

LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

From the Pastor's Desk...

The Lord's apostles were always prepared to proclaim what they believed. In one particular situation, St. Paul had to make a confession of his beliefs before the Governor, Felix. Paul had been charged by the Jews with stirring up riots and causing dissension among the Jewish people as well as being the so-called "ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes." (Acts 24:5) Paul made his defense with the following words:

This I confess to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets, having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust. So I always take pains to have a clear conscience toward both God and man... It is with respect to the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you this day. Acts 24:14-16, 21

These words of St. Paul continue to be a faithful confession of the Christian church to this day. Notice the phrases that I underlined above; let's take a closer look at those words.

"This I confess..." All Christians are called by God to make a correct and true statement of what they believe. *"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved."* Romans 10:9-10

When we are discussing the personal nature of God or His teachings we must speak only that which He has made known to us; which of course is what He has revealed to us in His Word. Thankfully His holy Word never changes. The importance for constant study of the Bible is therefore self-evident.

"The Way..." Before the term "Christian" became popular most believers simply called themselves followers of "the Way." This likely arose from the words of our Lord Himself who said: *"I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life."* John 14:6 For we know that through faith in Jesus we have the Way to the Father. He is the Truth, His Word is Truth. And in Him we have eternal life.

Some people still consider Christianity to be a sect of Judaism, but it is actually the fulfillment of true

Judaism. The promise God made to Adam and Abraham and others in the Old Testament (***The Law and the Prophets***) has come to pass in the person of Jesus Christ. There has always been only one true religion because there has always been only one true God.

God promised that His Son would come to take away the sin of the world and that by His resurrection death would be defeated. So also, all who believe in Christ will be raised from the dead to eternal life. But it is not only believers who will be raised. We know that there will be ***a resurrection of both the just and the unjust***. Even those who do not believe in Christ will be raised from the dead, but they will then be cast into eternal torment to suffer in body and spirit.

As we continue to confess these teachings of God we also look forward to His return in glory. For this reason we strive to have ***a clear conscience toward both God and man...*** Out of love for God we seek to honor His name and keep His commandments with a holy life. We understand that it is not by keeping God's commands that we are saved, for we can never keep God's law perfectly. Rather, by faith we rely solely on the grace of God in Christ for salvation. (Ephesians 2:8-10) But those who trust in Christ for salvation seek to live a godly life. The following Scriptures emphasize this truth:

And so we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

Colossians 1:9-10

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. 1 Peter 3:15-16

May God grant us the courage to confess Christ and His truth in all circumstances! Halleluia, Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed, Halleluia!

AROUND PELLA

Highlights from Feb. 26, 2018 Congregational Meeting

* **Membership:** Vanessa Knuth was received into membership by transfer from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, IL. Gary, Peggy and Hunter Thran were transferred to Divine Savior Lutheran Church in North Fond du Lac. Kurt & Becky DeVries and children Alexander & Carter Disbrow were released.

* **IHH Preschool:** April 10 & 11 are dates set for Open House for enrollment for 2018-19 school year. Recommendations for the future of the program in relationship to enrollment are as follows:

- If there are 3 or less children; no class will be held.
- 4 or 5 children; class will be held with 1 teacher.
- Between 6 and 19 children; class will be held with 2 teachers.

* **Pipe Organ:** It was decided to start raising funds now for the rebuild of the pipe organ. It was agreed that this work needs to be done and hopefully by fall, it will be completed. We will evaluate at the June Congregational Meeting as to how we will pay for it. The estimated cost of the rebuild which includes all new pedal contacts, keyboards, keyboard key contacts, swell expression contacts, and stop controls is \$38,950.00. It also includes updated technology to record and transpose.

Select Mission for April Lutheran Heritage Foundation

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Imagine trying to understand Scripture in all its richness without the benefit of *Luther's Small Catechism*. Or trying to teach young children basic Bible stories without books like *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories*.

For Lutheran churches around the world, these situations are reality. They don't have the basic books, so vital to understanding the Lutheran faith, because no one has translated them into their languages.

Through the mission gifts of people like you, LHF translates, publishes, distributes and introduces books that are Bible-based, Christ-centered and Reformation-driven. LHF has published the catechism in more than 80 languages, and many more translations have been requested. In the past decade, LHF has published and distributed more than 825 titles/editions and 3 million Lutheran books to pastors, seminary students, missionaries and churches—all at no cost to them.

To learn more, or to provide additional financial support directly to LHF, please visit their website: lhfmissions.org

LWML Spring Rally

The LWML Spring Rally will be held April 14 at Immanuel Church, rural Mayville (River Church). The theme will be "We Back the Blue and Pray for you, too". A Mayville police officer and a police dog handler will present the program. The ingathering will be stuffed animals for them to give traumatized children and hard rubber toys (no squeaking ones or rope) for the canine officer. There will be a collection box by our elevator. All women are welcome to attend.



Newsletter Prayer List

Long-Term Prayer List:

Pastor Jim Herbolsheimer, Marvin Groth, Rose Farvour, Ed Bernthal

Sue Wilson (*Sister-in-law of Cheri Witkowski*)
Allison Townsend (*Friend of Cheri Witkowski*)
Meagan Schellpfeffer (*Granddaughter of Darlene Seering*)

For those in the Military:

Nick Reimer (*Grandson of Grace Hermann*)

If you know of someone who should be included on our monthly prayer list, please contact Lora at 324-3321, ext. 10. Thank you.



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Reception for All Pella Volunteers

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the many volunteers of Pella Lutheran Church who graciously give of their time, energy, and dedication in service to our congregation. In appreciation for the contributions we receive through their time and work we will be having a reception following the church service on April 22nd. Everyone is welcome to join us for cake and refreshments; all volunteers will receive a small gift as a token of our appreciation for your service! Bible class will resume following the reception.



IHH Preschool Open House

Tuesday, April 10th from 12–2:00 PM
Wednesday, April 11th from 4-7:00 PM

In His Hands Preschool is now accepting enrollment for our 3k program.

We offer a two day program packed full of activities. All of our activities help the social and academic development of children. Kids learn best when they are having fun!



Our activities include: Prayer and Bible stories, singing, counting, social development, story time, games, large and fine motor skill development, circle time, Smartboard, shapes and colors. Class size is limited. Please call the office at 324-3321 Ext 12 for more information.

Confirmation on May 6

Confirmation Sunday will be on Sunday, May 6th. Those being confirmed are:

Khyra Ann Isabel Ordoñez
Celestine Eileen Grace Uherka

Thank You



Good Food and Good Fellowship was had by all who attended the Lenten Suppers. A big THANK YOU to all who brought the delicious food for all to enjoy. Sandy Flier & Sandy Armga

April Birthdays

1 Barbara Hellman	11 Makensy Donovan	23 Emily Peterson
1 Terry Zamzow	11 Chad Pluim	25 Milford Hopp
2 Jennifer Holz	12 Zachary Trauernicht	25 Brian Jahnke
3 Edward Bernthal	13 Jason Westphal	25 Christal Zills
3 Jaycee Van Loo	14 Megan Quiring	26 Carol Edmunds
4 Cindy Hintz	14 Thomas Streblov	27 Aidan Harmsen
5 Megan Fischer	15 Terry Kind	27 David Pautsch
5 Lynette Friese	16 Daryle Buss	27 Steven Schouten
6 Valerie Loehrke	16 Sophia Drewa	28 Katelyn Nolan
6 Derrick VanderGalien	17 Marjorie Peachey	28 Bonnie Streblov
8 David Knuth	17 Jeffrey Rasmussen	29 Larry Hamilton
8 Patricia Sullivan	18 Clete Zills	29 Paul VandeBerg
8 Brianna Zinke	20 Darlene Salzman	30 Kenneth Loehrke
9 Don Cerjance	21 Darwin Berndt	30 Beverly Schultz
9 Brian Husnick	22 Andrew DeVries	30 Kristen Schultz
10 Arlyn Harmsen	23 Hunter Kruger	30 Braxten VanLoo

April Anniversaries

7 Joseph and Denise Bauer	39
7 Harvey and Carol Schmitz	62
7 Dennis and Donna Vanderbush	39
13 Steven and Lisa Schouten	5
16 Mark and Lori Schmidt	35
18 Donald and Beverly Schultz	59
21 Kenneth and Mary Durant	29
23 Daniel and Barbara Hendricks	24
25 Jeffrey and Rhonda Pluim	26



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April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
Easter Sunday 1 7:30 AM Worship with Communion 8:45-10:00 AM Breakfast 10:30 AM Worship with Communion 	2	3 9:30 AM Prayer Group	4 9:00 AM Quilting 6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group 7:00 PM Sr. High Youth	5 10:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath	6	7 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	
8 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:15 AM Education Hour 6:30 PM Confirmation Class	9 9:00 AM Pella Life Group 7:00 PM Elders' Meeting	10 9:30 AM Prayer Group 12-2 PM IHH Open House NO Trustees' Meeting	11 9:00 AM Quilting 4-7 PM IHH Open House 6:00 PM Jr. High Youth	12 10:00 AM Bible Study 12:45 PM Blood Pressure Clinic sponsored by Carol's CBRF Training 2:00 PM Ladies Aid/LWML 5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath	13	14 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	
15 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Education Hour 6:30 PM Confirmation Class	16 7:00 PM Church Council	17 9:30 AM Prayer Group	18 9:00 AM Quilting 6:00 PM Jr. High Youth 7:00 PM Sr. High Youth	19 10:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath Orientation	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	
<i>Lora on Vacation April 15th -21st</i>							
22 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:15 AM Education Hour / Volunteer Appreciation 6:30 PM Confirmation Class	23	24 9:30 AM Prayer Group 6:30 PM SS Staff Meeting	25 9:00 AM Quilting 6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group	26 NO Bible Study NEWSLETTER MAILING 5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath	27 6:00 PM Card Night	28 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	
29 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:15 AM Examination of Confirmands & Sunday School (No Adult Bible Study)	30				Pella Lutheran Church 315 S. Madison Street Waupun, WI Phone 920-324-3321		

April 2018 Serving Calendar

Date	Time	Organists	Elder/Altar Assistant	Finance	V/PA-Radio	Greeters	Acolytes	Ushers
4-1	7:30 AM	L. Huizenga	B. Kuenzi M. Hopp	B. Kuenzi D. Kuenzi	H. Schmitz E. Swan ®			H. Flier C. Lund
	10:30 AM	L. Huizenga	N. Trauernicht M. Ceman	Elder		D. Klosterman		D. Buss N. Buss
4-8	9:00 AM	Ca. Zills	D. Wetzel M. Hopp	M. Bowe S. Bowe	D. Hartwig W. Schmitz ®	M. & P. Hopp	K. Westphal	D. Klosterman S. Long
4-15	9:00 AM	Ch. Zills	W. Schmitz	M. Peachey C Pater	D. VandeZande G. Baumann ®	H. & C. Schmitz		H. Flier M. Hopp
4-22	9:00 AM	Ch. Zills	G. Woock M. Hopp	B. Kuenzi D. Kuenzi	S. Schmitz C. Landaal ®	J. & J. Quade	K. Ordonez	H. Westhuis M. Nolan
4-29	9:00 AM	Ca. Zills	D. Wetzel	D. Beder	B. Kuenzi E. Swan ®	C. Oppermann		D. Buss N. Buss

Altar Circle Committee: Loretta Gedamke, Kay Hansen, Susan Berndt, Barbara Gentz
Soul Accounting: Milford & Pat Hopp

