

## LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

### From the Pastor's Desk

*"For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep."* 1 Thessalonians 4:14

With this simple statement St. Paul summarizes Christianity: *"We believe that Jesus died and rose again."* Although there are many more important details surrounding this statement, it is the core of the Christian faith. The seasons of Lent and Easter help us focus on this essential message of God's work for our salvation, and by His grace we believe it with our whole heart.

*"We believe..."* All people believe many different things about many different subjects. Most people even believe there is a "Divine Being" of some kind, and St. James tells us that *"even the demons believe, and shudder."* (James 2:19) And still others foolishly believe there is no God at all. So the mere act of believing is not what gives us hope and life, what matters is the object of our belief. The One we believe in actually has power to help us, and He does!

*"We believe that Jesus died..."* By the working of the Holy Spirit through the Word of the Gospel we believe that Jesus is the One eternal Son of God who became a true man in order to live as we do, but without sin. And although He was guilty of no sin or crime, Jesus was condemned to death by crucifixion. Our Lord allowed this to happen to Him, He laid down His life for the world in order to take mankind's punishment for sin. *"God made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."* (2 Cor. 5:21)

*"We believe that Jesus died and rose again."* God has given us proof that Jesus' death on the cross is the complete payment for sin and death. And by His resurrection we have the assurance that He is the One who truly takes away the sting of death and the eternal punishment that we deserve. Because Jesus rose from the grave and continues to live in glory, we too shall live in glory with Him forever!" (John 14:19)

*"Even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep."* Until Christ returns, the bodies of many believers may have to sleep in the grave for a little while. But thanks be to God, the bodily sleep of death is only temporary. On the last day our Lord Jesus will raise our bodies to be rejoined with our spirit. And so we will live with Him in glory along with all believers in His eternal Kingdom! Let us continually give thanks to God for bringing us to believe that Jesus died and rose again! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!

In Christ, *Pastor Knuth*



## HOLY WEEK

### Palm Sunday Divine Services—April 2

8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Sunday School Children Sing at 10:30 AM

### Maundy Thursday Divine Services with Holy Communion—April 6

Noon and 7:00 PM

### Good Friday Divine Services—April 7

Noon and 7:00 PM

### Easter Sunday—April 9

6:30 AM Sunrise Service

8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Divine Services with Holy Communion

### Easter Breakfast

Pella's Youth Group will be serving a nice Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 to 10:15 am, consisting of breakfast casserole, muffins, yogurt, fruit and beverages. If you can donate food for this breakfast, please see the sign-up sheet near the church office.



### 125th Anniversary

Pella will celebrate 125 years as a congregation in 2024. If you are willing to serve on a committee to help plan ways to recognize this anniversary, please let Tomi know in the church office.

# AROUND PELLA

## From the Vicar's Desk...

We have now reached the pinnacle of the Service of the Word in the Divine Service: the reading of the Holy Scriptures. The people of God have always come together to receive the gifts of God's Word and Sacrament. There are several places in the Old Testament where we are told that Moses proclaimed all of the words of the Lord to the people and they responded "All of the words the Lord has spoken we will do" (see Exodus 24:3-8). We see an example of the ceremony for the reading of God's Word in the book of Nehemiah in which the priest and scribe, Ezra, read God's Word from a wooden platform, specially made for this purpose, so that everyone could see and hear him (see Nehemiah 8). This practice continued all the way up to Jesus' time where we read that Jesus took a turn reading from Isaiah's book (see Luke 4:16-21).

The Old Testament church traditionally had two readings. There was one reading from the Law, also known as the Torah (Hebrew for Law or teaching) or the Pentateuch (Greek for five; meaning the five books that Moses wrote). The other reading was from the writings of the Prophets; an example of this is when Jesus read from Isaiah. There is even some proof that schedules, what we call a lectionary, were made

to read the Old Testament Scriptures over a one-year or three-year period.

The early Christian Church, that spread after Christ's ascension, still had the Old Testament Scriptures (The Law and the Prophets) and added the Apostles' teaching on how Jesus fulfilled all of those Scriptures (See Acts 2:42). Eventually, Saint Paul and others would write letters, called Epistles, to various churches. These letters, as well as the Gospels would all be gathered into our New Testament Scriptures. Now, we have our lectionary, that is the assigned readings for the day from the Old Testament, the Epistle, and the Gospel (or sometimes called the first reading, second reading, and Gospel), arranged according to the church calendar. There is a three-year and a one-year option, both of which have pros and cons. The reading of God's Word has always been of the utmost importance to the people of God, and remains so to this day. As Saint Paul wrote "Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ" (Rom 10:17). Amen.

In Christ's service,

Vicar Schober

Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi



### Vicarage Assignment & Call Services

There will be a live-stream vicarage placement service from the Fort Wayne Seminary at 6 pm on April 24. You may watch to see who is assigned as our next Vicar. The next evening, April 25 at 6 pm, our previous Vicar, Joshua Benish, will find out where he will be called to serve the Lord as Pastor. You can watch these live stream broadcasts online at:

<https://callday.ctsfw.edu>

**Save the Date!**  
**Super Seniors Dinner**  
May 21 at Noon

### Select Mission for April

#### LCMS World Relief and Human Care

Christ's mandate and example of love – the Gospel for the whole person – is the supreme example for our life in this world as we care for our neighbor in body and soul. In tangible ways, at home and abroad, the LCMS continues to share Christ's mercy in word and deed. It's at the very heart of every **LCMS World Relief and Human Care** gift. Today, the LCMS is continuing the mercy work and legacy of LCMS World Relief and Human Care throughout the world. Visit [lcms.org](https://lcms.org) and click on the "Mercy" tab under "How We Serve" to see all the many ways our LCMS is serving the world to demonstrate the love of Christ.

# AROUND PELLA

## CUW Alleluia Ringers

Spring Tour Handbell Concert

Friday, April 14, 2023, 7:00pm

Peace Lutheran Church

400 Hill Crest Drive, Beaver Dam, WI

The Alleluia Ringers from Concordia University Wisconsin, will perform a varied program featuring advanced handbell selections by some of today's leading composers and arrangers. Highlights will include festive selections celebrating the Easter season, including "Risen Lord" arranged by Joel Raney, "Te Deum Laudamus" by Cathy Moglebust, and "Fantasia on Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arranged by Kevin McChesney. The audience will be invited to sing with Arnold Sherman's joyous arrangement of "When In Our Music God Is Glorified." Our own Christal (Zills) Hopfensperger is a member of the Alleluia Ringers.



### IN OUR PRAYERS

#### Long-Term Prayer List:

Karla Schmidt (mother of Julie Trauernicht),  
 Chuck Rhein (father of Jennifer Harmsen),  
 Hannah (granddaughter of Ann Keyser),  
 Paula Niecling (daughter of Jan Chase),  
 Chelsea Talley (granddaughter of Donna Talley)

#### 'Together in Mission' Missionaries:

Cindy Zirbel Wrucke (Czech Republic)  
 Rev. Michael & Irene Paul (Taiwan)

## Grieving the death of a spouse?

Or do you know someone who is?



Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear.

Find help at a **Loss of a Spouse seminar.**

You'll hear:

- Practical advice from others who've been there.
- What to expect in your grief.
- How to cope with life without your spouse.
- Why it won't always hurt this much.

## LOSS OF A SPOUSE

Please join us for this encouraging seminar.



April 20, 2023 - 2-4pm at  
 Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Burnett  
 April 27, 2023 - 6-8pm at  
 Pella Lutheran Church, Waupun



Save the Date - VBS  
 June 11, 12 & 13, 6-8 p.m.

### April Anniversaries

7	Joseph and Denise Bauer	44
7	Harvey and Carol Schmitz	67
7	Dennis and Donna Vanderbush	44
13	Steven and Lisa Schouten	10
16	Mark and Lori Schmidt	40
18	Donald and Beverly Schultz	64
25	Jeffrey and Rhonda Pluim	31
30	Austin and Nicky Montanez	18

## April Birthdays

1 Terry Zamzow	14 Megan Quiring	25 Christal Hopfensperger
2 Jennifer Holz	14 Thomas Streblov	26 Carol Edmunds
4 Zeke Montanez	15 Terry Kind	27 Aidan Harmsen
5 Megan Fischer	16 Daryle Buss	27 David Pautsch
5 Lynette Friese	16 Sophia Drewa	27 Steven Schouten
6 Valerie Loehrke	17 Marj Peachey	27 Ansel Flatau
6 Kale Samplawski	17 Jeffrey Rasmussen	28 Katelyn Ernst
7 Finley Bengsch	18 Clete Zills	29 Paul VandeBerg
8 Pastor Knuth	20 Darlene Salzman	30 Kenneth Loehrke
8 Patricia Sullivan	21 Darwin Berndt	30 Beverly Schultz
9 Don Cerjance	22 Avery VandeSlunt	
10 Arlyn Harmsen	23 Emily Peterson	
11 Chad Pluim	25 Milford Hopp	





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### **Bible Verse of the Month**

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Lutheran Hour Devotions  
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# April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Palm Sunday 2</b> 8:00 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Divine Service 11:00 AM Radio Broadcast  6:30 PM Confirmation Class	<b>3</b>     6:30 PM Youth Board	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00 AM Quilting	<b>Maundy Thursday 6</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study  NOON Divine Service w/ Holy Communion  7:00 PM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	<b>Good Friday 7</b> NOON Divine Service   7:00 PM Divine Service	<b>1/8</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
<b>Easter Sunday 9</b> 6:30 AM Sunrise Service 8:00 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 9:00 AM Breakfast by Youth Group 10:30 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 11:00 AM Radio Broadcast	<b>10</b>     7:00 PM Elders Meeting	<b>11</b>     6:30 PM Trustees Meeting	<b>12</b> 9:00 AM Quilting   6:00 PM Sr. & Jr. Youth 7:00 PM Divine Service	<b>13</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study  2:00 PM Ladies Aid/LWML	<b>14</b> Church Office Closed	<b>15</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
<b>16</b> 8:00 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Divine Service 11:00 AM Radio Broadcast  6:30 PM Confirmation Class	<b>17</b>     7:00 PM Church Council	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:00 AM Quilting   6:00 PM Sr. & Jr. Youth 7:00 PM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	<b>20</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study	<b>21</b> Church Office Closed  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>22</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
<b>23</b> 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 11:00 AM Radio Broadcast  6:30 PM Confirmation Class	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>     6:30 PM SS Teachers Mtg	<b>26</b> 9:00 AM Quilting   6:00 PM Sr. & Jr. Youth 7:00 PM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	<b>27</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study  NEWSLETTER MAILING	<b>28</b> Church Office Closed	<b>29</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
<b>30</b> 8:00 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 9:15 AM Public Examination of Confirmands/Sunday School 10:30 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 11:00 AM Radio Broadcast	 <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; letter-spacing: 0.5em;">H E I S R I S E N</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; font-weight: bold; letter-spacing: 0.5em;">C E L E B R A T E   T H E   R E S U R R E C T I O N</p>					

# April 2023 Serving Calendar

Date	Time	Organist / Pianist	Elder/Usher	Finance	Video Recording	Audio / Radio Recording
<b>Palm Sunday April 2</b>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Candis Breitkruetz	Ben Kuenzi	Marj Peachey Diana Beder	Val Loehrke	G. Baumann / Warren Schmitz
<b>Maundy Thursday April 6</b>	Noon 7:00 PM	Lora Huizenga Candis Breitkruetz	Ben Kuenzi Darwin Wetzel			
<b>Good Friday April 7</b>	Noon 7:00 PM	Lora Huizenga Candis Breitkruetz	Ben Kuenzi Darwin Wetzel			
<b>Easter Sunday April 9</b>	6:30 AM 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Sarah Schober (all)	Kevin Hahn Kevin Hahn Ben Kuenzi	Ben & Debbie Kuenzi	Val Loehrke	G. Baumann / Warren Schmitz
<b>Wednesday April 12</b>	7:00 PM	Lora Huizenga	George Baumann			
<b>Sunday April 16</b>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Lora Huizenga	Warren Schmitz	Gail VanLoo Cheryl Pater	D. VandeZande	Dan Holz
<b>Wednesday April 19</b>	7:00 PM	Candis Breitkruetz	Darwin Wetzel			
<b>Sunday April 23</b>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Candis Breitkruetz	Ben Kuenzi	Ben & Debbie Kuenzi	Steve Schmitz	G. Baumann / Warren Schmitz
<b>Wednesday April 26</b>	7:00 PM	Lora Huizenga	Darwin Wetzel			
<b>Sunday April 30</b>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Lora Huizenga	George Baumann	Milford & Pat Hopp	Ben Kuenzi	

**Altar Circle Committee:** Tomi Knuth, Susan Berndt, Connie Martinson  
**Soul Accounting:** Milford & Pat Hopp