



ilgrim's Progress Weekly

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

"Where the Bible is the inspired, inerrant Word of God"



Home of

Worship Service and Bible Study Times:

Sunday Service at 8 and 10:45 A.M.
Sunday Bible Study Hour for All Ages 9:30 A.M.
Wednesday Service Year-Round 7 P.M.
[September through April] . . .
Wednesday Adult Bible Study 6 & 9:30 A.M.
Wednesday Midweek School Gr 1-8 at 4:15 P.M.
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Worship Folder Deadline: 9 A.M. Tuesday.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thurs: 7 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Fri: 7 a.m. to noon

ULMA Mission Congregation

Listed is the name and address of the mission congregation, along with the mission pastor, of our United Lutheran Mission Association.

Christ the Rock Lutheran Church 799 Pine Ave Carlsbad CA 92008 10:15 a.m. worship Tamarack (North)&College Blvds.
Rev William Mack (cell 920-203-2544)

December 24, 2017

SUN 12/24

8:00 Worship/Communion
9:00 WSOY Broadcast
9:30 Bible Study All Ages
10:45 Worship/Communion
7:00 Candlelight Service

MON 12/25

9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service

TUE 12/26

WED 12/27

THU 12/28

8:00 Quilting

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SAT 12/30

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A Child
Has been
BoRn for us,
A Son is gIven
to uS;
AuthoriTY rests
Upon HiM
He is nAmed
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THE PASTORS AND STAFF PRAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR!

ATTENDANCE

12/17 Sunday Services: 298
12/17 Bible Classes: 129
Adults 88; High School 9; Children 32
12/20 Adult Classes: 63
12/20 Wednesday Services: 105
12/21 Shut-In Service: 15

Last day for 2017 offerings is 12/31/2017
2018 offering envelopes are in the narthex.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS AND
LOOSE OFFERINGS will go to the Lutheran
Heritage Foundation through January 28, 2018.
The theme of our project is "Continuing What
Luther Began."

500 years ago, Martin Luther knew his people
needed two things: the Bible translated into their
own language, and a Small Catechism to help
them understand it. Today, children and families
all around the world need these same things.

Every \$5 we collect gives a book about Jesus
to a child or family so they can hear about - the
Son of God who died for them, so that
someday, we can all be in heaven, together.

The table in the red door area has information
about LHF. Envelopes and a basket are on the
table if you would like to make a special
donation. You can go to www.lhfmissions.org for
more information on LHF.



MITE OFFERINGS go to missions
Pilgrim Lutheran supports. **DECEMBER**
mites will be used for Bethesda
Lutheran Communities. You can pick
up a mite offering box on the table in the
narthex, in front of the Guild bulletin board.
Pilgrim members, women AND men are
encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect
their coins. When your mite offering box is full,
place it in the decorative box on the table and
take an empty mite offering box home. Thank-
you!

VISITORS...

Grace Goedel; Emily Phillips; Brennon Bonds;
Art, Sylvia & Jo Ohlwine; Susie Peck; Carol
Glenn;

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/31 New Year's Eve: Services at 8:00 and
10:45 a.m. Bible study for all ages 9:30
a.m.
Service at 7:00 p.m.
Communion at all the services.
12/27 and 1/3 No morning classes; no
Midweek School; no services.
1/10/2018 All Wednesday activities resume.
2/6 6:00 p.m. Ladies Guild Soup Supper

ATTENTION LADIES Are you willing to help
but have limited time to share? This position may
fit into your life. Our Sunshine Guild has an
opening for a chairwoman:
Altar Flower Guild As chairwoman of this guild
you would deliver altar flowers on the 3rd week
of each month. All the other weeks are covered.
You would also need to keep an eye on the
containers and foil and let Patti Newlin know
when we are running low. You can come in
Monday morning of your week and get the
flowers or you can take them on Sunday after
the late service. Patti has a card at her office of

who gets the flowers that week. **Not a lot of time is required and our members are cheered by the flowers.**

If you are interested please contact Kathy Kilzer 865-3378. Thank you!

SERVING THE LORD

Acolyte Monday 12/25 9 a.m. Usher

Sunday 12/31 Peyton Ruwe 10:45 Doug Ward
7 p.m. Usher

Coffee Set-up 12/29 Dona Bailey

Coffee Servers Sun 12/31 Loren & Melinda
Hiser

Communion Set-Up/Clean-up Sun 12/31

Karen Svendsen; Nancy Jacobs; Melinda &
Loren Hiser; Erica Bryan; Ron Kelm

Flower Delivery No deliveries while poinsettia
are here

Communion Assistants Sun 12/31 Tom
Greenwood & Ron Kelm 10:45 Doug Ward &
Ray Beals 7 p.m. Ron Kelm

Financial Secretaries Sun 12/31 Rich Lanier;
Rick Leach; Steve Musgrove; Gary Schueller

Greeters 12/25 9 a.m. Ray & Linda Beals
Sun 12/31 Gloria Casner & Mary Teschner
10:45 Gehrig & Bonnie Engel

Nursery 12/25 9 a.m. no one

Sun 12/31 8:00 Ashley Lofland 9:30 no one
10:45 Mary Jo Wrigley 7 p.m. no one

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

12/24 Mike Claypool; David Pangrac; Donna
Phillips

W Wayne & Barbara Buesking 63 yrs

12/26 Gloria Parton

12/28 **W** Jim & Carrie Snow 21 yrs

12/29 Ilene Henrichsmeyer

W Greg & Lesa Mills 33 yrs

12/30 Rick Perkins; Mark Thompson; Ted
Workman

12/31 Carol Allen; Mike Bunch; Sarah Farrar;
Ashley Lofland; Marilyn Mills

YOUTH GROUPS UPCOMING EVENTS

PKC Grades 1-6 and their Families and
PYC Grades 7-12

Sign up for activities on the PKC or PYC bulletin
boards or call 877-2430 to leave a message or
email kaytolly@pilgrimlutherandecatur.org or call
or text 358-4401. A parent or adult must attend
PKC (Gr 1-6) activities with their children and
everyone in the family is welcome to attend.

NEW BOOKS IN PILGRIM'S LIBRARY

The Great Divide: The Failure of Islam and the
Triumph of the West by Alvin Schmidt - This
book compares Islam with Christianity and
Western culture. How Muhammad and Jesus
differ. What about church and state? Did you
know Islam has a different view of science? Very
informative read, Easy read.

Pagans in the Pews: How the New Spirituality is
Invading Your Home Church and Community by
Peter Jones- Very informative book on how
pagan influences of the past are creeping into
our churches today. This includes the liberal
church, witchcraft, goddess worship. Easy read.

Postmodern Times: A Christian Guide to
Contemporary Thought and Culture by Gene
Edward Veith - If you want to know why
evangelism is so difficult today this is the book to
read. The thinking of our day is so unreasonable
that one cannot talk logically to many people. It
parts of this reading don't make sense, it's not
supposed to. This shows the absolutely wacky
thinking going on today. Not the easiest read
but you will see our society in the pages.

Dying We Live: The Last Messages of Men and
Women who Resisted Hitler and were Martyred:
edited by Helmut Gollwitzer & Reinhold
Schneider - I found this wonderful book while
taking a course on Hitler and writing a paper.
This is a must read for anyone with serious illness
and contemplating death. The "one underlying
theme - faith triumphant in death" These were
people having at times only days or hours to

live. How their faith shine through is awesome!
An easy and must read!

Storm Warning: The Coming Persecution of Christians and Traditionalists in America by Don McAlvany: One of the best books I've read on this subject. This is not a flee to the mountains and store food. He relates past persecutions and why things are heading in that direction for Christians today. The read is a bit dated but his thoughts can be applied to today, He has some very practical ways to prepare: psychologically, spiritually and physically, This is an easy, must read book.

The Kevokian Oath by Richard E. Brown : THIS BOOK IS FICTION written by a Central Illinois doctor. His book was recommended to me by Larry Grishow. What a fascinating, scary read! What if euthanasia became the law and undesirables had to be put to death? What would people do? What would the church do? Did you know that today doctors are not required to take the Hippocratic oath to do no harm? Remember this is fiction. A fast and easy read.

The new books are ready to take out. **New books will from now on be located on a small bookshelf on the East wall.** They will be there for 4 weeks so people can browse or take them out. After 4 weeks, they will be put on the regular shelves. Please, if you are taking books remember to fill out the card.