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As forgiven children of God, we, the Pentecost Family of Faith, are committed to show everyone Life in Christ.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

May is of course the time to honor Mothers. For all those Dads and kids who may forget, this is your friendly reminder that Mother's Day is May 9th. All joking aside, Mother's Day is a day that we should appreciate even without it being a Hallmark holiday. It is a chance to celebrate the wonderful women in our lives who helped form and shape our lives in to who we are today. Whether it is your biological mother, your church mother, your mother-in-law, or any mother who touched your life, we have opportunity to give back just a sliver of the gratitude that we have for them on this day.

There are many wonderful examples of motherhood in the Bible that point to the love and devotion that a mother has for her child. Just looking at Jesus' ministry we can think of several... from Mary, the mother of Jesus, who watched her child grow up from a baby in swaddling clothes to her Son triumphantly being raised from death. We think of Peter's mother-in-law who after being healed by Jesus began to wait on him (Matthew 8:14-15). And we think of James and John's mother boldly stepping out and looking out for her sons by asking Jesus to place them at His right hand and the other at his left in heaven (Matthew 20:20-21).

Mother's have done so much for us and so much for the church. In many ways I look at the LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) as the "mothers" of our church body/Synod. These are women devoted to the needs of the church who focus their energies and efforts on providing what they can to the furthering of the mission. Through their collection of mite boxes and other donation drives, they have contributed to many needed areas of mission around the world. These women are a tremendous example of sacrificial love as they follow the words of Paul... **"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others"** (Philippians 2:4)

On May 14-16, I will have the opportunity to be a part of our LWML District Convention at Zion Lutheran Church in Norridge and Concordia University- Chicago. It is also my privilege to be the pastoral delegate for our circuit to the ladies of the LWML and to assist them in their ministry to the needs in our district. I ask you to pray for this convention and for the women who will gather to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And to the women of the congregation, I ask you to prayerfully consider being a part of the LWML in the future and sharing the gifts that God has given to you with others.

- Pastor J



May Birthdays

Gianni Greco – 05/03	Kathy Merrill – 05/22
Mike McCray, Jr. – 05/04	Susan Beno – 05/25
Hannah Heldt – 05/06	Hannah Boehme – 05/25
Dorothy Klingemeyer 5/10	Ken Keen – 05/26
Sharon Werner – 05/13	Dan Geyer – 05/27
Kelley Grant – 05/17	Richard Walters – 05/27
Charles King – 05/19	Ellen Geyer – 05/28
Jeff Larsen – 05/20	Jason MacDowell – 05/28
Ian Barclay – 05/21	



Also at the Rummage Sale, the Youth Group will be selling plants that you can transplant into your gardens. There are a variety of plants, such as daffodils, petunias, cherry tomatoes, tomatoes, butternut squash and pepper plants. All proceeds will go towards the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.



The LWML will be having their convention at Concordia University, River Forest, IL on May 15th. If any ladies from the congregation are interested, please contact Sue Murcek. Also, for the convention, LWML is collecting old ink cartridges and old cell phones. Please start saving these.



*Shane & Cindy Honore
May 8th – 6 years*

*Tom & Sue Hasko
May 15th – 17 years*

*Wes & Diane Larsen
May 16th – 40 years*



Here's a strange request – Can you start saving your eggshells? Put them in a grocery bag and bring them to the back entrance storage closet. If doors are locked, just leave them in front of the door. We use it for fertilizer. Also, can you help us water the flowers this year? Pick one or two weeks and sign up on the sheet in the narthex. We will also be planting the annuals on Saturday, June 5th. Come and help us plant and mulch. Such a little project beautifies our church. Thank you for all your help.

BINGO PRIZE DONATIONS NEEDED

Sheridan Medical Complex, the nursing home that Milan Alusic resides, is looking for Bingo prizes for their residents. If anyone has any small items that they can donate, please see Helen Alusic.



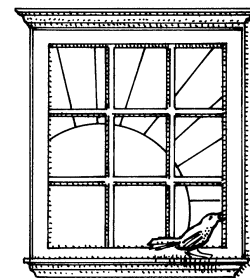
Annual Rummage Sale is Saturday, May 1st from 8am-2pm. The Youth Group will be running a concession from the kitchen, offering food to our customers and volunteers, and there will also be a bake sale. All other monies earned will be given for the window fund.

Please do your spring cleaning and bring your items to the Parish House as we, again, strive to reach into the community with this outreach. We have many small, fragile items to price, so if anyone has jewelry size boxes or slightly larger boxes to give away, we could use them for packing these fragile items so they don't break. Please drop the boxes in the food pantry basket for Sheri – Thanks.



May 20th at 5:00 pm
Buona Vita Restaurant
(east side of Elmwood Plaza)

Open menu, separate checks. All ladies 18 years and older interested in attending contact Kathy Foss by May 16th or sooner.



PARISH HOUSE WINDOWS
– The new Parish House windows have been installed. A huge thank you to Walter Wilckens and to several of our Pentecost volunteers for making this project go smoothly, and to all those who donated monies

toward this project. You are appreciated!!!!

Books for Troops

A special thank you is extended to those who have contributed to the Books for Troops outreach project. We will continue this collection through the end of May. Your continued support is appreciated.

Mark your Calendars

Annual Block Party
August 21st – 11am-4pm



Calling All Bakers

The Pentecost Youth Group needs your help! We have taken on the job of providing bakery for the bake sales at both the rummage sale and the Farmers Market. The rummage sale bake sale will be on Saturday, May 1st – and the Farmers Market bake sale will be on Saturday, May 22nd. If you can donate baked goods for either of these dates (or both), please let me know. I will have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for each of the days. All items will be appreciated and all monies raised will be put towards the upcoming National Youth Gathering trip to New Orleans. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy McGregor, 262-634-0938. Thank you so much for your continued support as we work to encourage our youth to Look – with the eyes of God, Listen – with the ears of God, and Live – with the heart of God because “WE BELIEVE” ...”but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.” John 20:31– we appreciate you!



The last First Friday will be held on May 7th (Social 5pm – Dinner 5:30pm). We will be having a “Stadium Night” featuring hot dogs, brats, pretzels and popcorn. Mr. Barclay will take over the kitchen to offer up concession type foods. There is no cost to you other than the free-will donations with proceeds going to the Youth Group.

Come on out, wear your caps and jerseys of your favorite teams and enjoy Bingo with prizes. Desserts welcome. See you there!



Easter Lilies given to the Glory of God: Bill & Joyce Hasko, Richard & Diane Rognsvoog (2), Alice Hasko, Mike Mueller, Irv & Martha Burman, Arija Jirgensen, Cindy McCray(2), Ellen

Geyer, Gordon & Mary Ann Graves, Dorothy Holland, John & Sheri Hansen, Pastor Jacob (2), Betty Mollerskov, Norma Hansen, Sharon Werner, Helen Alusic, Emily Paluch, Tanya & Scott Hensel, David & Katy Wagner, Charles & Rita King, John & Catherine Warder and Pastor & Elaine Babel (2). Our thanks to all donors of Easter lilies.



Funeral Meals

Ladies of the former Ruth Circle can no longer prepare food for our funeral luncheons like we used to. With the help of a few ladies of our church family, we can make coffee and serve food in our Fellowship Hall that is catered in by families if such service is wanted. We will also do clean up. Brochures will be available for a variety of caterers to choose from. Most deliver and provide paper plates, cups and napkins. Of course, families may also make their own arrangements wherever and by whomever they wish. But, we are available to whoever wants us. We will not require or accept any fee. Any ladies interested in helping or overseeing these luncheons, please contact Sue Murcek.

UPCOMING 55+ CLUB EVENTS

55+Club will meet on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at the Golden Corral on Hwy 50 in Kenosha at 1pm. Good food, all you can eat and Fellowship. Also mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 22, 2010 for our annual picnic held at Armstrong Park down below, same place as last year. A sign-up sheet for who is coming and what you are bringing for a potluck is in the narthex. More info will be in the June Voice. No meetings will be held in July and August.

- Mary Ann Graves, & Donna Walters

Here's **WHAT'S** COOL at Sunday! **SCHOOL**

Our Sunday School year is drawing down to it's close now, but we still have some exciting things to do. By the time you get this, many of our children will have taken part in the Concordia

Sunday Service which was at our church, both through Concordia and through our Sunday School. We wanted to emphasize in this service that, no matter what age you are, we are all part of God's church. That's why we ended with pictures showing people of all ages participating in different areas of the church, and our closing hymn verse "I count if I am ninety, Or nine, or just a baby; There's one thing I am sure about, And I don't mean maybe: I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together." It was just a coincidence that the Concordia children also sang that song, but served to emphasize that each one of us is the church – it's not just a building where we attend services. While Paul Hasko couldn't read the lines for the last picture, he was a life long member of this church – baptized, confirmed, and finally buried from this church, just a couple months short of his 90th birthday.

Kites for Pentecost – that's the day, not just our church name. We will make kites decorated with Pentecost symbols on May 16th and fly them after church on the 23rd, Pentecost Sunday, which is also our last day of Sunday School until fall. (Pray for no rain that day!) Also **we need large, brown paper grocery bags for the kites. Let us know if you have any we can use.**

Why kites? Think about what you know about Pentecost – flames of fire, **a mighty wind**, people able to tell about Jesus in many languages. Acts, chapter 2, tells us that with these outward signs the Holy Spirit took control of everyone. Jesus didn't leave his helpers alone. He gave them the power to do His work on earth., just like the kite needs power from the wind in order to fly.

Without the wind, a kite is powerless, just as we are without God. Like the kite draws its power to fly from the wind, we draw our power to "fly" from the Holy Spirit.

With the last Sunday of Sunday School, we also have some refreshments – cookies, juice, etc. **Is anyone willing to volunteer to line up and serve refreshments on this day (May 23rd)?** Please let Joyce know if you are willing to help.

On Mother's Day, our children traditionally participate in the Church Service and there is no Sunday School afterwards, to allow families time to celebrate with Mom.



We weren't really saying that Alice was 160 because the smiley face had an 80 for a nose. The clerk in the store didn't have an 80 balloon, so suggested two 40s. That worked.

We're glad so many of you could join us after church on April 18th to wish Alice a happy 80th birthday. If you looked at the second 40 Sunday School class picture, you may have recognized Arianna, Dan, Rachel, Mariah and Melvin – or then again, maybe you didn't recognize them because they sure have changed since that picture was taken!



summer music schedule

Thank you to all the faithful choir members. We decided to stop practices with the end of April since so many people will be involved in sports or gone on choir nights in May. We do have a couple songs ready to sing so will probably sing a couple more times, even if practice is over.

If you would like to do some solo work on Sundays during the summer, please let Joyce know. Right now, I pretty much just ask people I'm pretty sure will sing – many at the last minute – so it would be nice to have some new volunteers, too. It doesn't have to be solos. We have also used some small groups.

Plan now to be a part of our choir when we start up again in the fall.

Thank You for Getting Us One Step Closer to **“WE BELIEVE!”**
LCMS National Youth Gathering
New Orleans, LA July 17 – 21

The Pentecost Youth Group would like to say “THANKS!” to everyone who supported the Easter Breakfast, to all of our “Shareholders”, and to everyone who has supported all of our various fundraisers during the year. Also, we especially want to say “THANKS!” to the Ruth Circle for their generous donation of \$2,200.00 toward our trip to the National Youth Gathering as they close out their accounts. With all of our fundraisers and donations, we have now passed the \$10,500 mark. We estimate we still have about \$6,000 left to go, but we will get there! Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare for this once-in-a-lifetime event:

Emily Albright
Ian Barclay
Jenna Geyer
Devon Hetland
Jared Kosmala
Marissa Mahnke
Ian McGregor
Erin Pintar
Angelina Rock
Erika Rock

Liz Scott
Heather Scott
Ellie Wilckens
Nick Wilckens
Andrea Wilkinson
Alyssa Wilkinson
Tim Hasko
Pastor Jacob
Elizabeth McGregor
Kathy McGregor

At the last National Youth Gathering, about 25,000 youth attended. 7,500 youth participated in service projects. 3,500 Bibles were collected for prisoners. 2,500 blankets were collected for hurricane victims. 64 pints of blood were donated. 2 tons of food were collected, and 10,000 pairs of eyeglasses were donated, washed, inspected, calibrated, sorted, and packaged for Nicaragua.

If you are interested in becoming a shareholder, please bring this form to any of the youth above along with \$20.00 and they will give you a shareholder certificate. You will also receive our “Shareholder News” and you will be invited to the “Shareholder Dinner”.

YES! I would like to support _____ on the trip to the Nat’l Youth Gathering

(name of youth)

“But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.” John 20:31

PENTECOST LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

April 12, 2010

Members present: Pastor Jacob, Sue Murcek, Tim Hasko, Joyce Hasko, Mike Wilkinson, Kathy McGregor, Bob Winterle, Art Preuss, Mary Boudreau, Janet Greco, Cindy Honore, Chrissy Hamilton, Jan Dekeuster, Sheri Hansen, John Hansen, Walter Wilckens, Gordy Graves and Kathy Merrill

Pastor opened with a devotion based on John Chapter 14, verse 2 - "There's a place for you, Heaven is our home"- and a prayer

The minutes from the March meeting were accepted as corrected and the only correspondence received at this time was a letter from the Mayor of Racine discussing the 7th Annual Back to School Drive requesting monetary donations. The council members opted to forego this at this time.

President's Report: No formal report from Tim other than to thank Mike and all of the volunteers for putting on another great Easter Breakfast! For some reason the "ham was really good this year!"

Elder's Report: The Elders have been in contact with delinquent members and were pleased to see some of them present during Holy Week services. Prior to Pastor Biber leaving he had given the Elders an evaluation form to use in evaluating his performance. The Elders are using this same format to work with Pastor Jacob. Just a little evaluation so he can understand how things are going. The Elders received comments that the Lenten and Holy Week services were very well received.

Trustee's Report: The new windows have been installed in the Parish House and a BIG THANK YOU to Walter for all of his work and co-ordination of the install efforts. Walter also expressed a thank you to all those that helped. Without our "working congregation" this project could have cost us a lot more money. We truly are blessed to have so many wonderful and participating members. Walter reported that he will be holding some Lead Abatement Classes on Wednesday, April 14th. Mary reported that she had gotten two quotes for the spraying of the lawn for the weeds (one for \$200 and one for \$90/spraying – possibly five times for the year). Another quote will be obtained from Premier Lawn Care. A motion was made and seconded that the Trustees be given approval to spend up to \$500/year for lawn spraying/weed control. Motion passed. Jan asked that someone check out the one block in the front of the church that has no grass in it at all. The pew/bench in the Narthex needs to be anchored down. Mary reported that the rubber base boards around the Fellowship Hall have been reglued the stairs have been repaired and the trim around the door at the Parish House has been fixed. Many other items have been taken care of by our members of the Trustee's. ANOTHER FINE REPRESENTATION OF OUR AWESOME MEMBERS AT WORK! Thank you to all!!!! Walter reported that the drawings of the Church have been completed and these will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Board of Education: Concordia Sunday will be held on Sunday, April 25th. Our service this Sunday will be a youth oriented service involving the youth. We will be having a "Kite Sunday" on Pentecost Sunday. The Board met with the Elders to discuss the attendance policy. It was discussed that some consideration be given to students that are attending required school functions when looking at their attendance. VBS will be held Aug. 9-13 and the theme will be "High Seas Expedition". The Sunday School children wrote letters to the orphanage in Haiti and are awaiting a response.

Missions & Evangelism: The Rummage sale will be held May 1st. We continue to collect paperback books for our troops through May (the contact person will pick up our collection for April). May 5th will be the last First Friday – they will resume in September. A motion was made, seconded and passed to hold the block party on August 21st. Janet will be getting flowers to be handed out on Mother's Day.

Some thoughts are being tossed around about holding some type of breakfast during the summer months (mentioned that the Youth may also be interested in doing this).

Stewardship Report: Sue checked out the coin counter and reports that she found it in good working condition. The 2011 envelopes have been ordered. The \$100 gift certificate has been purchased for K.C. There will be an envelope included the bulletin for Concordia School on Sunday, April 25th. The monies collected will go towards out commitment to Concordia.

Members at Large: Nothing to report at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy presented the reports. All bills are paid at this time. With the money that has been collected up to this point we only have \$1009.00 left on the purchase of the windows for the Parish House. Kathy ordered deposit slips but then we found out that there are plenty in the counting room (they were just missed when someone was looking for them). We will now have extra's! A suggestion was made to include instructions in the "money counters" instructions how to request additional deposit slips.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported that Audrie McCray was baptized on March 21st. Confirmation class – year 1 is done and there are nine students currently enrolled. Pastor will be attending a Pastor's Conference (May 3-4) in Orland Park, Illinois and the LWML Rally/Convention (May 14-16) in River Forest and Norridge. Pastor will be the guest speaker at Lutheran High graduation on May 21st. Pastor reported that Jacob Gaugert will be installed at Dr. Martin Luther Church in Chicago on April 17th.

Old Business: None to discuss

1. Mary went to purchase some new snow shovels but they had already been put away for the season.

New Business:

1. Walter mentioned that we need to get rid of the old windows in the garage. Some members took some home to put in their garbage.
2. Irv will take care of disposing the aluminum strips and cans after the windows have been removed from the garage.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Merrill
Recording Secretary