



# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 21



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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



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**Office Hours:**

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- 5/19

General Fund: 12,725.00  
Christian Sharing: 11.00  
Sunday School: 21.00  
Misc: 2,096.24  
CDs: 2.00  
Personal Purchase by Member: 18.00  
Donuts: 64.00  
ULMA: 500.00  
Higher Things Youth Conference: 1,000.00  
Total: 16,437.24

## ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

5/27 Church Office closed for Memorial Day  
5/29 12:00 Wednesday Worship  
5/30 8:00 Quilters  
6/10 9:00-12:00 VBS (Monday-Friday)

## ATTENDANCE

5/19 Sun 8:00 service: 117  
Sun 10:45 service: 82  
Adult Bible Class: 100  
Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 11  
5/22 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. **MAY** mites will go to United Lutheran Mission Association. **JUNE** mites will go to Braille Workers. Thank you!



## SERVING THE LORD

### Communion Assistant/Acolyte 6/2 Sunday

**8:00** Gary Quandt **10:45** Don Mast

**Ushers** 6/2 Sunday **8:00** Stan Lange; Craig Goepfinger; Terry Massey; Bob Meadows; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; Gary Winchester  
**10:45** Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter; Mark Thompson

**Coffee Servers** 6/2 Sunday Jim & Linda Snow

**Financial Counters** 6/2 Sunday Rich Lanier; Harvey Thompson; Steve Musgrove; Gary Schueller

**Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up** 6/2 Sunday Shirley McMillen; Dian Centers; Bev Myrvold; Linda Ripple; Tim & Lynn Block; Amanda Block

**Greeters** 6/2 Sunday **8:00** Jim & Linda Snow  
**10:45** Barbara Buesking

**Trustees** Week of 5/26 Don Mast; Cory Ritter; Eric Mast; Jim Snow; Paul Phillips; Ted Workman; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



### Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 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

- 6/1 Ellie Gensler; Ashley Whisnant  
6/2 Kelly Carlson; Rachel Gensler; Dave Pressley  
6/3 Hadley Carlson; Joe Marsaglia; Bob Meadows  
Joe & Sarah Marsaglia (29 years)  
6/4 Betty Budde; Emily Williams  
Chris & Rita Wise (13 years)  
6/5 Ray & Linda Beals (60 years)  
6/6 Sue Black  
6/7 Alexis Cassell  
John & Cathy Anderson (49 years)  
David & Julie Pangrac (44 years)  
Brett & Emily Stenger (16 years)  
6/8 Debbie Taylor

- 6/9 Andrew Scott  
6/10 Harold & Joan Treichler (3 years)  
6/11 Leslie Roberts; Asher Rager  
Terry & Chris Massey (47 years)  
6/12 Roger Letterly  
6/14 Gary Workman  
Bob & Doris Teela (38 years)  
6/15 Craig & Jackie Goepfinger (28 years)  
6/17 Orville Fulk; Nancy Grischow; Paul Zeck  
Matt & Rebekah Christoffersen (7 years)  
Don & Jo-Anne Mast (26 years)  
6/18 Shannon Binder; Samuel Cotner; Maryann Kissel; Ron Wagner  
6/20 Lucas Abbott; Jim M. Snow  
6/22 Stan & Gayle Lange (28 years)  
Paul & Donna Phillips (45 years)  
6/23 Nelson Lock; Lizzie Snow; Lucy Snow;  
Renee Wilson  
Cory & Jan Ritter (17 years)  
Paul & Patti Zeck (56 years)  
6/24 Bev Myrvold  
Grant & Ella Abbott (2 years)  
6/25 Rick Leach; Carolyn Rau; Amber Saul;  
Chris Wise  
6/26 Gary Quandt; Adam Rutherford  
6/27 Jackie Goepfinger  
6/28 Derek Ames; Judy Greenwood; Connie Henry-Henschen; Braeden Lee; Ken Wrigley  
Mark & Paula Scott (38 years)  
6/29 Barb Luka; Nancy Quandt  
6/30 Amanda Block; David Bryan  
Greg & Michele Collingwood (34 years)



Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his saints.

Psalm 116:15

5.26.2024  
Unit 6  
LESSON 10



“A Fiery Marvel” is the title of today’s lesson. Despite King Nebuchadnezzar’s directive to bow before his golden statue, three faithful Israelites ignore the order. In a burning rage, the king orders Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to be tossed into a flaming furnace heated seven times hotter than usual. To the king’s astonishment, four men appear in the furnace, and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego emerge unharmed—not even smelling of fire. Realizing the power of God, Nebuchadnezzar promotes these faithful men and praises the true God.

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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.

Thank you!

~Kay Tolly



**WE ARE ADOPTING AN ALL-CONGREGATION TEXTING/EMAIL COMMUNICATION SERVICE**

- Closing & cancellation notifications, eliminating the need for individual phone calls
- Important updates
- Reminders and communication for specific groups
- Easy to sign up
- Sign up to receive texts or emails or both
- Your information is private
- No spam
- Unsubscribe at any time
- If you don't text or email NOTIFY us and you will still receive a phone call from the office
- There is no charge for this service but your carrier message and data rates may apply.

**Help us to communicate important information to you by signing up NOW!**

**TEXT**

to this number

**84576**

the letters

**PLC**

and you will

receive a

welcome

notification

OR Sign up at  
pilgrimlutheranchurch1.  
flocknote.com

**Please contact Kay Tolly if you need assistance or have questions.**

## 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.

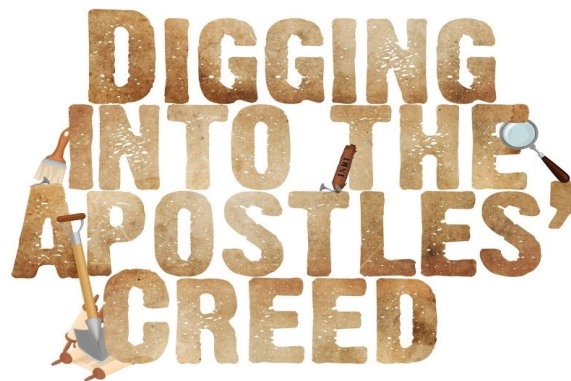
We participate in these conferences because we are convinced that youth need solid teaching and experiences that will nurture a lasting Christian faith. Higher Things believes in challenging youth to learn the pure doctrine of the Christian faith. By teaching them the same message that they already hear 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 OR  
YOU CAN SIGN UP ONLINE AT  
<https://forms.gle/uKMuTnV3LfGBCz6q9>



**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.**



# June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	3 6:30 Elders' Meeting	4	5 12:00 Wed Worship Communion	6 8:00 Braille at LSA 8:00 Quilters	7	8
9 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	10 9:00-12:00 VBS	11 9:00-12:00 VBS	12 9:00-12:00 VBS 12:00 Wed Worship	13 8:00 Quilters 9:00-12:00 VBS	14 9:00-12:00 VBS	15
16 <b>Father's Day</b> 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	17 6:30 Council Meeting	18 6:00 WTS Meeting	19 12:00 Wed Worship Communion	20 8:00 Quilters	21	22
23 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	24	25	26 12:00 Wed Worship	27 8:00 Quilters	28	29
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