

FEBRUARY 2024



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

Installation of Rev. Brady Retzlaff – February 4th, 2024 – 2:00 PM

You are cordially invited to attend the installation of

Rev. Brady Retzlaff

as the pastor of Pentecost Lutheran Church
on Sunday, February 4th at 2:00 p.m.

Preacher: Rev. Waldemar (Wally) Vinovskis
President, SELC District of the LCMS

a reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall
catered by Mission BBQ

Praise God for providing a shepherd for His sheep!



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BIRTHDAYS

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| Kathy Bardenhagen 02/03 | Tim O'Neill – 02/15 |
| Matt Preuss – 02/03 | Lois Perman – 02/18 |
| John Boehme – 02/05 | Judah Smith – 02/19 |
| Shirley Vakos – 02/06 | Cassi Huntington – 02/21 |
| Katy Wagner – 02/08 | Lisa Madsen – 02/21 |
| Diane Kosmala – 02/09 | Shana Jacob – 02/22 |
| Awniah Kopp – 02/11 | Jason Eckman – 02/23 |
| Violet Huntington – 02/13 | Tanya Hensel – 02/24 |
| Karen Jackowski – 02/15 | Zachary Scott – 02/29 |



Thank you to Joyce Hasko for the gift of the new Christmas banner. Joyce donated it in memory of her husband, Bill, who passed away during the Christmas season.



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ANNIVERSARIES

Karen & William Jackowski – 51 years – February 10th

Tim & Lindsay O'Neill – 14 years – February 16th

Jim & Sue Luxem – 59 years – February 20th



Join us at 6:00pm on Ash Wednesday for a soup supper.
Feed your body then feed your soul at our Ash
Wednesday Service at 7:00pm

KWIK TRIP

You can purchase Kwik Trip gift cards at church. The church buys them at a discounted price, but you only pay face value. You have the option of a gift card that can be used for gas or anything else except for cigarettes or alcohol. We also have “groceries only” cards that offer an even bigger discount. See Tom or Tim Hasko before or after church to purchase.



Altar Flowers

There is a new Altar Flower Chart for 2024 on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you would like to provide flowers to be placed on the altar to celebrate a special occasion or in remembrance of someone, please sign up next to the date you want to have them. You purchase your own flowers and take them home with you after the service. Please contact the church secretary (Sue Hasko) if you would like to have it published in the bulletin that day.

Stewardship Corner

Then and Now ~ for our congregation that represents a lot of years and a lot of experiences.

In 1908 we started as a new congregation meeting at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. Our earliest pastors came from St. John's Lutheran Church in Cudahy, often traveling on the inter-urban trains to get here. We didn't get our first resident pastor until 1920. Between them, two of our pastors (Rev. Jan Valentik and Rev. Milan Babel) shepherded our church for over half of its history – over 50+ years. This month we rejoice at the installation of our 14th pastor, Rev. Brady Retzlaff.

Two of our members became pastors – Rev. Carlos Puig and Rev. Thomas Konz. Both went into the ministry as a second career and both were ordained at Pentecost.

Special music is also part of our history. The earliest hymns were sung in Slovak, the language of our church's founders. Their hymnal just had the words and the organist played from a different book. This caused some confusion in later years as we had a young pastor who could read Slovak but not really understand it and an organist who didn't know Slovak at all. There were times when the organist was playing one song and the congregation was singing another. This didn't seem to bother the older Slovak members. As long as they had music, they could supply their own melody!

The Lutheran Hymnal was used for the English services for many years. When we decided we wanted some old favorites not in the hymnal and some newer favorites that were being used in the Saturday service we made our *Hymns of Pentecost (HOP)* books. Many of those hymns are Public Domain or covered by our CCLI License. It was also a time to talk to some hymn writers as we obtained their permission to use their hymns in our book.

In 2008, with a new pastor coming, it was time to switch to the "new" hymnbook, *Lutheran Service Book*, which we are still using today.

One year Pastor Babel came home from a pastors' conference with a new hymn, *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*. This hymn was written by Rev. Jaroslav Vajda, the son of one of our former pastors. We sang it a lot!

On our 75th anniversary, member Gary Dennison wrote a special song for our church – *O Gracious Lord*. This song is in our HOP books. Last fall Diane Kosmala wrote a special song for Pastor Brady. We just called it *Pastor Appreciation Song*. *Go, My Children and Pastor Appreciation Song* are part of Pastor Brady's installation service.

When lay minister (later pastor) Carlos Puig became a member of Pentecost he also started the Spanish Lutheran Church here. Over the years, hymns of praise have been sung in Slovak, English, and Spanish in our church.

From **Then** (1908) to **Now** (2024) God has blessed our congregation in many ways.



We welcome our 14th pastor and family ~ Rev. Brady and Marissa Retzlaff and girls Maya and Alaila.

JESUS
LOVES YOU—
and so do we!