



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 29



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 7/12

General Fund: 41,380.99

Walther Theological Seminary: 200.00

Christian Sharing: 50.00

Loose: 40.00

Donuts: 49.00

Higher Things Youth Conference: 50.00

Total: 41,769.99

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- 7/20 6:30 Council Meeting
7/21 6:00 WTS Board Meeting
7/22 12:00 Wednesday Worship
7/23 8:00 Quilters
8/2 PYC event featuring Pastor Bill's presentation, "From Darkness to Light: A Christian Response to the Occult"
12:00 Pizza lunch for those who sign up
12:40 Presentation Begins
(no sign up needed for presentation only)
9/13 RALLY DAY - Mark Your Calendars!

ATTENDANCE

- 7/12 Sunday 8:00 service: 101
Sunday 10:45 service: 100
Adult Bible Class: 89
Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 11
7/15 Wednesday 12:00 service: 54

MITE OFFERINGS...ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. **JULY** mites will go to New Life Pregnancy Center.

*... and you will know the truth,
and the truth will set you free."*

John 8:32, ESV



SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistants 7/26 Sunday 8:00 Gary Quandt **10:45** Mark Thompson

Ushers 7/26 Sunday 8:00 Joe Marsaglia; Grant Abbott; Paul Giesler; Bruce Gifford; Loren Hiser; Dave Schroeder; Chad Wooters **10:45** Don Mast; Eric Mast; John Mickler; Jim M. Snow; Jim R. Snow; Mark Thompson; Mattias Wegmann

Coffee Servers 7/26 Sunday Paul & Patti Zeck

Financial Counters 7/26 Sunday John Mickler; Ellis V. Buth; Dain Friend; Paul Zeck

Greeters 7/26 Sunday 8:00 Lani Mierek; Dave & Vicki Schroeder **10:45** Kurt & Wendy Bickes

Communion Set Up & Clean Up 7/26 Sunday Steve & Jennifer Gensler; Jane Martin; Sarah Marsaglia; Carrie Thompson

Trustees Week of 7/19 Paul Zeck; Harvey Thompson; Byron Brown; Bob Ellis; Doug Lueck; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



- 7/1 Julie Pangrac
- 7/2 Caebrin Lee
Andrew & Mackenzie Mills (15 years)
- 7/3 Dave Schroeder
- 7/7 Pete & Sue Williams (63 years)
- 7/10 Steve & Bev Myrvold (61 years)
- 7/11 Kaye Beals
- 7/12 Robert & Sue Black (52 years)
- 7/13 Brock Abbott; Ryder Saul; Ben Tschetter
Larry & Nancy Wolf (41 years)
- 7/14 Amy Cassell; Emily Stenger; Brandon Williams
Brad & Leslie Roberts (47 years)
- 7/15 Doug Lueck
Mark & Carrie Thompson (9 years)
- 7/18 Mindy Whisnant
Robert & Robin Breeden (34 years)
- 7/20 Brandilyn Wegmann
- 7/21 Charles Duncan; Orson Hoffman;
Morgan Luka; Amy Robinson; Linda Snow
- 7/22 Bill Abbott; Angee Baker
Allen & Lesley McCoy (18 years)
- 7/24 Gloria Beckett; Greg Luka

- 7/25 Rachel Burns
Mark & Jo Ames (28 years)
- 7/27 Sharon Carlson
Byron & Nancy Brown (52 years)
- 7/28 Michele Collingwood
- 7/29 Adam Gensler
BJ & Lindsey Rotz (20 years)
- 7/30 Blaine Burns; Heather Norris
- 7/31 Nancy Jacobs; Joe Scott
Brad & Amber Saul (22 years)



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

BELL CHOIR

Rehearsals

BEGINNING IN

OCTOBER!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!
Psalm 98:4

Bell Choir rehearsals will begin in **OCTOBER**.

Rehearsals will be held on **MONDAYS**
4:30-6:00 P.M.

All are welcome!
Whether you are an experienced ringer or have never rung before, we would love to have you join us.



Training will be provided, and no experience is necessary.

Join us as we glorify God through the gift of handbells while serving together in worship and Christian fellowship.

Interested?

Please contact

LINDA WORKMAN or KAY TOLLY



SAVE ★ THE ★ DATE!

PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH
RALLY DAY
CARNIVAL

... SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 ...

— ★ *in Pilgrim's wooded area* ★ —

LUNCH AT 12:15 P.M.

Catering by
Bricks Exquisite Eats

ATTRACTIONS

AirWalk Action Dual Slide
Billiard Soccer
Soccer Dart
Roller Ball Game
Carnival Games

SPECIAL GUESTS

Heartland
Mini Hoofs

SWEET TREATS

The Frozen Spoon
Ice Cream Truck

**ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION**

Prizes for
Carnival Games

Volunteers Needed

Free-Will Offering

More Information
Coming Soon

★ **COME ONE, COME ALL!** ★

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT:

A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE
TO THE OCCULT

Join Pastor Bill

as he shares his family's personal journey
from involvement with the occult—
including witchcraft, Ouija boards,
and other spiritual practices—
to the saving faith found in Jesus Christ.

Through personal testimony and the truth of God's Word,
this presentation will examine the dangers of occult practices,
expose the deception behind them, and proclaim the hope,
forgiveness, and freedom that are found in Christ alone.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

PIZZA LUNCH AT NOON

Presentation following lunch.

COMING JUST FOR THE PRESENTATION?

Be prepared for it to begin at 12:40
in the All-purpose room.

**SIGN UP IS NECESSARY TO EAT LUNCH.
DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS JULY 29.**

A **PYC** PRESENTATION – OTHERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!

