



# 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”**



**February 4, 2024**

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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- 1/28**

General Fund: 10,764.93

Memorials: 175.00

Misc: 3,000.00

Loose: 40.00

CDs: 8.00

Donuts: 67.00

Total: 14,054.93

**ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

- 2/5 4:15 Chancel Choir
- 2/5 6:30 Elders' Meeting
- 2/7 10:30 Bible Class
- 12:00 Wednesday Worship-Communion
- 4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
- 2/8 8:00 Quilters
- 2/11 12:15 Ladies' Guild Congregational Soup Luncheon

**ATTENDANCE**

1/28 Sunday 8:00 service: 106

Sunday 10:45 service: 89

Adult Bible Class: 111

1/28 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 7

1/31 Wednesday 10:30 Bible Class: 38

1/31 Wednesday 12:00 service: 46

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

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

## SERVING THE LORD

**Communion Assistant/Acolyte** 2/7 Wed Gary Quandt 2/11 Sunday 8:00 Allen Kilzer  
**10:45** Greg Collingwood

**Ushers** 2/11 Sunday 8:00 Stan Lange; Craig Goeppinger; Bob Meadows; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; Gary Winchester **10:45** Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter; Mark Thompson

**Coffee Servers** 2/7 Wed Dave & Vicki Schroeder 2/11 Sunday Tim & Lesley Ellison

**Financial Counters** 2/11 Sunday Rich Lanier; Rick Leach; Steve Musgrove; Gary Schueller

**Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up** 2/11 Sunday Ted & Linda Sue Workman; Jane Martin; Nancy Quandt; Carrie Thompson

**Greeters** 2/11 Sunday 8:00 Dick & Dona Bailey **10:45** Byron & Nancy Brown



### Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2/1 Jeffrey Spengler  
2/2 Jason Leevy; B.J. 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 (45 years)  
2/10 Bonnie Engel; Dan Nellis  
2/11 Jason Collingwood; Paul Giesler;  
Addison Rotz  
2/12 Mike Williams  
2/13 Smitha Jeyaseelan; Joe Scott  
2/14 Jennifer Bryan; Valerie Cotner;  
Courtney Taylor; Carolyn Wagner;  
Alex Wegmann  
Bob & Nancy Jacobs (59 years)  
2/15 Roman Gensler; Greg Goebel;  
Aaron Norris  
2/18 Ellis V. and Katie Buth (7 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 (46 years)

- 2/24 Shannon Lanier  
2/27 Kathy Helphrey; Cambell Lanier  
Steve & Jennifer Gensler (36 years)  
2/28 Sarah Guhl; Sarah Marsaglia  
2/29 Andy & Stacey Apel (8 years)

2.4.2024

Unit 5

Lesson 8



Today's lesson, "The Faith-Full Family," tells of Ruth's loyalty to her widowed mother-in-law, Naomi. Returning to Naomi's ancestral home in Bethlehem, Ruth glean's Boaz's fields to provide food for herself and Naomi. Ruth finds favor with Boaz, who purchases Naomi's land and redeems Ruth from her widowhood. Having married Boaz, Ruth bears a son, Obed, the grandfather of King David.

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*Ladies' Guild  
Congregational  
Soup Luncheon*

*When: Sunday, February 11, 2024*

*Time: 12:15 (after 10:45 Service)*

### *Menu:*

*Soups: Stuffed Pepper, German Potato; Cheese;  
Chicken Vegetable; Vegetable Beef; Chili*

*Sandwiches: Chicken Salad; Ham & Cheese*

*Veggie Tray*

*Desserts: Peach Pie; Pecan Cobbler; Chocolate Pie;  
Cookies; White Chocolate Sheet Cake;  
Chocolate Cake*

*Free-Will Offering: Christian Sharing Fund  
Please sign up by Wed., February 7*

**Officers Present:**  
President – Kathy Kilzer  
Vice President – Nancy Quandt  
Secretary –  
Treasurer – Sarah Marsaglia

**Pilgrim Ladies Guild**  
2155 North Oakland Avenue  
Decatur, Illinois 62526

Poster Design – Erica Meadows

The Pilgrim Ladies Guild business meeting was called to order at 1:36 PM on Monday, January 15, 2024 by President Kathy Kilzer.

There were 9 in attendance: Jean Mueller, Nancy Brown, Jane Martin, Victoria Schroeder, Linda Workman, Sandy Norris, Nancy Quandt, Sarah Marsaglia, and Kathy Kilzer.

Nancy Quandt gave the opening prayer.

Dian Centers was absent and no one had a copy of the October 9, 2023 meeting. No minutes were read.

Sarah Marsaglia read the treasurer's report. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes. She plans to be absent for the next six weeks so Kathy Kilzer will be taking on her duties during that time. Sarah read thank you notes, from some of the shut-ins, for the card and Christmas gift they received from Guild.

**CHANCEL GUILD** - Jane Martin

This guild cares for chancel furnishings, and robes, prepares for and cleans up after Holy communion, Baptisms, and weddings.

\***NEW INSTRUCTIONS** for setting up communion: When setting up for Sunday communion partially fill only ONE pitcher and just a total of six (6) full trays of individual cups. Call me if any questions. (217) 917-0996 Thanks!

**CANDLE and BRASS COMMITTEE** – Linda Snow

No Report

**COMMUNION/ROBES COMMITTEE** – Jane Martin

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.

--One of three quilts (two quilts from Sarah Marsaglia) has been finished. One quilt is in the process of being quilted by JoAnne Mast at home. We received one new quilt top that needs to be marked, basted and quilted. There are two quilts on frames and one is almost completed.

**FUNERAL DINNERS GUILD** - Sandy Norris

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

--There were two funeral dinners since the last meeting. On November 7 a dinner was prepared for the family and friends of Jeff Bomball and served to 36.

On December 16, a dinner was prepared for 35 family and friends of Ruby Quandt.

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

RECEPTIONS COMMITTEE – *Chairwoman vacancy. We are looking for a volunteer for this position.* This committee provides a reception for functions such as: the Question and Answer night for the Junior Confirmation class, Junior Confirmation Sunday, and after the Christmas program.

**The Pilgrim Ladies Guild thanks Brenda Bunch for serving as former chair of this committee!**

--This report was given by Kathy Kilzer: Kathy and Janet Foster served 60 people cake and punch after the Children's Christmas Program on December 10, 2023.

COFFEE SERVERS COMMITTEE – Beth Abbott

A roster of volunteers is maintained by the church office. Volunteers prepare hot water for tea, regular and decaf coffee and provide milk, tea bags and donuts during Fellowship time on Sunday and Wednesday mornings before the Bible Study Classes.

--Six volunteers rotate to help with set up and clean up before the Wednesday 10:30 AM Bible class. Thirteen (13) teams volunteer to set up and clean up for the Sunday Fellowship time. There are 29 total members who serve as Sunday Servers.

GREETERS COMMITTEE – Beth Abbott

Greeters give a friendly welcome to Pilgrim members and visitors. The Greeter roster is also maintained by the church office.

--There are a total of 44 members who serve as Greeters before church services.

**KITCHEN GUILD** – Sandy Norris

The Kitchen Guild takes care of keeping the kitchen stocked, cleaned, and orderly. This Guild oversees Congregational dinners served from the kitchen.

--All is going well in the kitchen. It was cleaned by 5 volunteers on Monday, October 23, 2023. The kitchen has also been stocked as of today's date.

EASTER BREAKFAST COMMITTEE – Jean Mueller

No Report

**LIBRARY GUILD** – Nancy A. Brown

The Library is open to ALL MEMBERS of Pilgrim. This Guild selects books and media materials, keeps the library attractive, supervises the borrowing of material, and maintains books in good repair. The goal is to keep Christians growing in their faith by reading and studying.

--The Library is open to all Pilgrims (except when in use).

**MISSIONS GUILD**

--BRAILLE CENTER COMMITTEE – Jean Mueller

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

--We are still working on the first Thursday of every month preparing 10 books of 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel, at the Lutheran School. If you are interested in working with us, please call Jean at (217) 877-4060.

**MISSIONS GUILD-continued**

--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 box on the table and take an empty mite box.

--No Report

--TRACTS – Victoria Schroeder

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

--No report.

**NURSERY GUILD** – *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.*

*If you are interested in filling this vacancy, please contact Kathy Kilzer (217) 433-1657*

**PRAYER GUILD** – This Guild unites members in imploring God to aid those in need and in proclaiming our thankfulness to Him.

--PRAYER CHAIN – Patti Zeck

Please email your prayer requests to Patti Zeck at [pzeck4055@hotmail.com](mailto: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 (217) 877-2444.

--Patti reported she is receiving prayer requests while in Arizona and is posting them as usual.

--PRAYER COMMITTEE – Sarah Marsaglia

--Praying for the church militant, Pilgrim, Our Redeemer, United Lutheran Mission Association, and the Walther Theological Seminary.

**SUNSHINE GUILD**

These committees strive 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. This service has been on hold since the onset of Covid-19.

--No Report

--HOSPITALS – Kathy Fulk

This committee sends cards to those in the hospital.

--Twenty-four Get Well cards have been mailed out since the last meeting.

**SUNSHINE GUILD**-continued

--SHUT-INS – Bev Myrvold

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

--There are 15 Pilgrims in Assisted Living & Nursing Homes and 16 Homebound

Pilgrims, for a total of 31. Twenty-nine Christmas cards were mailed out – 15 cards included checks (to those who gave us permission).

**WEDDING GUILD** - (Shannon Lanier-set up) (Nancy Jacobs - clean up)

No Wedding Receptions to report

**PROGRAM GUILD** – Linda Workman

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

--The Reformation Dinner was originally scheduled for Sunday, October 29, but was delayed for two weeks due to health issues with committee members and the congregation. It was rescheduled and celebrated on Sunday November 12, 2023.

Despite two double batches of potato salad, none was left. There were a lot of green beans left, but only one kind of soup was left (out of three batches). There was only enough Red Cabbage for Kathy and Sandy to take some home; only 10 Brats were left from the 70 prepared; one-half of one Pork Loins (prepared 4) was left; one quarter of the Apple cake was left over; and only a few pieces of the Pecan Cobbler were left. We had 90 signed up for the originally scheduled day, but only 74 attended on the rescheduled date.

\*The CONGREGATIONAL SOUP LUNCHEON will be Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> after the second service. Watch for the sign-up board in the Narthex.

\*The ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON will be Sunday, April 28 after second service. More information on this event will be posted later.

**New Business:** Guild has decided to purchase more serving trays to carry food to the tables and will be used when Pilgrim has congregational lunches. Kathy Kilzer will order them from Amazon and they should be here before the Soup Luncheon.

**President's Notes:** Our next Business Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. Be sure to mark your calendar.

**Vice President's Notes** – None

**Old Business** – None

**Business Tabled** – None

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer said in unison.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kilzer, pro tem secretary