



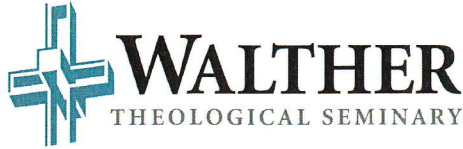
Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 5



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

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

Home of



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ATTENDANCE

1/22 Sun 8:00 service: 93
Sun 10:45 service: 106
1/22 Adult Bible Class: 116
1/22 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 8
1/25 Wed 10:30 Bible Class:
1/25 Wed 12:00 service:

OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 1/22

General: 22,134.96
Sunday School: 22.37
MISC: 150.46
Loose: 100.00
CD's: 29.00
Donuts: 101.10
Total: 22,537.89

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- 2/1 10:30 Bible Class
12:00 Wednesday Worship Communion
4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6
8th Grade Confirmation
- 2/2 8:00 Braille at LSA
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.



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, **FEBRUARY** mites will go to United Lutheran Mission Association. Thank you.

SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistant/Acolyte 2/1 Wed Gary Quandt 2/5 Sunday 8:00 Allen Kilzer 10:45 Don Mast

Ushers 2/5 Sunday 8:00 Stan Lange; Craig Goepfing; Bob Meadows; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; John Wainwright; Gary Winchester 10:45 Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter; Mark Thompson

Coffee Servers 2/1 Wed Ron Kelm 2/5 Sunday Dave & Vicki Schroeder

Financial Counters 2/5 Sunday Kevin Ripple; Bob Ellis; Drew Gensler; Steve Myrvold

Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up

2/5 Sunday Shirley McMillen; Dian Centers; Bev Myrvold; Linda Ripple; Tim & Lynn Block; Amanda Block

Greeters 2/5 Sunday 8:00 Doug & Vicky Lueck 10:45 Kurt & Wendy Bickes



Birthdays & Anniversaries

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 Goepfing
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)

thank you

Gary and Mary Ann Driskell would like to thank the Ladies' Guild for the card and everyone for the prayers during Gary's recent surgery and hospital stay.



1/29/23
LESSON 7
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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PKC/PYC Calendar of Events

Friday, February 17th-

PKC/PYC Frenzied Friday. Pizza, devotion, open gym and games from 6-8. Everyone bring a side dish or snacks to share. Sign up by February 12th.

Sunday, March 12th-

PKC/PYC Sunday Funday. Learn to cook with one of our own Pilgrim Members, Chef Jared Potrafka. Time and more info will be coming.

Sunday, April 23rd-

PKC/PYC Painting 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. Pizza lunch at Noon. (Anyone that would like to paint is also welcome to attend.) Please sign up by April 17th.

Friday, April 28th-

Post—Jr. Confirmation Questioning. Pizza Party at Monical's for 8th grade confirmands and their families.



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
- There is no charge for this service but your carrier message and data rates may apply.

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 2nd 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.

FEBRUARY

2023

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			1 10:30 Bible Class 12:00 Wed Worship Communion 4:15-6 Midweek Grades 1-6 8 th Grade Confirmation	2 8:00 Braille at LSA 8:00 Quilters	3	4
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19 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	20 6:30 Council Meeting	21 6:00 WTS Board of Trustees Meeting	22 10:30 Bible Class 12:00 Ash Wednesday Worship Communion 4:15-6 Midweek Grades 1-6 8 th Grade Confirmation	23 8:00 Quilters	24	25
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Officers Present:
President – Kathy Kilzer
Secretary – Dian Centers
Treasurer – Nancy Wene

Pilgrim Ladies Guild

2155 North Oakland Avenue
Decatur, Illinois 62526

The Pilgrim Ladies Guild business meeting was called to order at 1:33 PM on Monday, January 16, 2023 by President Kathy Kilzer.

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

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

The minutes from our last meeting on September 26, 2022 were read. One correction was made: the Shut-In Service will be combined with our regular Wednesday Church Service on the third Wednesday not the first Wednesday of the month. A motion was made by Nancy Wene to approve the minutes and was seconded by Linda Workman.

The Treasurer’s report was read by Nancy Wene. A motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report was made by Bev Myrvold and seconded by Dian Centers. (A copy of this report is in the Secretary’s minutes.)

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 also may 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.

NO REPORT

CHANCEL GUILD

Everything went well from all the Christmas activities

a. COMMUNION COMMITTEE – Jane Martin

-No problems.

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

(Nancy Jacobs)

-NO REPORT

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 (202) 286-5858.

-Finished one quilt. There is another quilt ready to be basted. The baby quilt is ready to be marked and there are two more quilts in the queue.

FUNERAL DINNERS COMMITTEE - Sandy Norris

This committee provides funeral dinners for the family and friends of a Pilgrim member.

- Nothing to report.

HOSPITALITY GUILD - strives to maintain a friendly atmosphere at Pilgrim.

a. COFFEE SERVERS COMMITTEE – Beth Abbott

A roster of volunteers is maintained by the church office. 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 to be a greeter for 2023.

d. MILITARY COMMITTEE – Sarah Marsaglia

-- Same. (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.

-- Plans are being made to clean the kitchen after the water damage has been resolved.

a. EASTER BREAKFAST COMMITTEE – Jean Mueller

-NO REPORT

b. CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM RECEPTION – Brenda Bunch

--We had a reception after the children's Christmas program on December 11, 2022. Punch, Cookies and Cake were served to 45 people. Servers were Harper and Celia Ritter, and Ivan Jayakar.

c. RECEPTIONS COMMITTEE – Brenda Bunch

-See above

LIBRARY GUILD – Nancy A. Brown

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

- R E M I N D E R -

The Pilgrim Library is open to all Pilgrim members. It is located off the office hallway.

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. Put the card in the small green box.
4. Try to return the book in two/three weeks.
5. Please do not re-shelve your returned books. Thank you.

MISSIONS GUILD

MITE BOXES – Debbie Ripple

This Guild distributes mites collected from the Mite boxes to different organizations. 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 Mites collected for October were \$191.09 and was sent to Braille Workers. Twenty dollars and sixty-two cents was collected for November and was sent to Lutheran World Relief.

I have yet to deposit the December collections. I will try to do it in time to report that amount by meeting time Monday.

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 to report at this time.

BRILLE CENTER COMMITTEE – Jean Mueller

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

--We are still doing 10 books of 1 Samuel.

NURSERY GUILD – Chairwoman vacancy

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 Christmas luncheon was held at the Village Tea Room in Springfield, Illinois. There were 21 ladies in attendance. Everyone seemed to enjoy the meal and shopping at the small businesses attached to the tea room.

Patti Zeck suggested we have a Christmas Cookie Exchange again.

SUNSHINE GUILD

- a. **HOSPITAL COMMITTEE – Kathy Fulk**
–Sixteen Get Well cards have been mailed out. Also, I was reimbursed for 2 boxes of cards and 1 roll of stamps.
- b. **SHUT-INS COMMITTEE – Bev Myrvold**
-There are 15 Pilgrims in Assisted Living and 22 Homebound Pilgrims for a total of 37. I mailed out 28 Christmas cards on 12/09/22 with 15 of those receiving checks.
- c. **ALTAR FLOWER COMMITTEE – Vicki Schroeder**
--NO REPORT

New Business:

Linda Workman organized soups, sandwiches, and various items for the **Soup Supper on Sunday, February 12th at 12:15 PM - right after second service.** Volunteers for making different soups and desserts were noted.

If you would like to attend this delicious event be sure to sign-up on the sign-up board in the Narthex.

Guild Treasurer Nancy Wene resigned her position. Pilgrim Ladies Guild thanks her for her many years of devoted service. Sarah Marsaglia will be our new guild treasurer.

The Coffee Guild has been combined with the Coffee Servers Committee and is chaired by Beth Abbott.

President's Notes -- None

Vice President's Notes — None

Old Business — Update on the condition of the Attic: several ladies went to clean the Attic as discussed last month and discovered Kay Tolly had organized everything. It is in good shape now. A group from Guild will put the Guild items into labeled tubs at a later date.

Business Tabled – None

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 P.M. with the Lord's Prayer said in unison.

Respectfully submitted,

Dian Centers, Secretary