



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 6, 2024

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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 9/29

General Fund: 8,570.50

Christian Sharing: 50.00

Sunday School: 5.00

Misc: 2,702.02

Loose: 40.00

CDs: 4.00

Donuts: 75.00

ULMA: 100.00

Total: 11,546.52

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

10/7 6:30 Elders' Meeting

10/9 10:30 Bible Class

12:00 Wednesday Worship

4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

10/10 8:00 Quilters

10/27 9:00 (After 1st service, before Bible Class)

Ladies' Guild Reformation German Breakfast

10/31 5:30-8:00 PYC/PKC/HallowHim

Congregation Invited

ATTENDANCE

9/29 Sun 8:00 service: 110

Sun 10:45 service: 70

Adult Bible Class: 85

9/29 Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 10

10/2 Wednesday 10:30 Bible Class: 39

10/2 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. **OCTOBER** mites will go to United Lutheran Mission Association. Thank you!

Give Thanks
TO THE Lord for
He is Good.
His Love Endures
Forever. psalm 136:1



SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistant/Acolyte 10/13 Sunday

8:00 Allen Kilzer **10:45** Doug Ward

Ushers 10/13 Sunday **8:00** Stan Lange; Craig Goeppinger; Terry Massey; Bob Meadows; Steve Musgrove; Dave Pressley; Gary Winchester
10:45 Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter; Mark Thompson

Coffee Servers 10/9 Wed Ron Kelm

10/13 Sunday Doug & Vicky Lueck

Financial Counters 10/13 Sunday Kevin Ripple; Bob Ellis; Drew Gensler; Steve Myrvold

Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up 10/13 Sunday

Ted & Linda Sue Workman; Jane Martin; Nancy Quandt; Carrie Thompson

Greeters 10/13 Sunday **8:00** Jean Mueller; Linda M. Workman **10:45** Will & Jennifer Bryan

Trustees Week of 10/6 Don Mast; Cory Ritter;

Eric Mast; Jim Snow; Paul Phillips; Ted Workman; Gene & Linda Wise-Litter control



Birthday 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 (61 years)
10/7 Madelynn Jacobs
Mike & Brenda Bunch (35 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 (29 years)
10/15 John Crowe; Ben Jedlicka
10/16 Becky Basil; Linda Beals; Jay Scott
Orson & Debra Hoffman (37 years)
10/17 Samantha Ames; Steven Musgrove
10/18 Dick Arnold

10/20 Lesley Ellison; Drew Thornton
Tom & Judy Greenwood (40 years)
Stan & Leanne Roberts (24 years)

10/22 Dorothy Johnson; Andrew Mills

10/23 Larry Baker; Caitlin Whaley

10/25 Lana Bender

10/26 Atlee Mills; Paul Phillips

10/27 Rosie Ellison

10/28 Lisa Leach; Merrilee Lock

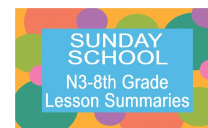
10/29 Ella Abbott; Andy Apel; Larry Wolf

10/30 Teresa Schueller

10/31 Gus Greenwood

10.6.2024

Lesson 5



"The Pointing Prophet" is the title of this week's lesson. John the Baptist lives in the wilderness, dressed in camel's hair and eating locusts and honey. John's message of repentance and preparation draws people to the banks of the Jordan, where they receive Baptism. As the prophet sent to point out the Messiah, John declares, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29) as Jesus approaches. When John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan, the Spirit descends on Him as the voice of the Father proclaims, "This is My beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17).

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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 28. Thank you!



Reformation Breakfast

Prepared by the Ladies' Guild
Sunday, October 27, 2024



The Ladies' Guild will be hosting a
Congregational Reformation Breakfast at
9:00 a.m. after the 1st service, and before Bible Study

Menu

Traditional German Breakfast

~ Farmer's Omelet, Egg Casserole, Potato Pancakes
~ Fruit, Donuts and Apple Cake

Please join our celebration. Sign up by Wednesday, October 23rd.



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.

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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.**



PYC/PKC UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER - DECEMBER
2024

Contact Kay Tolly at 217-358-4401
or 217-877-2444
or Email at kt2155@gmail.com

**OCT 6 AT
NOON**

PYC/PKC KICK-OFF LUNCH AT NOON

GAMES...OPEN GYM...PLANNING MEETING! BRING A SIDE DISH, SNACK OR DESSERT TO SHARE. SIGN UP BY OCTOBER 3.

**REGISTRATION
BEGINS OCT.
20**

PYC (ONLY) HIGHER THINGS JULY 29-AUGUST 1, ALL THINGS NEW CALVIN COLLEGE GRAND RAPIDS, MI
REGISTRATION BEGINS OCT. 20. MORE INFO WILL BE COMING!

**OCT 31
6-8 PM**

PKC/PYC HALLOWHIM FAMILY FESTIVAL

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE REFORMATION DAY! PIZZA, DEVOTION, GAMES, FUN AND A BIG BAG OF GOODIES. SPECIAL ACTIVITY AND SERVICE HOURS FOR PYC. SIGN UP BY OCT. 27.

**NOV. 8
6-8 PM**

PKC/PYC FRENZIED FRIDAY

OPEN GYM, GAMES, DEVOTION, BRING A FRIEND! BRING A SNACK TO SHARE. SIGN UP BY NOV. 3

**NOV. 10
9:30 AM**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSALS BEGIN THROUGH DEC. 8

**NOV. 17
NOON**

PYC (ONLY) ACTIVITY TO BE DETERMINED

WE WILL PLAN FOR THIS ON OCT. 6 AT THE MEETING.

**DEC. 8
3 PM**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

DRESS REHEARSAL DEC. 7 AT 9 AM.





Here I Stand
I can do no other!

**SIGN UP BY
OCTOBER 23!**

Sola Gratia
Grace Alone

Sola Fide
Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura
Scripture Alone


A large, vibrant orange pumpkin is the central focus, surrounded by green leaves and a small red maple leaf. A string of colorful bunting flags in yellow, orange, and white patterns is draped across the pumpkin. The background is a warm, light orange with scattered white dots.

**HALLOWHIM
FAMILY
FESTIVAL
CONGREGATION
IS INVITED!**

October 31, 5:30-8 PM

SPEND THIS SPECIAL DAY IN OUR CHURCH HISTORY (REFORMATION DAY) WITH CHRISTIAN FRIENDS. PIZZA, A REFORMATION DEVOTION, CAKE WALK, GAMES, CRAFTS, FUN AND FOR THE KIDS A BIG BAG OF GOODIES TO TAKE HOME (ADULTS WILL GET A SMALLER BAG OF GOODIES)

**PYC MEMBERS NEEDED AND WILL EARN SERVICE HOURS FOR HELPING.
SIGN UP BY OCTOBER 23!**



JOIN PILGRIM MEMBERS ON A TRIP TO YELLOWSTONE AND BEYOND...

———— June 18th to
June 30th, ————
2025

HIGHLIGHTS

12 Nights Lodging
12 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 7 Dinners
Luxury Motorcoach by Timi's Tours
Travel Insurance Included (may be additional
Cost for certain pre-existing conditions)
Gratuities for Guides and Bus Driver Included
Hotel Luggage Handling where available
Great Platte River Road Archway
Golden Spike Tower
National Museum of Military Vehicles
Craig Thomas Discovery Center
Grand Teton National Park with Guide
Grand Teton Snake River Float Trip with Dinner
Jackson Hole
Yellowstone National Park with Guide

Badlands National Park
Grizzly Discovery Center
Buffalo Bill Center of the Wests
Free Time in Downtown Cody, WY
Old Train Town
The Cody Cattle Company Dinner/Show
Cody Night Rodeo
Black Hill Touring with Guide
Mt. Rushmore
Custer State Park
Buffalo Safari Jeep Tour
Crazy Horse Memorial
Tatanks: Story of the Bison
Free Time in Deadwood, SD
Trial of Jack McCall
Wall Drug & Corn Palace

Double Occupancy \$4860.00 per person**Triple Occupancy \$4309.00 per person.

Quad Occupancy \$2890.00 per personSingle Occupancy \$7250.00 per person

A deposit of \$1000.00 per person is required to hold your spot. Payments must be made on time and in keeping with the payment plan.

Payments Per Person 1/2 balance due January 15, 20251/2 balance (Final payment) due March 15, 2025

Contact Kay Tolly at 217-358-4401/ 217-877-2444 or email at kt2155@gmail.com for the itinerary and registration form. There's complete brochures on the tract rack where the sermons are.

Officers Present:
President – Kathy Kilzer
Vice President - Absent
Secretary – Dian Centers
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 1:37 PM on Monday, September 9, 2024 by President Kathy Kilzer

There were 9 in attendance: Sandy Norris, Linda Workman, Sarah Marsaglia, Patti Zeck, Jane Martin, Nancy Brown, Victoria Schroeder, Kathy Kilzer, and Dian Centers.

Kathy Kilzer opened the meeting by reading a devotional from an old Portals of Prayer entitled “Retired”.

The minutes were read and no corrections were made.

Sarah Marsaglia read the treasurer’s report. She is keeping the Mite Box donation schedule the same. A proposed Guild budget was submitted to the Church Treasurer. The budget remains the same as last year’s budget. Nancy Wene will be auditing the books. The Mite Box donation schedule will also remain the same. A copy of the Treasurer’s report is attached to these minutes.

CHANCEL GUILD - Jane Martin

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

CANDLE and BRASS COMMITTEE – Linda Snow

---NO REPORT

COMMUNION COMMITTEE – Jane Martin

---Jane wondered what the responsibilities were for the robes. There was some discussion and it was decided to take out “robes” from the Chancel Description. There will be 7:00 PM Advent services this year in addition to the NOON Advent service. Communion set ups are all covered.

DORCAS QUILTING CIRCLE – Linda M. Workman

Quilters gather on Thursday mornings usually at 8 AM. If you have any questions about having a top quilted, please call Linda Workman at (202) 286-5858.

---We have finished the two quilts we have had on frames for the past few months and have two new quilts on the frames.

FUNERAL DINNERS GUILD - Sandy Norris

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

---There were four funeral dinners held at Pilgrim since our last meeting. March 28, 2024 a dinner was prepared for 58 family and friends of Stan Mierek. On May 23, 2024 a dinner was prepared for Wayne Allen and served to 61 friends and family. The June 28, 2024 dinner was served to 42 family and friends of Laurence Sutherland. A dinner was served to 32 family and friends of Herb Apel on August 3, 2024.

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

RECEPTIONS COMMITTEE –

CHAIRWOMAN VACANCY – A VOLUNTEER IS NEEDED

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.

---Kathy Kilzer reported that last year there were no Junior Confirmands so no reception was needed.

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 coffee set up and clean up for the Wednesday 10:30 AM Bible class. Thirteen teams volunteer to set up and clean up coffee for the Sunday Coffee/Donut time. There are 29 total members who serve as Sunday Coffee 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.

---Twenty-one teams of Greeters welcome Pilgrim members and visitors to worship. There are 44 total members who serve as Greeters.

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.

---No change

EASTER BREAKFAST COMMITTEE – Jean Mueller

This committee prepares an Easter Brunch between services on Easter morning.

--Nancy Quandt took over for me this past Easter because I was sick. Everything was fine.

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 Pilgrim Library is open to all members of the church. To check out a book, please sign the card in the back of the book, date it with the day you check it out, and drop the card in the green box. Keep the book for 2-3 weeks. You may check it out again for another 2-3 weeks.

** For any book donations please call one of the Pastors. Space is limited.

MISSIONS GUILD

BRILLE CENTER COMMITTEE – Jean Mueller

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

---We have not prepared any pages for Braille books for three months. Apparently the Post Office will not mail any mail Braille materials overseas unless addressed to a U.S. citizen now. A lot of Braille books go worldwide, so we don't know when we will resume.

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.

March 24 – Bethesda Lutheran Communities - \$87.18

April 24 - New Life Pregnancy Center - \$139.56

May 24 – ULMA - \$17.13

June 24 - Braille Center - \$88.35

July 24 – Lutheran World Relief - \$14.65

August 24 – Bethesda Lutheran Communities - \$87.18

TRACTS – Vicki Schroeder

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

--Nothing new to 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 WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SITTING IN THE NURSERY ON A ROTATION BASIS WITH OTHER VOLUNTEERS PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE (217) 877-2444. YOUR PARTICIPATIONS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

We are especially grateful to Brandilyn Wegmann for cleaning all the toys in the Nursery!

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. Prayers may also be requested by calling Patti Zeck at 217-855-6395. Additionally prayers may be requested on the back of the Attendance Cards at any church service or by calling the Church office (217) 877-2444.

--All going O.K.

PRAYER COMMITTEE – Sarah Marsaglia

--Praying for the church militant, Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Our Redeemer Lutheran, the United Lutheran Mission Association (ULMA), 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

SUNSHINE GUILD-continued

HOSPITALS – Kathy Fulk

This committee sends cards to those in the hospital.

--Twenty-two Get Well Cards have been sent out since our last meeting. I have been reimbursed for three boxes of cards (\$15.69) and 6 books of stamps (\$87.60). Everything is going well.

SHUT-INS – Bev Myrvold

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

---There are 14 Pilgrims in Assisted Living & Nursing Homes and 13 Homebound Pilgrims for a total of 27. I mailed 1 birthday card in April; 7 cards in May; 3 cards in June; 1 card was sent in July; no cards were sent in August; and 1 card has been sent so far in September.

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

---NO REPORT

PROGRAM GUILD – Linda Workman

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

--- Annual Congregational Spring Banquet was held after the second service on Sunday, April 28. The Cracker Barrel Restaurant catered event served 80 Pilgrims, (we planned for 90). Leftovers: 3 pans of green beans, 1½ pans of ham, 1½ pans of corn, 1½ pans of macaroni and cheese, 3 containers of corn bread, and 2 pans of biscuits.

The Reformation Day brunch menu was discussed. The Brunch will be held after late service. Everyone volunteered to prepare one of the various menu items. Another brief meeting will be scheduled to finalize the brunch and to announce date and sign-up opportunities.

New Business:

President's Notes: The visit from the Australian Lutheran church, planned for August was cancelled. They experienced unexpected problems, but hope to come at a different time.

2024-2025 Meetings: All meetings are at 1:30 PM on Mondays, unless noted.

October 21, 2024

November 18, 2024

February 3, 2025

April date to be announced

2024-2025 Events:

October 27, 2024 - 12:30 PM – Reformation Brunch SUNDAY

December 5 or 6, 2024 – Christmas Luncheon – Location TBA

February 16, 2025 – 12:30 PM - Soup Luncheon SUNDAY

Spring Banquet – Date and Time to be announced

Vice President's Notes – None

Old Business – None

Business Tabled – None

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer said in unison.

Respectfully submitted, Dian Centers, secretary