



Pilgrim's Progress Weekly

Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, Illinois 62526
"Where the Bible is the inspired, inerrant Word of God"



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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-April Wednesdays]

Adult Bible Study 6 & 9:30 A.M. and Midweek

School Gr 1-8 4:15 P.M.

PASTORS: Brock Abbott
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Staff

Patti Newlin, Office Manager

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Newsletter Editor: Patti Newlin

Newsletter Deadline: 9 A.M. Wednesday

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 23, 2018

SUNDAY 12/23

8:00 Worship/Communion

9:00 WSOY Broadcast

9:30 Bible Study All Ages

10:45 Worship/Communion

MONDAY 12/24

12:00 Church Office closes

7:00 Christmas Eve Worship

TUESDAY 12/25

9:00 Christmas Day Worship

WEDNESDAY 12/26

All classes and worship service are cancelled

THURSDAY 12/27

8:00 Quilting

FRIDAY 12/28

SATURDAY 12/29

ATTENDANCE

12/16 Sunday Services: 283

12/16 Sunday Bible Classes: 136

Adults 104; High School 7; Children 25

12/19 Wed Adult Bible Study: 57

12/19 Wed Services: 93

It
came
to pass
in those
days that
there went
out a decree
from Caesar
Augustus that all
the world should be
taxed: And this taxing
was first made when
Quirinius was governor
of Syria, and all went to be
taxed every one into his own
city. And Joseph also went up
from Galilee, out of the city of
Nazareth, unto the city of David, to
be taxed with Mary his espoused wife,
being great with child. And so it was that
while they were there, the days were accom-
plished that she should be delivered and she
brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in
swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger because there
was
no
room
for them in the inn.
Luke 2:1-7

**Blessed CHRISTmas
from the Pastors and Staff
at Pilgrim Lutheran Church**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is difficult to find the words to express the depth of thankfulness for the visits, prayers, phone calls and cards received during this journey. And you thought I really didn't have a heart! Pat and I have been incredibly strengthened and encouraged by your love and support

As you probably know, my activities have been mostly shut down for the next 6 weeks, including driving and avoiding crowds. It is my deepest prayer and hope to be back on track within the next two months, if I can dodge the Sr. Pastor.

Above all, we praise God for His love in Christ, His unfathomable mercy, the lessons He has impressed upon us from the very beginning, the joy and comfort of knowing His Presence and Love! We praise Him for you - for Brock, Beth and Grandchildren - and, at the top of the list, a Cross promising Redemption and a Tomb pointing the way to everlasting life!

We love you all deeply and cherish these many years of having you in our lives, praying He will grant us even more!

The Lord Jesus Christ grant you a most blessed Christmas.

All Our Love,
Pastor and Pat

DECATUR PILGRIM BASKETBALL GAMES

- 1/6/2019 1:30 vs East Peoria St Peter's at Wee Folks Inc 1170 Orchard St Decatur
- 1/13 2:15 vs Grace #1 at Trinity Lutheran School 1102 W Hamilton Rd Bloomington
- 1/20 1:30 vs Blessed Sacrament #1 at Wee Folks Decatur
- 2/3 2:10 vs Morton Bethel #1 at Trinity Lutheran School Bloomington
- 2/9 TBD vs Morton Bethel #3
- 2/10 1:30 vs Pekin St. John at Wee Folks Decatur



MITE OFFERINGS go to missions Pilgrim Lutheran supports. December mites will be used for The United Lutheran Mission Association. 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...Pam Rhodes; Bob Teela

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 12/30 Mark Thompson; Ted Workman
- 12/31 Carol Allen; Mike Bunch; Sarah Farrar; Ashley Lofland; Marilyn Mills

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday, Christmas Eve 12/24 7:00 p.m.** service. Church Office closes at noon.
- **Tuesday, Christmas Day 12/25 9:00 a.m.** service Church Office closed.
- **Wednesday 12/26 NO Midweek School or evening worship**
- **Sunday 12/30** Worship services and Bible study as usual.
- **Monday, New Year's Eve 12/31 7:00 p.m.** service Church Office closes at noon
- **Tuesday, 1/1/2019** Church Office closed
- **Wednesday 1/2 NO Midweek School or evening worship**
- **Wednesday 1/9 4:15** Midweek School resumes. Midweek worship at 7:00 p.m.

SERVING THE LORD

Acolyte Christmas Eve 7 p.m. Tim White
Christmas Day 9 a.m. Usher

Sunday 12/30 Marco Wegmann
10:45 Greg Collingwood

Coffee Set-up 12/28 Dona Bailey

Coffee Servers Sun 12/30 Alan Ruwe & Doug Lueck

Communion Set-Up/Clean-up Sun 12/30

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

Flower Delivery No deliveries through 1/6

Communion Assistants Sun 12/30 Tom Greenwood & Allen Kilzer

10:45 Greg Collingwood & Ray Beals

Financial Secretaries Sun 12/30 Mark Ames; John Crowe; Tim Ellison

Greeters Christmas Day 9 a.m. Orville & Kathy Fulk Sun 12/30 Gloria Casner & Mary Teschner
10:45: Ray & Linda Beals

Nursery Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Parents, if your little one becomes restless we invite you to make use of our lounge or nursery where you can hear the service. An usher can direct you.

Sun 12/30 8:00 no one 9:30 no one
10:45 Jennifer Gensler

YOUTH GROUPS ACTIVITY

PKC Grades 1-6/Families & 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.

7/16-19, 2019 Higher Things Youth Conference
at Concordia University Mequon,
Wisconsin. For those confirmed in 2019 -
12th grade. Contact Kay Tolly for more
information.

