

MARCH Birthdays

Valerie Foss – 03/02
 Brian Hlavka 03/04
 Debby Mrock --3/07
 Andee Koll – 03/10
 Laura Sadowski – 03/11
 Ethan McCray – 03/12
 Diane Rognsvoog – 03/13
 Liam Nelson – 03/14
 Isabella Lisowski – 03/16
 Ian McGregor – 03/16
 Auburn Andes – 03/17

Tiffany Baker – 03/17
 Kathy Foss – 03/18
 Susan Vogt – 03/18
 Kay Romahn 03/19
 Scot Sinclair – 03/19
 Mike Madsen – 03/27
 Diane Larsen – 03/28
 Ella Nelson – 03/29
 Connor Preuss – 03/29
 Madison Preuss – 03/29
 Grace Hansen – 03/31



EASTER LILIES – If you would like to purchase an Easter lily for the Easter service, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Each plant is \$9. Deadline is March 17th.

MARCH Anniversaries

Jonathan & Terri Lisowski – March 20th – 25 years



THE 11TH ANNUAL INSPIRED BY RYAN ARTS FAIR will be held on Saturday, April 20th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Union Grove Elementary School. At the fair there will be a

variety of arts and crafts for sale, a make 'n take area, bake sale, and performances by vocalists and musicians. All proceeds from this event benefit the MACC Fund for research of childhood cancer and other related blood disorders. Help is needed in the following areas: Donations of handmade arts or crafts to be sold at the event, donations of rocks for the make 'n take area, and donations of baked goods for the bake sale. If you can help in any of these ways, it would be very much appreciated. Please also help us get the word out about the event! If you have any questions, see Amy Luxem.

DIMES FOR CHRIST THANK YOU

Please accept my sincerest thanks for the gracious gift of \$1,035.00 you recently gave to Concordia Lutheran School from offerings contributed by members of Pentecost Lutheran Church from your Dimes for Christ Fund to help defray the costs associated with our teachers in our Colloquy Program. What a blessing for our school! We certainly do appreciate you assisting us with our ministry. – Jeannine Klein, Principal of Concordia Lutheran School

KENOSHA KINGFISH

GAME - Mark your calendars and save the date for our second annual Pentecost night out at the Kingfish ballpark on Wednesday, July 10th. Details and sign up to come. Any questions see Katy Wagner.



thrivent CHOICE DOLLARS - Eligible Thrivent clients with membership can recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable outreach funds by directing Choice Dollars. Please consider directing your Choice Dollars to Pentecost Lutheran Church. To learn more visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 1-800-847-4836. Deadline is March 31, 2024.

Stewardship Corner

February 4, 2024 ~ Installation of Rev. Brady Retzlaff

What a beautiful day we had for February in Wisconsin - sunny and temperature in the 40s!



The choir sang, "Love Grows Here", a longtime favorite of Pentecost, used in the installation of some of our pastors and the ordination of Pastor Tom Konz (Spiritual son of Pentecost, who was present).



Sharon made a special banner for the installation. Musicians included: pre service piano – Karli; organ – Joyce; trumpets – Tom, Scott, Dan (also baritone); trombone – Shyann; clarinets – Tim, Sofia; flute – Jenna. Pastors present included SELC District president Rev. Vinovskis, pastors from the SELC District and South

Wisconsin District. Mission BBQ catered a great meal. See additional pictures of the day on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.



Since Pastor Brady is an avid Packer fan and their quarterback's last name is Love, Tim felt it appropriate to give him a Love jersey. (You have to know Tim to know all the thinking that went into that but some of it started with the choir song.)



It can buy a **house** but not a **home**.
 It can buy a **clock** but not **time**.
 It can buy you a **position** but not **respect**.
 It can buy a **bed** but not **sleep**.
 It can buy you a **book** but not **knowledge**.
 It can buy you **medicine** but not **health**.
 It can buy you **blood** but not **life**.

Learning About Each Other~

A couple months ago we learned about **The Kenya Mission**, a mission project important to Living Hope. This month we look at **Dimes for Christ**, a long time Pentecost favorite.

The first Sunday of every month is designated as Dimes for Christ Sunday. It started with loose change collected on this Sunday placed in a special fund to be used for scholarships for students studying to be Lutheran Church Missouri Synod pastors, teachers, or church workers. We now have envelopes marked Dimes for Christ in the

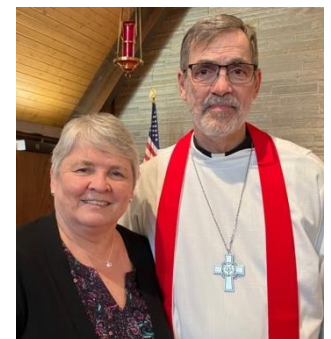
bulletins on the first Sundays. Any contribution marked Dimes for Christ also goes into this fund. For several years, we had a member who matched the donations for the year so we could give even more help. Over the years we've helped many students, both from our congregation and others, studying at our Lutheran seminaries or colleges.

Tom Konz, now Rev. Tom Konz, was our first recipient. The Konz family were members of our congregation. In 1982, Tom left his job at Lincoln Lutheran to study for the ministry. Dimes for Christ gave him \$75 each month for his 4 years at the seminary. Rev. Konz (now retired) was ordained at Pentecost, was one of the pastors who participated in our 100th Anniversary celebration, and also participated in Rev. Brady's installation.

Dimes for Christ presentations became a little more creative when Tom became church treasurer. After learning that Pastor Biber had been a participant on Wheel of Fortune, Tom made him play "Wheel of God's Fortune" as part of his presentation in front of the congregation.

Tom heard Vicar Kyle Schwan knew a lot about art, so had him "judge pictures" one at a time. The Vicar had a little trouble with the dimes – kept wanting to call it money or tell us how many but he finally got it. The 4 really threw him, though. Being in Packer Country he kept thinking it had something to do with the Packers – maybe because it was on a Packer shirt. He did finally get the pictures to say Dimes for Christ.

Tom also got to present the check to his long time classmate Scott Firminhac. This was done on Christmas Day, 1995. The Voters' Assembly voted to give Scott \$500 from our Dimes for Christ -Scholarship Fund. Shortly after the service, one of our members matched that amount. The Kosmala's daughter, Leah, was also one of the recipients.



The Konz family on the day of Tom's ordination, June 1986 and Cheryl and Rev. Tom at Pastor Brady's installation. Cheryl also taught third grade at Concordia for several years.

KENYA MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

Pastor Joseph, who works with the mission that we are actively supporting in Kenya, recently provided a very heartfelt Thank You to our congregation through Diane Kosmala for the recent support we have shown, including the free will offerings from the two most recent Lenten, Wednesday night dinners. During the dinners, approximately \$300 was collected and subsequently forwarded to Pastor Joseph. The impact of these contributions included (or will include in the very near future) the provision of food for a deaf community, a wheelchair that will enable a young girl to attend school, a safe place for two homeless mothers to stay and the opportunity for a young orphan girl to begin school. \$300 of contributions here in the United States translates to a far larger impact in these Kenyan communities. Thank you for your continued support, both through contributions and prayers!

