



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 23



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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



June 8, 2025

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Office Hours:

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 6/1

General Fund: 20,150.00
Lutheran World Relief: 60.00
Sunday School: 6.00
Loose: 100.00
CDs: 12.00
Personal purchase by member: 35.00
Donuts: 38.80
Total: 20,401.80

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

6/9 9:00-12:00 VBS (Monday-Friday)
6/11 12:00 Wednesday Worship
6/5 8:00 Quilters
6/13 Wedding Rehearsal-Sanctuary Reserved
6/14 Wedding-Sanctuary & All-Purpose Room reserved all day

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 Bethesda Lutheran Communities.

ATTENDANCE

6/1 Sun 8:00 service: 90
Sun 10:45 service: 95
Adult Bible Class: 77
Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 13
6/4 Wednesday 12:00 service: 48



SIGN UP FOR *Bring a friend!*
VBS
June 9-13, 9-Noon

SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistants

6/15 Sunday 8:00 Gary Quandt 10:45 Don Mast

Ushers 6/15 Sunday 8:00 Stan Lange; Will Bryan; Craig Goeppinger; Terry Massey; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; Gary Winchester 10:45 Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter; Mark Thompson

Communion Set up & Clean Up 6/15 Sunday

Steve & Jennifer Gensler; Don & Jo-Anne Mast; Patti Zeck; Jane Martin

Coffee Servers 6/15 Sunday Kathy Fulk; Linda Snow

Financial Counters 6/15 Sunday Kevin Ripple; Bob Ellis; Drew Gensler; Steve Myrvold

Greeters 6/15 Sunday 8:00 Loren & Melinda Hiser 10:45 Rich & Shannon Lanier

Trustees Week of 6/8 Don Mast; Cory Ritter; Eric Mast; Jim Snow; Paul Phillips; Ted Workman; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



- 6/1 Ellie Gensler
6/2 Kelly Carlson; Rachel Gensler; Dave Pressley
6/3 Hadley Carlson; Joe Marsaglia; Robert Meadows
Joe & Sarah Marsaglia (30 years)
6/4 Betty Budde; Emily Williams
6/6 Sue Black
6/7 Alexis Cassell
John & Cathy Anderson (50 years)
David & Julie Pangrac (45 years)
Brett & Emily Stenger (17 years)
6/8 Debbie Taylor
6/9 Andrew Scott
6/11 Asher Rager; Leslie Roberts
Terry & Christine Massey (48 years)
6/12 Roger Letterly
6/14 Gary Workman
6/15 Craig & Jackie Goeppinger (29 years)
6/17 Orville Fulk; Nancy Grischow; Paul Zeck
Matt & Rebekah Christoffersen (8 years)
Don & Jo-Anne Mast (27 years)
6/18 Shannon Binder; Samuel Cotner; Maryann Kissel; Ron Wagner
6/20 Lucas Abbott; Jim M. Snow
6/22 Stan & Gayle Lange (29 years)
Paul & Donna Phillips (46 years)

- 6/23 Emily Foley; Nelson Lock; Lizzie Snow; Lucy Snow; Renee Wilson
Cory & Jan Ritter (18 years)
Paul & Patti Zeck (57 years)
6/24 Bev Myrvold
Grant & Ella Abbott (3 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 (39 years)
6/29 Barb Luka; Nancy Quandt
6/30 Amanda Block; David Bryan
Greg & Michele Collingwood (35 years)

6.8.2025 LESSON 12



The Bible lesson for this week is “All Overboard.” After appealing his right as a Roman citizen, Paul sets sail for Rome under the guard of Julius, a centurion. They try to sail along the coast of Crete, but a fierce storm batters the ship for two weeks, pushing them out to sea. An angel tells Paul the ship will be lost but all aboard will survive. Paul encourages everyone to take heart and have some food. The soldiers cut loose the anchors, and the ship heads toward a beach, where it strikes a reef. All 276 who were aboard arrive safely ashore.

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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
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

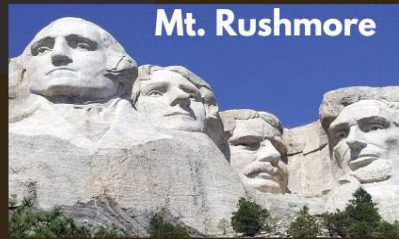
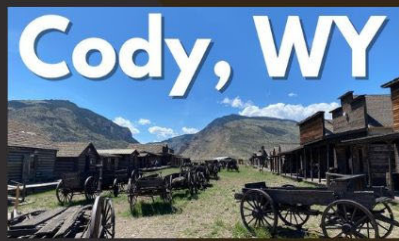
**You can also sign up on the registration forms in the
worship folders**

<https://forms.gle/B4MDRVMn2SpUGr8Z9>



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Join Pilgrim Members On A Trip to Yellowstone & Beyond
(You do not have to be a member to join us)



June 17 to June 30, 2026

- 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
- And More

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