

# Pella Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod  
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**December 16, 2018**

Welcome to Pella Lutheran Church! Thank you for silencing cell phones. Please fill out the yellow registration card and place it in the pouch at the end of the pew.

## ***In Our Thoughts and Prayers Today:***

**Medical Concerns:** Marvin Groth, Dan Schmidt & Karla Schmidt (Brother & mother of Julie Trauernicht), Sharon Anderson

**Birthdays this week:** Diana Beder, Whitaker Laude, Gustav Madigan, Sarah Bunkoske, Karlee Piasecki, Hope VanLoo, Luke Hahn, Wayne Zuhlke

**Sympathy:** Family of Beatrice Possin (mother of Jeff Possin and sister-in-law of Edna Beske)

**Sermon Title:** “Zephaniah’s Advent Message” Zephaniah 3:14-15

**Choir Anthem:** “Waiting”

Pella Choir: directed by Vanessa Knuth, accompanied by Lora Huizenga

**Altar Flowers:** Given by the Dykstra-VandeZande family in memory of Ray, Lorraine, Bud and Randy Dykstra.

**The last Advent services** will be on Wednesday, Dec. 19th, at noon & 7 p.m. A dinner will be held at 6 p.m. before the 7 p.m. worship services. Sign up in the narthex if you want to volunteer to help with the dinners.

**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class:** We are reviewing the Apostles’ Creed. Everyone is welcome!

**Thursday Morning Bible Class:** Please join us on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. We will continue our study on the book of Revelation.

We received a **Thank You** from The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod for the support of Cynthia Wrucke, which was our October Select Mission.

**The Angel tree**—please return your wrapped gift to the Fellowship Hall by TOMORROW, Dec. 17th! Thanks for participating in this annual cause.

**Children’s Christmas Program:** The children will participate in the 6 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service. Please let your Sunday School teacher know if your child will be participating. One more Saturday practice will be held December 22nd from 9:00—10:00 a.m. If you have any concerns, feel free to text or call our Sunday School Director, Tomi Knuth, at (217) 320-2046.

**Altar Flowers:** A new Flower calendar/chart for 2019 has been placed in the narthex. Please sign up next to the date that you would like to donate flowers. The cost each week is \$25.00. Thank You.

**Cheer Bags** will be delivered after Dec. 13th. Pella’s Youth made the cookies under the direction of Karla Ceman, oranges were donated by Carol Oppermann, and apples donated by Susan & Mike Vande Slunt. Thank you to all who helped. Pella Ladies Aid

**2019 contribution envelopes** are ready for pick-up in the fellowship hall. Please do not use until January. Also, please note that 2 blank Special Offering envelopes were added to the back of envelope pack.

**A memorial donation** for the shut-in Christmas baskets was made by Kathy Gibbs & family in memory of Norman & Eleanor Kindschuh and Priscilla & David N. Kindschuh.

**Kiwanis will host a Red Cross blood drive** on Thursday, December 27, 2018 from 11:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at Edgewood Community Church. Please come and roll up your sleeve and make a difference in someone’s life.

**Select Mission for December: LCMS World Relief and Human Care—Veterans of the Cross:** Veterans of the Cross assists retired LCMS church workers and families who are confronted by a financial crisis. These elderly workers often had staggering medical expenses that consumed financial resources, leaving less for life’s essentials. Today, some retirees still require additional assistance from their Synod. Because of a lifetime of service in small or struggling congregations that were unable to afford full-time salaries, these workers received a lower benefits contribution into their Concordia Plan Services retirement account. To help support Veterans of the Cross please visit the website: [www.lcms.org/givenow/veterans](http://www.lcms.org/givenow/veterans).

## Divine Service

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# This Week at Pella

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**SUNDAY** December 16  
 9:00 a.m. Divine Service  
 10:15 a.m. Education Hour  
 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

**MONDAY** December 17  
 6:00 p.m. IHH Preschool Christmas Program  
 7:00 p.m. Church Council

**TUESDAY** December 18  
 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group  
 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Class

**WEDNESDAY** December 19  
 9:00 a.m. Quilting  
 12:00 p.m. Advent Worship  
 5:45 p.m. Pella Choir  
 6:00 p.m. Jr. Youth  
 6:00 p.m. Advent Supper  
 7:00 p.m. Advent Worship

**THURSDAY** December 20  
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

**FRIDAY** December 21  
 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**SATURDAY** December 22  
 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
 9:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Practice

**SUNDAY** December 23  
 9:00 a.m. Divine Service/Holy Communion  
 10:15 a.m. Education Hour  
 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

## SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 16  
 Elder: Warren Schmitz  
 Organist: Lora Huizenga  
 Acolyte: Ellie Wachter  
 Finance: Marj Peachey, Cheryl Pater  
 Greeters: Harvey & Carol Schmitz  
 Video/PA: Duey VandeZande,  
 George Baumann  
 Ushers: George & Rosemary Baumann

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

Wednesday, December 19  
 Noon: Ben Kuenzi (E), Lora Huizenga (O)  
 7 pm: Nathan Trauernicht (E),  
 Lora Huizenga (O)

Sunday, December 23  
 Elder: Ben Kuenzi  
 Altar Assist: Milford Hopp  
 Organist: Candis Zills  
 Acolyte: Valentae Martinez  
 Finance: Ben & Debbie Kuenzi  
 Greeters: Jim & Jan Quade  
 Video/PA: Steve Schmitz, Cal Landaal  
 Ushers: Mike Nolan, Butch Westhuis

## Church Attendance

Wednesday 12-5-18 Noon: 30 7 PM: 35  
 Sunday 12-9-18 9 AM: 131 Visitors: 10

## Contributions

Week of 12/9/18.....\$6,242.80

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**About the Cover:** Oh, the light of joy that must have filled John's heart to hear of Jesus' work as he sat in the darkness of prison! John came to know what it means to rejoice always and in all circumstances. Christians indeed have reason to rejoice always, even in the midst of darkness. Advent teaches us the resilient rejoicing that is not based upon circumstances but upon the promises of God in Christ.