



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 40



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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



October 1, 2023

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Rev. Bill Abbott

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Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Sanctuary is reserved from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Fridays.

Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.

OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY- 9/24

General Fund: 10,605.00

Christian Sharing: 4.00

Sunday School: 1.00

Memorials: 255.00

Misc: 9,792.15

Loose: 40.00

CDs: 2.00

Donuts: 81.00

Total: 20,780.15

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- 10/4 10:30 Bible Class
12:00 Wednesday Worship-Communion
4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6
7th Grade Confirmation
- 10/5 8:00 Braille at LSA
8:00 Quilters
- 10/29 12:15 Ladies Guild Congregational Reformation Luncheon (Sign up sheets will be out soon)
- 10/31 5:30 PKC HallowHim Family Festival

ATTENDANCE

9/24 Sunday 8:00 service: 110

Sunday 10:45 service: 79

Adult Bible Class: 115

9/24 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 7

9/27 Wednesday 10:30 Bible Class: 42

9/27 Wednesday 12:00 service: 42

MITE OFFERINGS... ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box at your convenience.

OCTOBER mites will go to Bethesda Lutheran Communities. Thank you!



SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistant/Acolyte 10/4 Wed Allen

Kilzer 10/8 Sunday 8:00 Tom Greenwood

10:45 Greg Collingwood

Ushers 10/8 Sunday 8:00 Stan Lange; Craig

Goeppinger; Terry Massey; 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 10/4 Wed Ron Kelm 10/8 Sunday

Nelson & Merrilee Lock

Financial Counters 10/8 Sunday John Mickler;

Ellis V. Buth; Dain Friend; Paul Zeck

Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up

10/8 Sunday Ted & Linda Sue Workman; Jane

Martin; Nancy Quandt; Carrie Thompson

Greeters 10/8 Sunday 8:00 Paulette Browne; Jean

Mueller; Linda M. Workman **10:45** Ray & Linda

Beals

Trustees Week of 10/1 Larry Wolf; Ray Beals;

Pete Williams; Brad Roberts; Gene & Linda Wise-

Litter control



Birthdays and Anniversaries

10/1 Sandy Laesch; Jan Ritter

10/2 Ray Beals

10/4 Adam Apel

10/5 Jim Peck

10/6 David Carlen

Loren & Melinda Hiser (60 years)

10/7 Meara Ireland; Madelynn Jacobs

Mike & Brenda Bunch (34 years)

10/8 Cynthia Farrar; Thomas Rutherford;

Vicki Wegmann

10/9 Brad Roberts; Adam Winchester

10/10 Kevin Hoem

10/11 Kay Tolly

10/12 Morgan Binder; Gene Wise

10/14 Keagan Haksasila; Jean Mueller

Rich & Shannon Lanier (28 years)

10/15 John Crowe; Ben Jedlicka

10/16 Becky Basil; Linda Beals; Jay Scott

Orson & Debbie Hoffman (36 years)

10/17 Samantha Ames; Steven Musgrove

10/18 Dick Arnold

10/20 Lesley Ellison; Drew Thornton
Tom & Judy Greenwood (39 years)

Stan & Leanne Roberts (23 years)

10/22 Dorothy Johnson; Andrew Mills

10/23 Larry Baker; Caitlin Whaley

10/24 Robert & Jewel Barr (75 years)

10/26 Atlee Mills; Paul Phillips

10/27 Rosie Ellison

10/28 Lisa Leach; Merrilee Lock

10/29 Ella Abbott; Andy Apel; Larry Wolf

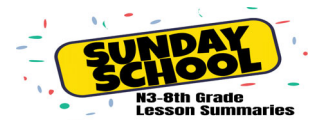
10/30 Teresa Schueller

10/31 Gus Greenwood

10.1.2023

Unit 4

Lesson 4



This week, we learn how God provided “A Merciful Substitute.” God had blessed Abraham with the son he had waited for his entire life; yet now God asks the seemingly impossible—sacrifice your son to Me. By faith, Abraham takes Isaac to the mountain, trusting God, who was able to raise his son from the dead. Abraham completes the test, and God provides the sacrifice.

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

Ladies' Guild Reformation Luncheon

Sunday, October 29, 2023

The Ladies' Guild will be hosting a
Congregational Reformation Luncheon at 12:15 p.m.



Menu

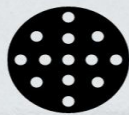
- ~ Brats, German Potato Salad, Red Cabbage
- ~ Lentil Soup, Apple Cider
- ~ Apple Cake & German Chocolate Cake

Sign up sheets will be out soon!



WE NEED LOTS AND LOTS OF CANDY
for our annual PKC Hallow Him Family Festival.
Individually wrapped candy, cookies or other snacks.
Look for the big box in the narthex in which to place
your donation. Let's fill it up with lots of treats! The
children really enjoy our annual Festival and taking
home candy is part of the fun. Deadline to bring
candy/snack donations is October 25. Thank you!

WIFFLE BALL & KICKBALL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 Lunch at 12:15



The Congregation is invited to play or just be a spectator for the
games.

All ages and abilities welcome!

**Food, fun, fellowship

**Bring a lawn chair



**Sign up by
Oct. 15!**



Officers Present:

President – Kathy Kilzer
Vice President – Nancy Quandt
Secretary – Dian Centers
Treasurer – Sarah Marsaglia

Pilgrim Ladies Guild

2155 North Oakland Avenue
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The Pilgrim Ladies Guild business meeting was called to order at 1:32 PM on Monday, September 11, 2023 by President Kathy Kilzer.

In addition to the officers listed above, those in attendance were Shannon Lanier, Sandy Norris, Linda Workman, Bev Myrvold, Patti Zeck, Victoria Schroeder, and Nancy Brown.

Nancy Quandt read the devotion.

The minutes were read from our last meeting on March 13, 2023. One correction was made.

Sarah Marsaglia handed out a Transaction Report and a Current Budget sheet and explained the line items on each.

CHANCEL

CANDLE and BRASS CLEAN UP COMMITTEE – Linda Snow

- Linda will be getting the brass polished before the next event.

COMMUNION COMMITTEE – Jane Martin

--If anyone is interested in taking down communion the third Sunday of the month (after the late service), please let me know. (217-877-0996)

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.

--At the present time we have 3 quilts in frames. We now have three frames. A baby quilt was finished in June. The small Christmas quilt will soon be ready for the congregation to see as well as the Quilt of Valor.

FUNERAL DINNERS - Sandy Norris

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

--There have been three funerals since our March 13, 2023 meeting. On March 31, 2023 food was prepared for 40 family and friends of Martha Bomball. We served 29. On June 23, 2023 food was prepared for 50 and served to 41 family and friends of Judy McQuality. On August 15, 2023 a dinner was prepared for 30 and served to 42 family and friends of Linda Snyder.

As always, all dinners went well, due to the great kitchen help!

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

--RECEPTIONS – Brenda Bunch

This committee provides a reception for functions such as: the Question and Answer night for the Junior Confirmation class, Junior Confirmation, and the Christmas program.

--Brenda Bunch and Kathy Kilzer served cake, cookies, and punch to approximately 75 people after the Question and Answer night on Friday April 28, 2023.

--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.

--Six volunteers rotate to help with coffee set-up and clean-up for the Wednesday 10:30 A.M. Bible class. Twelve teams volunteer to set-up and clean-up coffee for the Sunday Coffee/Milk/Donut time. There are twenty-eight members who serve as Sunday Coffee Servers.

--GREETERS COMMITTEE – Beth Abbott

Greeters give a friendly welcome to Pilgrim.

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

KITCHEN – 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 have received several responses for Kitchen help and food donations for funeral dinners. Thanks to everyone!

I am trying to find a date to deep clean the kitchen. I want to accomplish it this month. (A suggestion was made to discover when the church planned to spray for bugs so that the cleaning could be done afterwards.)

EASTER BREAKFAST COMMITTEE – Jean Mueller

-The year of 2022 was during Covid and I didn't know how much food I needed, since attendance was uncertain. I didn't have much food left that Easter, so I bought a little more food for Easter 2023 and had more food left. I plan to cut back this coming Easter.

LIBRARY – 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.

-- Take advantage of the books within these categories for your personal devotions and study. Just return books in a timely manner (2-3 weeks) and to sign the check-out card in the back of the book. The Pilgrim Library is open to all members. It is worth a browse.

MISSIONS

--BRAILLE CENTER COMMITTEE – Jean Mueller

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

-- On the first Thursday of every month the Braille Committee prepares 10 books of 1st Samuel at the Lutheran School. If you are interested in working with us, please call Jean at (217) 877-4060.

--MITE BOXES – Debbie Ripple

A mite is defined as a coin of very small value. This committee distributes mites collected monthly from the Mite boxes and sends them to different organizations. Any Pilgrim member may take an empty Mite box and begin collecting their mites for missions. A list of the monthly mission distribution is posted on the Guild bulletin board above the Mite box table in the Narthex. Return your mites, whenever you wish, place in the the box on the table and take an empty mite box.

--These are the Mite Box donation and deposits made since our last meeting:

May - \$21.70 for Bethesda Lutheran Communities

June - \$45.34 for New Life Pregnancy Center

July - \$110.02 for United Lutheran Mission Association (ULMA)

Another deposit will be made this week.

--TRACTS – Victoria Schroeder

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

--The tract booklets continue to attract a lot of attention. Most of us have questions/concerns about many situations which these booklets address.

NURSERY – Chairwoman vacancy

There is no active Nursery at this time. If there is an interest in the Nursery for your child at a future church service or Bible Class, please contact the church office at (217) 877-2444.

PRAYER

--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.

--PRAYER COMMITTEE – Sarah Marsaglia

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

SUNSHINE

This committee strives to brighten the lives of those in the hospital, nursing homes, or assisted living facilities.

--ALTAR FLOWERS – Victoria Schroeder

This committee delivers altar flowers to Pilgrims in nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

--Altar flower delivery is still on hold.

--HOSPITALS – Kathy Fulk

This committee sends cards to those in the hospital.

--Sent out 38 cards since the last meeting.

--SHUT-INS – Bev Myrvold

This committee sends out birthday, Christmas, and Easter cards to Pilgrim shut-ins.

--There are 15 shut-in Pilgrims in Assisted Living /Nursing Homes and 20 Homebound Pilgrims, for a total of 35. Birthday cards continue to be mailed.

WEDDINGS (Shannon Lanier-set up)(Nancy Jacobs - clean up)

-- We had one wedding reception in the last quarter. On Sunday, August 5 the wedding Mattias and Brandilyn Wegmann took place. The reception was in the Fellowship Hall. Food was catered by Cracker Barrel, so the only food preparation was cutting pies for dessert and then setting up tables for the buffet lines as well as preparing drinks. Approximately 110 people attended.

Special Problems/Comments:

The coffee maker overflowed – twice. We were busy cutting pies cut and on plates and didn't realize we needed to stand right in front of the coffee maker to watch it. We then had to clean up a major mess on top of everything we were doing to prep for the reception. Coffee went on the floor, into cabinets and drawers. Almost every towel in the kitchen was used to clean up. Thankfully we were there early and I had done several hours of food prep the Friday before the event.

PROGRAMS– Linda Workman

Programs are determined and organized functions for the congregation and for the Ladies Guild.

--Our Congregational Spring Luncheon was held Sunday, May 3, 2023 after the 10:45 service. We had a potluck in the Fellowship Hall. The Pilgrim Ladies Guild provided the meats.

Congregation members brought covered dishes made with recipes from one of our Pilgrim cookbooks. There were 53 in attendance.

New Business:

President's Notes:

Ladies, please mark on your calendars the Meeting dates and the Program dates for the coming fiscal year as follows:

Meetings:

9/11/23

10/09/23

1/15/24

3/11/24

Events:

10/29/23 – Congregational Reformation Luncheon

12/07/23 – Ladies Christmas Luncheon – location to be announced

May -- Congregational Spring Luncheon

Vice President's Notes – None

Old Business – None

Business Tabled – None

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 P.M. with the Lord's Prayer said in unison.

Respectfully submitted,

Dian Centers, Secretary