

From the Pastor's Desk...

"My eyes have seen your salvation..."

Luke 2:30

February 2nd has been a special day in the life of the church long before groundhog meteorological forecasting became popular. February 2 is exactly 40 days after Christmas. Following the birth of a son, a Jewish woman had to wait 40 days until she could bring an offering of two doves to the temple for her purification.

(Leviticus 12:1-8) Also at this time, every firstborn male was to be "presented" or dedicated to the Lord according to God's command: *"Consecrate to Me every firstborn male."* (Exodus 13:2) This firstborn then had to be redeemed from service to the Lord with a payment of five shekels of silver. (Numbers 18:15ff)

As Mary and Joseph were bringing Jesus to the temple to fulfill these regulations, the Bible tells us that they were approached by a man named Simeon. Simeon was a devout man of God who was eagerly waiting for this great moment: the presentation of God's Son. God promised Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Christ Child.

Moved by the Holy Spirit, Simeon went to the child Jesus and, taking Him in his arms, he praised God saying:

Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your Word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation which you have prepared before the face of all peoples, A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the Glory of Your people Israel." Luke 2:29-32

We now refer to this as "Simeon's Song" or the *Nunc Dimittis* (Latin meaning "now You dismiss") which we sing in many of our Divine Services. The reason we sing this so often should be apparent. None of us know when our last day will come in this life but we live with the assurance that we, too, have seen the salvation of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

When we gather around God's Word and the body and blood of Christ we hear, see and receive God's forgiveness in Christ. By faith we acknowledge our sin before God knowing and trust in the purification Christ has brought through His sacrifice. He has taken our sin upon Himself; He has purified us and has redeemed us *not with silver or gold but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.*

As you present yourself before the Lord in the Divine Services keep these words of God's servant Simeon near in your heart. Christ is the Light that reveals God and His mercy to us. Christ is our salvation and our life. God grant that all of us will depart in His peace!

Pastor Knuth



AROUND PELLA



Ash Wednesday

February 26, 2020

12:00 p.m. Worship Service with Communion

6:00 p.m. Meal

7:00 p.m. Worship Service with Communion

O come, let us fix our Eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2).

Lent is that special time in the Church Year when we focus specifically upon our Lord's suffering and death. In humble devotion to our Lord, it is appropriate that we set aside extra time to ponder the mercy of God and to dwell upon His Word. Our midweek Lenten sermons will examine how the various people around Jesus viewed Him—and how we should view Him. We will “fix our eyes” on what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent suffering and death, and celebrate what God sees on account of His work: our justification for His sake. Please plan to join us for these additional midweek services.

In addition to our worship opportunities, we will have the “Eyes on Jesus: Daily Devotions” available for those who wish to follow the series in their daily devotional time.

February Select Mission

Rev. Michael and Karen Schempf serve the Lord as LCMS missionaries in Uganda. Michael works as a theological educator and teaches at the Lutheran Theological Seminary near Jinja, Uganda. The Schempf's home congregation is Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Watertown, WI.

College Student Updates

The Pella LWML ladies would like to keep all our members who are college students in their prayers and offer encouragement with a card in the mail. We ask parents of college students to contact Tomi in the church office with their child's college address. Also, If your child is in college, but living at home, please let us know so we don't miss anyone.



Thank you

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Words cannot express my gratitude to the people of Pella for the lovely reception held on Sunday, December 22 for my retirement. Thank you for the gift from the congregation and the cards, gifts, kind words, hugs, and well wishes from my Pella family. It has truly been a privilege to serve as Pella's church secretary the last 21 years. My heart is full and I am so blessed! Phil. 1:3-6
In His Love, Lora Huizenga

Newsletter Prayer List

Our monthly newsletter prayer list will include the names of those who have long-term illnesses or who are in the military. If you know of someone who should be included on this list, please contact Tomi at 324-3321, ext. 101. Thank you.

Long-Term Prayer List:

Pastor Jim Herbolsheimer, Amy VandeZande, Brenda Bergman, Karla Schmidt

Our 'Together in Mission' Missionaries:

Cindy Zirbel Wrucke (Eurasia)

Rev. Michael & Karen Schempf (Uganda)

Rev. Michael Paul (Taiwan)

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February Birthdays

- 2 Brian Daane
- 3 Emma Aellig
- 3 Heather Buhalog
- 5 Mary Jo Kearley
- 5 Marilyn Meyer
- 6 Sharon Long
- 8 Jacob Ingersoll
- 10 Patricia Hopp
- 11 Janet VandeSlunt
- 11 Jenna Westphal
- 12 Mallory Knuth
- 13 Rosemary Baumann
- 14 Makiya VanderGalien
- 17 Sandra Armga
- 18 Melinda Hendricks
- 18 Lucas Thurk
- 22 Warren Schmitz
- 22 Judy Zuhlke
- 23 Diana Jahnke
- 24 Nancy Buss
- 24 Gerald Gnatkowski
- 26 Dylan Fischer
- 27 Karol Harmsen
- 27 Gladys Witkowski



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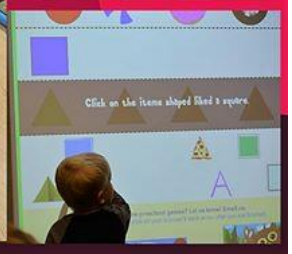
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February Anniversaries

- 2 Thomas and Laurel Donovan 40
- 4 James and Jan Quade 48
- 13 Daryle and Nancy Buss 56
- 14 Jason and Crystal Harmsen 6
- 14 David and Paulette Smit 28
- 22 Kenneth and Sharon Long 51
- 24 Paul and Susan VandeBerg 41



Attention JUNIOR YOUTH families – We will have our Lock-in on **Friday, Feb. 14th** from 4:00 until 10:00 p.m. in the Pella gym. Please let Karla know (920-291-8600) by Wednesday if you are coming and how many friends you are bringing. Bring along a favorite game!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p style="text-align: center;"> Pella Lutheran Church 315 S. Madison Street Waupun, WI 53963 Phone 920-324-3321 </p>						1 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
2 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM Education Hour NO Confirmation Class	3 6:00 PM Youth Board	4 9:30 AM Prayer Group	5 9:00 AM Quilting 6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group 7:00 PM Sr. Youth Group 7:00 PM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	6 10:00 AM Bible Study	7 Church Office Closed	8 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
9 9:00 AM Divine Service/ Holy Communion 10:15 AM Education Hour 6:30 PM Confirmation Class	10 9:00 AM Pella Life Group 7:00 PM Elders' Meeting	11 9:30 AM Prayer Group 6:30 PM Trustees Meeting	12 9:00 AM Quilting 6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group 7:00 PM Divine Service	13 10:00 AM Bible Study 2:00 PM Ladies Aid/LWML	14 Church Office Closed <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Newsletter Deadline</div> 4-10 PM Jr. Youth Lock-In 	15 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
16 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM Education Hour 6:30 PM Confirmation Class	17 7:00 PM Church Council	18 9:30 AM Prayer Group	19 9:00 AM Quilting 6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group 7:00 PM Sr. Youth Group 7:00 PM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	20 10:00 AM Bible Study <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Newsletter Mailing</div>	21 Church Office Closed 6:00 PM Card Night	22 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
23 9:00 AM Divine Service/ Holy Communion 10:15 AM Education Hour 6:30 PM Confirmation Class	24	25 9:30 AM Prayer Group 6:30 PM SS Staff Meeting	26 ASH WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM Quilting 12:00 PM Divine Service/ Holy Communion 6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Divine Service/ Holy Communion	27 10:00 AM Bible Study	28 Church Office Closed	29 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 

February 2020 Serving Calendar

Date	Time	Organist/ Pianist	Elders/ Altar Assistant	Finance	V/PA-Radio	Greeters	Acolytes	Ushers
2-2	9:00 AM	L. Huizenga	D. Wetzel	D. Beder	H. Schmitz/ E. Swan	D. Klosterman		D. & N. Buss
2-5	7:00 PM	V. Knuth	D. Wetzel					
2-9	9:00 AM	Ch. Zills	B. Kuenzi C. Lund	F. & S. McIver	V. Loehrke/ W. Schmitz	M. & P. Hopp	K. Westphal	M. Hopp & C. Lund
2-12	7:00 PM	V. Knuth	K. Hahn					
2-16	9:00 AM	Ch. Zills	W. Schmitz	M. Peachey	D. Vande Zande/ G. Baumann	H. & C. Schmitz	E. Wachter	M. Nolan & H. Westhuis
2-19	7:00 PM	V. Knuth	B. Kuenzi					
2-23	9:00 AM	Ca. Zills	K. Hahn C. Lund	B. & D. Kuenzi	S. Schmitz/ C. Landaal	J. & J. Quade	M. Holz	C. Lund & L. Hahn
2-26	Noon 7:00 PM	V. Knuth V. Knuth	B. Kuenzi K. Hahn				S. Drewa	

Altar Circle Committee: Pat Reifsnider, Shirley Canniff, Gail VanLoo, Julie Verheyen
Soul Accounting: Dave & Phyllis Williams

