



# 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.

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 6/8

General Fund: 10,832.22  
Walther Theological Seminary: 100.00  
Christian Sharing: 700.00  
Sunday School: 1.00  
Misc: 429.96  
Loose: 91.86  
Personal purchase by member: 199.00  
Donuts: 62.42  
Total: 12,416.46

### ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

6/16 6:30 Council Meeting  
6/17 6:00 WTS Board Meeting  
6/18 12:00 Wednesday Worship-Communion  
6/19 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 Bethesda Lutheran Communities.

### ATTENDANCE

6/8 Sun 8:00 service: 102  
Sun 10:45 service: 115  
Adult Bible Class: 100  
Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 11  
6/11 Wednesday 12:00 service: 56



## SERVING THE LORD

**Communion Assistants** 6/18 Wed Allen Kilzer

6/22 Sunday 8:00 Tom Greenwood

10:45 Greg Collingwood

**Ushers** 6/22 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** 6/22 Sunday

Jane Martin; Sarah Marsaglia; Carrie Thompson

**Coffee Servers** 6/22 Sunday Kurt & Wendy Bickes

**Financial Counters** 6/22 Sunday Rich Lanier; Rick Leach; Steve Musgrove; Gary Schueller

**Greeters** 6/22 Sunday 8:00 Allen, Kathy & Parker Kilzer 10:45 Joe & Sarah Marsaglia

**Trustees** Week of 6/15 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)

### 6.15.2025 LESSON 13



“To a New Generation” is the title of this week’s Bible lesson. Paul writes this instructive letter to his spiritual son, Timothy. As the pastor of the Church in Ephesus, young Timothy relies on Paul’s experience and advice. Paul’s words to Timothy encourage all believers in Christ: “The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost” (1 Timothy 1:15).

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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!

All Things New

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

July 29-August 1, 2025

Calvin University, Grand Rapids, Michigan



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 historical liturgical practice and its unique focus on God's Gifts of forgiveness, life,

and salvation for us delivered in Word and Sacrament.



**GRAND TETON**  
NATIONAL PARK



**JACKSON HOLE**  
THE LAST OF THE OLD WEST

**Cody, WY**



**Mt. Rushmore**

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



**Yellowstone**



**Grand Prismatic Spring, Midway Geyser Basin, Yellowstone National Park**



**Snake River, Grand Teton National Park**



**Old Faithful**



**Custer State Park, SD**

**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