



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 8



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526

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



February 23, 2025

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Rev. Bill Abbott

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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 2/16

General Fund: 25,457.55
Christian Sharing: 700.00
Altar Flowers: 35.00
Sunday School: 6.00
Memorials: 540.00
Loose: 80.00
CDs: 2:00
Donuts: 80.00
ULMA: 100.00
Total: 27,000.55

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2/24 4:30 Chancel Choir
2/26 10:30 Bible Class
12:00 Wed Worship
4:15-6:00 Midweek Grades 1-6
7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
2/27 8:00 Quilters
3/16 10:45 Ordination and Installation service for Lucas Abbott
12:00 Ordination and Installation Luncheon
6/9 9:00-12:00 VBS (Monday-Friday)

ATTENDANCE

2/16 Sun 8:00 service: 74
Sun 10:45 service: 75
Adult Bible Class: 82
Sunday School N3-Gr. 12: 8
2/19 Wednesday 10:30 Bible Class: 36
2/19 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 New Life Pregnancy Center. **MARCH** mites will go to United Lutheran Mission Association. Thank you!

Year-end statements are available on the shelf on the north wall in the Narthex.

SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistant/Acolyte 3/2 Sunday

8:00 Allen Kilzer; Gary Quandt **10:45** Don Mast; Doug Ward

Ushers 3/2 Sunday 8:00 Joe Marsaglia; Grant Abbott; Paul Giesler; Bruce Gifford; Loren Hiser; Dave Schroeder; Chad Wooters **10:45** Don Mast; Eric Mast; John Mickler; Jim M. Snow; Jim R. Snow; Mark Thompson

Coffee Servers 2/26 Wed Paul & Patti Zeck
3/2 Sunday Tim & Lesley Ellison

Financial Counters 3/2 Sunday Rich Lanier; Rick Leach; Steve Musgrove; Gary Schueller

Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up 3/2 Sunday Shirley McMillen; Dian Centers; Bev Myrvold; Linda Ripple; Tim & Lynn Block; Amanda Block

Greeters 3/2 Sunday 8:00 Pete & Sue Williams
10:45 Barbara Buesking



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2/24 Shannon Lanier
- 2/27 Cambell Lanier
Steve & Jennifer Gensler (37 years)
- 2/28 Sarah Guhl; Sarah Marsaglia
- 2/29 Andy & Stacey Apel (9 years)



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3/1 Rebekah Christoffersen
Kaye & Duane Beals (11 years)
- 3/3 Jewel Barr
- 3/4 Kiersten Hill
- 3/5 Nancy Brown; Rita Perry
Jim & Susie Peck (32 years)
Ted & Linda Sue Workman (59 years)
- 3/6 Janie Lewis; Carrie Snow
- 3/8 Nicole Carlen; Matt Christoffersen;
Carrie Thompson
- 3/10 Ivan Jayakar; Josh Scott
- 3/11 Rosemary Bolyard; Christine Massey
Adam & Rachel Gensler (8 years)
- 3/12 Jean Carter; Janice Dittus; Ron Kelm;
Bev Winchester
- 3/13 Barbara Oyler
- 3/14 Nathan Ripple

- 3/15 Harper Ritter
- 3/19 Katie Buth; Victor James Buth
- 3/20 Gary & Mary Ann Driskell (55 years)
- 3/21 Gary & Teresa Schueller (16 years)
- 3/22 Gabi Wegmann
- 3/23 Alan Ruwe
- 3/24 Barbara Buesking
- 3/25 Courtney Jacobs; Mark Luka; Doug Taylor
- 3/27 Chuck & Lavona McKinney (70 years)
- 3/28 Jo Ames
- 3/29 Zach Luka; Aaron Purcell
- 3/31 Terry Massey
Kenny & Linda Ripple (58 years)

2.23.2025 LESSON 11



Today, students will study "Betrayed and Arrested." Knowing His final hours are drawing close, Jesus goes with His disciples to Gethsemane. Taking Peter, James, and John deeper into the garden, Jesus goes off alone three times to pray. His prayer reflects His willingness to fulfill the Father's plan despite the suffering that lies ahead. The armed mob arrives to arrest Jesus, whom Judas betrays with a kiss. Peter brashly tries to defend Jesus with a sword but only manages to injure the high priest's servant. Jesus allows Himself to be taken by the armed mob to fulfill the Scripture.

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ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICE

for
Lucas Brock Abbott

Pilgrim Lutheran Church
March 16, 2025
10:45 a.m.

There will be no 8:00 a.m. service.
Bible Class & Sunday School will begin at 9:30.

We are looking forward
to a blessed celebration
as we welcome our new Pastor!

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION LUNCHEON for Lucas Brock Abbott

Please join us Sunday, March 16, 2025
at 12:00 p.m. in the All Purpose Room to
celebrate the Ordination and Installation of
Lucas Abbott as our Associate Pastor.

Dinner is catered by Cracker Barrel

Menu

Scrambled Eggs	Thick Sliced Bacon
French Toast	Sausage
Hash brown Casserole	Fried Apples
Beef Pot Roast	Carrots
Fried Chicken	Corn
Biscuits	Salad
Mashed potatoes and white gravy	Cole Slaw

Desserts and Pie will be provided
by the Ladies' Guild and the congregation.

Please Sign up by March 2, 2025.
If you are willing to provide a dessert,
please list what you are bringing.

**NEW DATES
2026**

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

2026 **2026**

**NEW DATES AND INFO COMING FOR
JUNE 2026!**
**CONTACT KAY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THE LIST TO
RECEIVE INFO**

- Yellowstone National Park w/ Guide
- Cody Night Rodeo
- Buffalo Jeep Safari
- Crazy Horse Memorial
- Mt. Rushmore
- Golden Spike Tower
- Triangle X Float Trip
- Old Trail Town
- Custer State Park
- Trial of Jack McCall
- National Museum of Military Vehicles
- Badlands National Park
- Corn Palace
- Wall Drug

Contact Kay Tolly at 217-358-4401 to sign up! Email: kt2155@gmail.com



March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00 & 10:45 Worship Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School	3 4:30 Chancel Choir	4	5 9:00 VBS Committee Meeting 10:30 Bible Class 12:00 Ash Wednesday Worship Communion 4:15-6 Midweek Grades 1-6 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation	6 8:00 Braille at LSA 8:00 Quilters	7	8 Turn clocks forward one hour before going to bed.  <i>Spring Forward</i>
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Officers Present:
President – Kathy Kilzer
Vice President – Nancy Quandt
Secretary – Dian Centers
Treasurer –

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 1:34 PM on Monday, February 3, 2025 by President Kathy Kilzer.

There were 11 in attendance: Jean Mueller, Nancy Brown, Patti Zeck, Jane Martin, Bev Myrvold, Victoria Schroeder, Linda Workman, Nancy Quandt, Sandy Norris, Kathy Kilzer, and Dian Centers. Vice President Nancy Quandt gave the opening prayer.

The minutes were read and no corrections were made.

Sarah Marsaglia was not in attendance, but sent two reports. We do not yet know if Nancy Wene audited the books. 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

No issues.

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.

There is only one quilt on a frame now because the frames will be needed for a special quilt. Twenty-two six will be Pilgrim's 75th Anniversary. We will make quilt blocks for each person who has been a quilter from the year quilting was started here in 1975 and will integrate the blocks into a special quilt for this event.

FUNERAL DINNERS GUILD - Sandy Norris

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

We have served five funeral dinners since the September meeting. On September 21 we prepared for 65 and served 58 family and friends of Eldred Budde. On October 21 we prepared for 50 and served 62 family and friends of Chuck Barnes. On November 4 we prepared for 55 and served 47 family and friends of Dorothy Klockenga. On November 8 we prepared for 75 and served 62 family and friends of Lorna Schoon. On December 30 we prepared for 30 and served 32 family and friends of Robert Teela.

HOSPITALITY GUILD - This Guild strives to maintain a friendly atmosphere at Pilgrim through these committees.

RECEPTIONS COMMITTEE – CHAIRWOMAN VACANCY – A VOLUNTEER IS NEEDED

This committee usually organizes two or three receptions each year for functions such as: the Question and Answer night for the Junior Confirmation class, Junior Confirmation Sunday, and after the Christmas program.

Approximately 60 guests were served cake and punch after the Children's Christmas program on December 8, 2024. Report by Kathy Kilzer

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. Since the November 18 meeting, 11 teams have served.

GREETERS COMMITTEE – Beth Abbott

Greeters give a friendly welcome to Pilgrim members and visitors. The Greeter roster is 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. Since the meeting on November 18, 22 teams have served.

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.

---Nothing to report

EASTER BREAKFAST COMMITTEE – Jean Mueller

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

--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 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 to Pilgrim, please call one of the Pastors. Space is limited.

MISSIONS GUILD

BRAILLE CENTER COMMITTEE – Jean Mueller

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

---We are still not preparing any pages for Braille books

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.

September - New Life Pregnancy Center - \$57.22

October – ULMA - \$118.09

November - Braille Center - \$99.72

December – Lutheran World Relief - \$31.85

January – Bethesda Lutheran Communities - \$63.41

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.

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 is going fine.

PRAYER COMMITTEE – Sarah Marsaglia

--Still praying for the church militant. Especially for members ULMA (United Lutheran Mission Association) and anyone in altar and pulpit fellowship with ULMA.

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-three Get Well Cards have been mailed out since our last meeting.

SHUT-INS – Bev Myrvold

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

---Christmas cards and Christmas checks were mailed out in December. Birthday cards are mailed out each month. There are 12 in Assisted Living and 11 Homebound for a total of 23.

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.

---There were 16 ladies who attended the Christmas luncheon at Flessor's in Tuscola. We are now planning a graduation reception for our Seminary graduates (Lucas Abbott and Josh Killion) to be held on Saturday, February 22, 2025. We are also planning a congregation dinner for Lucas' Ordination on March 16, 2025.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN-UP IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND. THE SIGN-UP BOARD IS IN THE NARTHEX JUST BEYOND THE CENTER SANCTUARY DOORS.

New Business:

President's Notes:

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

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