



# 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 6/7**

General Fund: 65,486.22  
Walther Theological Seminary: 100.00  
Christian Sharing: 765.00  
Altar Flowers: 25.00  
Memorials: 25.00  
Misc: 36.00  
Loose: 2.00  
CDs: 3.00  
Personal Purchase by Member: 135.00  
Donuts: 58.00  
Higher Things Youth Conference: 500.00  
Total: 67,135.22

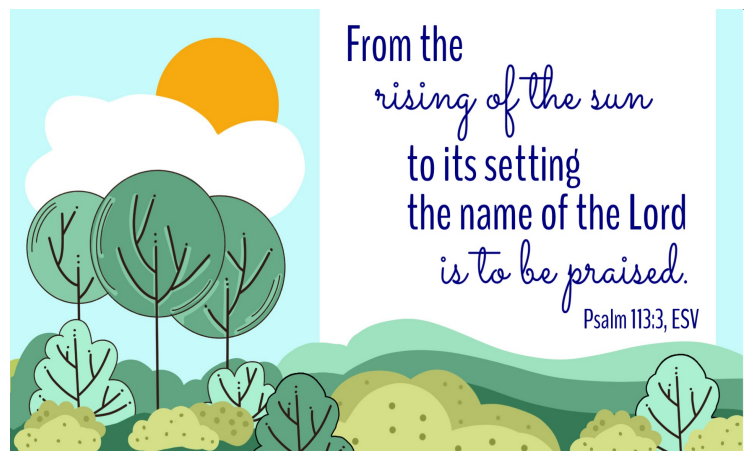
**ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

6/15 6:30 Council Meeting  
6/16 6:00 WTS Board Meeting  
6/17 12:00 Wednesday Worship-Communion  
6/18 8:00 Quilters  
6/19 Sanctuary Reserved for Wedding Rehearsal  
6/20 Sanctuary Reserved for Wedding

**ATTENDANCE**

6/7 Sunday 8:00 service: 126  
Sunday 10:45 service: 105  
Adult Bible Class: 96  
Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 13  
6/10 Wednesday 12:00 service: 44

**MITE OFFERINGS...** ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. **JUNE** mites will go to Bethesda Lutheran Communities.



## SERVING THE LORD

**Communion Assistants** 6/17 Wed Allen Kilzer  
6/21 Sunday 8:00 Alan Ruwe **10:45** Mark Thompson  
**Ushers** 6/21 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; Ted Lyons; Scott Perry; Cory  
Ritter; Mark Thompson  
**Coffee Servers** 6/21 Sunday Tim & Lesley Ellison  
**Financial Counters** 6/21 Sunday Mark Ames; John  
Crowe; Tim Ellison; Paul Giesler  
**Greeters** 6/21 Sunday 8:00 Jim & Linda Snow  
**10:45** Steve & Bev Myrvold  
**Communion Set Up & Clean Up** 6/21 Sunday  
Steve & Jennifer Gensler; Don & Jo-Anne Mast; Carrie  
Thompson; Jane Martin  
**Trustees** Week of 6/14 Paul Zeck; Harvey Thompson;  
Byron Brown; Bob Ellis; Doug Lueck; Gene & Linda  
Wise-Litter control



6/1 Ellie Gensler; Ashley Whisnant  
6/2 Kelly Carlson; Rachel Gensler; David  
Pressley  
6/3 Hadley Carlson; Joe Marsaglia; Bob  
Meadows  
Joe & Sarah Marsaglia (31 years)  
6/4 Betty Budde; Emily Williams  
6/6 Sue Black  
6/7 Alexis Cassell  
John & Cathy Anderson (51 years)  
Dave & Julie Pangrac (46 years)  
Brett & Emily Stenger (18 years)  
6/8 Debbie Taylor  
6/9 Andrew Scott  
6/11 Asher Rager; Leslie Roberts  
Terry & Chris Massey (49 years)  
6/12 Roger Letterly  
6/13 Ted & Theresa Lyons (35 years)  
6/14 Gary Workman  
Hayden & Brittany Ater (1 year)  
6/15 Craig & Jackie Goeppinger (30 years)

6/17 Orville Fulk; Nancy Grischow; Paul Zeck  
Matt & Rebekah Christoffersen (9 years)  
Don & Jo-Anne Mast (28 years)  
6/18 Shannon Binder; Samuel Cotner;  
Maryann Kissel; Ron Wagner  
Andrew & Sara Hyden (5 years)  
6/20 Lucas Abbott; Jim M. Snow  
6/22 Stan & Gayle Lange (30 years)  
Paul & Donna Phillips (47 years)  
6/23 Lizzie Day; Nelson Lock; Lucy Snow;  
Renee Wilson  
Cory & Jan Ritter (19 years)  
Paul & Patti Zeck (58 years)  
6/24 Bev Myrvold  
Grant & Ella Abbott (4 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 (40 years)  
6/29 Barb Luka; Nancy Quandt  
6/20 Amanda Block; David Bryan  
Greg & Michele Collingwood (36 years)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

6.14. 2026

Unit 3, Lesson 12

"A Soldier Believes" is the focus of today's Bible lesson. In Philippi, Paul and Silas cast the spirit of divination from a slave girl, but her angered owner has the two thrown into prison. Around midnight, Paul and Silas are praying and singing to God when suddenly an earthquake shakes the prison. The jailer, thinking his prisoners have escaped, prepares to take his own life. Paul and Silas interrupt his plan as they share the Gospel with him and his whole family, whom Paul then baptizes. Discuss how God uses events in our lives to give us opportunities to share His Word.

# SOS

## Substitute Organist SERVICE

Can you **help** or know of **someone**  
at **Pilgrim** that would like to be trained?

We need more people willing to take turns running the SOS on **Sundays/Wednesdays** when we don't have an organist.

It's not difficult to run and I would be happy to train you or show you how it works.

You can sit with one of our experienced volunteers before doing it alone.

Teens are welcome to give it a try too.

Please contact me to take a look!

~Kay Tolly



## DYING CHURCH RISING HOPE

Higher Things Conference 2026

### PYC 2026

## HIGHER THINGS CONFERENCE SUPPORT NEEDED!

JUNE 30 – JULY 3, 2026

### HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

If you would like to contribute, please get in touch with Kay Tolly or mark your check "Higher Things" in the memo.

### OUR YOUTH

We are so happy that we have  
**17 attending this year!**

The cost is **\$580** per student, and chaperone costs are higher due to lodging, plus transportation expenses.

**We do not do any fundraising at Pilgrim**, so if you would like to help offset the cost with a free-will donation above and beyond your tithe, it would be greatly appreciated.

### WHY Higher Things conferences are held:

- Christ-Centered Focus:** The core mission is to make the Gifts of Christ Jesus known to youth, highlighting that salvation and forgiveness are won by Jesus and delivered through His Word.
- Solid Lutheran Teaching:** Conferences focus on teaching the "pure doctrine" of the Christian faith, helping youth understand what they believe and why, rather than focusing solely on entertainment.
- Liturgical Worship:** Worship at these events follows the historic, liturgical tradition of the Church (e.g., Matins, Vespers, Divine Service), providing consistency and reverence that connects youth to their home congregations.
- "Dare to be Lutheran":** The events encourage youth to embrace their Lutheran heritage and identity, offering a space to engage with the faith on university campuses and other confessional Lutheran youth.
- Fellowship and Fun:** While focused on faith, the conferences include recreational activities, providing a healthy, fun, and safe environment for youth to connect with peers who share similar beliefs.

