



# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 6

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**Patti's office is open: Mon-Thurs 7 a.m. to Noon  
and 1 to 4 p.m. and Friday 7 a.m. to Noon.**

#### COMING UP

Fridays: 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. sanctuary reserved  
2/10 4:30-6:00 Gr 7 & 8 Confirmation classes  
5:00-6:00 Gr 1-6 Midweek School classes  
2/14 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00 Worship  
9:15-9:50 Sunday School  
9:15-9:50 Adult Bible Study  
11:15-11:50 Adult Bible Study  
2/15 No mail delivery - Presidents' Day  
6:30 Council Meeting  
2/17 Lent Begins  
4/30 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Junior Confirmation Question  
Night  
5/2 Junior Confirmation Sunday  
.....God willing.....

**Reservations are accepted 8:00 a.m.  
Mondays through 2 p.m. Thursdays each  
week. You may call me (Patti) at 877-2444  
OR email me at**

**[plc@pilgrimlutherandecatur.org](mailto:plc@pilgrimlutherandecatur.org)**

**I keep reservation requests in the order  
they are received.**

**The 9:15 adult class and the 10:00 worship  
service fill up first. Why? ... I have to  
guarantee 26 seats for Sunday School  
Teachers and for the parents of Sunday  
School children for the 9:15 class and for the  
10:00 worship service.**

**HELP MAKE MORE PEWS AVAILABLE ...**

**Families...**if all family members are agreeable ask  
for a seat for parents and children, grandparents,  
etc.

**Singles and Couples...**if other members are  
agreeable make one reservation for your group so I  
can try to get one pew for you all. **Please make  
your own arrangements and then let me know  
instead of asking me to find others to sit with you.**  
**When you make a reservation** I need to know how  
many people are sitting together and the names.  
**I cannot guarantee a particular pew.** The pews are  
designated for various numbers of people and I  
need to stick with that guideline.

## OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 2/5

General: 17,387.00

Walther Theological Seminary: 30

ULMA: 100

Christian Sharing: 425

Miscellaneous: 425

Loose: 50

Memorials Doris Rozzell: 300

Total: 18,717.00



**MITE OFFERINGS** ... ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box at your convenience. Thank-you. FEBRUARY mites will go to Braille Workers.

## FOR SALE

Two connecting (side by side) plots in the building at Graceland Cemetery.

Worth \$20,000 but selling for a total of \$12,000.

Call Art Atwood Jr. at 1-309-335-6950

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

2/1 RUBY QUANDT; JEFF SPENGLER  
2/2 JASON LEEVY; B J ROTZ; NATHAN SCOTT  
2/3 STEVE MYRVOLD  
2/5 STEVE MUSGROVE; LORNA SCHOON  
2/6 BRYANT BOMBALL  
2/7 HENRY ELLISON; MICHAEL LACOX; KENNY RIPPLE; LUKE SCOTT  
2/8 CORY RITTER; RON YADEAU  
2/9 W DAIN & CHERYL FRIEND 42 YRS  
2/10 BONNIE ENGEL; DAN NELLIS  
2/11 JASON COLLINGWOOD; PAUL GIESLER; ADDISON ROTZ  
2/12 MIKE WILLIAMS  
2/13 JOSEPH SCOTT (child, not the adult)  
2/14 VALERIE COTNER; COURTNEY TAYLOR; CAROLYN WAGNER; ALEX WEGMANN; JENNIFER WISNER  
W BOB & NANCY JACOBS 56 YRS  
2/15 AARON NORRIS  
2/18 W ELLIS V. & KATIE BUTH 4 YRS  
2/19 DOROTHY KLOCKENGA; JOSIAH OHLWINE; RIPKEN ROTZ; ALDON RUWE  
2/21 PEG MUSGROVE; BONNIE PROPST; CONNIE SEARL; LOIS YADEAU  
2/22 W CHUCK & KELLY BARNES 43 YRS  
2/23 THOMAS GOEPPINGER  
2/24 SHANNON LANIER  
2/27 KATHY HELPHREY; CAMBELL LANIER  
W STEVE & JENNIFER GENSLE 33 YRS  
2/28 SARAH GUHL; SARAH MARSAGLIA  
2/29 W ANDY & STACEY APEL 5 YRS



# NEW LIFE *News*



## *The Blessings of 2020* By Penny Weaver

As each year draws to a close, I often take the time to reflect upon our ministry and the ways we have grown, how God has used us, and to pray about how we will expand and strengthen our programming and services in the coming year. As I have thought about 2020, I have been amazed by the many ways our ministry has pivoted to continue reaching our community in new and innovative ways. Because the services offered at New Life Pregnancy Center are considered essential, we were able to put policies and practices in place that have allowed us to remain safely open.



Throughout the pandemic, New Life has continued providing pregnancy testing and limited medical services. Our ministry team has worked to maintain compliance with the CDC, Illinois Department of Public Health, and Macon County Health Department guidelines and adapted procedures as guidelines have changed. For many of our clients, facing a pregnancy during COVID-19 has come with its own unique set of fears and concerns. Over the last year, we have seen an increased number of women considering abortion.



*Nurse Mandy providing an ultrasound*

Our medical staff works individually with each client to address these fears and to encourage making informed, life-giving decisions, as well as supporting and educating our clients as they work through their options. Thankfully, many unborn babies and their mothers were spared the trauma of abortion because of the care and support they received from New Life.



Our front office has embraced the opportunity to bless multiple families in need. Due to limitations on important services previously offered in our community, we had more people calling or stopping in for assistance. Our front office staff viewed this as an opportunity to listen and find ways to help whenever possible. As a result, countless women, men, and children who were new to our ministry were shown the love of Christ and helped in their time of need. Even when we were prohibited from operating like we normally do, our front office was answering phone calls and making porch deliveries of necessary items, like formula and diapers.



B.E.S.T., our program that supports and educates families in our community, has moved the majority of our programming online in an effort to continue serving our families. Clients can now watch and discuss informative videos on pregnancy, parenting, and other relevant topics using BrightCourse. This online learning platform provides a way for us to educate and build relationships, while helping our moms constructively plan for their future. We offer a weekly online Bible study that ensures clients have the opportunity to learn from God's word and continue growing in their faith.



Raising Up Dads, our men's ministry, and B.E.S.T. collaborated to bring a virtual Zoom class on Healthy Parenting to our clients. Our attendance online has surpassed our previous in-person attendance.

Shopping in our Blessing Boutique and one-on-one appointments have taken place virtually whenever possible.

Christmas Blessings, our yearly event where clients shop for toys for their children using Care Cash they have earned, was held with safety restrictions in place.



Our Sex Esteem team, normally out in schools teaching on Sexual Risk Avoidance, found ways to show our appreciation for the teachers that participate in our school program. They sent encouraging emails and delivered care packages to express our gratitude for all that our teachers do. Sex Esteem is now creating short, informative videos of our education team presenting on the topics they normally teach in classrooms. A different video is sent weekly to participating teachers with discussion questions they can use to address each topic.





## Thrift Shoppe News & Events

### **New Life Thrift Shoppe is open Monday-Saturday 9:00AM-3:00PM.**

Volunteers and groups are welcome anytime to help in the Shoppe. Please call Sheree at 217-875-1075 to set up a time to volunteer or to arrange a special service project for your group

### **DONATIONS**

Because of the overwhelming generosity of our donors and to keep our work environment safe, New Life Thrift Shoppe has moved to donation drop offs by appointment only.

**Call 217-875-1075 to schedule a time to drop off your donation.** Please note that because of the extremely high volume of donations we are currently experiencing, most donation appointments are being scheduled about 1 week out. We apologize for the inconvenience!

### **2021 SPECIAL SHOPPING EVENTS**

**Sweetheart Of A Deal** 2/8-2/20  
**Spring Fling** 3/20

### **THRIFT SHOP NEEDS**

**Merchandise Needs:** wedding gowns

### **SUPPLY NEEDS**

Gain Flings, Comet, Dawn dish detergent, SOS steel wool pads, Kleenex tissue, white card stock, hand sanitizer, batteries of all sizes, new rubber bands

Unfortunately, we cannot accept TVs, Cable or Dish TV boxes, computer components, large appliances, large entertainment centers or large furniture. If in doubt, please call Sheree at 217-875-1075.

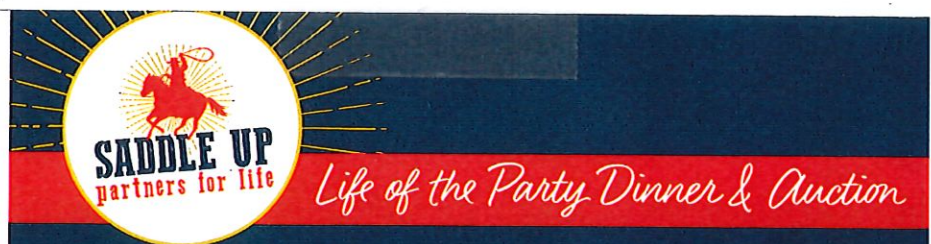
### **BLESSING BOUTIQUE WISH LIST**

- Enfamil formula: Infant, Gentlease, and A.R.
- Diapers: sizes NB, 3, 4, 5, and 6
- Pull-ups all sizes
- Toilet paper
- Baby wipes – fragrance free
- Baby wash
- Adult personal hygiene items – shampoo, shaving cream, toothpaste, disposable razors, deodorant, and body wash
- Purex powdered laundry detergent “Fresh Spring Waters”
- Socks of all sizes – new and used
- Used children’s shoes of all sizes
- Used boys & girls spring clothing-all sizes
- Onesies
- GoodNites Bedtime Pants boys 38-65 lbs
- Children’s new underwear sizes 2T through size 7

**Thank you for helping us help our families!**

### **Layette Wish List:**

NB Socks  
Newborn toys  
New spring clothing & sleepers 0-3 month size



Plan now to attend New Life Pregnancy Center’s 2021 Life of the Party dinner and auction, Friday, April 30. GT church, Jack, our awesome auctioneer, and Notorious P.I.G. have all committed to this event. We are really hoping that we will be allowed to meet in person. If not, we will again move the auction online. Invitations will be mailed in March notifying our ministry friends if we will be hosting the auction online or in-person.

We are currently accepting donations of items to be auctioned during the event. Ideas for donations are limited only by your imagination. Consider pooling resources and creating a gift basket from your small faith group, church, co-workers, civic group or family members. If you like, we have all of the supplies needed to create a beautiful basket filled with your donated items. Please bring your donations to New Life, 1698 E Pershing Rd, by April 9. New Life Pregnancy Center is a 501(c)(3) and all donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.