

# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 43



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

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

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October 23, 2022

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Office is open: Mon-Thurs 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
and Friday 8 a.m. to Noon.

Fridays: 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the Sanctuary is  
Reserved.

### ATTENDANCE

10/16 Sun 8:00 service: 105  
10/16 Sun 10:45 service: 63  
10/16 Adult Bible Class: 88  
10/16 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 8  
10/19 Wed 10:30 Bible Class: 43  
10/19 Wed 12:00 service: 44

### OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 10/16

General: 11,124.00  
Christian Sharing: 25.00  
Sunday School: 7.00  
PYC/PKC: 278.00  
MISC: 109.16  
Loose: 40.00  
CDs: 9.00  
Donuts: 61.00  
ULMA: 100.00  
Total: 11,753.16

### ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

10/26 10:30 Bible Class  
12:00 Wednesday Worship  
4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
10/27 8:00 Quilters  
10/30 12:15 Ladies Guild Congregational  
Reformation Luncheon  
10/31 6:00-8:00 PKC HallowHim Family  
Festival  
12/11 3:00 Sunday School Christmas  
Program

The Ladies' Guild Christmas Luncheon will  
be held at The Village Tea Room in Springfield,  
on Thursday, December 8, 2022  
We are hoping to carpool from church.  
More information to come.



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



## SERVING THE LORD

### Communion Assistant/Acolyte 10/30 Sunday

8:00 Gary Quandt 10:45 Don Mast

### Ushers 10/30 Sunday 8:00 Craig Goepfinger;

Stan Lange; Terry Massey; Bob Meadows;

Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; John

Wainwright 10:45 Tim White; Derek Ames;

Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter;

Mark Thompson

### Coffee Servers 10/26 Wed Gary & Mary Ann

Driskell

### 10/30 Sunday Kurt & Wendy Bickes

### Financial Counters 10/30 Sunday Rich

Lanier; Rick Leach; Steve Musgrove; Gary

Schueller

### Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up

### 10/30 Sunday Karen Svendsen; Nancy

Jacobs; Melinda Hiser; Jane Martin

### Greeters 10/30 Sunday 8:00 Pete & Sue

Williams 10:45 Byron & Nancy Brown

### Trustees- Week of 10/23 Don Mast; Cory

Ritter; Eric Mast; Paul Phillips; Jim R. Snow;

Ted Workman; Gene Wise-Litter Control

## October

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

10/23 Larry Baker; Caitlin Whaley

10/24 Robert & Jewel Barr (74 years)

10/25 Lana Bender

10/26 Atlee Mills; Paul Phillips

10/27 Rosie Ellison

10/28 Lisa Leach; Merrilee Lock

10/29 Ella Abbott; Andy Apel; Larry Wolf

10/30 Teresa Schueller

10/31 Gus Greenwood

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

11/1 Wayne Allen; Dick Bailey;

Royce Stenger

Charles & Dian Centers (58 years)

11/2 Michelle Gensler; Lavona McKinney

11/3 Kathy Kilzer

11/4 Kelly Barnes; Scott Easterling

11/5 John Anderson

Larry & Angee Baker (29 years)

11/6 Beth Abbott; Sam Greenwood;

Chuck McKinney

11/7 Caden Saul; Mark Scott

11/8 Tracy Goepfinger; Emma Whaley

11/10 Mark Kopetz; Bob McQuality;

Erica Meadows

11/11 Travis Buth; Byron Hays

11/12 Kay Sutherland

Orville & Kathy Fulk (39 years)

11/13 Christy Harding; Greg Mills

11/14 Melinda Hiser; Carol Leevy; Zach Mills

11/15 Jana Thrasher; Linda Workman

11/16 Brenda Bunch; Anya Ireland;

Stephanie Whisnant

11/17 Dain Friend; Stephanie Leevy

11/18 Richard Carlson; Marvin Jensen

11/19 Robert Black

11/20 David Binder

Paul & Becky Basil (52 years)

11/22 Gary Driskell; Stan Lange

11/23 Stacey Apel

11/24 Peyton Ruwe

11/25 Gene & Linda Wise (55 years)

11/26 Bryce Turner

Dick & Judy Arnold (68 years)

11/27 Megan Wooters

11/28 Dona Bailey

Timothy & Lynette White (41 years)

11/29 William Bork; Emily Musgrove

11/30 Betty Potrafka





N3-8th Grade  
Lesson Summaries

10/23/22

LESSON 7

Exodus 2:23-3:22

Today, we will study “Fiery Directions.” Miraculously rescued through the waters of the Nile by Pharaoh’s daughter, Moses escapes the condemnation pronounce on the other Hebrew boys. Leaving behind his life of privelege, Moses fleesto Midian, where he encounters the living God in a burning bush. Through this encounter, God directs and equips Moses to rescue His chosen people from their slavery in Egypt. Discuss how we are saved through the waters of Baptism.

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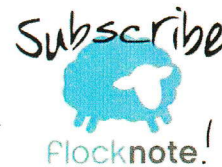
NEEDED-

Men or Women to be substitutes for Braille. You do NOT need to know anything about braille. I need someone I can call if one of my regulars can't help that month. It's very simple & we have lots of fun. We meet at the Lutheran School the first Thursday of each month from 8:00 a.m. to about 10:30 a.m. Contact Jean Mueller at 217-877-4060.

### HOW CAN WE COMMUNICATE WITH YOU?

For information and cancellations:

1. Sign up with **Flocknote by texting to this number 84576 and put PLC in the message area.** Please only include the groups that you are a member of. If you are not on the Council, trustees or PYC, for example, don't ask to be in that group. Make sure that you include your name and email address. If you need help please contact me, Kay Tolly. You can also sign up at **[pilgrimlutheranchurch1.flocknote.com](https://www.pilgrimlutheranchurch1.flocknote.com)**.



2. Kay posts a lot of announcements, pictures, and information on our **PRIVATE MEMBERS ONLY FACEBOOK PAGE. Please ask to join by going to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/62157575041/>.**



That link should take you to Members of Pilgrim Lutheran Church Decatur Illinois. You will request to join and then the administrators will approve your request. We are being very cautious in approving due to so many hackers out there. Kay may call and verify that you made the request, or you can let her know by calling the church office. We also have a PUBLIC Facebook page, but you will not receive the info on that page that you will receive on our PRIVATE page. That page is Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Confessional, Decatur, IL **<https://www.facebook.com/pilgrimlutherandecaturil>**. Since that page is public you can share videos and other items from that page.

Contact Kay Tolly if you have any questions.

## Ladies' Guild Reformation Luncheon



**Sunday, October 30, 2022**

The Ladies' Guild will be hosting a  
Congregational Reformation Luncheon  
at 12:15 p.m.

### Menu

- ~ Brats, German Potato Salad, Red Cabbage
- ~ Lentil Soup, Apple Cider
- ~ Apple Cake & German Chocolate Cake

**Sign up in the Narthex by October 23!**



**WE NEED  
LOTS AND LOTS  
OF CANDY**

for our annual  
PKC HallowHim Family Festival.  
Individually wrapped candy, cookies  
or other snacks. Look for the big  
box in the narthex in which to place  
your donation. Let's fill it up with lots  
of treats! The children really enjoy  
our annual Festival and taking  
home candy is part of the fun.  
Deadline to bring candy/snack  
donations is October 26.  
Thank you!

## PKC/PYC Events

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 31**

◆ **HallowHim Family Festival 6-8 p.m.** ◆

Spend this special day in our church history (Reformation Day) with Christian friends. Pizza, a Reformation devotion, games, cake walk, face painting and a BIG BAG OF GOODIES TO TAKE HOME! No costumes, please. A parent must attend with PKC children. All family members are encouraged to attend. PYC members will earn service hours for helping.  
**SIGN UP BY OCTOBER 26!**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

◆ **Frenzied Friday 5:30-8 p.m.** ◆

Special Veteran's Day Activity (Dinner at 6:00)  
Some of our Pilgrim Veteran's will share their experiences with us. Everyone bring something to share for dinner. Drinks provided.  
**SIGN UP BY NOVEMBER 6!**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

◆ **Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsals Begin at 9:30 a.m.** ◆

Rehearsals will continue through Dec. 11.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2**

◆ **Frenzied Friday 6-8 p.m. Paint with Jenn** ◆

Jenn Killion will show us how to make a canvas painting in a fun and easy way. It will make a great gift or decoration for your room. Everyone bring a snack to share! **SIGN UP BY NOVEMBER 27!**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**

◆ **Sunday School Christmas Program 3:00 p.m.** ◆

Dress Rehearsal is Saturday, Dec. 10 at 9:00 a.m. More info coming.

Officers Present:  
President – Kathy Kilzer  
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 1:24 PM on Monday, September 26, 2022.

Those in attendance were Kathy Kilzer, Nancy Wene, Sandy Norris, Linda Workman, Bev Myrvold, Vicki Schroeder, Sarah Marsaglia, Patti Zeck, Jean Mueller, Jane Martin, Dian Centers

The Monday Prayer from the Lutheran Book of Prayers was read by Kathy Kilzer for our devotional.

Dian Centers read the minutes from the Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 business meeting. Minutes were also read from the Ad Hoc meeting held on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> to submit an approved budget to the church council.

Nancy Wene gave the Treasurer's Report covering two periods from, April 12, 2022 through August 31, 2022 and from September 1, 2022 through September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Copies of the reports were given to all present. Nancy thanked Sara Marsaglia for auditing the books. The new budget was presented to the Church Council on August 23, 2022.

### BIBLE and PRAYER – Linda Beals

*NO REPORT*

#### a. PRAYER CHAIN – Patti Zeck

Please email your prayer requests to Patti Zeck at [pzeck4055@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

-The Prayer Chain added one new member. All prayers are going fine.

### CHANCEL GUILD

#### a. COMMUNION COMMITTEE – Jane Martin

-No issues. Thanks to everyone for their help!

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

*NO REPORT*

#### c. CANDLE and BRASS CLEAN UP COMMITTEE – Linda Snow

- The brass burners and glass globes are all cleaned and ready for use.

### 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

-We just put a new quilt on the rack. Four quilts are in the queue. The Guild is making a Christmas quilt to offer to the congregation for Christmas 2023. The proceeds will go to the General Fund.

**FUNERAL DINNERS COMMITTEE** - Sandy Norris

- There was one funeral dinner since our last meeting in April. We served 27 family and friends of Jeanne Mears on August 15, 2022. We prepared for 32.

**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. Volunteers 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 suggested deferring this committee to the Pilgrim office, since the server schedule is created by them. Kathy plans to discuss this with Pastor Brock and the two office managers.

c. **GREETERS COMMITTEE** –  
Greeters give a friendly welcome to Pilgrim.  
*NO REPORT*

d. **MILITARY COMMITTEE** – Sarah Marsaglia  
-Still praying for the church militant, Pilgrim, 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.  
-There are items that Pilgrim usually purchases from Sam's that have changed or are no longer carried, such as lemonade and the white roll of plastic for tables. They do have clear plastic. I may have to check somewhere else (for the items we use)

a. **EASTER BREAKFAST COMMITTEE** – Jean Mueller  
- Around 150 enjoyed the Free-will Easter Breakfast between services on April 17, 2022. It went very well.

b. **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM RECEPTION** -  
*NO REPORT*

c. **RECEPTIONS COMMITTEE** – Brenda Bunch  
- Kathy Kilzer planned the Confirmation Question and Answer Night Reception on April 29, 2022 for our four confirmands. Cake, cookies, and punch was served to approximately 100 people. Servers were Kathy Kilzer and Nancy Wene .

**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.

*NO REPORT*

## 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.

-For month of June the mite box collection was \$53.62 and was sent to Lutheran World Relief.

In July \$188.67 was collected for Bethesda Lutheran Communities.

ULMA was sent \$68.60 in August.

### **TRACT COMMITTEE – Vicki Schroeder**

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

-Over this past summer I thoroughly cleaned the Tract Racks and replaced old tracts.

Thanks to Kay Tolly, we now have new and updated Tracts.

**TAKE TIME TO CHECK THEM OUT.**

### **BRAILLE CENTER COMMITTEE – Jean Mueller**

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

-The Braille committee is still working on 10 books of 1st Samuel. The committee meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month. I always need 5 regulars and I would like some additional volunteers to serve as subs so that I can call on them if needed. Call me or the Church Office to volunteer.

## 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.

- Kathy Kilzer did not get the feedback on how much the Nursery is used.

## PROGRAM GUILD – Linda Workman

This guild determines and organizes programs.

-Our Annual Spring Luncheon was Sunday, May 15, 2022 after the 10:45 service in the All Purpose Room and had 95 in attendance. The luncheon was catered by Judy's Catering from Cerro Gordo. We had no "entertainment" – just fellowship!

Linda led discussion for a Reformation Day luncheon. It will be after late service on Sunday, October 30, 2022 featuring a German menu. Please sign-up on the board in the Narthex.

The Christmas Ladies Guild luncheon will be at the Village Tea Room in Springfield. A firm date in December has not yet been set. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. A donations box for items for the New Life Pregnancy Center will be placed in the Narthex for our Christmas service project. We decided not to return to the Airport because last year we had to share the room with other groups which made it too noisy and the seating was awkward.

**PROGRAM GUILD** - CONTINUED

A congregational Soup luncheon is being planned for Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

A Spring Luncheon will be held on Sunday April 30, 2023 in the All-Purpose Room.

Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex for more details for these events closer to the dates.

**SUNSHINE GUILD**

**a. HOSPITAL COMMITTEE – Kathy Fulk**

-Twenty-five Get Well cards have been sent out. Beth and Jenn have been sending the names to me. Everything is going well.

**b. SHUT-INS COMMITTEE – Bev Myrvold**

-We have 16 homebound Pilgrims and there are 16 in Nursing Homes or Assisted Living.

I now have the birth dates for Betty and Eldred Budde (from Sarah).

**c. ALTAR FLOWER COMMITTEE – Vicki Schroeder**

-I spoke to Pastor Bill last Wednesday (9-21) regarding reviving our Flower Delivery schedule to our members who are homebound, in Assisted Living, in Nursing Homes, or in the hospital. He will discuss this with Pastor Brock and get back with me.

**We need volunteers who are willing to deliver flowers to our members once a month.**

**New Business:**

Business Meeting dates have been set for November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, January 16, and March 13, 2023; each meeting is on Monday at 1:30 P.M.

**President's Notes –**

**Vice President's Notes – None**

**Old Business – None**

**Business Tabled – None**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 P.M. with the Lord's Prayer said in unison.

Respectfully submitted,

Dian Centers, Secretary