



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 13



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

3/19 Sun 8:00 service: 109
Sun 10:45 service: 87
3/19 Adult Bible Class: 86
3/19 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 9
3/22 Wed 10:30 Bible Class: 46
3/22 Wed 12:00 service: 71

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

OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 3/19

General Fund: 9,642.14
Christian Sharing: 120.00
Altar Flowers/Lilies: 185.00
Sunday School: 32.00
CD's: 4.00
Donuts: 95.00
Total: 10,078.14

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

3/29 10:30 Bible Class
12:00 Wednesday Lent Worship
4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6
8th Grade Confirmation
3/30 8:00 Quilters
3/31 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. **APRIL** mites will go to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you!



There will be a **Voters' Meeting** on Sunday, April 2, at 12:15 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to approve renovations to the church, particularly in the Narthex, red door entrance area, and insulation in the church attic.

SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistant/Acolyte 4/2 Sunday

8:00 Gary Quandt 10:45 Doug Ward

Ushers 4/2 Sunday 8:00 Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter; Ron Kelm 10:45 Stan Lange; Craig Goepfing; Bob Meadows; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; John Wainwright; Gary Winchester

Coffee Servers 3/29 Wed Dave & Vicki Schroeder 4/2 Sunday Mattias Wegmann & Brandilyn Hines

Financial Counters 4/2 Sunday Kevin Ripple; Bob Ellis; Drew Gensler; Steve Myrvold

Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up 4/2 Sunday Shirley McMillen; Dian Centers; Bev Myrvold; Linda Ripple; Tim & Lynn Block; Amanda Block

Greeters 4/2 Sunday 8:00 Allen, Kathy & Parker Kilzer 10:45 Byron & Nancy Brown

Trustees Week of 3/26 Paul Zeck; Harvey Thompson; Byron Brown; Bob Ellis; Doug Lueck



Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 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)



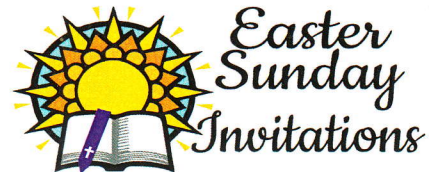
Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 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

- 4/8 Dick & Dona Bailey (50 years)
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.

3/26/23
LESSON 1
UNIT 3



In this week's lesson, "A Mercy-Full Message," Jesus tells the famous parable of the Good Samaritan, who risks his own life to help a Jewish man whose peril was ignored by his own countrymen. In telling the parable, Jesus answers the question "Who is my neighbor?" for His followers as He challenges us to "go, and do likewise" (Luke 10:37). As a family, you could discuss ideas to help those in need in your community.

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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:

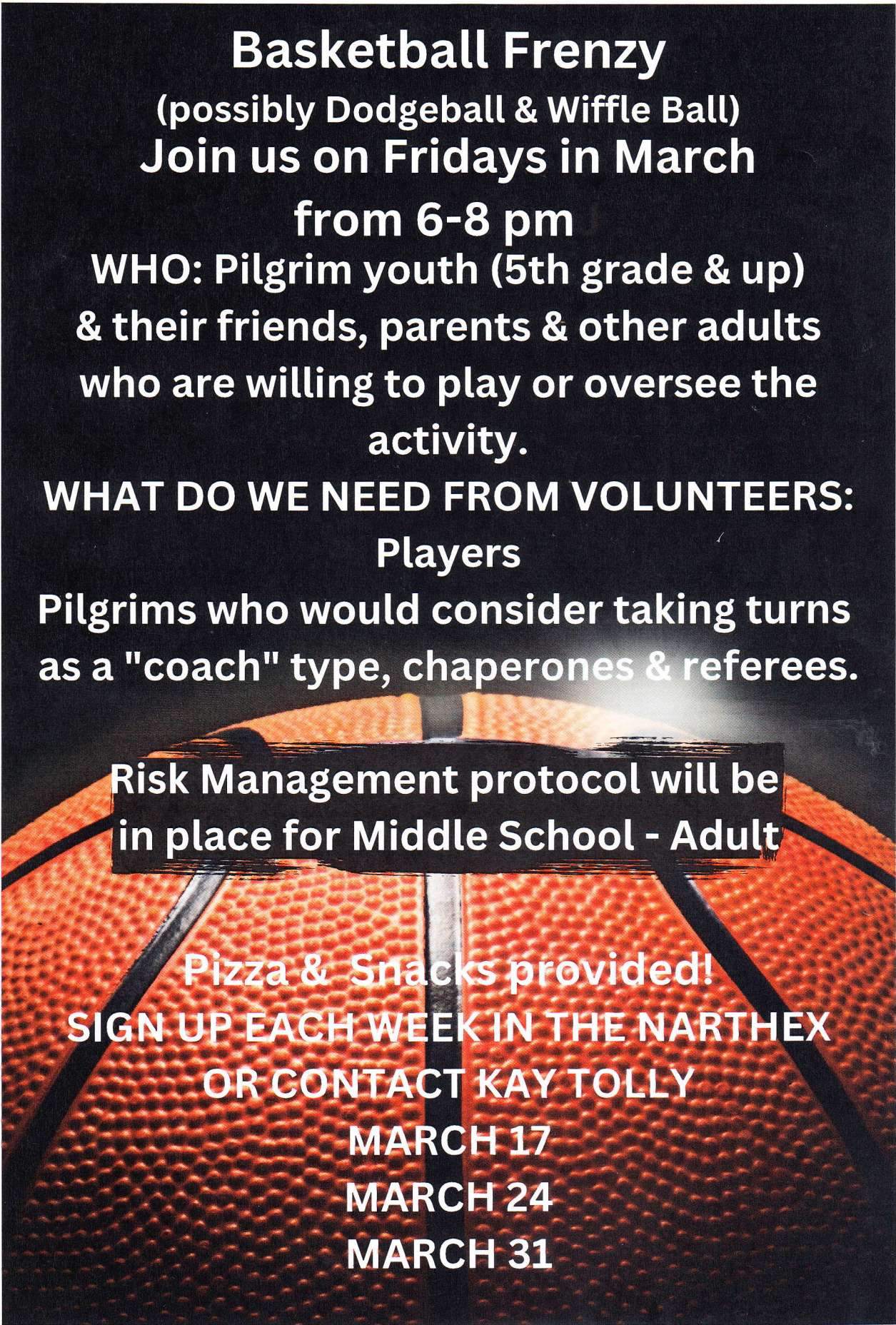


1. Sign up with **Flocknote by texting to this number 84576 and put PLC in the message area.** Please only include the groups that you are a member of. If you are not on the Council, trustees or PYC, for example, don't ask to be in that group. Make sure that you include your name and email address. If 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



April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Palm Sunday 2 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School 12:15 Voters' Meeting	3 6:30 Elders' Meeting	4	5 All Wednesday Activities Canceled for Holy Week	6 8:00 Braille at LSA 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	7 7:00 Good Friday Service	8
Easter 9 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	10	11	12 12:00 Wed Worship 4:15-6 Midweek Grades 1-6 8 th Grade Confirmation	13 8:00 Quilters	14	15
16 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	17 6:30 Council Meeting	18 6:00 WTS Board Meeting	19 Due to Construction, NO Wed Worship. 4:15-6 Midweek Grades 1-6 8 th Grade Confirmation	20 8:00 Quilters	21	22
8:00 & 10:45 23 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School PARENTS of 8th Grade Confirmands pick up robes in the library. 12:00 PKC/PYC Painting with Jenn	24	25	26 12:00 Wed Worship 4:15-6 LAST Midweek Grades 1-6 8 th Grade Confirmation Confirmation Pictures	27 8:00 Quilters	28 7:00 8th Grade Confirmation Questioning Night Reception Following in All-Purpose Room	29
30 8:00 & 10:45 Jr. Confirmation Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School						

Officers Present:
President – Kathy Kilzer
Vice President – Nancy Quant
Secretary – Dian Centers
Treasurer – Sarah Marsaglia

Pilgrim Ladies Guild
2155 North Oakland Avenue
Decatur, Illinois 62526

The Pilgrim Ladies Guild business meeting was called to order at 1:32 PM on Monday, March 13, 2023 by President Kathy Kilzer.

Those in attendance were Kathy Kilzer, Linda Workman, Vicki Schroeder, Nancy Brown, Sarah Marsaglia, Sandy Norris, Patti Zeck, Nancy Quant, Linda Snow, and Dian Centers.

Kathy Kilzer extended a warm welcome to our new Vice President, Nancy Quant and our new Treasurer, Sarah Marsaglia. We all thank you both for your commitment to Pilgrim's Ladies Guild.

Nancy Quant read a devotion from February in the Portals of Prayer.

The minutes from our last meeting on January 16, 2023 were read by Linda Workman.

There was no published Treasurer's report. Sarah said after she familiarizes herself with Nancy's system, she will have a new report written by the end of the month.

BIBLE and PRAYER – Sarah Marsaglia

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.

-All is going fine – we added one new member.

CHANCEL GUILD

a. COMMUNION COMMITTEE – Jane Martin

-Do not discard empty wine bottles until after late service cleanup.

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

-NO REPORT

c. CANDLE and BRASS CLEAN UP COMMITTEE – Linda Snow

- In the process of cleaning the glass globes and brass burners.

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.

-We have finished two quilts. We have a new one on the frame and are currently working on a baby quilt. The Christmas quilt is close to being completely pieced and will then be ready to quilt.

FUNERAL DINNERS COMMITTEE - Sandy Norris

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

-There have been no funerals since our last meeting in January.

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.

-Eight volunteers rotate to help with coffee set-up and clean-up for the Wednesday 10:30 A.M. Bible class. Eight teams volunteered to set-up and clean-up coffee for the Sunday Coffee/Donut time. There are thirty total members that serve as Sunday Coffee Servers.

b. **GREETERS COMMITTEE** – Beth Abbott

Greeters give a friendly welcome to Pilgrim.

- Sixteen teams of Greeters welcome Pilgrim members and visitors to worship. There are 43 total members who serve as Greeters.

c. **MILITARY COMMITTEE** – Sarah Marsaglia

- Praying for the church militant, Pilgrim, Our Redeemer, ULMA, and the Walther Theological Seminary. No Problems.

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.

-I stocked the kitchen for the soup luncheon in January. I plan to get a few helpers to help me give the kitchen a deep cleaning soon. My health has been a hindrance, but a couple more weeks should put me back to myself.

a. **EASTER BREAKFAST COMMITTEE** – Jean Mueller

-I haven't started anything for the Easter Breakfast yet. (Per Kathy Kilzer 3/13/23)
Kathy Fulk volunteered to help with the Easter Breakfast.

b. **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM RECEPTION** – Brenda Bunch

--NO REPORT

c. **RECEPTIONS COMMITTEE** – Brenda Bunch

-NO REPORT

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.

-Please return books in a timely manner (2-3 weeks). Remember to sign the check-out card in the back of the book. The Pilgrim Library is open to all members.

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.

--NO REPORT

TRACT COMMITTEE – Vicki Schroeder

The Tract Rack is a ministry giving brief, but readily obtainable information on life topics from the conservative Biblical perspective.

--We have one new tract, "A Simple Explanation of Easter".

BRAILLE CENTER COMMITTEE – Jean Mueller

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

--We are still doing 10 books of 1st Samuel every month. (Per Kathy Kilzer 3/13/23)

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.

--The Soup Luncheon was attended by 78 people. We had the Illini Service Dogs from the U of I here to talk about their non-profit program – training mobility dogs. The dogs with their handlers showed how our luncheon helped with their training. The freewill offering was given to their program and the ladies joined us for lunch (the dogs were given "samples".)

Ideas for the Congregational Spring Luncheon on May 7th were discussed. It was decided that we would have a potluck. The guild will provide several choices of meats. No one is required to bring a side dish, but if you do, please use a recipe from the Pilgrim Lutheran cookbook. A card with the recipe name to sit beside your dish would be appreciated, but not required. There will be a sign-up board in the Narthex.

SUNSHINE GUILD

a. HOSPITAL COMMITTEE – Kathy Fulk

--NO REPORT

b. SHUT-INS COMMITTEE – Bev Myrvold

--There are 15 in Assisted Living /Nursing Homes and 22 Homebound for a total of 37. Birthday cards have been mailed out. I will be mailing Easter cards to everyone soon.

c. ALTAR FLOWER COMMITTEE – Vicki Schroeder

--Altar flower delivery is still on hold.

New Business:

President's Notes -- None

Vice President's Notes -- None

Old Business -- None

Business Tabled -- None

The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 P.M. with the Lord's Prayer said in unison.

Respectfully submitted,

Dian Centers, Secretary