



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 28



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**Patti's office is open: Mon-Thurs 7 a.m. to Noon
and 1 to 4 p.m. and Friday 7 a.m. to Noon.**

ATTENDANCE 7/25

8:00 service: 111

10:45 service: 104

Adult Bible classes: 84

Sunday School N3-High School: 11

WILL YOU GIVE OF YOUR TIME ONCE A MONTH?

Needed: Two people to clean up communion the 2nd Sunday each month. It does not require a lot of time and it would be a BIG help. Contact Jane Martin 217-877-0996, who Chairs the Chancel Guild.



Linda Workman will start **choir rehearsal on August 26 at 6:00 P.M.**

Time to warm up those voices!

If you plan to attend please let Kay Tolly know, 217.358.4401 or email

kt2155@gmail.com .

Fridays: 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. sanctuary reserved

OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 7/25

General: 6,926.37

Christian Sharing: 111

Sunday School: 6

Loose: 60

CDs: 5

Donuts/Milk/Coffee: 37.34

ULMA: 1,000

Total: 8,145.71



Our family would like to **thank all** of you for your prayers, concerns and donations for our daughter, Tammi and granddaughters, Abi and Avri, after the devastating house fire. Thank you never seems to be enough. God has blessed us with a very supportive Church family and for that we are grateful. May God continue to bless each of you with His amazing grace and mercies.

Paul and Patti Zeck

MITE OFFERINGS ... ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box at your convenience. Thank-you. AUGUST mites will go to Lutheran World Relief.



LOOKING FOR FREE CHRISTIAN COUNSELING?

You are more than welcome to call Pilgrim member, Dan Nellis at 217-423-7176.

“HIGHER THINGS” thank-you’s . . .

Dear Pilgrim Family,

Thank you so much for your support of the Higher Things youth conference we recently attended in Grand Rapids, Michigan. It was such a rewarding four days spent learning and strengthening our faith through the worship services, breakaway sessions, and being immersed in God’s Word with so many other Lutherans. What a tremendous blessing!

—Joe, Donna, and Rachel Wisner

Dear congregation,

thank you very much for your support and donations towards the Higher Things fund. I am very blessed to have been able to go to the conference this summer and to have a supportive congregation to help get me there. I loved being able to sing hymns surrounded by hundreds of people who were also passionate about what we were singing. Being around so many Lutherans and learning more about my faith from incredible pastors is an amazing opportunity that I am very thankful I have. Higher Things is the highlight of my summer and I always come back with more knowledge about Christ and a deeper understanding of the Lutheran faith. Thank you!

—Cambell Lanier

Dear Pilgrim Congregation -

Thank you again for the opportunity to be immersed and grow in my faith last week at Higher Things 2021. The theme of this year’s conference was FORGIVEN. We learned daily via sermons and plenary sessions that our forgiveness was secured on the cross - even before the Heaven’s and Earth were formed. When we have moments of doubt when our sin is trying to condemn us we are to look to the crucifix and know with absolute confidence that our sin died when Christ died. Our sins were paid for in hell when Christ suffered for us. What comfort that is

to hear and have reinforced in our faith lives!

We were able to attend 6 breakaway sessions where we could study a variety of topics from The Second Commandment to How To Keep Your Faith After High School to Artwork in the Church (and many MANY more topics). As always, being surrounded with hundreds of confessional, conservative Lutherans is an experience that is nearly indescribable. The sheer volume of heartfelt hymn singing steals your breath away - when nearly 600 people sing Matins, Vespers and ancient hymns about absolution it is hard to keep tears choked back. The earnest love of the Lord shared between all people worshipping in the services is AWESOME!

I am grateful for being able to attend many conferences over the past 8 years with both of my girls. We all agree that these conferences leave us feeling changed for the better and encouraged by the fact that there ARE other conservative, confessional young people "out there." As I prepare to send my youngest off to her Freshman year at college I also realize that these conferences have helped lay the groundwork for their transition to life on a college campus. Being responsible for getting yourself up and out of a dorm to be somewhere on time and have all of the materials you need for a morning of activities - these are skills that are 'practiced' by attending a Higher Things Conference.

Thank you for supporting our youth in this way. Thank you for showing them that, as a congregation, you recognize them as an important part of your faith family. You care about their Spiritual future. Through regular Sunday worship, Sunday School, Mid Week Bible Study, Youth Group and Higher Things conferences this congregation has helped my girls to put on their full armor of God as they become adults. That is something that only comes from our congregation loving each other.

Stanza 3 from Lord Jesus, Think On Me:

"Lord Jesus, think on me Nor let me go astray; Through darkness and perplexity Point out Your chosen way."

This stanza sums up exactly what I pray for all of our Youth as they leave their family homes to embark on their adult lives. Keep them strong in "His chosen way and don't let them go astray." Thank you Pilgrim Lutheran for helping us lay the groundwork for our children and all of the support of their faith lives over the years.

—Your Sister in Christ, Shannon Lanier

SERVING THE LORD

Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up 8/8

Linda Sue & Ted Workman; Jane Martin; Nancy Quandt

Trustees 7/25-8/7

Larry Wolf; Ray Beals; Pete Williams; Brad Roberts; Brett Stenger; Aaron Purcell
Litter Control: Gene Wise

August Ushers

8:00 Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Ron Kelm; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter; Mark Thompson
10:45 Chuck Barnes; Craig Goeppinger; Stan Lange; Terry Massey; Dave Pressley; John Wainwright

Communion Assistant 8/8

8:00 Allen Kilzer 10:45 Doug Ward

Financial Counters 8/8

Steve Myrvold; Kevin Ripple

Coffee Servers 8/8 Larry & Nancy Grischow

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/1 Bob Jacobs; Gary Walters
8/2 Margaret Duncan; Andi Gensler
W David & Earlene Carlen 52 yrs
W Ron & Lois YaDeau 51 yrs
8/3 Allen Hansen
W Jeff & Valerie Cotner 25 yrs
8/4 W Tim & Lynn Block 48 yrs
8/6 W Allen & Kathy Kilzer 38 yrs
W Mark & Sue Kopetz 49 yrs
8/7 W Ellis & Karen Buth 39 yrs
W Mike & Heather Norris 17 yrs
8/8 Wayne Gable; Linda Sue Workman
W Mila & Kevin Coers 40 yrs
W Larry & Nancy Grischow 52 yrs
8/9 Amy Pitzer; Erin Svendsen
8/11 Jim Rodgers
8/12 Palmer Gensler
8/13 W Brock & Beth Abbott 33 yrs
8/14 Mark Pokey
8/15 Kelly Holcomb; Chad Wooters
W Greg & Barb Luka 34 yrs
8/16 Kurt Bickes; Ruth Bork; Loren Hiser; Kelsey Maddox
8/17 Natalie Stout
8/18 Ginny Mosser; Pam Rhoades
8/20 Sylvia Ohlwine
8/21 W Joe & Donna Wisner 28 yrs
8/22 Janet Foster
W Harvey & Ruth Ann Thompson 51 yrs
8/23 Roger German
8/24 Judy Arnold; Rick Campbell; Karen Easterling; Kathy Fulk; Warren Leevy
W Bob & Judy McQuality 53 yrs
8/26 McKenna Phillips

- W Steve & Peg Musgrove 21 yrs
8/29 Heather Spengler
8/31 Dian Centers; Violet Massox; Leah Moore; Susie Schoon
W Nelson & Merrilee Lock 2 yrs



- 8/16 6:30 Council meeting
9/7 6:30 Elders meeting
9/12 Catered Lunch and Activities for Pilgrim members. Meal by Warren Catering. We eat at 12:15.



Festivities continue until 3:00 P.M.
Inflatables by Airwalk Action; Mr. Softee Truck and Aaron's Party Balloons. Good food - Good fellowship - Fun - Rally Day is a relaxed time to join together with fellow members. Information on the menu will be announced later in the summer. Look for a "sign up" in August.

- 9/15 Time TBA Wednesday Morning Adult Bible study
4:15-6:00 P.M. Confirmation Classes for Grades 7 & 8
5:00-6:00 P.M. Grades 1-6 will be examining the Six Chief Parts of Christian Doctrine and a study of Worship

Camping

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 BEATY AND THE BEAST
 BLANKET
 BUFFALO
 BUGSPRAY
 CAMPFIRE
 CAMPGROUND
 CAMPING
 CLIFF JUMPING
 DUTCH OVEN
 ELK
 FAMILY REUNION
 FIREHOLE CANYON
 FISHING
 FLASHLIGHT
 FUN

GAMES
 GEYSERS
 HIKING
 HOTDOGS
 ISLAND PARK
 LAKE
 LIFE JACKET
 MARSHMALLOWS
 MONTANA
 MOOSE
 MOSQUITOS
 NATURE
 OLD FAITHFUL
 PILLOW
 PLAYMILL
 PRIZES
 RIVER

ROAD TRIP
 ROCKS
 SLEEPINGBAG
 SMORES
 SOUVENIRS
 SQUIRRELS
 SWIMMINGSUIT
 TENT
 TREES
 TUBING
 VOLLEYBALL
 WATERFALLS
 WILDLIFE
 WOLVES
 WYOMING
 YELLOWSTONE