



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 12



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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



March 24, 2024

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Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The 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- 3/17

General Fund: 11,184.90

Walther Theological Seminary: 20.00

Christian Sharing: 55.00

Altar Flowers/Lilies: 235.00

Sunday School: 11.00

Loose: 130.00

CDs: 7.00

Donuts: 66.00

Total: 11,708.90

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

3/25 4:15 Chancel Choir

3/27 **NO** Classes or Services

3/28 7:00 **Maundy Thursday** service-Communion

3/29 Church Office closes at Noon

7:00 **Good Friday** service-Communion

3/31 8:00 & 10:45 **Easter Sunday**-No Communion

Continental Breakfast after the 8:00 service.

Bible Class and Sunday School at 9:30.

ATTENDANCE

3/17 Sun 8:00 service: 104

Sun 10:45 service: 74

Adult Bible Class: 103

Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 9

3/20 Wednesday 10:30 Bible Class: 34

Wednesday 12:00 service: 73

End-of-the-year Offering Statements are available for pick up on a table in the narthex. Please pick yours up today.

MITE OFFERINGS... ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box at your convenience. **MARCH** mites will go to Bethesda Lutheran Communities. Thank you!

SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistant/Acolyte 3/28 Maundy Thursday Allen Kilzer; 3/29 Good Friday Gary Quandt

Ushers 3/28 Maundy Thursday Tim White's Team; 3/29 Good Friday Don Mast's Team; 3/31 Sunday **8:00** Joe Marsaglia; Bruce Gifford; Paul Giesler; Loren Hiser; Dave Schroeder; Chad Wooters **10:45** Don Mast; Eric Mast; John Mickler; Jim M. Snow; Jim R. Snow; Mark Thompson

Coffee Servers 3/31 Sunday Doug & Vicky Lueck

Financial Counters 3/31 Sunday Kevin Ripple; Bob Ellis; Drew Gensler; Steve Myrvold

Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up 3/31 Sunday Karen Svendsen; Nancy Jacobs; Melinda Hiser; Jane Martin; Carrie Thompson

Greeters 3/31 Sunday **8:00** Harvey & Ruth Ann Thompson; Smitha Jeyaseelan & Ivan Jayakar **10:45** Gary & Mary Ann Driskell

Trustees Week of 3/24 Larry Wolf; Pete Williams; Brad Roberts; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



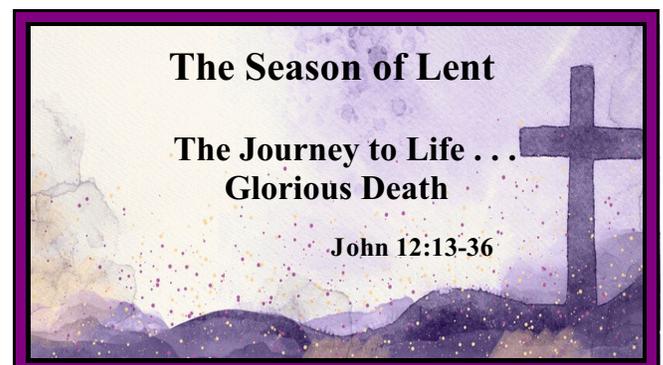
Birthdays and Anniversaries

3/11 Rosemary Bolyard; Christine Massey
Adam & Rachel Gensler (7 years)
3/12 Jean Carter; Janice Dittus; Ron Kelm;
Bev Winchester
3/13 Chuck Barnes; Barbara Oyler
3/14 Nathan Ripple
3/15 Marcia Potrafka; Harper Ritter
3/19 Katie Buth; Victor James Buth
3/20 Gary & Mary Ann Driskell (54 years)
3/21 Gary & Teresa Schueller (15 years)
3/22 Gabi Wegmann
3/23 Alan Ruwe
3/24 Barbara Buesking
3/25 Courtney Jacobs; Mark Luka; Doug Taylor
3/27 Chuck & Lavona McKinney (69 years)
3/28 Jo Ames
3/29 Zach Luka; Aaron Purcell
3/31 Terry Massey
Kenny & Linda Ripple (57 years)



Birthdays and Anniversaries

4/1 Robin Breeden; Mary Jo Ward
4/2 Will Bryan; Warner Gensler
4/3 Hannah Thomas
Mike & Kathy O'Bryan (53 years)
4/4 Allison Ruwe; Brittany Williams
4/5 Chad & Megan Wooters (16 years)
4/6 Ellis V. Buth; Mary Ann Driskell;
Bryant Taylor; Linda Wise
Dick & Dona Bailey (51 years)
4/8 Byron Brown; Penny McBride; Susan Ruwe
Kevin & Debbie Ripple (29 years)
4/9 Cameron Letterly
4/11 Sherry Egan; Jo-Anne Mast
4/13 Paulette Browne; Tim Ellison; Paula Scott;
Margo Tschetter
4/14 Larry Grischow; Emmett Stenger
4/15 Dorothy Dittus
4/16 Tom Greenwood; Lesa Mills; Lindsey Rotz
4/17 Patti Zeck
4/19 Allen Kilzer
4/20 Jaimie Ford; Gayle Lange; Mike O'Bryan;
Brett Stenger
4/21 Dana Embrey
4/22 Dorothy Price
4/23 David & Vicki Schroeder (47 years)
4/24 Sue Kopetz
4/25 Linda Ripple; Catherine Spengler
4/26 Jim R. Snow; Alice Stathers
4/29 Warren & Benita Leevy (1 year)
4/30 Lynn Block; Gary Schueller;
Mary Jo Wrigley





EASTER INVITATION

If you would like an invitation to Easter services sent to anyone, please give the complete name and address to the church office no later than Palm Sunday, March 24. You can call the office at (217)877-2444 or email the information to plc@pilgrimlutherandecatur.org.

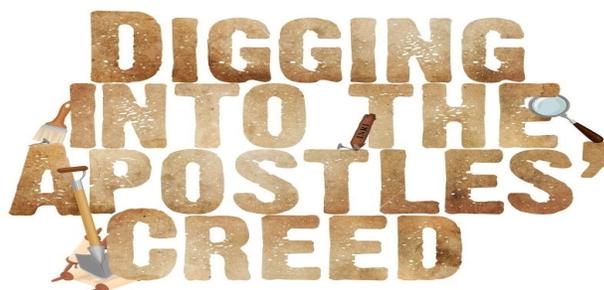
3.24.2024
Unit 6
LESSON 1



The lesson this week is “Provided-For Prophet.” The prophet Elijah warns King Ahab of the severe drought coming. God first sends Elijah to the brook Cherith, where He provides ravens to feed him. When the brook dries up, Elijah lodges with a widow in Zarephath. Despite her limited supply of flour and oil, it never runs out. God supplies just what they need each day. When the widow’s son dies, Elijah raises him back to life through God’s power.

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Mark Your Calendar for VBS June 10-14 9-Noon



The Higher Things® Digging Into the Apostles' Creed Vacation Bible School (VBS) focuses on the Apostles' Creed. Join us as we take our students on an archeological dig to really examine how the Trinity is shown in the Baptism of Jesus and further teach about each person of the Trinity.

Officers Present:

President – Kathy Kilzer
Vice President – Nancy Quandt
Secretary – Dian Centers
Treasurer – Sarah Marsaglia

Pilgrim Ladies Guild

2155 North Oakland Avenue
Decatur, Illinois 62526

Poster Design – Erica Meadows

Pastor Brock let Guild know that Pastor Ziebell and members of the Australian Association of Lutheran Churches will be visiting the States sometime in August. Part of their itinerary includes plans to visit Pilgrim and Our Redeemer. Pastor would like to have a meal/event planned for them while they are here.

The Pilgrim Ladies Guild business meeting was called to order at 1:33 PM on Monday, March 11, 2024 by President Kathy Kilzer.

There were 10 in attendance: Jean Mueller, Jane Martin, Nancy Brown, Sarah Marsaglia, Victoria Schroeder, Linda Workman, Sandy Norris, Nancy Quandt, Kathy Kilzer, and Dian Centers.

Nancy Quandt gave the opening prayer.

The minutes were read and a correction was made on the amount of red cabbage that was left over. Several Thank You notes were read and will be posted on the Guild bulletin board for a while.

Sarah Marsaglia read the treasurer's report. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes. Sarah thanked Kathy for subbing for her during her absence.

CHANCEL GUILD - Jane Martin

This guild cares for chancel furnishings, and robes, prepares for and cleans up after Holy communion, Baptisms, and weddings.

--Everything is going well.

CANDLE and BRASS COMMITTEE – Linda Snow

--Brass Burners for aisle candles are clean and ready to use. Cleaning the glass globes this week.

COMMUNION/ROBES COMMITTEE – Jane Martin

NO REPORT

DORCAS QUILTING CIRCLE – Linda M. Workman

Quilters gather on Thursday mornings. If you have any questions about having a top quilted, please call Linda Workman at (202) 286-5858.

--The Quilt of Valor was finished. There is a new quilt on the quilt frame. We are still working on the Ethel Mais quilt. Sarah Marsaglia's second quilt is ready to be marked. Razjada Brown loved the Christmas quilt the Dorcas Quilting Circle made for her.

FUNERAL DINNERS GUILD - Sandy Norris

This committee provides funeral dinners for the family and friends of a Pilgrim member.

--There were three funeral dinners since our last meeting. On January 19, 2024, a dinner was prepared for the family and friends of Wayne Gable. Prepared for 25 and served to 22.

On February 10, 2024 a dinner was prepared for 80 family and friends of Bonnie Engle and served to 74. On February 17, 2024 a dinner was prepared for 80 family and friends of Ron McCoy and served to 47.

HOSPITALITY GUILD - strives to maintain a friendly atmosphere at Pilgrim.

RECEPTIONS COMMITTEE –

Chairwoman vacancy. We are looking for a volunteer for this position.

This committee provides a reception for functions such as: the Question and Answer night for the Junior Confirmation class, Junior Confirmation Sunday, and after the Christmas program.

COFFEE SERVERS COMMITTEE – Beth Abbott

A roster of volunteers is maintained by the church office. Volunteers prepare hot water for tea, regular and decaf coffee and provide milk, tea bags and donuts during Fellowship time on Sunday and Wednesday mornings before the Bible Study Classes.

--Six volunteers rotate to help with set up and clean up before the Wednesday 10:30 a.m. Bible class. Thirteen teams volunteer to set up and clean up for the Sunday Fellowship time. There are 29 total members who serve as Sunday Servers.

GREETERS COMMITTEE – Beth Abbott

Greeters give a friendly welcome to Pilgrim members and visitors. The Greeter roster is also maintained by the church office.

--There are a total of 44 members who serve as Greeters before church services.

KITCHEN GUILD – Sandy Norris

The Kitchen Guild takes care of keeping the kitchen stocked, cleaned, and orderly. This Guild oversees Congregational dinners served from the kitchen.

--All is going well in the kitchen.

EASTER BREAKFAST COMMITTEE – Jean Mueller

--I have all the volunteers I need now.

LIBRARY GUILD – Nancy A. Brown

The Library is open to ALL MEMBERS of Pilgrim. This Guild selects books and media materials, keeps the library attractive, supervises the borrowing of material, and maintains books in good repair. The goal is to keep Christians growing in their faith by reading and studying.

--The Pilgrim Library is open to all members of Pilgrim. There are a variety of books to choose from: Systematics, Bible Helps, and History just to name a few. Books should be checked out for 2-3 weeks, then can be renewed for another 2 weeks.

** For any future book donations please call one of the Pastors. Space is limited.

MISSIONS GUILD

BRILLE CENTER COMMITTEE – Jean Mueller

The Braille Center committee prepares reading materials for the visually impaired.

--We are still doing 10 books of 1st Samuel on the first Thursday of each month. If you are interested in working with us, please call Jean at (217) 877-4060.

MISSIONS GUILD-continued

MITE BOXES – Debbie Ripple

A mite is defined as a coin of very small value. This committee distributes mites collected monthly from the Mite boxes and sends them to different organizations. Any Pilgrim member may take an empty Mite box and begin collecting their mites for missions. A list of the monthly mission distribution is posted on the Guild bulletin board above the Mite box table in the Narthex. Return your mites, whenever you wish, place in the box on the table and take an empty mite box.

- December 2023 - \$96.89 for ULMA
- January 2024 - \$77.11 for the Braille Center
- February 2024 - \$97.59 for Lutheran World Relief

TRACTS – Victoria Schroeder

The Tract Committee is a ministry giving brief, but readily obtainable information on life topics from the conservative Biblical perspective.

- We have many booklets (tracts) that cover a wide variety of subjects relevant to today's world. Check them out.

NURSERY GUILD – Chairwoman vacancy

There is no active Nursery at this time. If there is an interest in the Nursery for your child at a future church service or Bible Class, please contact the church office at (217) 877-2444.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SITTING IN THE NURSERY ON A ROTATION BASIS, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE (217) 877-2444

PRAYER GUILD – This Guild unites members in imploring God to aid those in need and in proclaiming our thankfulness to Him.

PRAYER CHAIN – Patti Zeck

Please email your prayer requests to Patti Zeck at pzeck4055@hotmail.com. Prayers also may be requested by calling Patti Zeck at 217-855-6395. Prayers additionally may be requested on the back of the Attendance Cards at any church service or by calling the Church office (217) 877-2444.

- All prayers are being received and posted on the Prayer Chain while I am in Arizona. Having no problems.

PRAYER COMMITTEE – Sarah Marsaglia

- Praying for the church militant, Pilgrim, Our Redeemer, United Lutheran Mission Association, and the Walther Theological Seminary.

SUNSHINE GUILD

These committees strive to brighten the lives of those in the hospital, nursing homes, or assisted living facilities.

ALTAR FLOWERS – Victoria Schroeder

This committee delivers altar flowers to Pilgrims in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. This service has been on hold since the onset of Covid-19.

NO REPORT

HOSPITALS – Kathy Fulk

This committee sends cards to those in the hospital.

- Twelve Get Well cards have been mailed out since the last meeting. Everything is going fine.

SUNSHINE GUILD-continued

SHUT-INS – Bev Myrvold

This committee sends out birthday, Christmas, and Easter cards to our Pilgrim shut-ins.

--There are 13 Pilgrims in Assisted Living & Nursing Homes and 16 Homebound Pilgrims, for a total of 29. Ten birthday cards have been mailed out. Twenty-six Easter cards will be mailed out.

WEDDING GUILD - (Shannon Lanier-set up) (Nancy Jacobs - clean up)
NO REPORT

PROGRAM GUILD – Linda Workman

Programs are determined and organized functions for the congregation and for the Ladies Guild.

--The Congregational Soup Luncheon was held on Sunday, February 11th and was attended by 45. The addition of Chili was great. We will try a different date next year and will consider only offering one kind of sandwich. We will also plan the amount of food we prepare according to the sign-up sheet.

***The ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON**

will be Sunday, April 28 after the second service. More information on this event will be made available soon. Watch for the sign-up board and be sure to sign up to attend. This will be a catered event – FREE WILL OFFERING.

New Business:

President's Notes: None

Vice President's Notes – None

Old Business – None

Business Tabled – None

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer said in unison.

Respectfully submitted,

Dian Centers, secretary