

JANUARY 2024



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

Call Accepted!

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Brady Retzlaff has accepted our Call to become the next pastor of Pentecost Lutheran Church. Pastor Brady will assume official duties on January 1st, 2024. A formal installation will take place at a later date (watch your newsletter and bulletin for details).

Please keep Pastor Brady and his family in your prayers, as well as the congregations of Pentecost and Living Hope as we come together.

We thank God for the gift of pastors to shepherd us here on earth, and we pray that our congregation will be a light of God's love for our community for many years to come.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

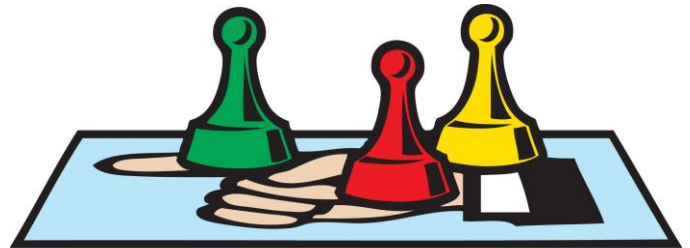
Richard Rognsvoog – 01/01	Grant Barclay – 01/17
Mason Wagner – 01/01	Raynae Hensel – 01/22
Zachary Preuss – 01/04	John Koll – 01/24
Macie Maher – 01/06	Mia Ekstowicz – 01/25
Sharon Boehme – 01/08	Dave Wagner – 01/25
Jacob Koll – 01/13	Susan Murcek – 01/27
Kathy McGregor – 01/13	Julie Hlavka – 01/30
Regina Dabbs – 01/16	

2024 Church Council

President	Tim Hasko
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If your contact information has changed in the last year, please update our digital directory. A printed copy will also be available soon. If you have questions on how to update your information, how to download the app, or if you have updated information and cannot update it yourself, please contact the church office at pentecostlutheran@gmail.com.



GAME NIGHT

Missions & Evangelism is hosting a Family Board Game Night Out on Saturday, January 20th – 2024 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will be dinner available for a free-will offering and all monies donated will be going to help our youth and chaperones attend the “Endure” 2025 LCMS National Youth Gathering to be held in New Orleans, LA. Let’s have some food, some fun, and help this group to have a meaningful, God-led experience. Please bring your favorite game or come as you are – we will have plenty of games available for all ages. If you have any questions – please contact Katy Wagner, Sharon Boehme, or Kathy McGregor.



RLHS OPEN HOUSE – Racine Lutheran High School, 251 Luedtke Ave., Racine, will have their Open House on Monday, January 29th from 5-7pm. Drop-in event- No registration needed!

Stewardship Corner

Thanks to everyone who made 2023 a great year for our church.



Sunday School Christmas Program – Here Comes the Messenger

Our young musicians – Andee, Zoe, Lucy, Thomas and Deacon

Christmas Day musicians – Tom, Dan, Joyce, Scott, Tim, Evan, and Shyann (not pictured from Christmas Eve – Sofia, Seth, Jenna)





Christmas Eve Duet – Autumn & Sofia



Christmas Eve Readers Katy and Lisa (also Sofia)



Advent Tea Readers – Shana, Andee, Amy, Beth, Kathy, Laura & Katy

Fresh starts

I suppose when we wake on January 1 the world will look the same. But there is a reminder of the Resurrection at the start of each new year, each new decade. That’s why I also like sunrises, Mondays and new seasons. God seems to be saying, “With me you can always start afresh.” —Ada Lum

Three questions

There’s a tale of a traveling priest who was confronted by a soldier in pre-revolutionary Russia. Rifle in hand, the soldier barked, “Who are you? Where are you going? Why are you going there?”

Instead of answering, the priest asked how much the soldier was paid — and offered double if the soldier would challenge him with those three questions each day as he passed by.

Those three important questions can guide us on our journey through the brand-new year ahead. For Christians, thankfully, the answers are clear:

- Who are you? “I’m a child of God!”
- Where are you going? “I’m going out into the world!”
- Why are you going there? “I’m going out of love for Jesus, who died for me!”

Place these questions and answers in a spot where you can see them each day. Then go forward confidently, knowing “whose” you are and what your purpose is.