



# ilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 5

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**CONGREGATION and PKC/PYC ACTIVITIES**  
**Activities are subject to change/cancellation.**

- 7/10 New Life Pregnancy Center "Life of the Party Auction" has been rescheduled to this date. More information coming.
- 10/11 Lutheran Heritage Foundation Presentation. Only ONE worship service at 9 a.m. After the service we will break for coffee, milk and donuts. 10:30 The LHF presentation for adults and also Sunday School classes.

*I have set the Lord always before me:  
because He is at my right hand, I shall not  
be moved.*

Psalm 16:8

**During this time of "Secure in Place" we ask that you call first, 877-2444, before coming to the church.**

- 1. To be sure someone is here.**
- 2. So we can make arrangements to assist you keeping social distance in mind.**

**OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 5/14**

General: 22,644.46  
Memorial Greg Potrafka: 1,000.00  
Misc: 266.15  
Total: 23,910.61



**SPEAKING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, PAUL WRITES:** "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together." (Col. 1:15-17) cont.

If you can actually listen to the news with great consistency and stomach the roller coaster ride of extreme ups and downs, well, you have a strong stomach. Sometimes we might even start thinking that man is really in control of his destiny. That can be frightening. But just consider that statement from the Scripture reading: "And he (Jesus) is before all things, and in him all

things hold together." All things hold together. What comfort to know that mans' messes are not outside God's knowledge, will and direction. He's in control!

As redundant as the words might appear to some they take on real depth of meaning and comfort: *"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."* (Ps. 23:4) We need to have this in front of us the next time we listen to the stomach churning news, or walk into our "favorite" grocery store.

Or, like your mom or dad would say to you in your early years when nothing made sense and everything was.....was.....kind of scary: "Everything is going to be alright!" Well, "In (Christ) all things hold together! You are in our prayers!

Love and Blessings!  
The Pastors

**MITE OFFERINGS for May** go to **Lutheran World Relief**. **During "Secure in Place time" call the church office 877-2444 to let me know you need a mite box. I will arrange to leave it in the mailbox for you.** Pilgrim members, women AND men are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. When your mite offering box is full, return it to the church office at your convenience. Thank-you.

### MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/13 Tim Block; Cheryl Friend; Vicky Lueck; Richard Rotz
- 5/14 Brenda Hardy  
**W** Gary & Bev Winchester
- 5/15 Landon Thompson
- 5/16 Violet Bean (95)
- 5/17 Doris Teela  
**W** Mike & Robin Williams 34 yrs
- 5/18 Kyle Phillips
- 5/19 RaeAnn Campbell; Ron McCoy
- 5/20 **W** Tim & Lesley Ellison 25 yrs
- 5/21 Norma Cooper
- 5/22 Amy Carlen
- 5/22 **W** Dean & Shirley McMillen 5 yrs
- 5/24 **W** Gene & Linda Snyder 57 yrs
- 5/25 Scarlett Moore
- 5/26 Jeff Bomball
- 5/27 Kim Letterly; Debbie Ripple; Davis Wegmann; Lynette White
- 5/29 **W** Bill & Amy Robinson 16 yrs

- 5/30 Ruth Ann Thompson  
**W** John & Rita Mickler 50 yrs
- 5/31 Parker Kilzer; Lois Ruwe (99); Brenda Workman

### FYI re: Northeast Community Fund and New Life Thrift Shoppe

1. Northeast Community Fund: "Not our favorite news this week, but an extension of the shelter in place guidelines until May 31st is reality. We know so many are struggling and we are committed to helping the best ways we know how. Our drive through food box distribution will continue M, Tu, Th & F from 9-2. Financial assistance is available for prescriptions, rent & utilities by phone or email. To those that have supported our efforts-thank you! Volunteers & donors are showing the best of humanity in these uncertain times. Our community is strong and we're in this together." Located at 839 N MLK Jr Drive

2. New Life Thrift Shoppe Regarding donations: "Only on Saturdays by appointment. We are practicing social distancing. Customers must unload their own bags. If you'd like to set up an appointment for donation call the Thrift Shoppe at 875-1075."

Also ... Check New Life Thrift Shoppe on Facebook. They have items for sale with curb side service. Located at 1700 East Pershing Road

