



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 13



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.
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 3/16 & 3/23

3/16:

General Fund: 12,901.67
Walther Theological Seminary: 200.00
Christian Sharing: 40.00
Memorials: 515.00
CDs: 2.00
Donuts: 19.00
Total: 13,677.67

3/23:

General Fund: 11,975.00
Christian Sharing: 40.00
Altar Flowers: 25.00
Sunday School: 5.00
PYC/PKC: 165.00
CDs: 1.00
Donuts: 95.00
Total: 12,306.00

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- 3/30 4:00-6:00 PYC/PKC
Family Fun Day at the DISC
- 3/31 4:30 Chancel Choir
- 4/2 10:30 Bible Class
12:00 Wednesday Lent Worship-Communion
4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6
7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
7:00 Wednesday Lent Worship-Communion
- 4/3 8:00 Quilters
- 6/9 9:00-12:00 VBS (Monday-Friday)

ATTENDANCE

- 3/23 Sun 8:00 service: 114
Sun 10:45 service: 68
Adult Bible Class: 103
Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 7
- 3/26 Wednesday 10:30 Bible Class: 42
Wednesday Lent 12:00 service: 74
Wednesday Lent 7:00 service: 25

MITE OFFERINGS... ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box at your convenience. **MARCH** mites will go to United Lutheran Mission Association. **APRIL** mites will go to Braille Workers.



SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistant/Acolyte 4/2 Wed

12:00 Allen Kilzer **7:00** Doug Ward 4/6 Sunday

8:00 Tom Greenwood **10:45** Greg Collingwood

Ushers 4/2 Wed **12:00** Stan Lange's Team

7:00 Tim White's Team 4/6 Sunday **8:00** Tim

White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry;

Cory Ritter **10:45** Stan Lange; Will Bryan; Craig

Goeppinger; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley;

Gary Winchester

Coffee Servers 4/2 Wed Paul & Patti Zeck

4/6 Sunday Jim & Linda Snow

Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up 4/6 Sunday

Shirley McMillen; Dian Centers; Bev Myrvold;

Linda Ripple; Tim & Lynn Block; Amanda Block

Financial Counters 4/6 Sunday Mark Ames; John

Crowe; Tim Ellison; Paul Giesler

Greeters 4/6 Sunday **8:00** Loren & Melinda Hiser

10:45 Joe & Sarah Marsaglia

Trustees Week of 3/30 Larry Wolf; Pete

Williams; Brad Roberts; Gene & Linda Wise-

Litter control



Birthdays & Anniversaries

3/31 Terry Massey

Kenny & Linda Ripple (58 years)



Birthdays and Anniversaries

4/1 Robin Breeden; Mary Jo Ward

4/2 Will Bryan; Warner Gensler

4/3 Mike & Kathy O'Bryan (54 years)

4/4 Allison Ruwe; Brittany Williams

4/5 Chad & Megan Wooters (17 years)

4/6 Ellis V. Buth; Mary Ann Driskell;

Bryant Taylor; Linda Wise

Dick & Dona Bailey (52 years)

4/8 Byron Brown; Penny McBride; Susan Ruwe

Kevin & Debbie Ripple (30 years)

4/9 Cameron Letterly

4/11 Hayden Ater; Jo-Anne Mast

4/13 Paulette Browne; Tim Ellison; Paula Scott;

Margo Tschetter

4/14 Larry Grischow; Emmett Stenger

4/15 Dorothy Dittus

4/16 Tom Greenwood; Lesa Mills; Lindsey Rotz

4/17 Patti Zeck

4/19 Allen Kilzer

4/20 Jaimie Ford; Gayle Lange; Mike O'Bryan;
Brett Stenger

4/21 Dana Embrey

4/22 Dorothy Price

4/23 Dave & Vicki Schroeder (48 years)

4/24 Sue Kopetz

4/25 Linda Ripple; Catherine Spengler

4/26 Jim R. Snow

4/29 Warren & Benita Levy (2 years)

4/30 Lynn Block; Gary Schueller; Mary Jo Wrigley

3.30.2025 LESSON 2



This week's lesson is "A Walking Wonder." A man who had never been able to walk lies by the Beautiful Gate and begs Peter and John for alms. Having no gold or silver to give him, they offer him something better—complete healing. Leaping for joy, the man praises God for His miraculous healing, and Peter uses the opportunity to teach about the true Savior. The Jewish Council asks Peter and John by whose power they performed this miracle, so they witness concerning the power of the risen Christ. Being warned against speaking further concerning Jesus, Peter and John assert that they must continue to speak the Gospel.

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Jean Mueller is coordinating our Easter Morning Breakfast on April 20 and she is in need of your help with the following:

6:45-7:45 a.m.

Set up - 2 helpers

9:00 a.m.

Keep trays filled & Clean up
2 helpers

**Please contact Jean at 217-877-4060
if you are able to help.
Thank you!**

*Thank you to my Pilgrim family
for all the prayers and visits
during my recent illness.*

*In Christ,
Ron Kelm*

A large circular image of a Yellowstone landscape with mountains and a field. Three smaller circular insets are overlaid: the left one shows the Mount Rushmore monument, the middle one shows two people on horseback, and the right one shows a group of people in a boat on a lake. The year "2026" is written in white circles on the bottom left and right of the main image.

**NEW DATES
2026**

**JOIN PILGRIM
MEMBERS ON A TRIP
TO YELLOWSTONE
AND BEYOND...**

2026 **2026**

**NEW DATES AND INFO COMING FOR
JUNE 2026!**
**CONTACT KAY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THE LIST TO
RECEIVE INFO**

- Yellowstone National Park w/ Guide
- Cody Night Rodeo
- Buffalo Jeep Safari
- Crazy Horse Memorial

- Mt. Rushmore
- Golden Spike Tower
- Triangle X Float Trip
- Old Trail Town
- Custer State Park
- Trial of Jack McCall

- National Museum of Military Vehicles
- Badlands National Park
- Corn Palace
- Wall Drug

Contact Kay Tolly at 217-358-4401 to sign up! Email: kt2155@gmail.com

Our youth and parents would appreciate your support...

12 PYC youth and parents are signed up and ready to go to the 2025 HIGHER THINGS CONFERENCE!

July 29-August 1, 2025
Calvin University
Grand Rapids, Michigan



What's this year's theme?

All Things New

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" (Revelation 21:5)

The one who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Jesus promises that just as He is risen, we will rise. The last great enemy has been destroyed. Everlasting life belongs to all who believe... one day.

But for us, some days, that day feels far away. Like it'll never come... like it's been made for someone other than you.

Dear one, hear the promise for you today, too. "Behold, I am making all things new."... right now. It doesn't just mean that one day, everything will be fixed. It means that things are allowed to be broken today. Nothing can be so damaged that it can't be made new. Nothing broken will stay that way. There is a resurrection of all flesh.

We can look forward with hope, even when everything falls apart around us. The promise isn't held at arm's length. When today is still broken, He who sits on the throne wants you to cling to the promise now. You are already a child of God, and so you are already a child of the resurrection. Call the sin that destroys what it is. Call death the last great enemy. It has already been defeated.

Live a steadfast faith today no matter what things look like because you rest on a yesterday that was made whole on the cross. Realize that God hates the same things you war against too, but he has already won the victory... the victory that makes **All Things New**.

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!

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.



APRIL 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 10:30 Bible Class 12:00 Lent Wed Worship Communion 4:15-6 Midweek Grades 1-6 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Lent Wed Worship Communion	3 8:00 Quilters	4	5
6 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	7 1:30 Ladies' Guild Meeting 4:15 Chancel Choir 6:30 Elders' Meeting	8	9 LAST 10:30 Bible Class 12:00 Lent Wed Worship 4:15-6 LAST Midweek for Grades 1-6 & 7 th Grade Confirmation only; 8 th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Lent Wed Worship	10 8:00 Quilters	11	12
13 Palm Sunday 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School All-Purpose Room Reserved	14 4:15 Chancel Choir	15 6:00 WTS Board Meeting	16 All Wednesday Activities Canceled for Holy Week	17 8:00 Quilters 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	18 7:00 Good Friday Service	19
20 Easter 8:00 & 10:45 Worship 9:30 Easter Breakfast Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	21 4:15 Chancel Choir 6:30 Council Meeting	22	23 12:00 Wed Worship 4:15-6 8 th Grade Confirmation	24 8:00 Quilters	25	26
27 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School PARENTS of 8th Grade Confirmands pick up robes in the library.	28	29	30 12:00 Wed Worship 4:15-6 8 th Grade Confirmation Confirmation Pictures			