



# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 25



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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



June 22, 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 6/15

General Fund: 9,645.00

Sunday School: 5.00

Loose: 42.00

Personal purchase by member: 225.00

Donuts: 53.00

Higher Things Youth Conference: 300.00

Total: 10,270.00

### ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

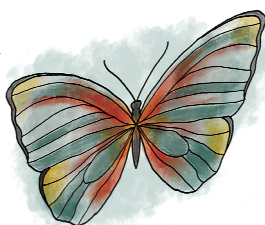
6/25 12:00 Wednesday Worship

6/26 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

6/15 Sun 8:00 service: 115  
Sun 10:45 service: 89  
Adult Bible Class: 93  
Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 10  
6/11 Wednesday 12:00 service: 51



We are in need of volunteers for 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

## SERVING THE LORD

**Communion Assistants** 6/29 Sunday 8:00 Allen Kilzer  
10:45 Doug Ward

**Ushers** 6/29 Sunday 8:00 Stan Lange; Will Bryan;  
Craig Goepfinger; 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** 6/29 Sunday  
Karen Svendsen; Nancy Jacobs; Melinda Hiser;  
Jane Martin; Carrie Thompson

**Coffee Servers** 6/29 Sunday Dick & Dona Bailey

**Financial Counters** 6/29 Sunday Mark Ames;  
John Crowe; Tim Ellison; Paul Giesler

**Greeters** 6/29 Sunday 8:00 Doug & Vicky Lueck  
10:45 Kurt & Wendy Bickes

**Trustees** Week of 6/22 Larry Wolf; Pete Williams;  
Brad Roberts; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



### Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 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 Goepfinger
- 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)



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- 7/1 Julie Pangrac
- 7/2 Caebrin Lee  
Andrew & Mackenzie Mills (14 years)
- 7/3 Dave Schroeder
- 7/7 Pete & Sue Williams (62 years)
- 7/10 Steve & Bev Myrvold (60 years)
- 7/11 Kaye Beals
- 7/12 Robert & Sue Black (51 years)
- 7/13 Brock Abbott; Ryder Saul; Ben Tschetter  
Larry & Nancy Wolf (40 years)

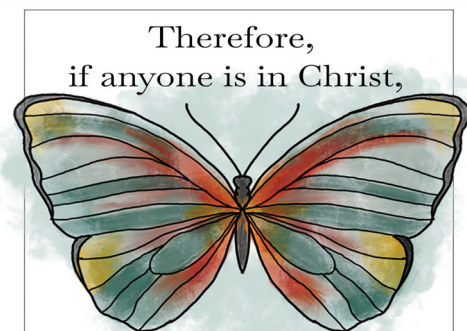
- 7/14 Amy Cassell; Emily Stenger; Brandon Williams  
Brad & Leslie Roberts (46 years)
- 7/15 Doug Lueck  
Mark & Carrie Thompson (8 years)
- 7/18 Mindy Whisnant  
Robert & Robin Breeden (33 years)
- 7/20 Brandilyn Wegmann
- 7/21 Charles Duncan; Orson Hoffman; Amy  
Robinson; Linda Snow
- 7/22 Bill Abbott; Angee Baker
- 7/24 Gloria Beckett; Greg Luka
- 7/25 Rachel Wisner  
Mark & Jo Ames (27 years)  
Drew & Andi Gensler (16 years)
- 7/27 Sharon Carlson  
Byron & Nancy Brown (51 years)
- 7/28 Michele Collingwood
- 7/29 Adam Gensler  
BJ & Lindsey Rotz (19 years)
- 7/30 Blaine Burns; Heather Norris
- 7/31 Nancy Jacobs; Joe Scott  
Brad & Amber Saul (21 years)

### 6.22.2025 LESSON 14



This week, we will study “The Last Call.” Jesus describes His second coming, when the Father will separate believers and unbelievers. He tells how the faithful, by faith, fulfill God’s will, and how the unfaithful will find themselves banished to eternal punishment. John records the words of the risen and glorified Christ in the last chapter of his revelation. There, Christ promises once again to return and gather all believers to Himself: “Surely I am coming soon” (Revelation 22:20).

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Therefore,  
if anyone is in Christ,  
he is a new creation.  
The old has passed away;  
behold, the new has come.  
2 Corinthians 5:17



*I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help in this year's VBS, TEACH US TO PRAY, which was a HIGHER THINGS VBS. THANK YOU teachers, helpers, Pastor Brock & Pastor Lucas for the opening, registration/attendance, crafts, kitchen, music, and the Seek & Find, and thanks to all of you that supplied snacks and cookies. There would be no VBS without all of you! The children and youth (32 visitors) had a great time and learned about The Lord's Prayer. ~Kay Tolly*

**Our youth and parents would appreciate your monetary 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

If you're able to help us offset the cost for our youth to attend, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please make checks out to Pilgrim Lutheran Church and put Higher Things in the memo or give cash directly to Kay or the office.








**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