



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.

Vacancy Update: At our December 11th, 2022 Annual Meeting, our congregation voted to put our traditional Call process on hold, and instead focus on furthering the possibility of working together with the Living Hope Lutheran Church congregation and Pastor Brady Retzlaff. Our district presidents have supported this possibility and provided recommendations. Living Hope has been worshipping at Pentecost since September in an 11:00 a.m. worship service, and we have had joint Sunday School, Youth, and Adult Bible Classes, as well as joint special worship services for Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. Representatives from our church council have met with representatives of Living Hope's leadership team in November, December, and January for preliminary discussions. **Please note that any decisions on forming a dual parish, merging, or calling a pastor require congregational approval.** If you have any questions, feel free to contact Tim Hasko (Congregation President), Will Smith (Congregation VP), or another church council member.

The Book of Job: Blessed Be the Name of the Lord!

One of the Bible's greatest wisdom books is the book of Job. This Lent we will explore this magnificent composition that is numbered among the greatest literature of all time. .

We all suffer—personally and privately. We also suffer in more public ways. A husband loses a job. A child gets divorced. A parent dies. And now, thanks to the media, we are able to see and experience more and more of the world's catastrophes and suffering. We need the book of Job, now, more than ever.

Martin Luther asserted that "Job is magnificent and sublime as no book of Scripture." Others have called Job "the Shakespeare of the Bible." The early Christian scholar Jerome perhaps put it best when he called the book of Job an "eel," since the more one tries to contain it, the slipperier it becomes! The purpose of our Lenten emphasis is to learn how to apply Job to our lives so that the book becomes less like an eel and more like a loving companion through life's dark valleys. Job's most famous statement appears in 19:25, "I know that my Redeemer lives." *Christ is alive.* He has conquered death and the grave. His word is sufficient. His grace is enough. His love brings comfort and healing. And this Lent these gifts come to us through the book of Job.

Upcoming Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Worship Schedule

In addition to our regular Saturday and Sunday worship services, please join us for these special upcoming worship opportunities during Lent and Holy Week: *(All worship services will be in the church sanctuary. Meals will be served in the Fellowship Hall)*

Lent 1: Feb. 22nd (Ash Wednesday) Meal 6:00 p.m. (Menu: Soup Supper), Worship Service 7:00 p.m. i Imposition of Ashes will be available for worshippers who are interested.

Lent 2: Mar. 1st (Wednesday), Meal 6:00 p.m. (Menu: Potluck), Worship 7:00 p.m.

Lent 3: Mar. 8th (Wednesday), Meal 6:00 p.m. (Menu: TBD), Worship 7:00 p.m.

Lent 4: Mar. 15th (Wednesday), Meal 6:00 p.m. in (Menu: TBD), Worship 7:00 p.m.

Lent 5: Mar. 22nd (Wednesday), Meal 6:00 p.m. (Menu: TBD), Worship 7:00 p.m.

Lent 6: Mar. 29th (Wednesday), Meal 6:00 p.m. (Menu: Ball Park Food, hosted by Softball Team), Worship 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday: Apr. 6th (Thursday) 7:00 p.m. Worship Service. Stripping of the altar. No meal preceding the service.

Good Friday: Apr. 7th (Friday) 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service. No meal preceding service.

Apr. 8th (Saturday) NO SATURDAY SERVICE

Easter Sunday: Apr. 9th (Sunday) **Easter Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Joint worship service 9:30 a.m. Note: THERE IS NO 6:30 A.M. SUNRISE SERVICE THIS YEAR.**

MARCH Birthdays

Valerie Foss- 03/02	Bryanna Galipeau – 03/17
Brian Hlavka – 03/04	Kathy Foss – 03/18
Debra Mrock – 03/07	Scot Sinclair – 03/19
Andee Koll – 03/10	Elizabeth Wilckens - 03/19
Laura Sadowski – 03/11	Nick Wilckens – 03/19
Ethan McCray – 03/12	Chrissy Hamilton – 03/26
Diane Rognsvoog – 03/13	Diane Larsen – 03/28
Isabelle Luxem – 03/15	Genevieve Barclay – 03/29
Julia Hamilton – 03/16	Connor Preuss – 03/29
Isabella Lisowski – 03/16	Madison Preuss – 03/29
Ian McGregor – 03/16	Grace Hansen – 03/31
Auburn Andes – 03/17	Grace Hansen – 03/31
Jamie Christensen – 03/17	



Is there a young man in your congregation you would like to encourage to consider becoming a pastor? How about someone who would be a great Lutheran school teacher, deaconess or DCE? Jesus gives His church people who work full time in service to the Gospel. He told us to pray for such workers. Along with our prayers, the LCMS has begun *Set Apart to Serve (SAS)*, an intentional effort to encourage young people to consider church work as their career. Your opinion can help improve SAS. Please take a brief survey at lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey and let us know how you think SAS can be beneficial to your congregation. Thank you.



Jonathan & Terri Lisowski - March 20th – 24 years



If you would like to purchase an Easter lily for our cross on Easter Sunday, please sign up on the table in the narthex. Each plant is \$9 and can be taken

home after the 9:30am Easter Service. You can place your money in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Easter Lily".



The members of Cross and Crown Mission Society invite you to join them Tuesday, March 14th at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 3350 Lathrop Avenue, for this year's Prayer Service, "MY SOUL REJOICES: A Service Of Song and Prayer". It will be led by the LWML

Zone Counselor, Pastor Lockie, and will begin at 1:00 PM. After the service you are invited to gather for fellowship in a classroom for refreshments.

MISSION CRY BIBLE COLLECTION - Do you have any old/used bibles at home that you are not using? Mike and Judy Mueller are looking to collect any extra used (or new) bibles or Christian books that you have laying around at home. The books and bibles would be donated to Mission Cry, who then ships them out to orphans, missionaries, and pastors all over the world. There is a box in the narthex for any bibles you wish to donate. If you have any questions, contact Mike or Judy Mueller.



King's Daughters from Christ the King Lutheran Church, Racine, is hosting the following senior trips:

Seniors' Spring Trip

The Fireside to see "Grumpy Old Men". Cost is \$103 and includes lunch, matinee and transportation. Friday, April 14th. Transportation will leave from Christ the King Lutheran Church, 3350 LaSalle Street, Racine.

Senior Trip to Graceland/New Orleans - May 13th - May 21st. Cost is \$1035. It is a 9-day, 8 nights trip that includes 14 meals, Motor coach Trans and all hotels. If interested in either one of these trips, please contact Linda Stephens at 262-989-6023.



Concordia Lutheran School

Upcoming Fundraisers:

Panera – Feb. 28th 4-8pm, 5304 Washington Ave. Use Code **FUND4U** on online checkout, in the Panera App, or at the kiosk in-café. 20% of sales will be donated!

Action Territory – March 31st 4-9pm
See flyer on narthex table for details. 33% of sales will be donated!

Stewardship Corner

For many years our church has been known as a friendly church. When I first came to Pentecost, it was the pastor's wife who made sure the treasurer met the new organist who later became his wife. Martha Burman also used to stand in the narthex and welcome guests and members alike with a friendly smile and conversation. It's not unusual at council meetings to hear, "Has anyone met the visitors yet?" and someone usually has.

In case you ever wondered if that makes a difference, I'd like to share an article someone shared with a group I worked with many years ago. It shows the importance of caring about and including people.

IT'S GREAT
TO MEET
YOU!



We're in the season of Lent now. Some people give up something they really like for Lent like a favorite food or activity. Stewardship is using your Time – Talents – and Treasures. **This year instead of giving up something for Lent, how about trying something new or extra.** How can you use your time to serve? Can you visit a shut in, help a friend with a meal in time of need, shovel snow... Talents – can you cook/bake something for the Lenten meals, make something for a craft fair, help with Sunday School... Treasures- Do your offerings make it to church even if you don't, are missions high on your list of giving, ... How will you show your stewardship during this Lenten Season?

The Member Who Never Came Back

It amuses me now to think that your organization spends so much time looking for new members -- when I was there all the time. Do you remember me?

I am the fellow who came to every meeting, but nobody paid any attention to me. I tried several times to be friendly, but everyone seemed to have his own friends to talk and sit with. I sat down among some unfamiliar faces several times, but they did not pay much attention to me.

I hoped somebody would ask me to join one of the committees or to somehow participate and contribute - no one did.

Finally, because of illness, I missed a meeting. The next month no one asked me where I had been. I guess it did not matter very much whether I was there or not. On the next meeting date I decided to stay home and watch a good program on television. When I attended the next meeting, no one asked me where I was the month before.

You might say that I am a good guy, a good family man, that I hold a responsible job and love my community.

You know what else I am? I am the member who never came back.

Lenten Worship

Pastor Brady's theme for our Lenten worship this year is "Job: Blessed Be the Name of the Lord." The series includes many suggestions for services, hymns, etc. One of the service notes ended with a prayer: "Lord, when I wonder, 'Where are you?' let me hear you speak words of comfort and love in your Holy Supper. Amen."

God speaks to us in many different ways as the poem below shows. The question for us is – do we hear Him?

God, Speak to Me

The man whispered, "God, speak to me."
And a meadowlark sang. But the man did not hear.

So the man yelled, "God, speak to me!"
Thunder rolled across the sky. But the man did not listen.

The man looked around and said, "God, let me see you."
A star shone brightly. But he noticed it not.

And the man shouted, "God, show me a miracle."
And a life was born. But the man was unaware.

So, the man cried out in despair, "Touch me, God, and let me know that you are here!"

Whereupon God reached down and touched the man.
But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

Moral: Don't miss out on a blessing because it isn't packaged the way you expect.

Source Unknown