



# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 4



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

“Where the Bible is the inspired, inerrant Word of God”

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**Newsletter Editor:** Contact office  
**Newsletter Deadline:** 9 A.M. Wednesday  
**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

1/15 Sun 8:00 service: 94  
Sun 10:45 service: 106  
1/15 Adult Bible Class: 104  
1/15 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 4  
1/18 Wed 10:30 Bible Class: 40  
1/18 Wed 12:00 service: 51

### OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 1/15

General: 14,081.19  
Christian Sharing: 500.00  
Sunday School: 2.00  
Loose: 10.00  
CD's: 7.00  
Donuts: 57.00  
Higher Things Youth Conference: 150.00  
Total: 14,807.19

### ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

1/25 10:30 Bible Class  
12:00 Wednesday Worship  
4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
1/26 8:00 Quilters  
2/12 12:15 Ladies' Guild Soup Luncheon

End-of-the-Year Offering Statements  
are available for pick up  
on a table in the narthex.

## SERVING THE LORD

### Communion Assistant/Acolyte 1/29 Sunday

8:00 Tom Greenwood 10:45 Doug Ward

### Ushers 1/29 Sunday 8:00 Don Mast; Eric Mast;

John Mickler; Jim M. Snow; Jim R. Snow; Ron Kelm 10:45 Joe Marsaglia; Bruce Gifford; Paul Giesler; Loren Hiser; Dave Schroeder; Chad Wooters

### Coffee Servers 1/25 Wed Dave & Vicki

Schroeder 1/29 Sunday Bob & Erica Meadows

### Financial Counters 1/29 Sunday John Mickler;

Ellis V. Buth; Dain Friend; Paul Zeck

### Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up

1/29 Sunday Karen Svendsen; Nancy Jacobs; Melinda Hiser; Jane Martin

### Greeters 1/29 Sunday 8:00 Scott & Rita Perry

10:45 Ray & Linda Beals

**MITE OFFERINGS...** ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box at your convenience. **JANUARY** mites will go to New Life Pregnancy Center. Thank you.



### Birthdays & Anniversaries

1/22 Steve Gensler; Tim Laesch; Rita Wise  
1/23 Jane Martin  
1/24 Pat Abbott; Ellis Buth  
1/25 Cathy Anderson; Bob Ellis; Shirley McMillen; Brad Saul  
1/26 Jared Potrafka  
1/27 Don Mast  
1/28 Mila Coers  
1/30 Nora Kinney; Jordan Letterly; River Lofland; Pete Williams



### Birthdays and Anniversaries

2/1 Ruby Quandt; Jeffrey Spengler  
2/2 Jason Leevy; BJ Rotz; Nathan Scott  
2/3 Steve Myrvold  
2/5 Steve Musgrove; Lorna Schoon  
2/6 Bryant Bomball  
2/7 Henry Ellison; Kenny Ripple; Luke Scott  
2/8 Cory Ritter; Ron YaDeau  
2/9 Dain & Cheryl Friend (44 years)  
2/10 Bonnie Engel; Dan Nellis  
2/11 Jason Collingwood; Paul Giesler; Addison Rotz  
2/12 Mike Williams  
2/13 Smitha Jeyaseelan; Joseph Scott  
2/14 Valerie Cotner; Courtney Taylor; Carolyn Wagner; Alex Wegmann; Jennifer Wisner  
Bob & Nancy Jacobs (58 years)  
2/15 Roman Gensler; Greg Goebel; Aaron Norris  
2/18 Ellis V. and Katie Buth (6 years)  
2/19 Dorothy Klockenga; Josiah Ohlwine; Ripken Rotz; Aldon Ruwe  
2/21 Peg Musgrove; Bonnie Propst; Connie Searl; Lois YaDeau  
2/22 Chuck & Kelly Barnes (45 years)  
2/23 Thomas Goepfinger  
2/24 Shannon Lanier  
2/27 Kathy Helphrey; Cambell Lanier  
Steve & Jennifer Gensler (35 years)  
2/28 Sarah Guhl; Sarah Marsaglia  
2/29 Andy & Stacey Apel (7 years)



**2023** Offering Envelopes are available on the table in the narthex. Please begin using them in **January 2023**.



1/22/23  
LESSON 6  
UNIT 2

This week in our Christian education time, we discuss "Claimed and Tested." At Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan River, the heavens open, the Spirit descends, and the Father speaks: "You are My beloved Son" (Luke 3:22). Jesus goes from the waters of Baptism to the wilderness, where He faces a series of temptations from the devil. Jesus resists each one as He speaks the truth of God's Word against the lies of Satan. Ask one another, "How can we use God's Word as we defend our faith?"

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### WE ARE ADOPTING AN ALL-CONGREGATION TEXTING/EMAIL COMMUNICATION SERVICE

- Closing & cancellation notifications, eliminating the need for individual phone calls
- Important updates
- Reminders and communication for specific groups
- Easy to sign up
- Sign up to receive texts or emails or both
- Your information is private
- No spam
- Unsubscribe at any time
- If you don't text or email NOTIFY us and you will still receive a phone call from the office
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Help us to communicate important information to you by signing up NOW!

**TEXT**  
to this number  
**84576**  
the letters  
**PLC**  
and you will receive a welcome notification  
OR Sign up at  
pilgrimlutheranchurch1.flocknote.com

Please contact Kay Tolly if you need assistance or have questions.

## 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.**
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



The Ladies' Guild will be  
sponsoring a Soup Luncheon on  
**Sunday, February 12, 2023**  
at **12:15** (after 2<sup>nd</sup> service).

Free-will offering

**Sign up on the board in the Narthex by Feb. 8!**

## Menu

### **Soups:**

*Un-stuffed Pepper  
Cheese  
German Potato  
Chicken Vegetable*

### **Sandwiches:**

*Chicken Salad  
PB & J*

*Veggie Tray & Crackers*

### **Desserts:**

*Cakes  
Pies  
Cookies*

### **Drinks:**

*Tea  
Water  
Coffee*



Entertainment provided by the  
Illini Service Dogs



Illini Service Dogs is a non-profit organization in Champaign, Illinois that provides mobility service dogs at no cost. They get their puppies from reputable breeders or rescue shelters and their training lasts three years. It is intensive training where the puppies are with a student, continually going in buses, classes, labs, shopping, etc. They are then placed with a candidate who works with the trainers for several months. This service is provided through U of I and there is no charge to the new owner.