



# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 51



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.

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

### ATTENDANCE

12/11 Sun 8:00 service: 89  
12/11 Sun 10:45 service: 85  
12/11 Adult Bible Class: 81  
12/11 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 5  
12/14 Wed 10:30 Bible Class: 42  
12/14 Wed 12:00 service: 43

### OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 12/11

General: 17,368.08  
Christian Sharing: 100.00  
Flowers: 125.00  
MISC: 561.00  
Loose: 40.00  
CDs: 6.00  
Postage Rebate: 100.00  
Angel Tree: 530.00  
Donuts: 63.00  
Total: 18,893.08

### ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

12/19 6:30 Council Meeting  
12/20 6:00 WTS Board of Trustees Meeting  
12/21 No Wed Bible Class, Wed Worship or Midweek School  
12/22 8:00 Quilters  
12/24 7:00 Christmas Eve Service  
12/25 9:00 Christmas Day Service  
(One service, No Bible Class or Sunday School)  
12/28 No Wed Bible Class, Wed Worship or Midweek School  
12/31 7:00 New Year's Eve Service Communion

***The year-end cut-off date for 2022 contributions is Sunday, December 25.***



## SERVING THE LORD

### Communion Assistant/Acolyte

12/25 Sunday 9:00 Gary Quandt

Ushers 12/24 Saturday 7:00 Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter;

Ron Kelm 12/25 Sunday 9:00 Don Mast; Eric Mast; John Mickler; Jim M. Snow;

Jim R. Snow; Ron Kelm; Mark Thompson

Financial Counters 12/25 Sunday Rich Lanier;

Rick Leach; Steve Musgrove; Gary Schueller

Greeters 12/25 Sunday 9:00 Pete & Sue

Williams

## 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

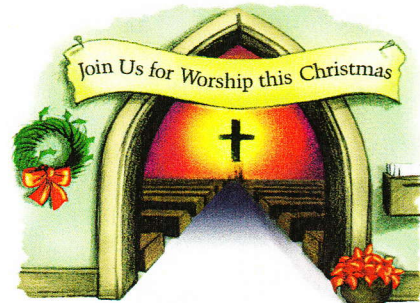


**MITE OFFERINGS...** ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box at your convenience. **DECEMBER** mites will go to Bethesda Lutheran Communities. Thank you.

### 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!**



*If you would like an invitation to Christmas services sent to anyone, please give the complete name and address to the office. You can call the office at (217)877-2444 or email the information to [plc@pilgrimlutherandecatur.org](mailto:plc@pilgrimlutherandecatur.org).*



# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

N3-8th Grade  
Lesson Summaries

12/18/22  
LESSON 1  
UNIT 2

This week in our Christian education time, we study "A Divided Kingdom." Solomon's heir, Rehoboam, ignored the pleas of the people to lighten their load; instead, he threatened to make their workload even more difficult. Angered by his response, ten tribes of Israel make Jeroboam their leader, leaving Rehoboam to lead only the tribes of Judah and Benjamin in Jerusalem, where the temple was. As a family, discuss how the division of the kingdom affected the worship life of the people. Ask, "How could dividing yourself from church affect your worship life?"

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent

## 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.facebook.com/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 if you have any questions.



We have an opportunity during this Advent season to respond to God's gift ... His Son ... by giving a gift of love for those in our Faith Family who need our help and support.

In the narthex, at the north wall, is our **ANGEL TREE**. If you wish to participate, it's as easy as 1-2-3.

1. take one of the "angel" envelopes and put your gift inside
2. write your name on the envelope and place it in a church offering box.
3. select an angel ornament and put it on the tree.  
Let's fill the tree with angels  
in response to our love  
for our Savior and our  
Pilgrim members in need.

God bless your Christmas  
and your giving!

Officers Present:  
President – Kathy Kilzer  
Treasurer – Nancy Wene

**Pilgrim Ladies Guild**  
2155 North Oakland Avenue  
Decatur, Illinois 62526

The Pilgrim Ladies Guild business meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM on Monday, November 14, 2022 by President Kathy Kilzer.

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

For our devotion a prayer was read by Kathy Kilzer from the Lutheran Book of Prayer, entitled “Thanksgiving and Praise.”.

The minutes from our last meeting on September 26, 2022 was read by Nancy Wene. They were approved and seconded by Sara Marsaglia.

The Treasurer’s report was read by Nancy Wene, it was approved and seconded by Sandy Norris.

**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.

-All is going well.

**CHANCEL GUILD**

**a. COMMUNION COMMITTEE** – Jane Martin

-Nothing new to report.

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

There were no weddings to set up/clean up.

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

- *NO REPORT*

**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

- *NO REPORT*



**FUNERAL DINNERS COMMITTEE** - Sandy Norris

- There have been no dinners since our last meeting.

**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** – Beth Abbott  
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.  
*NO REPORT*

c. **GREETERS COMMITTEE** – Beth Abbott  
Greeters give a friendly welcome to Pilgrim.  
--Sign-up sheets are in the worship folders for people to sign up to be greeters for 2023.

d. **MILITARY COMMITTEE** – Sarah Marsaglia  
--Still praying for the church militant, Pilgrim, Our Redeemer, 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.

--Need to check on kitchen cleanliness more often after Wednesday kids activities.

a. **EASTER BREAKFAST COMMITTEE** – Jean Mueller  
*NO REPORT*

b. **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM RECEPTION** – Brenda Bunch  
--We will be having a reception after the children's Christmas program on December 11, 2022.

c. **RECEPTIONS COMMITTEE** – Brenda Bunch  
See above

**LIBRARY GUILD** – Nancy Brown

The Library is open to all member of Pilgrim. There are several categories available: History, Christian Living, Biblical, Systematics, Apologetics, and Children/Youth.

Remember to:

1. Write your name on the check-out card in either the front or back of the book.
2. Write the date on the card.
3. Try to return the book in a timely manner (two/three weeks).
4. Put the card in the small green box.

**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.  
--The September mites totaled \$109.16 and was sent to ULMA

**TRACT COMMITTEE – Vicki Schroeder**

The Tract Rack is a ministry giving brief, but readily obtainable information on life topics from the conservative Biblical perspective.  
--Nothing new since September.

**BRILLE CENTER COMMITTEE – Jean Mueller**

The Braille Center committee prepares reading materials for the visually impaired.  
--We did another ten books of 1 Samuel. We have three new subs.

**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.  
-- *NO REPORT*

**PROGRAM GUILD – Linda Workman**

This guild determines and organizes programs.

--Our Reformation Luncheon attended by 79 members. We had great comments. A Free-Will offering was taken (\$420.00). Copies of recipes were made available. We have also set a date for the Christmas luncheon at the Village Tea Room. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. We are collecting items for the New Life Pregnancy Center.

**SUNSHINE GUILD**

**a. HOSPITAL COMMITTEE – Kathy Fulk**

--Thirteen get well cards have been mailed out since the last meeting. Everything is going well.

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

*-NO REPORT*

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

--Delivery to Nursing homes is still on hold.

We did discuss whether they will discontinue flower delivery. We all commented how we liked seeing the altar flowers left on through Wednesday Noon worship. They all look fresh enough for us to still enjoy them. Sometimes when they are delivered to a shut-in they don't really have a place for them.

**New Business: Kathy Kilzer**

**The next meeting will be Monday, January 16, 2023. We will need to make plans for our Soup Supper, scheduled for February 12, 2023. We also discussed, after Christmas, we are getting together a few ladies to straighten and clean the Attic.**

**President's Notes**

–Beginning in January 2023 the Shut-In Service will be brought back again on the first Wednesday of the month and will be part of the regular noon Wednesday service.

**Vice President's Notes — None**

**Old Business — None**

**Business Tabled – None**

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M. with the Lord's Prayer said in unison.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kilzer, Acting Secretary