



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 20



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 5/11

General Fund: 12,443.67
Walther Theological Seminary: 100.00
Christian Sharing: 100.00
Altar Flowers: 12.50
Sunday School: 1.00
Memorials: 885.00
Loose: 65.00
CDs: 1.00
Personal purchase by member: 75.00
Donuts: 65.00
Total: 13,748.17

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

5/19 6:30 Council Meeting
5/20 6:00 WTS Board of Trustees Meeting
5/21 12:00 Wednesday Worship-Communion
5/22 8:00 Quilters
6/9 9:00-12:00 VBS (Monday-Friday)

ATTENDANCE

5/11 Sun 8:00 service: 125
Sun 10:45 service: 94
Adult Bible Class: 102
Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 13
5/14 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 Lutheran World Relief.



For you shall go out in JOY
and be led forth in PEACE.

Isaiah 55:12, ESV

SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistants Wed 5/21 Allen Kilzer
Sunday 5/25 8:00 Tom Greenwood **10:45** Greg Collingwood

Ushers 5/25 Sunday 8:00 Don Mast; Eric Mast; John Mickler; Jim M. Snow; Jim R. Snow
10:45 Joe Marsaglia; Grant Abbott; Paul Giesler; Bruce Gifford; Loren Hiser; Dave Schroeder; Chad Wooters

Communion Set up & Clean Up 5/25 Sunday
Jane Martin; Sarah Marsaglia; Carrie Thompson

Coffee Servers 5/25 Sunday Tim & Lesley Ellison

Financial Counters 5/25 Sunday Rich Lanier; Rick Leach; Steve Musgrove; Gary Schueller

Greeters 5/25 Sunday 8:00 Dick & Dona Bailey
10:45 Joe & Sarah Marsaglia

Trustees Week of 5/18 Larry Wolf; Pete Williams; Brad Roberts; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 5/1 Bob Larson
- 5/2 Wayne Buesking; Carol Goebel
- 5/3 Morgan Brown; Dylan Duzan; Mike Norris
- 5/4 Brian & Amy Cassell (24 years)
- 5/5 Gary & Brenda Workman (46 years)
- 5/6 Larry Henrichsmeyer
- 5/9 Duane Beals; Rich Lanier; Vicki Schroeder; Emily Scott
- 5/11 Rick & RaeAnn Campbell (52 years)
- 5/12 Jerry Ellis; Debbie Perkins
- 5/13 Tim Block; Cheryl Friend; Vicky Lueck; Richard Rotz
- 5/14 Gary & Bev Winchester (58 years)
- 5/15 Landon Wise
- 5/17 Doris Teela
Mike & Robin Williams (39 years)
- 5/18 Doug & Vicky Lueck (6 years)
- 5/19 RaeAnn Campbell
Ben & Julie Jedlicka (47 years)
- 5/20 Tim & Lesley Ellison (30 years)
- 5/21 Norma Cooper
- 5/22 Amy Carlen
- 5/25 Scarlett Moore
- 5/27 Kim Letterly; Debbie Ripple; Davis Wegmann; Lynette White
- 5/28 Todd & Dana Embrey (32 years)
- 5/30 Ruth Ann Thompson
John & Rita Mickler (55 years)
- 5/31 Parker Kilzer; Brenda Workman

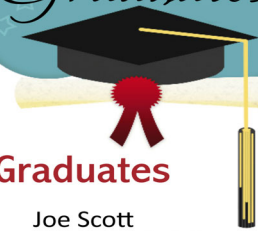
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LESSON 9



This week's Bible lesson is "The Unknown Revealed." As Paul waits for the other disciples to join him in Athens, he spends time in discussion with philosophers and others in the marketplace. Many temples and altars fill the city of Athens, including an altar dedicated to the "unknown god." One day, Paul speaks at the Areopagus—also called Mars Hill. He uses the altar to the unknown god as an opportunity to teach the people concerning the true God.

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GOD BLESS YOU Graduates



2025 Graduates

- 5/9/2025 Joe Scott
ABeka High School
- 5/10/2025 Rachel Wisner
Eastern Illinois University
Bachelor's of Science in Business
with Accounting Major
- 5/17/2025 Cambell Lanier
U of I Champaign Urbana
- 5/18/2025 Josh Bryan
Sangamon Valley High School

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give
you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11, NIV

Please Check Your Closets

Marvin Rau is missing a blue
raincoat with his name inside.

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.

Mark Your Calendar for VBS

June 9-13

9-Noon



This year at our Higher Things VBS we will focus on The Lord's Prayer. Join us as we learn the Introduction, the 7 petitions, the Conclusion and what they mean to us in our lives.

As always, we will have snack time, music, recreation and crafts.

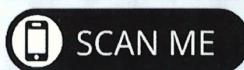
Use the QR Code or link for Student Registration

**You can also sign up on the registration forms in the
worship folders**

<https://forms.gle/B4MDRVMn2SpUGr8Z9>



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“Teach Us To Pray” VBS T-Shirt Orders

Place orders by **Sunday, May 18, 2025**

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 18. 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 size (Youth or Adult) and quantity of each size.

T-shirts will be close to this color.

Youth XS - Adult XL = \$15
XXL = \$18

