



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 23



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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



June 9, 2024

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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- 6/2

General Fund: 16,172.00

Christian Sharing: 5.00

Sunday School: 21.00

CDs: 17.00

Personal Purchase by Member: 456.14

Donuts: 61.00

Total: 16,732.14

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

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

6/12 12:00 Wednesday Worship

6/13 8:00 Quilters

MITE OFFERINGS... ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box at your convenience. **JUNE** mites will go to Braille Workers. Thank you!

ATTENDANCE

6/2 Sun 8:00 service: 107

Sun 10:45 service: 82

Adult Bible Class: 100

Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 9

6/5 Wednesday 12:00 service: 42



SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistant/Acolyte 6/16 Sunday

8:00 Allen Kilzer 10:45 Greg Collingwood

Ushers 6/16 Sunday 8:00 Stan Lange; Craig Goeppinger; 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 6/16 Sunday Kathy Fulk; Ron Kelm

Financial Counters 6/16 Sunday John Mickler; Ellis V. Buth; Dain Friend; Paul Zeck

Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up 6/16 Sunday
Steve & Jennifer Gensler; Don & Jo-Anne Mast; Patti Zeck; Jane Martin

Greeters 6/16 Sunday 8:00 Pete & Sue Williams
10:45 Paul Giesler; Megan Wooters

Trustees Week of 6/9 Larry Wolf; Pete Williams; Brad Roberts; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



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
6/11 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 Goeppinger (28 years)
6/17 Orville Fulk; Nancy Grischow; Paul Zeck
Matt & Rebekah Christoffersen (7 years)
Don & Jo-Anne Mast (26 years)

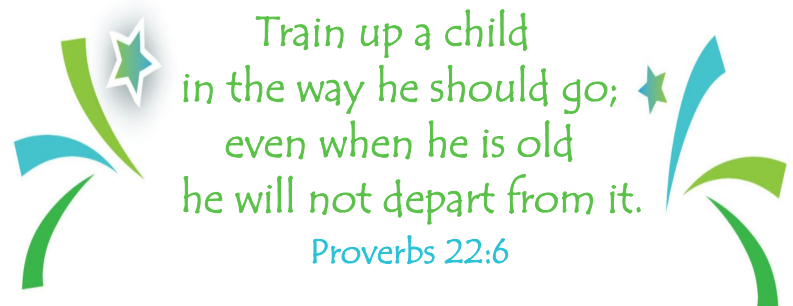
- 6/18 Shannon Binder; Samuel Cotner; Maryann Kissel; Ron Wagner
6/20 Lucas Abbott; Jim M. Snow
6/22 Stan & Gayle Lange (28 years)
Paul & Donna Phillips (45 years)
6/23 Nelson Lock; Lizzie Snow; Lucy Snow; Renee Wilson
Cory & Jan Ritter (17 years)
Paul & Patti Zeck (56 years)
6/24 Bev Myrvold
Grant & Ella Abbott (2 years)
6/25 Rick Leach; Carolyn Rau; Amber Saul; Chris Wise
6/26 Gary Quandt; Adam Rutherford
6/27 Jackie Goeppinger
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)

6.9.2024 Unit 6 LESSON 12



“The Rescuing Queen” is the title for this week’s lesson. Displeased with Queen Vashti’s behavior, King Ahasuerus banishes her and seeks a new queen. Esther pleases the king, who chooses her out of all the eligible women of the kingdom. Esther’s guardian, Mordecai, uncovers a plot against the Jews spearheaded by Haman, one of the king’s officials. Risking her life, Esther reveals the plot to the king; this saves the Jewish people and brings Haman to justice.

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

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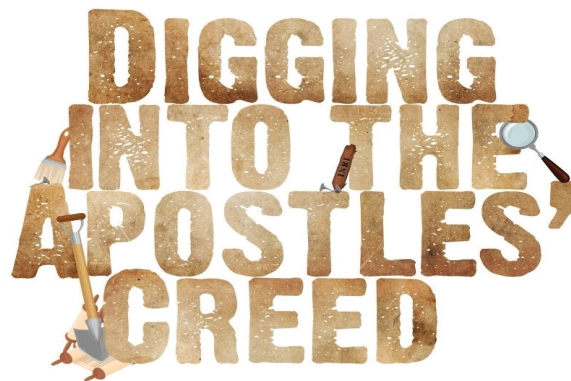
OR Sign up at
pilgrimlutheranchurch1.flocknote.com

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



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.**

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.