



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 19



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- 5/5

General Fund: 21,077.50

Christian Sharing: 703.00

Sunday School: 59.50

Misc: 352.79

Loose: 40.00

CDs: 16.00

Donuts: 58.00

ULMA: 40.00

Higher Things Youth Conference: 30.00

Total: 22,376.79

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

5/15 12:00 Wednesday Worship-Communion

5/16 8:00 Quilters

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

MITE OFFERINGS... ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box at your convenience. **MAY** mites will go to United Lutheran Mission Association. Thank you!

ATTENDANCE

5/5 Sun 8:00 service: 96
Sun 10:45 service: 93
Adult Bible Class: 86
Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 10
5/8 Wednesday 12:00 service: 41



SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistant/Acolyte 5/15 Wed Gary Quandt 5/19 Sunday **8:00** Tom Greenwood
10:45 Doug Ward

Ushers 5/19 Sunday **8:00** Don Mast; Eric Mast; John Mickler; Jim M. Snow; Jim R. Snow; Ron Kelm **10:45** Joe Marsaglia; Paul Giesler; Bruce Gifford; Loren Hiser; Dave Schroeder; Chad Wooters

Coffee Servers 5/19 Sunday Tim & Lesley Ellison
Financial Counters 5/19 Sunday John Mickler; Ellis V. Buth; Dain Friend; Paul Zeck

Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up 5/19 Sunday Steve & Jennifer Gensler; Don & Jo-Anne Mast; Patti Zeck; Jane Martin

Greeters 5/19 Sunday **8:00** Scott & Rita Perry
10:45 Steve & Carol Goebel

Trustees Week of 5/12 Paul Zeck; Harvey Thompson; Byron Brown; Bob Ellis; Doug Lueck; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



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
- 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

5.12.2024

Unit 6
LESSON 8



Today's lesson, "The Praying King," tells the account of Hezekiah. When Hezekiah becomes king over Judah, he removes the altars and idols. Having conquered Israel, the king of Assyria attacks Judah, mocking Hezekiah and God. Reassured by the prophet Isaiah, Hezekiah appeals to God to uphold and protect His people. Isaiah responds by prophesying the defeat of Sennacherib's army. That night, the angel of the Lord strikes down 185,000 of the Assyrians.

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We need to add a couple more volunteers to our Substitute Organist Service (SOS) team.

If you can work an iPad and would be willing to be part of the team, please let me know.

We can get together for training and you will have the opportunity to sit with one of the other team members to observe how it's done during a service. May 15 is the next time it will be used.

Thank you!

~Kay Tolly

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"?

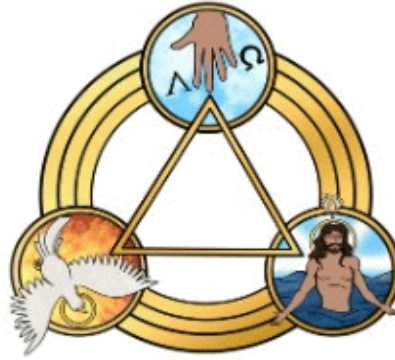
Dealing with insecurity, anxiety, and self-hate is hard enough before the pressures of the world, the pressures of your family, your own hopes and wants and dreams, and even the pressures of the church make this question debilitating. So Jesus baptizes you. Your identity is here. A child of God. It gives 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?

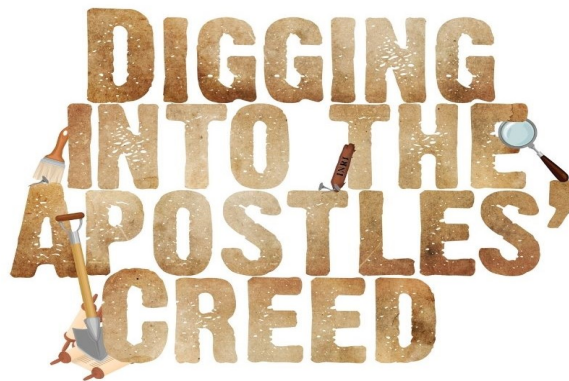
The mission of Higher Things is to make the Gifts of Christ Jesus known to youth and young adults. Since 2000, Higher Things has held a total of 55 Lutheran youth conferences! In 2024, they have added three more to that list.

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.



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.**

“DIGGING INTO THE APOSTLES’ CREED”

VBS T-Shirt Orders

Place orders by **Sunday, May 19**

VBS T-shirts will be available for anyone who would like one.
T-shirts will be available free of charge to visitors during VBS.

If you can pay for the shirts, the cost is listed below.

If you are unable, we will cover the cost.

If anyone would like to make a donation to help offset the cost,
please designate “t-shirt” on your check and give to the office or Kay Tolly.

DO NOT PUT T-SHIRT MONEY IN THE OFFERING BOX.

Please place your order by **Sunday, May 19.**

You may place your order by signing up on the easel in the narthex,
by calling 877-2444 or by emailing me at kt2155@gmail.com.

WE NEED TO KNOW THE QUANTITY AND SIZE (Youth or Adult).

**WHEN ORDERING BY PHONE, PLEASE INDICATE THE SIZES (Youth or Adult)
AND THE QUANTITY OF EACH SIZE**

**T-shirts will be navy blue
with the VBS logo on the front.**

Youth sizes XS=2-4; S=6-8; M=10-12; L=14-16

Adult Sizes S-XXL

Youth XS-Adult XL- \$15.00

XXL- \$18.00

