



# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 47



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

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

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## OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 11/13

General: 9,769.00  
Christian Sharing: 51.00  
Sunday School: 2.00  
MISC: 17.24  
CDs: 5.00  
Thanksgiving Food: 400.00  
Donuts: 74.00  
ULMA: 100.00  
Total: 10,418.24

## ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- 11/21 6:30 Council Meeting  
7:00 Annual Voters' Meeting
- 11/22 6:00 WTS Board of Trustees
- 11/23 No Bible Class, Worship or Midweek  
Classes
- 11/24 9:00 Thanksgiving Day Worship
- 12/2 6:00-8:00 Frenzied Friday Paint Party
- 12/8 12:00 Ladies' Guild Christmas Luncheon  
at The Village Tea Room in Springfield
- 12/11 3:00 Sunday School Christmas  
Program

**MITE OFFERINGS...** ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box at your convenience. **NOVEMBER** mites will go to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you.

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

## ATTENDANCE

11/13 Sun 8:00 service: 99  
11/13 Sun 10:45 service: 72  
11/13 Adult Bible Class: 87  
11/13 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 15  
11/16 Wed 10:30 Bible Class: 41  
11/16 Wed 12:00 service: 47

## SERVING THE LORD

### Communion Assistant/Acolyte

11/27 Sunday 8:00 Allen Kilzer

10:45 Doug Ward

Ushers 11/27 Sunday 8:00 Joe Marsaglia;  
Bruce Gifford; Loren Hiser; Dave Schroeder

10:45 Don Mast; Eric Mast; John Mickler;  
Jim M. Snow; Jim R. Snow; Mark Thompson

Coffee Servers 11/27 Sunday Doug &  
Vicky Lueck

Financial Counters 11/27 Sunday Rich

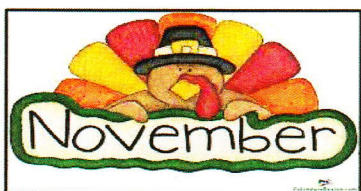
Lanier; Rick Leach; Steve Musgrove;  
Gary Schueller

### Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up

11/27 Sunday Jane Martin; Sarah Marsaglia;  
Carrie Thompson

Greeters 11/27 Sunday 8:00 Allen, Kathy &  
Parker Kilzer 10:45 Steve & Bev Myrvold

Trustees- Week of 11/20 Larry Wolf;  
Ray Beals; Pete Williams; Brad Roberts;  
Brett Stenger; Aaron Purcell; Gene Wise-  
Litter Control



### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 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

## DECEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 12/1 John Mickler
- 12/5 Grant Abbott  
Derek & Samantha Ames (13)
- 12/6 Michelle O'Bryan; Scott Perry
- 12/7 Drew Gensler; Tim White
- 12/8 Kevin Ripple
- 12/9 Drake Gensler
- 12/10 Sandy Norris; Stan Roberts; Gary  
Winchester
- 12/11 Betty Conover; Eva Snow  
Robert & Erica Meadows (1)
- 12/12 David Ireland
- 12/13 Jeff Cotner; Steve Goebel; Harvey  
Thompson  
Bryant & Martha Bomball (63)
- 12/14 Razjada Brown; Marsha Crowe  
Phil & Marge Beach (65)  
Mark & Carla Luka (26)
- 12/15 Marvin Rau
- 12/19 Suzie Beltz
- 12/20 Greg Whisnant
- 12/22 Jennifer Gensler; Joseph Wisner
- 12/24 Dave Pangrac; Donna Phillips  
Wayne & Barbara Buesking (68)
- 12/26 Gloria Parton
- 12/28 Jim & Carrie Snow (26)
- 12/29 Greg & Lesa Mills (38)
- 12/30 Mark Thompson; Ted Workman
- 12/31 Carol Allen; Mike Bunch; Ashley  
Lofland; Marilyn Mills

### 2023 Offering Envelopes



2023 Offering Envelopes are available on  
the tables in the narthex.  
Please begin using them in January 2023.  
Pick yours up today!



N3-8th Grade  
Lesson Summaries

11/20/22

**LESSON 11**

**Judges 7:1-23**

Today, we will study "A Judge Leads." God called Gideon to lead His chosen people against their Midianite enemies. God leads Gideon to reduce his army from 32,000 men to a mere 300. Reassured by the Lord, Gideon moves forward with God's improbable plan. Armed with only torches and trumpets, Gideon's mini army defeats the mighty Midianite force without lifting a sword. Discuss ways God can use even small groups of people to accomplish great things.

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**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 **[pilgrimplutheranchurch1.flocknote.com](https://www.flocknote.com/pilgrimplutheranchurch1)**.



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/pilgrimplutherandecaturil>**. Since that page is public you can share videos and other items from that page.

Contact Kay if you have any questions.



**VOLUNTEERS**

We are in need of two to three people to train to run the Substitute Organist Program.

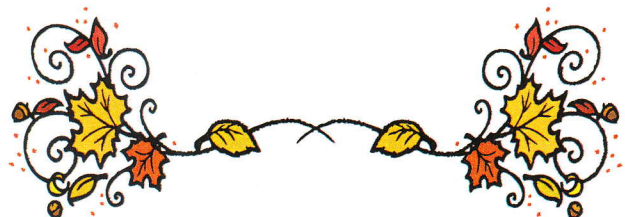
Kay Tolly programs an iPad for the service and you would be following instructions to hook up the iPad and hit the correct button for each portion of the service.

Two people have generously volunteered their time and have successfully executed the program. We would like to add several more people to the rotation for this very important part of our worship services.

If interested, please contact Kay.



The loose offerings through November 20 will be used to purchase Thanksgiving Food Gift Cards to provide help for some of our Pilgrim members for Thanksgiving. You can put cash in an envelope and include your name and "Thanksgiving." Make checks payable to Pilgrim Lutheran and note "Thanksgiving" in the memo. Thank you!





**Where:** The Village Tea Room  
3301 Robbins Road  
**Date:** Thursday, December 8, 2022  
**Time:** 12:00 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$16.00 per person plus  
tax & gratuity (includes drink)  
**RSVP:** Before Sunday, November 27

Make your selections  
on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

We can car pool from the church parking lot  
for those that can't or don't want to drive.  
Meet at the church no later than 10:30 a.m.

There is shopping in the building of the Tea Room  
for those who wish to do so after lunch.

We are collecting items to be donated to the New Life Pregnancy Center.  
A box is in the Narthex. Please leave items there.

*The Ladies' Guild is asking the congregation for donations for the  
New Life Pregnancy Center.*

*Please leave items in the box in the narthex.*

*Please place monetary donations in the offering box and note  
New Life Pregnancy Center. Thank you!*

### *Items needed for New Life Pregnancy Center*

#### *Blessing Boutique Wish List:*

- Used Summer clothing-toddler sizes
- Children's Onsie
- Socks
- Diapers- sizes 3-6
- Pull-ups- all sizes
- Baby wipes
- Enfamil A.R. Formula & Gentlease Formula
- Baby wash
- Baby lotion
- Toilet paper
- Adult personal hygiene items
- Purex powdered laundry detergent
- "Fresh Spring Waters"
- GoodNites Bedtime Pants  
boys 38-65 lbs. S/M & L/XL
- Children's underwear- sizes 2T-7

#### *Layette Wish List:*

- Hooded Towels
- Socks
- Bibs
- Infant toys
- New summer clothing & sleepers (0-3 month)

#### *Thrift Shoppe Needs:*

Merchandise needs:

- Bridal gowns

Supply needs:

- White cardstock, Shout, Dawn blue dish detergent, Gain Fling Pods (laundry detergent)

#### *Puberty Presentation Needs:*

- Travel size deodorant
- Travel size body wash
- Travel size toothpaste
- Hershey's kisses/Mint Lifesavers
- Panty liners
- Hair ties

# Frenzied Friday Paint Party

## December 2

6:00-8:00 pm

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 (NO DINNER TONIGHT) SIGN UP BY NOV. 27.

YOU WILL CHOOSE FROM THE SAMPLES OF CANVAS OR WOOD. JENN PAINTED THE SAMPLES BELOW!

