Scarlett Moore
5/27 Kim Letterly; Debbie Ripple; Davis Wegmann; Lynette White
5/30 Ruth Ann Thompson
John & Rita Mickler (54 years)
5/31 Parker Kilzer; Brenda Workman



Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 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 Levy (1 year)
4/30 Lynn Block; Gary Schueller; Mary Jo Wrigley



Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 5/1 Bob Larson
5/2 Wayne Buesking; Carol Goebel
5/3 Dylan Duzan; Mike Norris
5/4 Brian & Amy Cassell (23 years)
5/5 Larry Sutherland
Terry & Bonnie Propst (46 years)
Gary & Brenda Workman (45 years)
5/6 Larry Henrichsmeyer
5/9 Rich Lanier; Vicki Schroeder; Emily Scott

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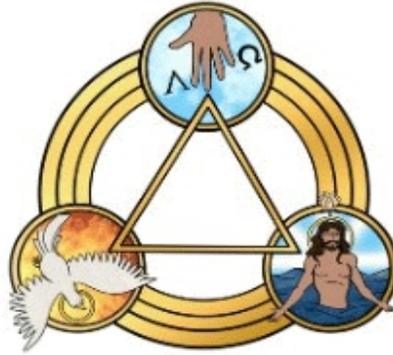
Unit 6 LESSON 5



“Unwilling Prophet” is the title of this week’s lesson. Jonah, a reluctant prophet, tries to flee God’s calling to declare His message to Nineveh. Attempting to escape by boat, Jonah finds himself cast into the sea, swallowed by a great fish, praying for deliverance, and spit up on the beach three days later. The people of Nineveh receive and respond to the message Jonah delivers, repenting of their sins before God. Angered at God’s mercy, Jonah heads out of the city to sulk. There, God reminds Jonah who is in control.

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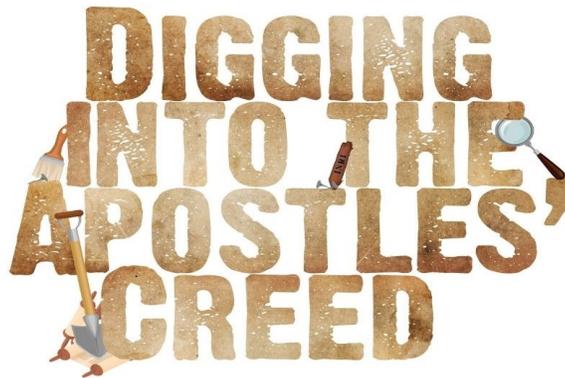


MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR VBS!

JUNE 10-14, 2024

9AM-NOON

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.
PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP.
SIGN-UPS AND STUDENT REGISTRATION
ARE IN THE WORSHIP FOLDERS!



**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.**

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.

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**

