

FEBRUARY, 2025



Of Pentecost Lutheran Church

www.pentecost-racine.org

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

This past Friday on January 24, the Pro Life movement celebrated the 52nd March for Life in Washington DC. Hundreds of thousands of people gathered to confess that God is the giver of life and the creator of each person. It is known as the largest human rights demonstration in the world.

Just like in previous years, thousands of LCMS Lutherans gathered at the March to proclaim Christ crucified and to stand up for the life of the unborn. Lutherans remembered the lives lost through abortion, prayed for vulnerable mothers, and prayed that abortion advocates' hearts would be turned to Christ.

The day began with a rally before everyone headed out to march. The speakers consisted of Bethany Hamilton (you may know her as the Soul Surfer), Vice President JD Vance, Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, Gov. Ron Desantis, Majority Leader John Thune, Beverly Jacobson (her daughter was diagnosed with a condition incompatible with life. She was told to abort her daughter, but she knew her daughter was a precious gift. Now she is a thriving 8 year old!), Josiah Presley (an abortion survivor), Dr. Catherine Wheeler (an obstetrician who used to perform abortions, but now educates the public on the truth of abortions and the humanity and development of the pre-born child), Hannah Lake (an Pro-Life college student), Jannie Bradley Lichter (President Elect of the March For Life), Jeanne Mancini (President of the March For Life), Lila Rose (President of Live Action), Representative Chris Smith, Julie Stone (Founder and Instructor of Sopranojam Music Studio), and Rev. Joseph Nauman (ArchBishop of Kansas City). The prayer was led by LCMS President Rev. Matthew Harrison.

We are thankful to see the Pro-Life victories happening within our country just in this past week alone. The Mexico City Policy was reinstated. This insures that no taxpayer money supports foreign organizations that perform or promote abortion in other nations. The twenty-three pro-lifers who were charged with FACE Act violations for praying outside of abortion clinics were pardoned. Their unjust prosecutions were meant to silent pro-lifers and put fear into those who exercise their faith and freedom. We've seen a government website created to promote abortion be shut down. And yet, we also saw the tragedy of a large number of senators support infanticide and denied the Born Alive Bill - meaning if a child survives a botched abortion, they should receive no care or medical attention after birth. There is so much that needs to happen in our country and world. We cannot ignore that children are being harmed, butchered, left to die. These children and their mothers are our neighbors, which means as Christians it is our responsibility to care.

God's love gives every life value. He created all life precious. So precious, that He redeemed all life by being conceived by the Holy Spirit, born among us, and was crucified and resurrected. His grace provides sanctity and significance from fertilization to forever. We need to continue to stand for life, sharing God's love and compassion. That is why the March For Life happens every year! It is to remind our government and show the culture that we care for all people because God cares for each one of us.

Marissa Retzlaff



John Boehme – 02/05
 Shirley Vakos – 02/06
 Katy Wagner – 02/08
 Diane Kosmala – 02/09
 Violet Hutington – 02/13
 Karen Jackowski – 02/15
 Tim O’Neill – 02/15

Lois Perman – 02/18
 Cassi Hutington – 02/21
 Lisa Madsen – 02/21
 Shana Jacob – 02/22
 Jason Eckman – 02/23
 Tanya Hensel – 02/24
 Zachary Scott – 02/28

Karen & Bill Jackowski – February 10th – 52 years
Tim & Lindsay O’Neill – February 16th – 15 years
Jim & Sue Luxem – February 20th – 60 years



The 12th Annual Inspired by Ryan Art Fair will be held on Saturday, April 12 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Union Grove Elementary School. All proceeds from the event benefit the MACC Fund for research of childhood cancer and other related blood disorders. The

event will include a variety of arts and crafts for sale, a bake sale, performances by musicians and vocalists, and a make 'n take area for kids. There is fun for the whole family. Donations of hand-made arts and crafts are currently being accepted. Donations of baked goods are also needed. Any questions, see Amy Luxem.



Hospitality Center Collection -February 2025
 In February we are collecting adult gloves and mittens for the Hospitality Center. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support of this mission!
 M&E Team

maniac manor
 Saturday, March 1 @ 7 p.m.
 Sunday, March 2 @ 3 p.m.

Dessert & Fellowship After the Show!

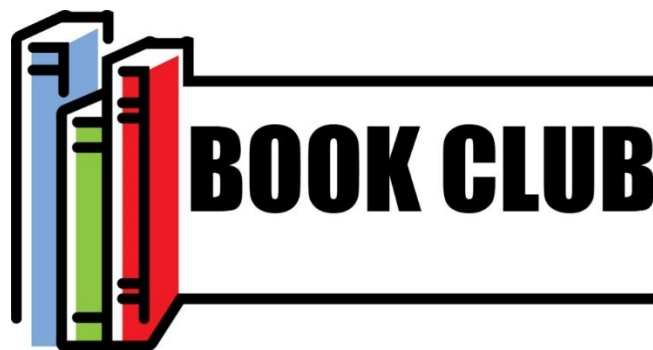
Hired by Mrs. Buffington to solve her husband's murder, two amateur detectives find a house full of possible suspects. Was it the malevolent butler, a paranoid maid, a sleepwalking niece, a shifty chauffeur, the crooked cooks, or even the eccentric wife herself?

Tickets available at the door or online at RacineLutheran.org

- Veterans & Active Military: Free
- Seniors (60+) & Alumni: \$3
- Adults (College-Age & Older): \$5
- Students (Grades 1-12): \$2
- Lap Infants and Toddlers: Free

RACINE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

262.637.6538 | RacineLutheran.org | 251 Luedtke Avenue



February 22nd will find us at Sharon Boehme’s home at 6:00pm where we will be discussing “The Rose Code” by Kate Quinn. **“The New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of *The Huntress* and *The Alice Network* returns with another heart-stopping World War II story of three female code breakers at Bletchley Park and the spy they must root out after the war is over.”** We would love to have you join us – please RSVP to Kathy McGregor at 262-634-0938 or let Sharon know directly.

Stewardship Corner



God's conversation hearts

Those familiar conversation hearts that show up every February can be more than just trite romantic or friendly sayings. Use them to remind you — or to teach a child — of the greatest love of all: God's love for us, which empowers our love for others. For example:

- **TRUE LOVE:** What love is truer than giving up one's only Son so people might have everlasting life? (John 3:16).
- **MINE:** Jesus knows us intimately, as a shepherd knows his sheep. No one can snatch us from him (John 10:27-29).
- **FOREVER:** God loves us with an "everlasting love" (Jeremiah 31:3).
- **LOVE ME:** The greatest commandment is to love God with our whole being (Luke 10:27).
- **TRUST ME:** "Let not your hearts be troubled." We can count on Jesus, now and for eternal life (John 14:1-3).
- **SWEET TALK:** God's words are sweeter than honey (Psalm 119:103).
- **BE GOOD:** We show our love for Christ by keeping his commands (John 14:15).
- **CALL ME:** God longs to be in fellowship with us. We can talk to him anytime in prayer (Jeremiah 33:3).
- **FRIENDS:** The greatest love involves laying down your life for your friends (John 15:13) — precisely what Jesus did.
- **#1:** "We love because [God] first loved us" (1 John 4:19).



Have you checked your church mailbox for your 2025 offering envelopes?

Community Care Box

Our Community Care Box has seen lots of visitors this winter. Thanks to all who are helping to keep it stocked. Stewardship Committee member, Mike Mueller, checks it regularly to keep it filled. You can place donations in the blue container in the narthex and Mike will make sure they get put into the box. A couple things he said are going quickly right now are Ramen noodles, hot chocolate and pudding cups.



Musicians

Do you play an instrument or like to sing solos? We are always looking for new additions to our musical group. If you would like to play or sing for the 8:30 service, please talk to Joyce in the balcony any Sunday. Sofia is putting her clarinet away after a busy Sunday service. She also

sings solos, accompany-ing herself on piano or with another instrument.

Spirit Wear

Council Member at Large, Dan Hasko, has the new spirit wear orders ready to go. You may already have seen people wearing them around church. What a variety of colors we have this time!



Remember our ongoing mission projects – Dimes for Christ to help future church workers with educational expenses and the Kenya Mission.