



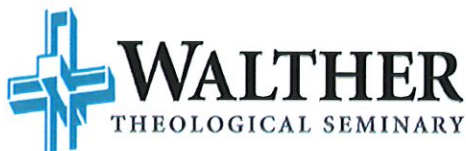
Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 36

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

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



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SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

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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 9/19

General: 7,890.00

Sunday School: 2

Miscellaneous: 272.11

Memorial Marian Dondeville: 25

Memorials Wanda Lawrence: 140

CDs: 16 Purchase of Bible: 22

Donuts/Milk/Coffee: 61 Rally Day: 977

Total: 9,405.11



ATTENDANCE

9/19 Sun 8:00 service: 109

9/19 Sun 10:45 service: 75

9/19 Sun Adult Bible classes: 91

9/19 Sunday School N3-High School: 10

9/22 Wed Adult Bible class: 29

9/22 Wed 12:15 service: 38

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. SEPTEMBER mites will go to Bethesda Lutheran Communities.

The Nursery Guild needs a chairwomen.

IF YOU WILL SERVE THE LORD'S HOUSE and would like more information please call Kathy Kilzer 217-433-1657.

WE ARE MISSING A ROASTER from the Church Kitchen. If you borrowed one, please return it to the kitchen. Thank you.



CHOIR REHEARSAL

Thursday, 9/30 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. We will talk about rehearsal times, etc.

!! COMING EVENTS !!

- 9/29 9:30 Wednesday Morning Adult Bible study - The Gospel of Matthew
12:15 Wednesday Worship Service
4:15 P.M. Confirmation Classes for Grades 7 & 8
5:00 P.M. Midweek Study Grades 1-6
- 9/27 FYI Trustees - The south side of the church will be power-washed in the morning.
- 10/5 FYI Organists - Berghaus will tune the organ
- 10/18 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting

10/31 Pilgrim Lutheran's 70th anniversary and Reformation Celebration!

The Ladies Guild is hosting a Reformation celebration. Since 2021 is the 70th anniversary of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, we would like to combine the two events.



Instead of having a Reformation dinner as we've done in the past, the Guild will be hosting a German breakfast, Sunday, October 31st from 9:15 to 10:30 (between 8:00 and 10:45 services).

There will be a joint Sunday School class during this time as well. Pastors will talk about our church's 70 year history and the Reformation and remind us of why our doctrine and our Lutheran beliefs are critical to this changing world. How did Luther's life and times parallel ours; what are the Smalcald Articles; where does the Book of Concord come in and what is the importance of the two?



Please mark your calendars and watch for posters around the building. The Pastors and Ladies Guild are looking forward to this celebration and hope the congregation will make every

effort to attend!

If you have questions, please contact Kathy Kilzer or Linda M. Workman.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 26 Cody Lofland
27 Kelly Schoon; Linda Snyder
W Larry & Kay Sutherland 63 yrs
28 Paula Haggard
29 Craig Goeppinger
30 Robin Williams
W Scott & Karen Easterling 27 yrs
W Robert & Maureen Kay 42 yrs

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Sandy Laesch; Jan Ritter
2 Ray Beals
4 Adam Apel
5 Jim Peck
6 David Carlen; Charlotte Fortner
W Loren & Melinda Hiser 58 yrs
7 Meara Ireland; Madelynn Jacobs;
W Mike & Brenda Bunch 32 yrs
8 Cynthia Farrar; Thomas Rutherford;
Vicki Wegmann
9 Brad Roberts; Adam Winchester
11 Kay Tolly
12 Morgan Binder; Gene Wise
14 Keagan Haksasila; Jean Mueller
W Rich & Shannon Lanier 26 yrs
15 John Crowe
16 Becky Basil; Linda Beals; Jay Scott
W Orson & Debra Hoffman 34 yrs
17 Samantha Ames; Steven Musgrove
18 Dick Arnold
20 Lesley Ellison
W Tom & Judy Greenwood 37 yrs
W Stan & Leanne Roberts 21 yrs
22 Dorothy Johnson
23 Larry Baker
24 W Bob & Jewel Barr 73 yrs
25 Lana Bender
26 Paul Phillips
27 Rosie Ellison
28 Lisa Leach; Merrilee Lock
29 Andy Apel; Ella Snow; Larry Wolf
30 Teresa Schueller
31 Gus Greenwood

JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU TO our Pilgrim family for lifting me and my family up in prayers! God has shown mercy and I'm doing much better!
—Megan Wooters

SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistants 10/3 Sunday

8:00 Gary Quandt 10:45 Doug Ward

Usher 9/29 Wed 12:15 Ron Kelm

10/3 Sunday 8:00 Chuck Barnes; Craig

Goeppinger; Stan Lange; Terry Massey; Dave

Pressly; John Wainwright 10:45 Tim White;

Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory

Ritter; Mark Thompson

Coffee Servers 9/29 Wed Paul & Patti Zeck

10/3 Sunday Jim & Linda Snow

Financial Counters 10/3 Steve Myrvold; Kevin

Ripple

Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up 10/3 Sunday

Shirley McMillen; Dian Centers; Bev Myrvold;

Linda Ripple; Tim & Lynn & Amanda Block

Trustees 9/19-10/2 Don Mast; Eric Mast; Paul

Phillips; Cory Ritter; Jim Snow; Ted Workman

Litter Control: Gene Wise

Greeters 10/3 8:00 Marlene Crawford; Phyllis

Kunzeman; Janie Lewis 10:45 Steve & Bev

Myrvold

DEAR PILGRIM FAMILY . . .

After two months I am finally home. I thank each and every one of you for all the beautiful cards, flowers , gifts and visits. It meant so much to me, to have all your support and prayers. May God bless us all and our church.

Your sister in Christ,

Betty Potrafka

*Putting the Word of God into hungry hands
all over the world*

CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

SPONSORED BY PKC & PYC

We will be collecting Bibles and other Christian material from August 15—October 3

We will take a trip to Butler, IL to deliver and take a tour of the warehouse.

More info about the date for that trip.

**You will find totes at the red doors and in the narthex
by the PKC board.**

"LOVE PACKAGES collects bible donations—as well as donations of Christian books, Sunday School materials, and more—from people and publishers across the U.S. and ship it to our network of distributors all over the world. We ship more than 1000 tons of recycled gospel literature on the mission field every year."

ACCEPTED CHRISTIAN DONATIONS:

Bibles

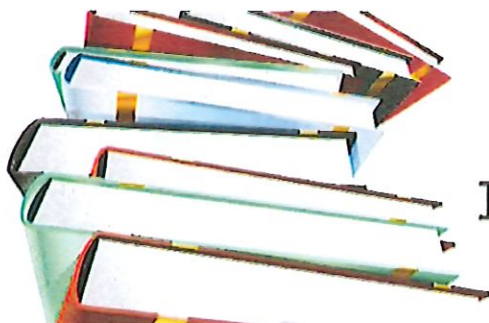
Books

Magazines

Reference Materials

Daily Devotions

Puppets, nativity sets, etc



**1000 Bibles for
Love Packages**

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OCTOBER 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				SEPT 30 8:00 Quilters 6-7:30 Choir Practice	1	2
3 8:00 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes and Sunday School 10:45 Worship Communion	4	5	6 9:30 Adult Bible Study 12:15 Midweek Worship and Communion 4:15-6:00 Gr 7 & 8 Junior Confirmation 5:00-6:00 Midweek Gr 1-6	7 8:00 Quilters	8	9
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24 8:00 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes and Sunday School 10:45 Worship Communion	25	26	27 9:30 Adult Bible Study 12:15 MW Worship 4:15 Gr 7 & 8 Junior Confirmation 5 Midweek Gr 1-6	28 8:00 Quilters	29	30

31 REFORMATION SUNDAY AND PILGRIM LUTHERAN'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Ladies Guild will host a German Breakfast from 9:15 to 10:30 (between the 8:00 and 10:45 services.)

There will be a joint Sunday School class during this time as well. Our Pastors will talk about our church's 70th year history and about the Reformation.

Officers Present:

President – Kathy Kilzer
Vice President – Linda Beals
Secretary – Dian Centers

Pilgrim Ladies Guild

2155 North Oakland Avenue
Decatur, Illinois 62526

The Pilgrim Ladies Guild business meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, September 14, 2021. Those in attendance were Kathy Kilzer, Dian Centers, Nancy Wene, Jean Mueller, Nancy Brown, Debbie Ripple, Patti Zeck, Bev Myrvold, Jane Martin, Linda Workman, Linda Snow, and Sandy Norris.

The opening devotion was given by Dian Centers who read 'The Eucharist in Daily Life' from "Daily Readings with Martin Luther" (page 70) and followed with an opening prayer.

Dian Centers read the minutes from the August 3rd, 2021 business meeting. Jane Martin's name was omitted from the names of those present at that meeting.

Treasurer Nancy Wene gave two Treasurer's reports. One from January 14, 2020 through August 31, 2020 and September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021. A projected Guild budget was also presented for comment. Kathy Kilzer called for a motion for the proposed budget to be accepted. The motion was made by Dian Centers and was seconded by Sandy Norris. There were no objections. It will be given to the Church Treasurer to be included in the church budget for the coming fiscal year. Sarah Marsaglia audited the Treasurer's Reports. The books were examined and found correct.

BIBLE and PRAYER – Linda Beals NO REPORT

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 additionally may be requested on the back of the Attendance Cards at any church service or by calling the Church office.

-All prayers are being emailed to the 75 members of the Prayer Chain. One new member was added this past month. Everything is going well.

CHANCEL GUILD

a. COMMUNION COMMITTEE – Jane Martin

-No issues

b. WEDDING SET UP/CLEAN UP COMMITTEE – Nancy Jacobs & Shannon Lanier

NO REPORT

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Chancel Guild – continued

c. CANDLE and BRASS CLEAN UP COMMITTEE – Linda Snow

Brass is all polished and ready to go. Checking glass globes for dustiness.
Brass candle holders on the altar are also clean.

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

-Nothing new to report.

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

a. COFFEE COMMITTEE – Nancy Jacobs (Dona Bailey, Linda Beals, Vicki Schroeder) NO REPORT

b. COFFEE SERVERS COMMITTEE – Patti Newlin

A roster of volunteers is maintained by Patti Newlin. They prepare regular coffee, Decaf, and will provide hot tea and also sets out donuts for the Sunday morning and Wednesday morning Bible Study Classes.

NO REPORT

c. GREETERS COMMITTEE – Patti Newlin

Greeters give a friendly first impression of Pilgrim. NO REPORT

d. MILITARY COMMITTEE – Sarah Marsaglia

Still praying for the church militant and for the two new students in our seminary.

KITCHEN GUILD – Sandy Norris

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

-The kitchen was cleaned last month. Thanks to all the ladies who came to help. They discovered an oven roaster is missing from the kitchen.

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

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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.

-Please remember to SIGN THE CARD in the front of or back of any book you check out. Also please look about your home for overdue books and return or renew them. Thank you.

MISSIONS GUILD

MITE BOXES – Debbie Ripple

This Guild collects and distributes mites from the Mite boxes. Any Pilgrim may take an empty 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.

-The mite box collection for the month of August was \$54.73 and was sent to Lutheran World Relief.

TRACT COMMITTEE – Vicki Schroeder

NO REPORT

BRAILLE CENTER COMMITTEE – Jean Mueller

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

-The Braille Committee did not meet last month. We were short people and needed 3 subs. Only 2 subs were available, so we canceled the meeting.

We will meet the last Thursday of September.

NURSERY GUILD – (Chairwoman needed)

-The Nursery is 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

-Suggestions for the Reformation Day celebration were discussed. During the German breakfast at 9:15 AM on Sunday October 31, Pastors will talk about Pilgrim's 70 year history. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

Plans for the Christmas luncheon were tabled until after Reformation Day.

SUNSHINE GUILD

a. HOSPITAL COMMITTEE – Kathy Fulk

-I mailed out 7 Get Well cards since the previous meeting in August. Patti Newlin is very good about passing on the names to me and I really appreciate her help. Everything is going well.

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b. SHUT-INS COMMITTEE - Bev Myrvold

-There are 29 shut-ins right now. Three are in for therapy at Hickory Point Christian Village: Betty Potrafka, Ron and Lois YaDeau.

c. ALTAR FLOWER COMMITTEE - Vicki Schroeder

NO REPORT

FUNERAL DINNERS COMMITTEE - Sandy Norris

-There were no funeral dinners in August.

New Business:

The next business meeting was not announced.

President's Notes - Guild has an opening. If interested in this committee, please call Kathy Kilzer at 217-433-1657.

Please return the oven roaster to the kitchen.

Vice President's Notes - None

Old Business - None

Business Tabled - Christmas luncheon

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 P.M. with the Lord's Prayer said in unison.

Respectfully submitted,

Dian Centers, Secretary