



# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 24



**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- 6/9

General Fund: 15,136.70

Christian Sharing: 760.00

Sunday School: 11.00

Misc: 1,893.70

Loose: 50.00

CDs: 1.00

VBS: 20.00

Personal Purchase by Member: 35.00

Donuts: 72.00

Higher Things Youth Conference: 200.00

Total: 18,179.40

## ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

6/17 6:30 Council Meeting

6/18 6:00 WTS Meeting

6/19 12:00 Wednesday Worship-Communion

6/20 8:00 Quilters

## ATTENDANCE

6/9 Sun 8:00 service: 121

Sun 10:45 service: 72

Adult Bible Class: 99

Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 10

6/12 Wednesday 12:00 service: 51

**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!

*But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue,*

**"DO NOT FEAR,  
ONLY BELIEVE."**

----- *Mark 5:36* -----



## SERVING THE LORD

**Communion Assistant/Acolyte** 6/19 Wed Gary Quandt 6/23 Sunday 8:00 Tom Greenwood **10:45** Don Mast

**Ushers** 6/23 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** 6/23 Sunday Kurt & Wendy Bickes

**Financial Counters** 6/23 Sunday Kevin Ripple; Bob Ellis; Drew Gensler; Steve Myrvold

**Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up** 6/23 Sunday Jane Martin; Sarah Marsaglia; Carrie Thompson

**Greeters** 6/23 Sunday 8:00 Dick & Dona Bailey **10:45** Byron & Nancy Brown

**Trustees** Week of 6/16 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)

6.16.2024

Unit 6  
LESSON 13



In today's lesson, "Return to Rebuild," after returning from exile, the children of Israel gather to begin rebuilding the temple. They start making sacrifices as soon as the altar is rebuilt, even though the temple foundations await repair. Ezra reads from the Book of the Law as the people humble themselves before the Lord. When the labors of rebuilding are complete, the Levites assign men to regular service in the temple.

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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

## 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.