



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.

You will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus.” Luke 1:31

I can remember the moment when Pastor Brady and I found out we were expecting our first child. Instantly, our hearts were filled with love. We loved this child before we ever heard her heart beat. We loved this child when we shared the news to our families. We loved this child the first time we heard the quick cadence of her heart. We loved this child when we saw her on the ultrasound at 20 weeks and learned she was a girl. We loved this child as she grew, hiccuped, and danced around. And the moment when she was born and I caught her in my hands, we loved her immensely.

Thinking about our first child, then our second, and now our third reminds me of Jesus growing just like all of our children did, like all of us did. Our Lord and savior, the creator of all was so little and helpless. Though He was the Word made flesh, He was not able to speak words in His mother’s womb. Though He was all knowing, He could not see beyond the womb. Though He was all present, He could not escape his confinement in the womb.

Once Christmas is over it can be easy to forget the humble beginnings of Jesus as one of us. Before He was turning water into wine, healing the sick, and seeking the lost, He was a little baby growing in His mother’s womb. He had to grow and develop. He had to go through labor with Mary. He was held in his mother’s arms, sang to, snuggled, and fed. He took his first steps, spoke his first words, learned to read and write, and learned to work hard. He endured struggles and joys just as you and me. In order to be with us and for us, He became one of us. And yes, Jesus was one of us as He hung on the cross to save us, redeem us, and restore us. And while we love our children, and Mary loved her Son from the time He was so little growing in her womb, Jesus loves us more.



Joyce Hasko – 12/02
 Crystal Barron – 12/06
 John Vogt – 12/07
 Carrie Schurrer – 12/08
 Bekah Smith – 12/09
 Tess Mierow – 12/11
 Adelynn Madsen – 12/19

Debbie Honore – 12/20
 Elizabeth Lisowski – 12/21
 Sue Hasko -12/29
 Tom Hasko – 12/29
 Jonathon Lisowski –12/29
 Mike Mueller – 12/30
 Adam Hernandez – 12/31



Pastor & Karen Luchterhand – 43 years – December 19th



PENTECOST SPIRIT WEAR ORDER – Deadline December 1st!
 We are ordering another batch of spirit wear! This round of apparel features a smaller, single-color logo on the left chest. Short Sleeve T-shirts (\$10), Long Sleeve T-shirts (\$15), Crewneck Sweatshirts (\$15), and

Hooded Sweatshirts (\$25) are available. All items are available in virtually any color – just specify your choice on the order form, located in the Narthex. Orders must be placed by December 1st. Don't miss out on this chance to show your church spirit! Questions can be directed to Dan Hasko (262) 939-7390.



Ladies of the church, mark your calendars for Sunday, December 8th at 5:00pm to open the “Christ”mas season with our annual Advent by Candlelight service. In order to navigate any trip – we follow the sign posts to safely reach our destination. This Advent season we will be looking at a different type of signpost, a spiritual signpost that points us to our Savior. Please see the “sign” up sheets in the Narthex – there is one sign-up sheet if you would like to host a table, and another sign-up sheet if you want to attend, but do not want to host a table. Hostesses decorate their table, invite their guests, and provide snacks and food for their individual table. Pentecost church provides coffee, tea, hot chocolate and punch and the program itself. The fellowship hall will be accessible at 3:00pm for set-up on December 8th. Please sign up as soon as you can, the deadline is Sunday, December 1st. If you have any questions, please call or text Kathy McGregor at 262-939-1972 or e-mail honorekat@hotmail.com.



We stepped off our Gondola into the clear night – onto terra firma – knocked on the door and were transported to 11/23/2024 where Joyce welcomed us into her home for Book Club! Grazie per averci accolto nella tua casa (thank you for welcoming us into your home!) “The Glass Maker”, by Tracy Chevalier, was unanimously enjoyed – even though this was Tim’s pick and had not one, but TWO plagues! There was much enjoyable discussion as we took a 6 century journey of both Venice and Murano, and the rich history of glass making. Know what else we unanimously enjoyed? The food, of course! An Italian pasta dish, Italian beef sandwiches, Prosciutto and melon bites (a very surprisingly delicious treat!), Canoli dip with Fresh waffle cone pieces, Sugared almonds, Tiramisu, Gelato, cookies, and a wide variety of wine as well as hot chocolate. Stories of visits to Italy and Venice were swapped – pictures shared – delightful! Thanks to our hostess Joyce, for the very thoughtful “plague bead” and blessing mix. December will find us all reading “In Five Years”, by Rebecca Serle. From the Goodreads website: “...Brimming with joy and heartbreak, *In Five Years* is an unforgettable love story that reminds us of the power of loyalty, friendship, and the unpredictable nature of destiny.” Join us on Saturday, December 28th at 6:00pm at Tim Hasko’s home, 2009 21st St., where we will both discuss “In Five Years”, and hold our annual book exchange. Bring a new or gently used wrapped book. Numbers will be drawn and then you can choose a book (or take a book someone else has already received – then they get to pick a new book). More details the night of. This book will be the book that you will read for January’s book club. At the January Book Club gathering everyone gives a short synopsis of the book they read and whether they liked it or not. Please RSVP directly to Tim – 262-497-0496. Ciao!

Stewardship Corner



Book Club had a special treat as we discussed “The Glass Maker”, by Tracy Chevalier. JoAnn Hasselhuhn brought a glass dish that was made in Murano, the city where the story took place!

Christmas presence

Amid the secular trappings of the holidays, we can lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas, until we lament with Charlie Brown, “Isn’t there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?”

These reminders call us back to where it all began — in the heart of God.

“The giving of gifts is not something [people] invented. God started the giving spree when he gave a gift beyond words, the unspeakable gift of his Son.” — Robert Flatt

“Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that he gave his only Son. The only requirement is to believe in him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life.” —Corrie ten Boom

“The great challenge left to us is to cut through all the glitz and glam of the season that has grown increasingly secular and commercial, and be reminded of the beauty of the One who is Christmas.” —Bill Crowder

“If we do not set aside time to focus together on what God’s word tells us about the promise of Christ, on Christmas morning we can find ourselves surrounded by mounds of torn gift wrap, our laps full of presents, but with hearts that are empty and unprepared.” —Nancy Guthrie

Looking Back

Looking back over the year, the Stewardship Committee had four major projects.



Visitor Bags were made to give to visitors to our church. Some bag items are: Letter from Pastor, Pentecost pen, note pad, Pentecost brochure, postcard, and visitor info card.



Next was our Noisy Offering which collected \$685.94 toward portable water heaters for the kitchen.



A Community Care Box was installed by the back entry. It is reported that it is getting lots of use.

Since this is an ongoing project, you may place items for the box in the container in the narthex and they will be put in the box as needed.

October was Pastor Appreciation Month. Each week had something to show Pastor Brady that we appreciate him ~ an alphabetical reminder of how to treat our pastor, no matter how you slice it we appreciate you with a pizza certificate, Donut what we’d do without you messages, and changed the children’s song The Wheels on the Bus to Car and a Qwik Trip gift card.



Thanks for your support of our projects!
Watch for new projects in the coming year.