

MAY, 2024

THE  VOICE

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



Thank you to everyone who helped beautify the sanctuary for Easter this year!

MAY Birthdays

Barb Kairis – 05/02
 Autumn Madsen – 05/03
 Mike McCray, Jr. – 05/04
 Hannah Maher – 05/06
 Judy Mueller – 05/06
 Madelyn Sadowski – 05/06
 Walter Jacob – 05/08
 Henry Hansen – 05/13
 Natalie Scott – 05/14

Kelley Grant – 05/17
 JoAnn Haselhuhn – 05/19
 Debby Cooper – 05/20
 Ian Barclay – 05/21
 Dan Christensen – 05/21
 Kathy Merrill – 05/22
 Dan Geyer – 05/27
 Ellen Geyer – 05/28



**GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A
 WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS**
ROMANS 12:2

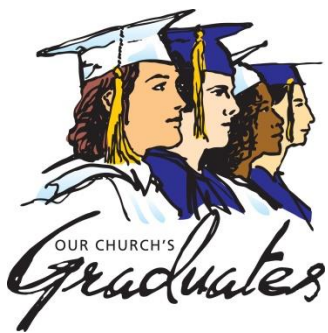
MAY Anniversaries

Cassi & Ryan Huntington – 11 years – May 4th
Omar & Crystal Barron – 16 years – May 10th
Tom & Sue Hasko – 31 years – May 15th
Wes & Diane Larsen – 54 years – May 16th
Jenna & Ian King – 1 year – May 19th

VBS 2024
Aug 5 - Aug 9
Supper: 5:30-6:00 pm
Stations: 6:00-7:30 pm

The theme for VBS this year is Breaker Rock Beach: Adventure awaits each day as kids discover that God's truth never changes, everyone needs Jesus, and learn to speak the truth in love.

We are looking for volunteers to help as group leaders, youth to lend helping hands, someone to take pictures, someone to lead games, someone to lead crafts, and someone to help with snacks. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex. We are also hoping to find families to prepare a simple dinner for one night each (tacos in a bag, burgers, sandwiches, or an idea of your choosing). Finally, please let us know if your children will be able to join us. Sign-up by July 7th. Questions? Contact Amy Luxem, Shana Jacob, or Auburn Andes.



We would like to recognize our members who will be graduating from high school or college. Please submit to the church office your name, school and degree and we will be sure to publish it in next month's newsletter!



Grass Cutters NEEDED
 If you can help with cutting the grass at the church and parish house, please sign up on the table in the narthex. We have a zero-turn riding lawnmower and a push mower, along with a rechargeable trimmer. If you need any assistance with this equipment, please contact Rob Cooper, Glen Luxem or Matt Luxem.



Youth Roller Skating April 14, 2024

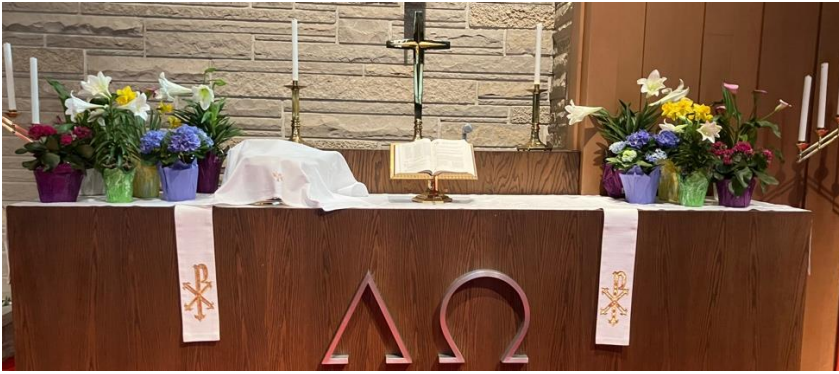


Our Roller Skating Limbo Champions! (Will Smith, Pastor Brady, & Shyann Christensen)



Good time was had by all!

Stewardship Corner



How nice it was to see such a full church on Easter Sunday. Many thanks to the Wagners for the beautiful altar flowers and setting up the lily cross. After church, the altar flowers were given to our shut ins along with the Easter card signed by members of the congregation. We received a thank you card from Joan Langendorf expressing her thanks for the plant and card with all the signatures – for remembering her, along with thanks as each card and plant was delivered.

As we prepare for Memorial Day this month, we are reminded of the Easter message –
He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!

Many of you were present for the funeral of my husband, Bill Hasko, a couple years ago. Since Bill was a veteran, military honors were done at the end of the service. Masks are not part of the uniform for service members folding the flag (as seen in the picture) but Covid was again very much a part of our lives at that time. Each fold of the flag has a special meaning. Note especially the 2nd, 12th and 13th folds – eternity, the Easter message and In God We Trust.



The Flag Folding Ceremony

The first fold of our Flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature; for as American citizens trusting, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they are found within or without the boundaries of our Republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to the father, for he too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The thirteenth fold: When the Flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our Nation's motto, "In God We Trust." After the Flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

The next time you see a Flag ceremony honoring someone that has served our country, either in the Armed Forces or in our civilian services such as the Police Force or Fire Department, keep in mind all the important reasons behind each and every movement. They have paid the ultimate sacrifice for all of us by honoring our Flag and our Country.

Remember, also, the one who gave His life and rose again that we might have eternal life.



The Member Who Never Came Back

It amuses me to think that your group spends so much time looking for new members when I was there all the time. Do you remember me? I'm the person you asked to join. I paid my dues and then I was asked to be a loyal and Faithful member. I'm the person who came to every meeting but nobody paid any attention to me. I tried several times to be friendly, but everyone seemed to have their own friends to talk and sit with. I sat down with different people several times but they did not pay much attention to me. I hoped somebody would ask me to join one of the Committees, or do something, but no one did. Finally because of illness I missed a meeting. When I came again, no one asked me where I had been. I guess it did not matter much whether I came or not. Next time I decided to stay home and watch a good TV show. When I came back again no one asked me where I was the month before. You might say, I'm a good person, fun loving and religious. You know what else I am? I'm the member who never came back!

~Author Unknown



Stewardship isn't just about giving money. It's about everything we do. How will you make a difference in our church? Part of it may be just getting to know each other – working together, praying for each other. I remember a college professor who would always greet students he met with, "Hi, how are you?" but he never waited for an answer. Be the person who makes a difference by what you do and say.

