

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 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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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 Congregations

Listed are the names and addresses of the mission congregations, along with the mission pastors, of our United Lutheran Mission Association. The request was made to list them so that those of you who would like to write to our brothers and sisters and encourage them could do so. The mutual support and encouragement through such contact would truly be a blessing to all.

Agnus Dei Lutheran Church Rev James Shaw

(Physical location - Sunday mornings only): Germanna Community College, Facility II (Workforce Development & Technology Bldg) Room 105A, 10000 Germanna Point Dr., Fredericksburg VA 22408 (Mailing/Contact Address): 9820 Bartley Ct., Fredericksburg VA 22408-9226 (540) 446-0777

Christ the Rock Lutheran Church

Rev William Mack (cell 920-203-2544) Tamarack (North) & College Blvds. Carlsbad CA (10:15 a.m. worship)

March 20, 2016

SUN 3/20

8:00 Worship/Communion
9:00 WSOY Broadcast
9:30 Sunday School All Ages
10:45 Worship/Communion

MON 3/21

6:00 BIC in the library
6:30 Council in kitchen area

TUE 3/22

8:00 Quilting
6:00 Chancel Choir

WED 3/23

ALL Activities Cancelled

THU 3/24

8:00 Quilting
10:00 Office Workers Meet
7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship/Communion

FRI 3/25

7:00 Good Friday Worship/Communion

SAT 3/26



IN THE WORD Lamentations 3:19-24

Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall! My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

ATTENDANCE

Sunday Services 3/13: 390

Sunday Bible Classes: 125

Adults 98; High School 3; Children 24

Wed Bible Classes 3/16: 59

Wed Services: 97

Shut-In Service 3/17: 11



MITE OFFERINGS go to various missions Pilgrim Lutheran supports.

MARCH mites will be used for

Lutheran World Relief. 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 . . . Paul Basil; Andrew Coers; Aaron Scott; Kaelyn Mackling; Bob Teela; Grafton Barrows; Dorothy Price; Hannah Ritter; Sherry Tomby; Denny Schum; Paul & Doris Giesler; Margaret Carter; Elizabeth & Raven Whitten

TO ALL THE LADIES AT PILGRIM AND OUR REDEEMER and any gentlemen who might like to sew, as well . . .

Saturday, April 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. will be our first combined Guild "Service Project" to make Pretty Pockets for those who have had breast surgery and have a drain from their incision.



A Pretty Pocket is a soft flannel "pocket" that fits over the drain bulb. It provides a softness against the skin and a secure place for the bulb to be attached.

YOU CANT' SEW? YOU CAN STILL HELP.
There will be sewing and non-sewing "jobs":
Cut out simple patterns; sew the simple pocket; ironing; attach safety pins and any other small jobs that may need to be done.

IF YOU CHOOSE YOU CAN ALSO HELP BY purchasing a 1/2 yard of baby flannel and wash it in odor-free detergent. This removes the "sizing" and any other impurities from the material. We can get 5 pockets from 1/2 yard.

The pockets will be distributed to the Cancer Care Center and also to St. Mary's Hospital breast cancer surgery area.

If God chooses to bless this project, we will at a later date invite our West and East Coast Ladies Guilds to join us - perhaps via Skype. Everything we make at that time will be divided among those two guilds. Our goal is to eventually involve all of our Guilds, even our Australia Sisters-in-Christ to participate in this project.

Please come and join us April 2 at 9:00 a.m. If we have enough people and sewing machines, we will be able to make quite a few Pretty Pockets and be gone before Noon. There will be enough patterns available for each of you to take home to make if you choose.

If you have any questions or if you have a sewing machine you can bring, please call Linda Workman at 864-2405. We look forward to serving our Lord and glorifying His name through this project. Hope to see you there!

THANK-YOU TO for the prayers and concern expressed for my hospital visit and recovery therapy.
—Dana Hansen

THRIVENT MEMBERS ALERT...

Check on you "Choice Dollars." Call 1-800-847-4836 and ask for Thrivent Choice, they can tell you if you have "Dollars" to direct to a place of your choice. Deadline is March 31. Act now!

GENTLEMEN...CHECK YOUR CLOSET

On Sunday, March 13, a man's jacket was taken in error. Please check your closet to see if you have it.

Lightweight jacket, dark blue in color
Handkerchief and cough drops in pockets

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMORY VERSES 3/20

- N-K: [Jesus said,] "Your sins are forgiven."
Luke 7:48
- 1-3: And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Luke 1:46-47
- 4-6: Your faith has saved you; go in peace.
Luke 7:50
- 7-8: And He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." Luke 7:50

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thursday, March 24 at 10:00 a.m.

To put together the pages for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter worship folders. It should take about an hour. Contact Patti at 877-2444 or plc@pilgrimlutherandecatur.org .

UPCOMING CONGREGATION EVENTS

- 3/21 6:30 p.m. Council
3/22 6:00 p.m. Choir
3/23 All Wednesday activities cancelled
3/24 10:00 a.m. Office Workers
3/24 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
3/25 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
3/27 Easter Morning Services at 8:00 and 10:45. Continental Breakfast at 9:00. Free-will offering. Bible Study for all ages 9:30.
3/29 10:45 a.m. VBS Committee Meeting
4/2 9:00 a.m. "Pretty Pockets" Service Project
4/23 11:30 a.m. Congregation Spring Banquet hosted by the Ladies Guild. Entertainment provided by the 1st Pres. String Band featuring Gospel, Country, Bluegrass, Irish, Civil War and Folk Music.

NEW LIFE PREGNANCY CENTER . . .

New Life Pregnancy Center will hold its annual LIFE OF THE PARTY DINNER AND AUCTION on Friday, APRIL 29. **The center is currently accepting donations of items to be auctioned during the event.** Ideas for donations are limited only by your imagination. Consider pooling resources with family or friends, co-workers, church groups, etc. to create your own gift basket of goods or services. Maybe you have a time-share or access to tickets for events others could enjoy. Is your talent baking special desserts, computer service, marketing, whatever? Give it some thought. Donations should be delivered to NLPC at 1698 E. Pershing Road no later than April 11. All donations are tax deductible. (Tickets for the actual event will be available for purchase soon.)

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS:

Childcare Room: Mondays 6:15-7:45 p.m. or Thursdays 9:45-11:15 a.m.
Thrift Shoppe: Open Mon-Sat 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
You can help at any time during those hours.
Call the Center 872-5556 if you have questions and to find out all the volunteer opportunities.

SERVING THE LORD

Acolyte Maundy Thursday 3/24 7:00 Usher

Good Friday 3/25 Lighting 7:00 Tim White

Sun 3/27 8:00 Ziak Ireland

10:45 Grant Abbott

Coffee Servers Sun 3/27 Alan & Phyllis Ruwe

Communion Set-Up/Clean-up Maundy

Thursday 3/24 and Good Friday 3/25

Melinda Hiser Sun 3/27 NO communion

Altar Flower Delivery 3/27 NO delivery

Communion Assistant Maundy Thursday 3/24

7:00 Bob McQuality & Matthew Schmidt

Good Friday 3/5 7:00 Gary Quandt

Easter NO Communion

Financial Secretaries Sun 3/27 Rick Leach; Rich

Lanier; Steve Musgrove; Gary Schueller

Greeters Sun 3/27 8:00 Gloria Casner & Mary

Teschner 10:45 Gerda Fields & Jo-Anne Mast

Nursery Maundy Thursday 3/24 7:00 Shannon

Lanier Good Friday 3/25 7:00 ???

Sun 3/27 8:00 Phyllis Ruwe 9:30 Carrie Snow

10:45 Brett & Emily Stenger

MARCH BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

3/20 Bob Stine

W Gary & Mary Ann Driskell 46 yrs

3/21 Edna Allen; Sophie Rau

W Gary & Teresa Schueller 7 yrs

3/22 Gabi Wegmann

3/23 Alan Ruwe

3/24 Cory Bickes; Barbara Buesking

3/25 Courtney Jacobs; Mark Luka; Doug

Taylor

3/27 Kayla Simpson

W Chuck & Lavona McKinney 61 yrs

3/28 Jo Ames; Bob Barr; Carla Dempsey;

Sherri Hays

3/29 Zach Luka; Aaron Purcell

3/31 Terry Massey

W Kenny & Linda Ripple 49 yrs

YOUTH GROUPS UPCOMING EVENTS

PKC Grades 1-6 and their 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@pilgrimplutherandecatur.org or call or text 358-4401. Just a reminder that a parent or adult must attend PKC (Gr 1-6) activities with their children and everyone in the family is welcome to attend.

4/29 PYC post-Confirmation Questioning pizza party at Monicals for 8th Gr Confirmands and families. After the questioning and reception we will go to Monicals North. PYC members and families are welcome as room allows. A free-will donation will be taken.

6/6 Vacation Bible School Week 9 a.m. to Noon