



# Pilgrim's Progress

## Keeping in Touch Issue 14



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

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

Home of



Church Office  
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April 2, 2023

**PASTORS:** Brock Abbott  
Bill Abbott

### Staff

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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

3/26 Sun 8:00 service: 114  
Sun 10:45 service: 105  
3/26 Adult Bible Class: 70  
3/26 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 10  
3/29 Wed 10:30 Bible Class: 42  
3/29 Wed 12:00 service: 72

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.

### OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 3/26

General Fund: 24,084.75  
Christian Sharing: 170.00  
Altar Flowers/Lilies: 75.00  
Sunday School: 12.00  
Misc: 134.60  
CD's: 23.00  
Donuts: 77.00  
Total: 24,576.35

### ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

4/2 12:15 Voters' Meeting  
4/3 6:30 Elders' Meeting  
4/5 All Wednesday Activities Canceled  
4/6 8:00 Braille at LSA  
7:00 Maundy Thursday Service-  
Communion  
4/7 7:00 Good Friday Service- Communion  
6/12 9:00-12:00 VBS (Mon.-Fri.)

### Holy Week Schedule

4/5 **NO** Classes or Services  
4/6 7:00 **Maundy Thursday** service- Communion  
4/7 Church Office closes at Noon (as usual on Fridays)  
7:00 **Good Friday** service- Communion  
4/9 8:00 & 10:45 **Easter Sunday**- No Communion  
Continental Breakfast after the 8:00 service.  
Bible Class and Sunday School at 9:30.

**Please pick up your End-of-the-Year Offering Statement on the table in the Narthex. Thanks!**

## SERVING THE LORD

**Acolyte** 4/9 Sunday 8:00 Tom Greenwood  
10:45 Don Mast

**Ushers** 4/9 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** 4/9 Sunday Nelson & Merrilee Lock

**Financial Counters** 4/9 Sunday Rich Lanier; Rick Leach; Steve Musgrove; Gary Schueller

### Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up

4/9 Sunday Ted & Linda Sue Workman; Jane Martin; Nancy Quandt; Carrie Thompson

**Greeters** 4/9 Sunday 8:00 Doug & Vicky Lueck 10:45 Barbara Buesking

**Trustees** Week of 4/2 Don Mast; Cory Ritter; Eric Mast; Jim Snow; Paul Phillips; Ted Workman; Gene Wise-Litter control

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



### Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 4/1 Robin Breeden; Mary Jo Ward
- 4/2 Will Bryan; Warner Genster
- 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](mailto:plc@pilgrimlutherandecatur.org).

*Pilgrim Razjada Brown has a new address!*

Razjada Brown  
Timber Ridge  
2125 Veterans Rd.  
Morton, IL 61550



4.2.2023  
Lesson 2  
Unit 3



“A Prayer Lesson” is the title of this week’s Bible lesson. With Jesus’ disciples, we, too, implore, “Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1). Jesus teaches His disciples—and all humankind—the prayer used throughout the Church to this day. Jesus follows His instruction with a parable illustrating how our heavenly Father unfailingly hears all our prayers. As a family, challenge one another to recite the Lord’s Prayer from memory.

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The new computer system at Decatur Memorial Hospital is currently unable to give us a list of Pilgrims who are in the hospital. We kindly ask that if you are going to DMH, or find yourself there unexpectedly, please contact the church office at (217) 877-2444 or email [plc@pilgrimlutherandecatur.org](mailto:plc@pilgrimlutherandecatur.org) to let us know so that a Pastor may come and visit you. Thanks!

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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.







