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THE VOICE
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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,

April is one of those months that we look at fondly and with longing in our hearts. In the bleak winter months it seems far off, as promises of the arctic chilly air will give way to the warm spring breeze. It is that time that we can start to pack away the winter coat, or at least put it in the back of the closet (because after all this is Wisconsin!).

April is also a month of new life... as we see the first signs of spring with budding flowers and green grass. And new life through our Lord and Savior Jesus who overcame death and the grave so that we would not taste death. We celebrate that new life together on Easter morning as we gather to give thanks and praise to our Heavenly Father. Our perspective on life is made new knowing we have eternal life in heaven because we need not fear our last day here on Earth.

For me personally, April will always have a special interest as it is the month of Call Day at the Seminary. It is hard to believe that it has already been two years since I stood in the chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus in St. Louis to hear the placement director say: "SELC District, Pentecost Lutheran, Racine, Wisconsin." It was a surreal moment, to know that my life was going to be changing and that I would be changing the lives of an entire congregation.

That is why in the month of April I can't help but think of all the men and women who will be joining me in the mission field this year. From Pastors, to missionaries, to DCE's (Director of Christian Education) and all other fields in between, we are called to share the Gospel with those who have not heard and to those who continue to need to hear it.

That is why this month I ask that you pray for all those who will receive a call on April 27 (St. Louis) and 28 (Ft. Wayne), for the workers who are ready to enter the field. And I share with you some of the last instructions that Jesus gave to his disciples, sending them out into the mission field to proclaim the Good News...

"Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24:45-48).

Pastor J



Birthdays

Peggy Clark – 04/02	Alice Hasko – 04/22
Gordon Graves – 04/03	Susan Kish – 04/22
Kati Luchterhand – 04/03	Donna Walters – 04/22
Beth McGregor – 04/04	Collin Honore – 04/23
Kit Luchterhand – 04/09	Sandy Pischke – 04/25
Pat Hetland – 04/11	Joan Langendorf- 04/26
Cody Schrubbe – 04/17	Jeff Foss – 04/28
Austin Honore – 04/18	Greg Wilkinson – 04/28
Julie Perman – 04/19	



*Robert & Eleanor Mahdik
46 years – April 4th*

*Richard & Delores Hegge
50 years – April 23rd*

*Mike & Cheryl Lynn Wilkinson
21 years – April 29th*



*Audrie Mae McCray
March 21, 2010*



deadline is March 28th.

If you would like to purchase an Easter lily to be displayed in the sanctuary for our Easter services, please see Elaine Babel (554-7011). Cost of each plant is \$10, and the

UPCOMING RUMMAGE SALES

Pentecost Rummage Sale – As we jump into spring, our annual Rummage Sale is being planned for 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.



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.

Racine Lutheran High School invites you to the largest children's rummage sale in Racine County! The rummage sale of children-related merchandise, will take place Saturday, April 17th at 251 Luedtke Ave., in the school's gym from 7:30 am until 12:00 noon. Sellers can empty closets of toys, clothing (newborn to juniors), maternity, strollers, books/videos, car seats, etc. There is a \$5 registration fee for sellers, and sellers earn 75% of their sales. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Racine Lutheran Financial Assistance program for students. Volunteers are welcome to work 4-hour shifts at the sale. To register or learn more, email childrensrummage@gmail.com or call Bonnie Christensen at Racine Lutheran High School 262-637-6538.



We will once again be serving breakfast between our two Easter services on Sunday, April 4th. We will be serving from 7:30am – 8:45am. There will be a free-will offering. Menu consists of eggs, ham, pancakes, toast, juice and coffee. If there is anyone who would like to help out with the breakfast with cooking,

setting up, clean up or food donations, please see Mike Wilkinson.

March First Friday

Good food, fun and fellowship was the order for March 5th's First Friday. Officer Mark Sorenson and his police dog, Cheeto, were not only informative, but amusing as well. We thank him for telling us about his profession and how our police officers put their life at risk everytime they leave their homes. There will be no First Friday in April due to Holy Week, but we'll be back again in May. Thank you to all those who donated for March's First Friday and spending their evening with us.



COUNTRYSIDE HUMANE SOCIETY

Mrs McGregor's Sunday School class went to the Humane Society for a field trip. This last month the Sunday School raised monies for them, and M&E collected items for them too. We learned on our tour that there are more ways to help them at no cost to you (except your time). If you are 18 years or older you can volunteer at the center. You can walk the dogs or pet and play with the cats. This gets them used to human contact. If you would like to volunteer, you must fill out a form (which is on the narthex table) and either mail it back to them or drop it off, or you can give to Sue Murcek A.S.A.P. Again, you must be 18yrs or older. You can volunteer at any time/day of your choice. Once you get the form back to them, they will call you to go through a training class. Then you will get a name tag and a key and you will be ready to go. Also, if you are under 18yrs old and would like to do this, you can go with an adult volunteer. So if you are interested see Sue Murcek. If you are not in the position to adopt a pet, won't you consider helping them ready for adoption? Maybe you can ask someone you know to adopt a pet. They do have some cuties there!



Concordia Lutheran School is now enrolling for the 2010-2011 school year. Register from April 1st to June 1st and save \$45. The regular registration fee of \$275 is discounted to \$230. For more information regarding enrollment, please call the school office at 884-0991.



55+ Club will meet on the second Tuesday this month, Tuesday, April 13th in the Fellowship Hall at 1pm. Bingo will be played, so bring along 2-3 door prizes. Pastor will be the Bingo caller. See who will be the luckiest, but don't worry because everyone will get a prize. Dessert, fellowship and fun will be had. Anybody 55+ is welcome to join in the fun.

- Mary Ann Graves & Donna Walters



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.

District Youth Gathering

BEARING FRUIT FOR CHRIST

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit."

John 15:5

Our district youth gathering is July 8 – 11 at Camp Wartburg in Waterloo, IL (just outside of St. Louis). The camp features a low ropes and high ropes course which will tie in to our theme. The camp also has a pool and other amenities, and air conditioning. The early registration date is April 1, which is \$15 cheaper than the regular rate. If you are interested in attending, please let Tim Hasko or Kathy McGregor know by Sunday, March 28th. Cost is \$35 and the youth group will cover the rest. Make checks payable to "Pentecost Youth

Group". Youth who are going into 8th grade for the 2010-2011 school and up are eligible to attend.

The logo for "Books for Troops" features a stylized graphic of books on the left, with the text "Books for Troops" in a bold, sans-serif font to the right, all enclosed within a decorative border.

Books for Troops

A request has come to my attention that our troops are in need of books to read for their down time. As a church body, we hope to have a collection for them. They will be picked up and shipped by the contact person. Needed are: Romance, mystery, fiction and non-fiction. Paper backs only. – M & E



It's not too early to think about the church gardens. We will be planting on Saturday, June 5th. The time will be set later. Come and help plant our annuals and mulch. Also, our sign-up sheet for watering will be coming soon. It will be on the table in the narthex. Thank you for making

the outside of our church look beautiful.



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.

Special dates

- Holy Week, March 28-April 3, 2010
- Maundy/Holy Thursday, April 1, 2010
- Good Friday, April 2, 2010
- Holy Saturday, April 3, 2010
- Easter Day, April 4, 2010
- Administrative Professionals Day, April 21, 2010

The Tre Ore Services At Racine Lutheran High School April 2, 2010

Theme: Good Friday, Good News

Meditation #1

12:00 pm "Forgiveness" – Luke 23:33-35
Rev. James Keuch, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Union Grove

Meditation #2

12:30 pm "Paradise Awaits" – Luke 23:39-43
Rev. Daniel Henrichs, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Racine

Meditation #3

1:00 pm "The Lord Provides" – John 19:25-27
Rev. Daniel Quinn, St. John's Lutheran Church, Racine

Meditation #4

1:30 pm "Sentence Carried Out/Jesus Thirsts for Our Salvation" – Mt 27:45-46; John 19:28-29
Rev. Thomas Chryst, Grace Lutheran Church, Racine

Meditation #5

2:00 pm "Salvation Work Completed" -John 19:30
Rev. Theodore Gundlach, retired

Meditation #6

2:30 pm – "Faithfulness on Display" Luke 23:44-46
Rev. Hilbert Kamps, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Racine

These Good Friday Tre Ore Services have been offered to the Racine community by the congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod since the 1930's. We are pleased to include the participation of the various congregational choirs and musicians in these services. Invite others to attend these services with you, and then bring them to your home congregation's Easter services to hear of our Lord's victorious resurrection.

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



This wasn't Sunday School, but fit right in with our Humane Society project. At our First Friday on March 5th, everyone enjoyed Inv. Mark Sorensen and K9 Cheeto. Cheeto's "toy" in his mouth is part of a fire hose. Lots of questions were answered and

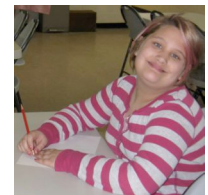
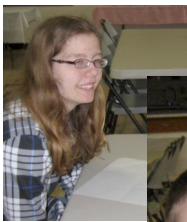
Cheeto got lots of attention from the children present.



We're off to Haiti and **HIS Home For Children** for our next mission project. The 1st-3rd grade class chose this project and Mr. Honoré did some research to find an orphanage for us to help. You can watch a video showing this orphanage at: hishomeforchildren.com/ We watched the video during Sunday School and then wrote letters that Mr. Honoré will mail to the orphanage along with some pictures of our Sunday School. At one point in the video, the children were singing one of



the songs we also like – *I Just Wanna Be a Sheep*.



Parents: Tuition Assistance forms for the 2010-2011 school year will be available during April and will be due by the end of May. Attendance for fall starts in June.



Pentecost Monthly Planner - April, 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Usher Schedule

Apr. 1: Robert Winterle
 Apr. 2: Mike Wilkinson
 Apr. 4 - 6:30: Irv Burman & Richard Hegge
 Apr. 4 - 9am: Youth Group
 Apr. 11 & 18: Robert Winterle
 Apr. 25: Mike Wilkinson

Altar Guild

Elaine Babel
 Sue Hasko
 Cheryl Lynn Wilkinson

Acolytes

Apr. 1: Noah Barclay
 Apr. 4 6:30: Mitch Wilkens
 Apr. 4 9am: Arianna Greco
 Apr. 11: Austin Honore
 Apr. 18: Corrine Schrubbe
 Apr. 25: Dan Hasko

				Maundy Thursday 1 Service 7pm Lay Assistant: Bob Winterle Offerings: Barclay's Moe	2 Tre-Ore Services 12-3pm@ LHS Good Friday Service 7pm Offerings: Hasko's Mollerskov	3 No Saturday Service Morgenson
4 Sunrise Service 6:30am Easter Breakfast Celebration Service 9am Offerings: 6:30-Wilkason's 9am- Hasko, Murcek & Verborg Lectors: Tom & Dan Hasko	5 Murcek	6 Paluch	7 Perman, J.	8 Perman, L.	9 Perman, R.	10 Worship Service 5pm Petri
11 Hymn Sing 8:45 am Worship Service 9am Bible Study & S.S. 10:15 am Lectors: Honore's Offerings: Hansen's	12 Elders Meeting 6pm Council Meeting 7pm Pischke, April	13 55+ Club 1pm@ Fellowship Hall  Pischke, D.	14 Choir Rehearsal 7pm Pischke, E.	15 Bible Study 10 am @ Parish House Poelman	16 Prell	17 Children's Rummage Sale @ LHS - 8am-12 noon Communion Service 5pm Preuss, Art
18 Communion Service 9am Bible Study & S.S. 10:15 am Lector: Robert & Ian Barclay Lay Assistant: Pastor Babel Offerings: Barclay's Newsletter Articles Due 5pm	19 Preuss, Ashley	20 Preuss, M.	21 Choir Rehearsal 7pm Rocco	22 Bible Study 10 am @ Parish House Rock	23 Rognsvoog, H.	24 Worship Service 5pm Rognsvoog, R.
25 Hymn Sing 8:45 am Worship Service 9am Bible Study & S.S. 10:15 am Lector: Graves' Offerings: Hansen's	26 Scacco, Vinnie	27 Scacco, Vince	28 Choir Rehearsal 7pm Schattner	29 Bible Study 10 am @ Parish House Schlegel	30 Schrubbe	Greeters Apr. 4: Sue Murcek Apr. 11: Norma Hansen & Betty Mollerskov Apr. 18: Rognsvoog's Apr. 25: Sheri Mayrand & Ken Keen



Easter