



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 12



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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**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

3/12 Sun 8:00 service: 86
Sun 10:45 service: 97
3/12 Adult Bible Class: 89
3/12 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 11
3/15 Wed 10:30 Bible Class: 37
3/15 Wed 12:00 service: 83



OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 3/12

General Fund: 19,881.85
Walther Theological Seminary: 200.00
Christian Sharing: 65.00
Sunday School: 13.00
CD's: 1.00
Personal Purchase by Member: 14.00
Braille Center: 140.12
Donuts: 63.11
Total: 20,378.08

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

3/20 6:30 Council Meeting
3/21 6:00 WTS Board of Trustees Meeting
3/22 10:30 Bible Class
12:00 Wednesday Lent Worship
4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6
8th Grade Confirmation
3/23 8:00 Quilters
3/24 6:00-8:00 Basketball Frenzy (5th grade & up)
6/12 9:00-12:00 VBS (Mon.-Fri.)

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

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

SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistant/Acolyte 3/26 Sunday

8:00 Allen Kilzer 10:45 Greg Collingwood

Ushers 3/26 Sunday 8:00 Joe Marsaglia;

Bruce Gifford; Paul Giesler; Loren Hiser; Dave Schroeder; Chad Wooters 10:45 Don Mast; Eric Mast; John Mickler; Jim M. Snow; Jim R. Snow; Mark Thompson

Coffee Servers 3/22 Wed Gary & Mary Ann Driskell 3/26 Sunday Kurt & Wendy Bickes

Financial Counters 3/26 Sunday John

Mickler; Ellis V. Buth; Dain Friend; Paul Zeck

Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up

3/26 Sunday Jane Martin; Sarah Marsaglia; Carrie Thompson

Greeters 3/26 Sunday 8:00 Scott & Rita

Perry 10:45 Kurt & Wendy Bickes

Trustees Week of 3/19 Paul Zeck; Harvey

Thompson; Byron Brown; Bob Ellis; Doug Lueck



Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 3/19 Katie Buth; Victor James Buth
- 3/20 Gary & Mary Ann Driskell (53 years)
- 3/21 Gary & Teresa Schueller (14 years)
- 3/22 Gabi Wegmann
- 3/23 Alan Ruwe
- 3/24 Barbara Buesking
- 3/25 Courtney Jacobs; Mark Luka; Doug Taylor
- 3/27 Chuck & Lavona McKinney (68 years)
- 3/28 Jo Ames; Robert Barr
- 3/29 Zach Luka; Aaron Purcell
- 3/31 Terry Massey
Kenny & Linda Ripple (56 years)



Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 4/1 Robin Breeden; Mary Jo Ward
- 4/2 Will Bryan; Warner Gensler
- 4/3 Hannah (Mills) Thomas
Mike & Kathy O'Bryan (52 years)
- 4/4 Allison Ruwe; Brittany Williams
- 4/5 Chad & Megan Wooters (15 years)

- 4/6 Ellis V. Buth; Mary Ann Driskell;
Bryant Taylor; Linda Wise
Dick & Dona Bailey (50 years)
- 4/8 Byron Brown; Penny McBride
Susan Ruwe
Kevin & Debbie Ripple (28 years)
- 4/9 Cameron Letterly
- 4/11 Sherry Egan; Jo-Anne Mast
- 4/12 Ziak Ireland
- 4/13 Paulette Browne; Tim Ellison; Paula Scott;
Margo Tschetter
- 4/14 Larry Grischow; Emmett Stenger
- 4/15 Dorothy Dittus
- 4/16 Tom Greenwood; Lesa Mills; Megan Perry;
Lindsey Rotz
- 4/17 Patti Zeck
- 4/19 Allen Kilzer
- 4/20 Jaimie Ford; Gayle Lange; Mike O'Bryan;
Brett Stenger
- 4/21 Dana Embrey
- 4/22 Dorothy Price
- 4/23 Martha Bomball
Dave & Vicki Schroeder (46 years)
- 4/24 Sue Kopetz
- 4/25 Linda Ripple; Cathy Spengler
- 4/26 Jim R. Snow; Alice Stathers
- 4/30 Lynn Block; Gary Schueller;
Mary Jo Wrigley



Loose Offerings during Lent will go to our
Christian Sharing Fund
to assist Pilgrim families in need.



If you would like an invitation to Easter services sent to anyone, please give the complete name and address to the church office no later than Palm Sunday, April 2.
Call the office at (217)877-2444 or email the information to plc@pilgrimlutherandecatur.org.



3/19/23
LESSON 14
UNIT 2

“Ephphatha . . . be opened” (Mark 7:34), Jesus says to a deaf man as He places His fingers in the man’s ears and touches his tongue in this week’s lesson, “A Hearing Aide.” The man’s ears open and his tongue releases, but Jesus warns the crowd not to tell anyone. The good news cannot be contained, however, and those who witness the miracle share the story. Discuss, “How can we share the Good News with our friends and family?”

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Decatur Memorial Hospital is overhauling their computer system. Consequently, we are unable to receive the names of our Pilgrim members who are in the hospital.

If you know someone who is in the hospital at DMH, please let the church office know at **(217)877-2444** or email **plc@pilgrimlutherandecatur.org**.

PKC/PYC Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 23-

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 17.

Friday, April 28-

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.

Basketball Frenzy

(possibly Dodgeball & Wiffle Ball)
Join us on Fridays in March

from 6-8 pm

**WHO: Pilgrim youth (5th grade & up)
& their friends, parents & other adults
who are willing to play or oversee the
activity.**

WHAT DO WE NEED FROM VOLUNTEERS:

Players

**Pilgrims who would consider taking turns
as a "coach" type, chaperones & referees.**

**Risk Management protocol will be
in place for Middle School - Adult**

Pizza & Snacks provided!

**SIGN UP EACH WEEK IN THE NARTHEX
OR CONTACT KAY TOLLY**

MARCH 17

MARCH 24

MARCH 31