



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 16



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

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

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and Friday 8 a.m. to Noon.

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Reserved.

ATTENDANCE

4/10 Sun 8:00 service: 109

4/10 Sun 10:45 service: 107

4/10 Adult Bible Class: 106

4/10 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 11

4/13 No Wed Bible Class or Worship

OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 4/10

General: 11,398.50

Walther Theological Seminary: 20.00

Christian Sharing Fund: 100.00

Altar Flowers/Lilies: 315.00

Sunday School: 2.00

Loose: 20.00

CDs: 53.00

Donuts: 48.00

Total: 11,956.50

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. APRIL mites will go to United Lutheran Mission Association.

!! ACTIVITIES/EVENTS !!

4/18 6:30 Council Meeting

4/19 6:00 WTS Board of Trustees

4/20 10:30 Adult class

12:00 Wed Worship with Communion

4:15 Confirmation Classes

5:00 Midweek School Gr 1-6 Wed

4/21 8:00 Quilters

4/27 Last Midweek Class

4:15 Gr. 7 & 8

5:00 Gr. 1-6

8th Confirmation Class Pictures

4/29 7:00 Confirmation Questioning
Reception Following

- 5/1 10:45 Service Confirmation
 6/13 9:00-12:00 VBS (Mon-Fri)

CANCELLATIONS

When there is a cancellation of any event we cannot telephone all the members and all those who serve in various capacities.

If you are on the Member Facebook page or on the Prayer Chain, it would be very helpful if you check those daily. Thank you.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/1 Robin Breeden; Mary Jo Ward
 4/2 Will Bryan; Warner Gensler
 4/3 Mike & Kathy O'Bryan - 51 years
 4/4 Allison Ruwe; Brittany Williams
 4/5 Chad & Megan Wooters - 14 years
 4/6 Ellis V. Buth; Mary Ann Driskell;
 Bryant Taylor; Linda Wise
 Dick & Dona Bailey - 49 years
 4/8 Byron Brown; Penny McBride;
 Susan Ruwe
 Kevin & Debbie Ripple - 27 years
 4/9 Cameron Letterly
 4/11 Sherry Egan; Sara Laco; Jo-Anne Mast
 4/12 Ziak Ireland
 4/13 Paulette Browne; Tim Ellison; Margo Lanier; Paula Scott
 4/14 Larry Grischow; Emmett Stenger
 4/15 Dorothy Dittus
 4/16 Tom Greenwood; Lesa Mills; Megan Perry; Lindsey Rotz
 4/17 Patti Zeck
 4/19 Allen Kilzer
 4/20 Jaimie Ford; Gayle Lange;
 Mike O'Bryan; Brett Stenger
 4/21 Dana Embry; Ron McCormick
 4/22 Dorothy Price

- 4/23 Martha Bomball
 Dave & Vicki Schroeder - 45 years
 4/24 Sue Kopetz
 4/25 Linda Ripple; Cathy Spengler
 4/26 Jim R. Snow; Alice Stathers
 4/30 Lynn Block; Gary Schueller;
 Mary Jo Wrigley

SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistant/Acolyte

4/20 Wed Gary Quandt

4/24 Sunday 8:00 Tom Greenwood

10:45 Don Mast

Ushers 4/24 Sunday 8:00 Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter; Mark Thompson; Ron Kelm 10:45 Craig Goepfinger; Stan Lange; Terry Massey; Bob Meadows; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; John Wainwright

Coffee Servers 4/20 Wed Dick & Dona Bailey 4/24 Sunday Doug & Vicky Lueck
 Financial Counters 4/24 Sunday Mark Ames; John Crowe; Tim Ellison;
 Paul Giesler

Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up 4/24 Sunday
 Ray & Linda Beals; Jane Martin; Sarah Marsaglia; Carrie Thompson

Greeters 4/24 Sunday 8:00 Allen & Kathy Kilzer & Parker 10:45 Steve & Carol Goebel
 Trustees Paul Zeck; Harvey Thompson;
 Byron Brown; Bob Ellis; Doug Lueck

End-of-year Statements

Please pick up your end-of-year statements in the Narthex on the north wall under the Luther plates! Thanks!



Graceland/Fairlawn is hiring for seasonal mowing and trimming work.

Must be 16 years or older with a valid driver's license and no criminal record.

Please contact Dustin Ozier
217-620-2593



A big thank you to Cory Ritter, Jim Snow and their families and friends who gave of their time and energy cleaning up the church wooded area.

~The Retired Trustees

I learned that on Saturday April 8th, several families gathered in the church yard and picked up the sticks that fell over the winter. I believe that I can speak for the trustees when I express my appreciation to those of you who participated in this activity. Most of our backs have aged to the point where they will exact a big price for having to do such an activity, so our backs are very appreciative also!

~Don Mast

THANK
you.

*Dear Pilgrim Family,
Thank you for the cards of sympathy following Tim's mother's passing and for the cards and prayers for Lynette's shoulder surgery. Also, thank you Pastor Bill for visiting Lynette while she was hospitalized. It is such a blessing to have such a supportive faith family.*

~Tim & Lynette White



Thank you to the Choir Members and Director; the Organists; Chancel Guild; Kitchen Guild; the Ushers; the Acolytes/Communion Assistants and Office Helpers for all of the extra help during the season of Lent and Easter. We are grateful for your time and efforts!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
VBS!

JUNE 13-17, 2022

9AM-NOON

**G'DAY, MATE! ARE YOU READY FOR THE
TRIP OF A LIFETIME AS WE ZOOM OFF TO
AUSTRALIA FOR VBS 2022?**

Zoomerang is a sanctity of life VBS in the land down under! Be prepared to experience the jaw-dropping beauty of the Great Barrier Reef, the arid temperature of outback afternoons, the architectural marvels of Australia's modern cities, and the fascinating eucalyptus forest, home of the koalas.

At Zoomerang, the newest Answers in Genesis VBS, you'll marvel at the unforgettable wildlife, culture, and beauty of Australia while *exploring the wonder and value of life, from the lives of preborn babies to eternal life in the kingdom of God. During this pro-life VBS, kids will discover that life is valuable. From the tiniest to the oldest, each person is made in the image of God-wonderfully designed to know him and live for him!*

Be on the lookout for volunteer sign-ups and registration.

Officers Present:
President – Kathy Kilzer
Vice President – Linda Beals
Treasurer – Nancy Wene
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 1:04 PM on Monday, April 11, 2022.

Those in attendance were Kathy Kilzer, Nancy Wene, Sandy Norris, Linda Workman, Linda Beals, Bev Myrvold, Jane Martin, Vicki Schroeder, Jean Mueller, Nancy Brown, and Dian Centers.

The devotion was given by Vice President Linda Beals from Luther's Large Catechism, on Luther's selected word "Lord" from the Apostle's Creed.

Dian Centers read the minutes from the Monday, January 10th, 2022 business meeting. There were two corrections on the last Guild Report: (1) The previous Treasurer's Report was from the period September 1, 2021 through January 10th, 2022 – not through January 1st, 2022. (2) The Children's Christmas Program was canceled because Kay Tolly was hospitalized, not because of COVID.

Treasurer Nancy Wene gave the Treasurer's Report covering the period from, January 11, 2022 through April 11, 2022. Copies of the report were given to all present. Reimbursements from expenses for the Soup Supper and disbursements for the Mite Boxes were noted.

BIBLE and PRAYER – Linda Beals

NO REPORT

a. PRAYER CHAIN – Patti Zeck

Please email 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.

- We added 1 new member to the Prayer Chain. All went well while I was out of town for 3 months.

CHANCEL GUILD

a. COMMUNION COMMITTEE – Jane Martin

-Extra wine is being stored in the lower cabinet that is adjacent to the communion trays.

b. WEDDING SET UP (Shannon Lanier-new) and CLEAN UP COMMITTEE (Nancy Jacobs)

- We have not had any weddings requiring set-up or receptions.

c. CANDLE and BRASS CLEAN UP COMMITTEE – Linda Snow

- The glass globes and brass fittings are all clean and ready to go. I plan to help Jean with the Easter brunch set up.

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 –**

A roster of volunteers is maintained by the church secretary. They prepare regular coffee, decaf, provide milk and hot water for tea. They also set out donuts for the Sunday morning and Wednesday morning Bible Study Classes.

- President Kathy Kilzer asked for comment about wholly referring this committee to our Pilgrim secretaries, since the server schedule is created by them. She plans to discuss this with Pastor Brock and the secretaries.

- c. **GREETERS COMMITTEE –**

Greeters give a friendly welcome to Pilgrim.

- NO REPORT (This is another committee wholly scheduled by the church office.)

- d. **MILITARY COMMITTEE – Sarah Marsaglia**

-Still praying for the church militant, ULMA, and the Walther Theological 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.

-Cleaning the oven today from food spills.

- a. **EASTER BREAKFAST COMMITTEE – Jean Mueller**

- Jean said she is having a hard time buying Easter breakfast supplies at Sam's Club, because of the scarcity on the shelves of the items she needs. She is also having trouble deciding how many to plan for.

- b. **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM RECEPTION -**

- NO REPORT

- c. **RECEPTIONS COMMITTEE -**

-Kathy Kilzer plans to take care of the reception for the Junior Confirmands on Friday, April 29, 2022.

LIBRARY GUILD – Nancy Brown

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

-A reminder to please sign your name and date on the check-out card found in either the front or back of the book you want to check out. Place the card in the metal box on the table by the door. Some of the missing books have been recovered, but some books are still missing. Nancy reminds library patrons of the PLC library guidelines, which are as follows:

1. Be sure to sign the check-out card with your name and date (Cards will either be in the front or back of the book).
2. Books should be renewed after 2-3 weeks.
3. Do not re-shelve the book when you return it.

Some of the categories available are the following:

Apologetics, Bible, Bible Helps, Christian Living, History Systematics, and Children/Youth

MISSIONS GUILD

MITE BOXES – Debbie Ripple

This Guild collects and distributes mites from the Mite boxes. Any Pilgrim may take an empty Mite box and begin collecting their mites for missions. A list of the monthly mission distributions is posted on the Guild bulletin board above the Mite box table in the Narthex.

-January mission mites were \$89.04 and were sent to Lutheran World Relief

February mission mites were \$30.87 and were sent to Bethesda Lutheran Homes

March mission mites were \$63.87 and were sent to the New Life Pregnancy Center

TRACT COMMITTEE – Vicki Schroeder

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

-I am hoping to meet with the Pastors to discuss the tracts presently in the tract rack and ask for suggestions for new ones. I hope to meet with them sometime after Easter.

BRAILLE CENTER COMMITTEE – Jean Mueller

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

-The Braille committee is still doing 10 books of 1st Samuel. The committee meets on the 1st Thursday of each month.

NURSERY GUILD –

The Nursery is open on Sundays for children aged 3 and younger. A speaker is in the Nursery so that parents may listen to the church service while staying with their children.

-President Kathy Kilzer asked for comments concerning the amount of use of the Nursery.

PROGRAM GUILD – Linda Workman

This guild determines and organizes programs.

-There were approximately 80 who attended the Valentine themed Soup Luncheon on Sunday, February 13, 2022. Although there were a few more than expected, we had a soup to spare. The Barley Mushroom Soup and the Stuffed Pepper Soup was made by Linda M. Workman; the Cheese Soup was made by Kathy Kilzer; the Potato Soup was made by Linda Beals; The Chicken Vegetable Soup was made by Jean Mueller. The sandwiches were made by Stacey Apel, Jane Martin, and Nancy Wene. Other Guild members provided the accompaniments.

Plans were discussed for a catered luncheon after second service sometime in May.

PLEASE WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNSHINE GUILD

- a. **HOSPITAL COMMITTEE – Kathy Fulk**
-Forty Get Well and “Thinking of you”/Encouragement cards have been mailed out.

- b. **SHUT-INS COMMITTEE – Bev Myrvold**
-We have 30 Pilgrims on the Shut-In list.
Nursing Home/Assisted Living – 16
Homebound – 14
I have mailed out 26 Easter cards.
I need birth dates for Mary and Dave Harris and Betty and Eldred Budde.

- c. **ALTAR FLOWER COMMITTEE – Vicki Schroeder**
-I am still not able to make deliveries of altar flowers because I have not yet received a delivery list.

FUNERAL DINNERS COMMITTEE - Sandy Norris

- There were three funeral dinners since the last meeting. A dinner was prepared for 35 and served to 35 for the family and friends of Patti Newlin on January 15, 2022. On February 19, 2022 a dinner was prepared for 42 and served to 56 for the family and friends of Lois Ruwe. A dinner was prepared for 20 and served to 22 for the family and friends of Pat and Jim Rogers on March 29, 2022.

New Business:

The next business meeting was not announced.

President’s Notes – Guild has several chair openings. If you would like to serve as chair of one of the available committees, please call Kathy Kilzer at 217-433-1657.

Vice President’s Notes – None

Old Business – None

Business Tabled – None

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 P.M. with the Lord’s Prayer said in unison.

Respectfully submitted,

Dian Centers, Secretary