



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.

The Deaconess Dive

“For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your book were written, every one of them, days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.” Psalm 139:13-16

Thank you everyone for your donations and prayers for the Southeastern Walk For Life! On September 14, the Pentecost Lutheran team participated in the Walk, raising \$800. The Walk supports Alliance Family Services, a Christian nonprofit committed to serving the women and families in our communities, championing the sanctity of human life. Alliance shares the gospel and trusts God to transform lives. They are located in Racine, Kenosha, and La Crosse. They also have a maternity home in Kenosha, and a mobile clinic that is set up near Planned Parenthood in Milwaukee where they can pray with and for mothers considering abortion and show them that they can choose life for their babies. Alliance provides medical, practical, and spiritual support as these women and families walk through pregnancy and through parenthood. Alliance also shares God’s grace and mercy with those seeking healing from abortions.

Each week, I have the joy of teaching childbirth classes to the moms and dads receiving support through Alliance. What an honor to see the blessing of new life and growing families, to watch parents gain confidence, and to hear their precious birth stories. There is nothing quite like a growing baby in their mama’s belly, God’s design for pregnancy and birth, a father caring for his wife and child, and parents taking on the best job with all its twists and turns.

As the Church, we are called by God to speak and act on behalf of those who are vulnerable and defenseless. We are called to share the wonderful message that every human life was created and redeemed by God. Every life, no matter what stage of development is known and loved by God. Since abortion has become legalized in America around 1.3 million children are killed each year, and that’s just in our country. In many ways it is a repeat of the eugenics movement that took place in Germany during the 1920’s and 1930’s. The physically and mentally disabled were killed in the name of “compassion”. The Church did little to speak out against that. And today, right now, children are being killed because of their location, status, ability, or convenience. May the Gospel motivate us to fight for the legal protection of all life. May we, the Church, stand up with our voices, our actions, our compassion and never stop sharing the good news of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with our neighbors.



Shyann Christensen – 11/02	Clint Lancaster – 11/20
Keegan Meyer – 11/03	Lisa Wiegman – 11/20
Cindy McCray – 11/05	Sandra Johnson – 11/22
Angelina Napier – 11/09	Ken Merrill – 11/25
Kelley McCray – 11/12	Scott Hensel – 11/28
Jessica Luxem – 11/15	Jim Luxem – 11/28
Susan Luxem – 11/19	



Ken & Karen Merrill – 63 years = Nov. 25th
 Art & Denise Preuss – 36 years – Nov. 25th



It's that time of year again! Christmas is just around the corner. Before the hustle and bustle of the season starts please take some time to fill a shoebox and share the love of Christ for children around the world. **Operation Christmas Child** and **Samaritan's Purse** collection is underway. OCC collects shoeboxes filled with gifts and delivers them to children in need around the world. Every one of these shoebox gifts is an opportunity for the Gospel. This year there are two options to help. You can fill a shoebox online and they will do all the packing and shipping for you. Go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>

There will also be shoeboxes available in the narthex, you can purchase one at Hobby Lobby or you can pack using a regular shoebox from home. Pack it for a boy or a girl. Start with a "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal. Then fill it with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Things not to include: candy, toothpaste, used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures, seeds, chocolate, food, liquids, lotions, vitamins, medications, or

breakable items. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Try to include a personal note and photo. **Include a \$10 donation to cover shipping and other project costs or go online and pay and print a label.** <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/> You can give online and discover the destination of your shoebox. Then drop it off under the table in the narthex by **November 17** and they will be delivered to our local drop off location. Any questions? Contact Katy Wagner or go online to www.samaritanspurse.org and under the What We Do tab is Operation Christmas Child.

The Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin, an organization that assists Armed Forces Veterans in need, is requesting help in obtaining items from the public.

Currently they are in need of food items:

- Canned Chili
- Pancake mix and Syrup
- Pasta Sauce
- Chef Boyardee brand items
- Microwaveable Rice Bags
- Meal-in-a-Box/Bag (Rice-A-Roni, Hamburger Helper, Suddenly Salad, etc.)
- Beans (no Black or Garbanzo)
- Tuna & Canned Meat
- Canned Fruit (all kinds)
- Condiments (Ketchup, Mustard, Salad Dressing, Mayo, BBQ Sauce, etc.)
- Jelly/Jam
- Dairy Products
- Meat (any kind)
- Coffee (ground)
- Campbells Chunky Soup (and off-brands)
- Ramen, who doesn't have spare Ramen?

Other Items:

- Full-Sized Toiletries
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towel
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Dryer Sheets
- New Bath Towels
- New Bed Sheets

If you have some items for donation, please take them to church and put them under the mailboxes in the narthex.



Stewardship Corner

*You are cordially invited to the
Dedication of the New House of Worship
of the
Pentecost Evangelical Lutheran Church
(Synodical Conference)
Rev. Martin Cizmar, Pastor
Sunday, November 17, 1963
9:00 A.M. Service of Dedication (Slovak)
Rev. J. Valentik, Joliet, Ill., Preacher
10:30 A.M. Service of Dedication (English)
Rev. L. Oberheu, Sturtevant, Wis., Preacher
3:30 P.M. Service of Dedication (English)
Dr. J. Kovac, Synod President, St. Louis, Mo., Preacher
Olive and Jerome Blvd.
Racine, Wis.*



This fall Glen, Casey, and Gordie worked on beautifying the front of the church with some new landscaping. Thanks, guys, for all your hard work.

On Sunday, November 17, 1963, our church building was dedicated. This year, 61 years later, November 17 also falls on a Sunday!

The congregation had grown too large for the small church building on the corner of DeKoven and Howe (which is still standing). How happy they were to move into their beautiful new church building.



If you look closely, you can see the small trees that were planted in front of the church. Those trees grew and grew and GREW until we finally had to cut them down.



The Community Care Box has been set up by the back door of the church. Thanks to Matt and Seth Luxem for making it.

The box will be stocked with items for people in need to help themselves to. Place items donated for the box in the blue tub in the narthex. Non-perishable food items such as Jello, peanut butter, cans of fruit,

Ramen Noodle soup and hats, scarves, mittens, socks, blankets, coats, diapers, and hygiene products are placed in the box. If you have any questions, contact Board of Stewardship member Mike Mueller.





On September 29th Scarlett Barclay, daughter of Ian and Hope Barclay, was received as a member of our church through baptism. Scarlett's baptismal gown has been in her mother's family for many years – I think Hope said it had been worn by a great grandfather.



Lutheran High.

Many thanks to all who made my 60th anniversary as organist at Pentecost special. Thanks for the cards, gifts, and being there for me. Showing what a small world it is, one of the guests that day, Kathy Hagemann (Cizmar), the daughter of the pastor who hired me was also a classmate of JoAnn Haselhuhn from 1st grade at St. Johns through high school at



Thanks to all who donated to the Noisy Offering!

Our treasurer reported ~
 43.5 pounds of coins
 5549 coins
 \$465.94 Coins + \$223 Cash and Checks = \$ 685.94

Present tense

After “turkey day” came and went last year, a pastor challenged church members to ask one another not “How *was* your Thanksgiving?” but “How *is* your Thanksgiving?” After all, giving thanks should be an ongoing act.

That doesn't always need to be profoundly deep, either. A.J. Jacobs, author of *Thanks a Thousand*, once asked a philosophy-professor friend what he was grateful for. The shockingly simple reply? “Sometimes I'm just grateful I have arms.” That odd but spot-on answer shows the importance, Jacobs says, of being “thankful for things so omnipresent that they can escape our notice.”

So ... how *is* your Thanksgiving?

