



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 31

Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

"Where the Bible is the inspired, inerrant Word of God"



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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.**

Fridays: 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. sanctuary reserved

OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 8/15

General: 14,384.48

Walther Theological Seminary: 30

Christian Sharing: 42

Loose: 40

CDs: 8

Donuts/Milk/Coffee: 47

Memorials Helen Henrichsmeyer: 340

Total: 14,891.48



ATTENDANCE 8/15

8:00 service: 129

10:45 service: 93

Adult Bible classes: 114

Sunday School N3-High School: 11

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. AUGUST mites will go to Lutheran World Relief.

8/26 6:00 STARTING THIS THURSDAY Linda Workman will direct weekly choir rehearsals. If you plan to attend please let Kay Tolly know, 217.358.4401 or email kt2155@gmail.com.

9/7 6:30 Elders meeting

9/12 **RALLY DAY! Sign up on the insert in Sunday worship folders.** Catered Lunch and Activities for Pilgrim members. Meal by Warren Catering. We eat at 12:15. Festivities continue until 3:00 P.M. Inflatables by Airwalk Action; Mr. Softee Truck and Aaron's Party Balloons. Good food - Good fellowship - Fun - Rally Day is a relaxed time to join together with fellow members. Bring a lawn chair.

9/15 9:30 Wednesday Morning Adult Bible study
12:15 Wednesday Worship Service
4:15-6:00 P.M. Confirmation Classes for Grades 7 & 8
5:00-6:00 P.M. Grades 1-6 will examine the



Six Chief Parts of Christian Doctrine and a study of Worship

10/31 Congregation Reformation Day Dinner following the second service. More information later.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK everyone for their prayers, cards, and support for Mom over the past years.

A special thank-you to Pastor Bill and Pat for all of their visits and the spiritual uplifting they gave her while she was at Vonderlieth Living Center, and in the hospital. Pastor's message at her funeral was a great comfort to the family.

Also, a special thank-you to Patti Newlin for all she has done for her by sending newsletters, Portals of Prayer, and coordinating messages between the Pastors and me especially throughout this pandemic.

May the Lord continue to bless you.

In Christian Love,
Larry Henrichsmeyer

SERVING THE LORD

Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up 8/29

Karen Svendsen; Nancy Jacobs; Melinda Hiser; Ron Kelm

Trustees 8/22-9/4

Paul Zeck; Harvey Thompson; Byron Brown; Bob Ellis; Doug Lueck Litter Control: Gene Wise

August Ushers

8:00 Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Ron Kelm; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter

10:45 Chuck Barnes; Craig Goeppinger; Stan Lange; Terry Massey; Dave Pressley; John Wainwright

Communion Assistant 8/29

8:00 Allen Kilzer 10:45 Greg Collingwood

Financial Counters 8/29 John Mickler; Ellis V. Buth; Dain Friend; Paul Zeck

Coffee Servers 8/29 Kurt & Wendy Bickes

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

8/22 Janet Foster
W Harvey & Ruth Ann Thompson 51 yrs
8/23 Roger German
8/24 Judy Arnold; Rick Campbell; Karen Easterling; Kathy Fulk; Warren Leevy
W Bob & Judy McQuality 53 yrs
8/26 McKenna Phillips
W Steve & Peg Musgrove 21 yrs
8/29 Heather Spengler
8/31 Dian Centers; Violet Maddox; Leah Moore; Susie Schoon
W Nelson & Merrilee Lock 2 yrs

Free Printable Word Search Puzzles

What's the Point?

Find and circle all of the things with points that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message.

E T S E G D A B S F F I R E H S T H E
L N P I N E N E E D L E R I C I C L E
P E E A R G U M E N T E P B O D I K N
A D A T E K N N E T G O F A E T R E Q
T I R O S H C F R N T I S C P O P U U
S R Z O O N I I I O E R I K F L I Z E
C T S T N N I F T K H M I G L L L R L
I I C H K O E L A S A T K A L I H S D
S C R P A S L T E L R O B M N I T T E
S E A I R R S A O V O E P M N G H A E
O P Y C A N K P T H A R T O O U L R N
R I O K E S Y T H D P J C N M V I E G
S C N D N R U S O E R E C B I D E K N
A K O B A L I L N O R I T O D O N I I
E O E M C F I C Y O T A B A M R P P W
W A I N L J I A S T C H O R N P O S E
K D R Y U L A H N K S B L D D T A W S
E D I R V V O E L E P L A C S A L S S
T E K C O R R A N T E N N A S I R E S
E N O C N W W E R C S K R O C O N T R

- ANTENNA

ANTLER

ARGUMENT

ARROW

BACKGAMMON BOARD

BALLPEN

BEAK

BIRD TALON

COMPASS

CONE

CORKSCREW

CRAYON
- DART

DECIMAL

FINGER

FISH HOOK

FORK

ICE PICK

ICICLE

JAVELIN

KNIFE

NAIL

NOSE

PENCIL
- PINE NEEDLE

POINTER STICK

PYRAMID

QUILL

RHINOCEROS HORN

ROCKET

SCALPEL

SCISSORS

SEWING NEEDLE

SHARK TOOTH

SHERIFF'S BADGE

SPEAR
- SPIKE

STAPLE

STAR

STYLUS

SWORD

THORN

THUMB TACK

TOOTH PICK

TRIANGLE

TRIDENT

VULCAN EAR

WOODEN STAKE



OR

Moving out on their own

PARENTS . . . Please help us "Keep in Touch"

MY CHILD IS A: ___ Freshman ___ Sophomore
 ___ Junior ___ Senior

CHILD'S NAME _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY NAME _____

ADDRESS AT COLLEGE: _____ (street)

(city) (state) (zip code)

MAIL: ___ sermon & "Pilgrim's Progress" ___ "Portals of Prayer"

Or E-mail sermon & "Pilgrim's Progress" **E-mail address** _____



MY CHILD HAS MOVED OUT ON THEIR OWN

Name: _____ Phone _____ Include area code

Address: _____
 Street City State Zip

E-mail address _____

HAND TO AN USHER WHEN YOU LEAVE OR GIVE TO PATTI NEWLIN.

Officers Present:
President – Kathy Kilzer
Vice President – Linda Beals
Secretary – Dian Centers

Pilgrim Ladies Guild

2155 North Oakland Avenue
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The Pilgrim Ladies Guild business meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM on Tuesday, August 3, 2021. Those in attendance were Kathy Kilzer, Linda Beals, Dian Centers, Linda Workman, Jean Mueller, Sarah Marsaglia, Nancy Brown, Patti Zeck and Bev Myrvold.

This is our first meeting since the Covid-19 protocols were put in place in March of 2020. It is good to have everyone in attendance and to see everyone again. We thank our Lord Jesus for keeping us safe through this pandemic.

As an opening devotion, Linda Beals read from Lutheran Prayer Book “Meditation on Self Examination before Communion” and followed with an opening prayer.

Dian Centers read the minutes from the January 13, 2020 business meeting. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes.

Treasurer Nancy Wene was unable to attend the business meeting. No treasurer’s report was given.

BIBLE and PRAYER – Linda Beals

Midweek Bible Class has not yet started. “Pandemic” Pray, Pray, Pray!

a. PRAYER CHAIN – Patti Zeck

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

One person was added to the Prayer Chain. All prayer requests were relayed to the Prayer Chain during January 2020-August 2021 Covid restrictions. All is going fine.

CHANCEL GUILD

a. COMMUNION COMMITTEE – Jane Martin

Pilgrim Lutheran Church and the Ladies Guild sincerely thank Melinda Hiser for her commitment and dedication she has given for many years as Chair of this committee.

Jane Martin is now the new Chair of the Communion Committee.

A roster has been completed and distributed for all services which are all currently covered for set up and clean up.

b. WEDDING SET UP (Virginia Mosser) and CLEAN UP COMMITTEE (Nancy Jacobs) *No weddings to report.*

c. CANDLE and BRASS CLEAN UP COMMITTEE – Linda Snow

The brass pew candles are still clean because they have not been used since I cleaned them last, but will check them out. I am sure the glass globes are still clean also, but they always seem to have some dust on them. I will be taking care of them also.

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 (217) 864-2405

The Pastors allowed us to resume quilting when some of the pandemic protocols were relaxed, but we still had to observe distance and wearing of masks. We were able to follow these guidelines because we have two quilting frames and four quilters. We completed one of the two quilts that had been on the frames since 2018. We have three or four quilts in the queue now.

HOSPITALITY GUILD - strives to maintain a friendly atmosphere at Pilgrim. It contacts new women at Pilgrim Lutheran Church and invites them into active participation in our programs.

a. COFFEE COMMITTEE – Nancy Jacobs (Dona Bailey, Linda Beals, Vicki Schroeder)

The Committee prepares regular coffee, Decaf, and hot tea and sets out donuts for Sunday mornings and for the Wednesday morning Bible Study Classes.

NO REPORT

b. COFFEE SERVERS COMMITTEE – Patti Newlin

Coffee Servers set out donuts, prepare coffee and hot water for tea on Sunday mornings before Bible class. They clean the pots, wipe serving tables, and put away left over donuts before Bible class begins. Pilgrim now has a coffee serving system that allows each person to dispense their own decaf or caffeinated coffee. The servers are responsible for keeping the coffee system full. Many thanks to all have volunteered.

c. GREETERS COMMITTEE – Patti Newlin

Greeters give a friendly first impression of Pilgrim.

On Rally Day, Sunday, September 12, we will again have greeters to welcome members and visitors as they enter through the red doors for our Sunday church services.

d. MILITARY COMMITTEE – Sarah Marsaglia

Praying for the church militant, Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Our Redeemer, Christ the Rock, ULMA, Walther Theological Seminary, and the Pandemic.

KITCHEN GUILD – Sandy Norris

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

Sandy Norris said she has formed a committee to thoroughly clean the kitchen on Wednesday, August 18th.

a. EASTER BREAKFAST COMMITTEE – Jean Mueller

NO REPORT

b. CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM RECEPTION - Brenda Bunch

NO REPORT

c. RECEPTIONS COMMITTEE – Brenda Bunch

NO REPORT

LIBRARY GUILD - Nancy Brown

The Library Guild selects books and media materials, keeps the Library attractive, supervises the borrowing of materials, and maintains all materials in good condition. The goal is to keep Pilgrim Christians growing in their faith by reading and seeking out good information.

The Pilgrim Library is open to all members of Pilgrim. Just remember to sign AND DATE the check-out card in the book and then place the card in the box provided on the table. This allows us to keep an accurate inventory of the books. Books can be checked out for 2 weeks, but you can renew books if needed. Call Nancy Brown for guidance for renewals.

MISSIONS GUILD – The Missions Guild keeps Pilgrim Guild members informed about mission activities locally, statewide, and nationally. They also distribute and collect mite boxes. We are joined with other ULMA Ladies Guilds in the U.S. as well as the Australian Lutheran Church.

MITE BOXES – Debbie Ripple

The Ladies Guild sincerely thanks Phyllis Kunzeman for her tenure as Chair of the Mite Boxes and welcomes Debbie Ripple.

Mite box donations are listed below:

October 2020 - \$34.84 to Lutheran World Relief

November 2020 - \$53.87 to Bethesda Lutheran Communities

December 2020 - \$48.39 to New Life Pregnancy Center

January 2021 - \$15.59 to United Lutheran Mission Association

February 2021 – \$127.15 to Braille Workers

March 2021 - \$41.79 to Lutheran World Relief

April 2021 - \$41.80 to Bethesda Lutheran Communities

May 2021 - \$67.53 to New Life Pregnancy Center

June 2021- \$119.01 to United Lutheran Mission Association

July 2021 - \$109.35 to Braille Workers

TRACT COMMITTEE – Vicki Schroeder

Check out the new tract on the United Lutheran Mission Association. It answers many questions about ULMA and provides a website that gives further information.

BRAILLE CENTER COMMITTEE - Jean Mueller

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

The Braille Committee will begin working again the 1st Thursday of every month starting September 2, 2021. We meet at the LSA. We will still be working on 1st Samuel. We have a quota of 10 books per month.

NURSERY GUILD - (Patti Newlin)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Nursery no longer maintains a roster of volunteer Nursery sitters. The nursery was closed in March 2020 due to the Pandemic, but it is now open on Sundays for children aged 3 and younger. There is a speaker in the Nursery so that parents may listen to the service while staying with their children.

PROGRAM GUILD – Linda M. Workman

There have been no Guild programs since our Reformation Cookout in October of 2020 because of the Pandemic-related quarantine. At our next Guild Meeting on September 14th, we will finalize plans for the October 31st Reformation Dinner at noon, and the Guild Christmas luncheon tentatively set for early December.

SUNSHINE GUILD

a. HOSPITAL COMMITTEE – Kathy Fulk

The last report that I turned in was for the January 13, 2020 meeting, so...since then I have mailed out 115 cards.

On February 11, 2021 I turned in receipts for a roll of stamps and 2 boxes of cards, for a total of \$65.06.

On July 4, 2021 I turned in a receipt for 3 boxes of cards for a total of \$12.24.

Nancy Wene wrote out a reimbursement check for both receipts.

b. SHUT-INS COMMITTEE - Bev Myrvold

The Shut-In Address List has combined home-bound, Assisted Living, and Nursing Home Pilgrims. I have mailed out 24 cards to those on the list and mailed 15 birthday cards through July 2021. In December of 2020 cards and Christmas checks were mailed out.

c. ALTAR FLOWER COMMITTEE – Vicki Schroeder

We have not been able to deliver altar flowers since March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions. Deliveries are typically made to Pilgrims that are home-bound, hospitalized, and in Nursing Homes. Hopefully we will be able to begin this ministry again very soon.

FUNERAL DINNERS COMMITTEE - Sandy Norris

Although we have had several Pilgrims go to their eternal home, we have had no funeral dinners because of the restrictions put in place because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our committee has now begun offering funeral dinners once again.

New Business:

The next business meeting will be

On **Tuesday, September 14 2021** - Plans for the October Reformation Dinner and Christmas Luncheon will be discussed. Please plan to attend this business meeting.

President's Notes -- Future Guild Business Meetings will now be on Tuesdays at 6:00 PM.

Vice President's Notes — None

Old Business — None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 P.M. with the Lord's Prayer said in unison.

Respectfully submitted,

Dian Centers, Secretary