

JANUARY, 2010

**THE VOICE**

Of Pentecost Lutheran Church

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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,

As 2009 fades away into memory we look forward with hope and expectation to what awaits us in 2010. The endless possibilities that await us can be both overwhelming and exhilarating as we analyze the great landscape of the mission field. With the mission field in mind... and its endless possibilities, I thought that each month I would highlight a particular mission field and focus our attention upon it. Perhaps it is a mission field that you have never heard of, or thought much of, or would like to find out more information about. It is my hope that in the year 2010 we take up a greater emphasis on missions and focus more of our attention on beyond our walls and building structure and focus more on the mission field.

In the coming months some of the missions may hit close to home, some may be in our own backyard, while others will circle the globe. I will of course not be able to hit every mission field possibility, as that list would be endless, but my goal will be to highlight a varied selection.

For the month of January I would like you to pray about an organization called Lutherans for Life. January 17th is Lutherans for Life Sunday in which our church body emphasizes the importance of protecting the life of an unborn child. For many mothers an unexpected pregnancy can be a frightening experience in which they feel like they have no where to turn. Lutherans for Life has a variety of resources and devotional materials that can be very supportive and encouraging during difficult times. Whenever we are in the midst of challenging times we must find some semblance of hope, one valuable source is Holy Scripture ...**“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade – kept in heaven for you” (1 Peter 1:3-4).**

Each and every one of us has been given a new birth into a living hope through our Savior Jesus Christ. He has purchased and won us from sin and death and we no longer need fear anything in this world. For we have an inheritance in heaven that can't be disturbed or diminished. Please pray for those who agonize over decisions both past and present asking for comfort and peace from the God of all understanding.

For more information check out their website: www.lutheransforlife.org

Pastor J



January Birthdays

Delores Hegge – 01/01	Andrea Wilkinson – 1/13
Richard Rognsvog – 01/01	Megan Larsen – 01/17
Mason Wagner – 01/01	John Kmetz – 01/18
Dylan Scacco – 01/02	Walter Wilckens – 1/19
Jennifer Rocco – 01/03	Raynae Hensel – 01/22
Brandon Taylor – 01/03	David Wagner – 01/25
Joyce Wood – 01/03	Dale Pischke – 01/26
Justin Ankley – 01/04	Susan Murcek – 01/27
Erin Decker – 01/04	Anne Chasar – 01/28
Janis DeKeuster – 01/06	Corrine Schrubbe- 1/28
Grant Barclay – 01/07	Diane Prell – 01/29
Samantha Dietel – 01/13	Barbara Burks – 01/31
Kathy McGregor – 01/13	



*Diane & Elmer
Prell
January 3rd
55 years*

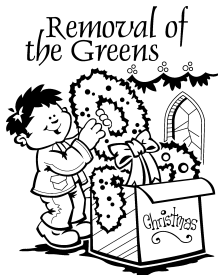
*William & Joyce
Wood
January 31st
57 years*



**Welcome
Our New
Members**

Andrew & Becky Van Jura
Samantha & Joseph
Transfer from Grace Lutheran Church

Scott & Tanya Hensel
Eva, Lucas & Raynae
Transfer from Grace Lutheran Church



De-decorating of the church will take place on Saturday, January 9th at 9:00 am. The more volunteers, the less time it will take!!!!



**A Loss
in the Church
Family**

*Michael Chasar
Passed away December 12,
2009*



**ANNUAL
REPORT**

All reports for the 2009 Annual Report need to be turned in to Sue Hasko by January 17th. You can e-mail them to me at suehasko@wi.rr.com, or you can place them in my box in the narthex.



President: Tim Hasko
Vice President: Mike Wilkinson
Secretary: Kathy Merrill
Treasurer: Kathy McGregor
Elders: John Hansen, Art Preuss & Bob Winterle
Education: Chrissy Hamilton, Joyce Hasko & Cindy Honore
Stewardship: Sheri Hansen, Robert Barclay & Sue Hasko
Trustees: Mary Boudreau, Walter Wilckens & Ken Keen
Missions & Evangelism: Janet Greco, Tom Hasko & Tammy Scacco
Member at Large: Susan Murcek & Jan DeKeuster
Endowment Committee: Mary Ann Graves & Jodi Barclay



The 2010 Flower Chart is up in the narthex. If you would like to place flowers on the altar for a special occasion, please sign up on the chart. Please indicate whether you are keeping them, otherwise your arrangement will be given to a local nursing home. Contact Elaine Babel or Janis DeKeuster if you have any questions.

MEET & GREET

Our NEW Members

January 8, 2010, will be our "First Friday" for the new year. We wish to welcome our new members for 2009. The main dish will be chicken, and we'll have side dishes, desserts and beverage. Anyone wishing to donate a dessert, let me know. We look forward to a good turnout to meet our new members and their families. Entertainment will be provided by our own Praise Team. Hope to see you there! – Missions & Evangelism



The Lutheran High Thrift Shop is asking for the Christmas cards we receive in the mail. After you have enjoyed the message from friends near and far, cards can be recycled. The card stock paper when cut to smaller squares is used in the store to price tag hundreds of donated items. Thrift Shop and LHS thank you. Please bundle or bag them and give them to Ellen Geyer.



A note of thank you has been written to Captain Gary Green who is retiring from the Racine Fire Department. Mr. Green heads the Fire Prevention Department and has been instrumental in

providing us with fire trucks and the robots for our block parties. I'm sure you join me in wishing him well in his retirement.

PICK N' SAVE "WE CARE" PROGRAM

Do you grocery shop at Pick N' Save? Our church has signed up for the "We Care" program. Would you consider applying our ID Number to your advantage card? For every dollar you spend we would receive 1%. This is a great ongoing fundraiser for our church. Pick up a form on the table in the narthex. All you have to do is put your Advantage card number (on the back of your card) in the top box on the form. Also, sign on the bottom. If you have moved, fill out the whole form. Hand form in to the Customer Service desk. Shop at Pick 'N Save and when you check out, give your Advantage card. Thank you for supporting Pentecost Lutheran Church.

MISSION PROJECT THANK YOU

Thank you to the congregation for their heartfelt donations to our mission project for Cops 'N Kids outreach. Such a joy to take 139 winter warm items to Mr. Eastman at Merchants and Julia Burney's children's center. In addition, over 200 books were donated for the annual giveaway December 5th. Special thanks to Joyce Hasko for "cleaning out her library". Thank you for bringing joy to many children this holiday season.

- Janet Greco and Missions & Evangelism



Our Knitting Club has been very productive last year raising almost \$400 for the boiler fund. We are now opening it up to all crafters. So bring your cross stitch, crochet, stamping, scrap

booking, etc. Our first gathering for the new year is Thursday, January 14th at 7pm at Ellen Geyer's house, 914 Belmont Ave. Come and join us for the fellowship and finish up some of those craft projects. Let's see what the Lord has planned for us in 2010.



CHURCH
DIRECTORY

A new directory will be printed soon. If you have a change in address or phone number, please let Sue Hasko know. Also, if you would like to add your e-mail address and cell phone numbers, you can do that too. You can e-mail me your

information at suehasko@wi.rr.com.



BINGO DAY
for SENIORS

First of all, we want to thank everyone for making our Christmas party a big success. 55+ Club will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 5th in the Fellowship Hall at 1pm (weather permitting). Bingo will be played, so bring along 2-3 door prizes. Pastor will be the Bingo caller. Dessert, fellowship and fun will be had. Anybody 55+ is welcome to join in on the

fun. – Mary Ann Graves & Donna Walters



**Christmas in the Shadows
Children's Program - 2009**



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



What's Cool? • The manger scene at the end of the Children's Service with the Pastors, present and retired, joining us during the singing of the last song • Children presenting the program • A friendship formed by sitting near each other in church – the Woods and Honores (thanks, Shane, Cindy & Mrs. Wood for making sure Mr. Wood could come to our program – and to all who helped carry his wheelchair up and

down the stairs for the treats) • A missionary visiting so we could give her our mission money in person • Young and older musicians playing together • Elaine wearing her "Story Vest" that we made in Sunday School several years ago to remember the Bible stories we learned

Sunday School is lots of things and lots of memories to carry with us through the years.