

LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

From the Pastor's Desk...

As Valentine's Day approaches it brings our attention to the topic of love. Many people assume love just has to do with our feelings. It's sometimes described as the strong attraction a person has toward someone else or that sensation of happiness in connection with another person. Unfortunately, when love is reduced to mere emotions, and "falling in love" is little more than the feelings we have toward a person, then the logical conclusion is that when the happiness or attraction fades then there is simply no love in the relationship.

Fortunately for us Christians, God's Word gives us a right understanding of what love actually is, and as a result, what it means to love others. God teaches us that love is not so much a matter of how one *feels* but what one *does*. One of our LCMS pastors stated it well: "Real love is the action of the hands more than the attraction of the heart." Feelings come and go, but love always strives to do what is good and right according to God's revealed will.

True love always begins with God, He is the source of love. (Read 1 John 4:7-16.) In love, God created us and He still provides for us. That's love. And above all, "God shows His love for us in that while

we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) God loves us by what He does for us. The epitome of His love is seen in the cross of Christ. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Because of God's love for us we are able to show true love towards others by doing loving things for others. Showing kindness and patience toward others, being merciful and forgiving, among many other ways we show love in what we say and do. (Read 1 Corinthians 13 for further description of love in action).

"We love because He first loved us." (1 John 4:19) The way we relate to others should always be guided by that perfect love God has for us in His Son. "In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." (1 John 4:9-10)

In Christ, *Pastor Knuth*

February Select Mission



Our February Select Mission donation will be used toward raw materials and shipping expenses for a future Mercy Meals packing date. We are tentatively looking at dates in March, but it may be scheduled later in the spring. Watch for details in the coming months.

Midweek Lent Worship Services

February 22 (Ash Wednesday) and
Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

NOON Worship Service

6:00 p.m. Meal

7:00 p.m. Worship Service

There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those who can bring food and/or serve for any of the Lent suppers.

AROUND PELLA

From the Vicar's Desk...

The Christmas season is over and the Epiphany season is swiftly coming to an end, but the Church's historic liturgy has many subtle ways of carrying the themes we emphasize in those seasons throughout the whole year. The Gloria in Excelsis does exactly that. The name comes from the first words of the Latin version of this hymn and means "Glory in the Highest." The Gloria is considered one of the oldest and greatest hymns of the Christian Church. Its opening line is taken from the mouths of angels, as it is the words the heavenly host proclaimed to the shepherds to announce the birth of our Lord and Savior that fateful Christmas Eve (Luke 2:14). The hymn's focus on the glory of our Triune God then takes our minds to the Epiphany season, where we meditate on all the appearances of God's glory in various forms.

Originally, the Gloria was a part of the daily morning offices, which were shorter orders of worship services held throughout the week. Eventually, this hymn made its way into the Divine Service. Known as a hymn of praise, its placement in the Service of the Word is quite appropriate. The congregation has just received forgiveness of sins in Confession and Absolution, received a glimpse of the theme of the day in the Introit, and prayed for God's mercy in the Kyrie. Now, they get to sing a great hymn of adoration to God Almighty. "We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory." What could possibly be a more appropriate response to the words of the angelic host? Then the hymn applies an equal amount of adoration for the Son for being the "Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world." The conclusion of the hymn brings adoration to the Holy Spirit by showing the Trinity is all together Most High in glory. May the words of this fantastic hymn bring you peace and strength in your day-to-day lives as it has to Christians throughout the centuries. Amen.

In God's Grace, Vicar Schober
Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi

Adult Bible Study

Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

Thursday at 10 a.m.

Men - Saturdays 7 a.m.

Please join a study to gain wisdom, knowledge and understanding.

FOR THE LORD
gives wisdom
from his mouth come
knowledge
AND
understanding
PROVERBS 2:6



February 3: Pella's Youth will be serving a meal at the Waupun Community Table.

February 18: Bowling party at Jud's Bowling Alley from 1-3 p.m. All Youth and their families are invited.

Day Trip to Chula Vista Waterpark



Saturday, February 25

The cost for Pella families is \$25/person. Trip includes round-trip coach transportation through Sonshine Travelers (leaving from Peace Lutheran in Beaver Dam at about 8:30 a.m.) to the resort in Wisconsin Dells, entrance to the waterpark, and lunch. Pick up registration forms in the church office. Deadline to register February 22.

Newsletter Prayer List

Our monthly newsletter prayer list includes 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 call or email Tomi in the church office.

Long-Term Prayer List:

Karla Schmidt (Julie Trauernicht's mother),
Hannah (granddaughter of Ann Keyser)

Our 'Together in Mission' Missionaries:

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

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Devotional Resources

PrayNow is a daily prayer app that places the Scriptures at the center of daily meditation and prayer. Download the app to check it out.

KFUO radio and podcasts at kfu.org

Issues, Etc. radio and podcasts at issuesetc.org

Blog@cph.org has many informative articles under the headings of Worship, Read, Study, Teach and Serve.

Daily Devotions by Lutheran Hour Ministries at lhm.org/dailydevotions.

Also, check out LHM's online resources at lhm.org/projectconnect. There you will find booklets with many subjects like peace, divorce, forgiveness, cancer, blended families, gambling, post-traumatic stress disorder and loneliness. These are only a few of the topics sensitively addressed in these concise, Christ-centered volumes which can be downloaded for personal study.

February Birthdays

3 Emma Aellig	18 Lucas Thurk
3 Heather Hull	19 Ethan Ramel
3 Mary Jo Kearley	21 Ken Durant
5 Marilyn Meyer	22 Warren Schmitz
6 Sharon Long	22 Judy Zuhlke
10 Patricia Hopp	24 Nancy Buss
11 Jenna Westphal	24 Gerald Gnatkowski
12 Mallory Knuth	26 Dylan Fischer
13 Rosemary Baumann	27 Karol Harmsen
17 Sandra Armga	27 Gladys Witkowski

February Anniversaries

2 Thomas and Laurel Donovan	43 yrs
4 James and Jan Quade	51
13 Daryle and Nancy Buss	59
14 Jason and Crystal Harmsen	9
14 David and Paulette Smit	31
23 Dan and Holly Flatau	15
24 Paul and Susan VandeBerg	44

South Wisconsin District

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Pella is a member of the South Wisconsin District, which is one of 35 districts of the LCMS. Our district covers the southern third of Wisconsin and has nearly 90,000 baptized members in 201 congregations. There are 53 Lutheran elementary schools, 26 preschools and Early Childhood Centers, 7 high schools and 1 university in our district through which 82 student baptisms were celebrated in 2022. Learn more about our district by visiting swd.lcms.org or follow the quick link on the Pella website.

Walking in Gym

The Pella gym is available for winter walking to our members and their guests. Hours are 8 to 5 Mondays and Wednesdays and Noon to 5 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or whenever the building is open and the gym is not otherwise being used.

Simply Giving

You may have noticed in the church bulletin where contributions are shown as "Simply Giving". Simply Giving is a convenient way to automatically contribute to Pella on a schedule that fits into your pay cycle—you chose the day of your donation (weekly, monthly, biweekly or one-time special contributions). You no longer need to write 52+ checks a year or prepare envelopes. The ministry of our congregation depends on regular and consistent giving from all our members, and this method ensures your much-needed gift will be received even if travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending worship.

To set this up, go to pellalutheran.org. On the right side of the home page is the 'Online Giving' icon. Just click on that, scroll to the bottom of the page, click on 'Give Now' and follow the instructions. There is no cost for you to set this up and the church does not have access to your account. We use a third party provider (VANCO) for this service. Contact our church Treasurer, Sandy Armga, at (920) 324-3321 ext. 104, if you have any questions about this online giving system.



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Bible Verse of the Month

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commandment, that
you love one another
as I have loved you.*

John 15:12



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February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><i>This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.</i></p> <p>John 15:12</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>6:00 PM Sr. & Jr. Youth 7:00 PM Divine Service</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>Church Office Closed 10:30 AM Youth serving at Waupun Community Table</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>8:00 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Divine Service 11:00 AM Radio Broadcast</p> <p>6:30 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>6:30 PM Youth Board</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>6:00 PM Sr. & Jr. Youth 7:00 PM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 11:00 AM Radio Broadcast</p> <p>No Confirmation Class</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>7:00 PM Elders' Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>6:30 PM Trustees Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>6:00 PM Sr. & Jr. Youth 7:00 PM Divine Service</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Newsletter Deadline</div>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 1-3 PM Youth Bowling Party</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>8:00 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Divine Service 11:00 AM Radio Broadcast</p> <p>6:30 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>7:00 PM Church Council</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Ash Wednesday 22</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>12 Noon Lent Service</p> <p>6:00 PM Sr. & Jr. Youth 6:00 PM Lent Supper 7:00 PM Lent Service</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Newsletter Mailing</div>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 11:00 AM Radio Broadcast</p> <p>6:30 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>6:30 PM SS Teachers Mtg</p>	<p>Pella Lutheran Church 315 S. Madison Street Waupun, WI 53963 Phone 920-324-3321</p>			

February 2023 Serving Calendar

Date	Time	Organist / Pianist	Elder/Usher	Finance	Video Recording	Audio / Radio Recording
Wednesday February 1	7:00 PM	Candis Breitkruetz	Darwin Wetzal			
Sunday February 5	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Candis Breitkruetz	Ben Kuenzi	Marj Peachey Diana Beder	Val Loehrke	Warren Schmitz
Wednesday February 8	7:00 PM	Lora Huizenga	Ben Kuenzi			
Sunday February 12	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Lora Huizenga	Warren Schmitz	B. & D. Kuenzi M. & P. Hopp	Val Loehrke	Warren Schmitz
Wednesday February 15	7:00 PM	Candis Breitkruetz	Darwin Wetzal			
Sunday February 19	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Candis Breitkruetz	Kevin Hahn	Gail VanLoo Cheryl Pater	D. VandeZande	Dan Holz
Wednesday February 22	Noon 7:00 PM	Sarah Schober (both)	Darwin Wetzal			
Sunday February 26	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Sarah Schober	Ben Kuenzi	Ben & Debbie Kuenzi	Steve Schmitz	Warren Schmitz

Soul Accounting: Heather Hull, Kora Samplawski & Gail Van Loo

Altar Committee: Shirley Canniff & Gail Van Loo

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16