

### *From the Pastor's Desk...*

#### **Epiphany:**

#### **The Grace of God has Appeared!**

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people." (Titus 2:11) This verse is good summary of one of the main themes in the Epiphany season: God's grace has appeared to all people! The word epiphany means to "make known" or to "manifest." As part of our church year is has to do with the different ways God's grace is made know to the world in His Son, Jesus Christ.

The Epiphany season begins on January 6, following the twelve days of the Christmas season. Epiphany was first observed in commemoration of Jesus' baptism when the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove and the Father Himself proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17 What better way for the Father to make known the identity of His Son than to proclaim it!

The event of our Lord's birth itself is a great epiphany which is why we have a separate twelve-day Christmas season. And so, the season of Epiphany focuses on other events in the life our Lord in which His glory is revealed to all the people, even to Gentiles.

At the time of Christ's birth, Herod the Great was ruler over the Jews. But when some foreign Magi came to honor the true King of the Jews, the baby Jesus, Herod was threatened by the news and sought to kill the new-born King. The Magi followed the star to the city of Bethlehem where the glory of God in Christ was revealed to them. They worshipped the Christ Child and offered Him gifts. Jesus continues to be the true Light revealed to the nations through whom salvation comes.

During His earthly ministry Jesus said to His disciples "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it." Luke 10:23-24 The disciples, the magi and others were truly blessed to behold God's Son with their own eyes. We now see the glory of God's Son though His Word. This is a very real way in which God makes known to us His grace in Christ.

The Epiphany season is a season of grace and glory; God's grace in His Son who was born to be our Savior. God continues to bestow His grace to us through His holy Word and sacraments. In the Word and the Sacraments we receive the forgiveness that God offers to us in His Son. May our hearts continue to rejoice in the revelation of God's grace and glory in Christ Jesus our Lord!

To You, O Lord, all glory be,  
For this Your blest Epiphany;  
To God, whom all His hosts adore,  
And Holy Spirit evermore.  
(LSB #401, stanza 6)



**Select Mission for January:**

**Rev. Michael and Karen Schempf**

# AROUND PELLA

## “2018 STATISTICS”

### BAPTISMS

Name	Birthdate	Baptism
Cameron Mathew Yunto	9-21-15	1-14-18
Jacob Michael Yunto	1-19-17	1-14-18
Gustav Marvin Madigan	12-18-17	1-21-18
Isabella Marie Walter	3-17-11	3-11-18
Caleb Matthew Walter	11-23-12	3-11-18
Mallory Anita Knuth	2-12-18	2-25-18
Presley James Shadley	1-30-18	3-10-18
Dekker Allen Landaal	12-7-17	4-8-18
Emelia Sue LaMendola	3-27-17	4-14-18
Mollie Kaye Kind	4-28-17	4-14-18
Carter Mae Vanderbush	8-2-18	11-11-18

### CONFIRMATION

5-6-18

Khyra Ann Isabel Ordonez  
Celestine Eileen Grace Uherka

### MARRIAGES

Lora Lynn Krueger & Martin Theodore Huizenga Jr.	3-16-18
JoAnn Esther Lyon & Warren Paul Schmitz	9-1-18
Katelyn Rose Nolan & Joshua Randolph Ernst	12-31-18

### FUNERALS

Name	Date of Death	Date of Funeral
Ermie Jahnke	3-11-18	3-14-18
Rosalie Farvour	9-9-18	9-12-18
Eunice Ott	11-8-18	11-10-18
Lillian Oppermann	12-17-18	12-20-18



### MARRIED

#### 50 YEARS OR LONGER

	<u>Wedding Date</u>	<u>Years married</u>
Wallace and Shirley Peters	Sept. 2, 1944	74 years
Fred and Betty Zurbuchen	Oct. 27, 1945	73 years
Marvin and Lois Groth	Nov. 19, 1955	63 years
Harvey and Carol Schmitz	April 7, 1956	62 years
Otto and Amber Zills	May 19, 1956	62 years
Edwin and Kathleen Swan	June 9, 1956	62 years
Kenneth and Ruth Pluim	Aug. 25, 1956	62 years
Gerald and Alice Rahn	June 8, 1958	60 years
Ronald and Judith Homan	June 21, 1958	60 years
David and Phyllis Williams	July 26, 1958	60 years
Cleburn and Donna Talley	Nov. 1, 1958	60 years
Thomas and Gloria Bella	Nov. 22, 1958	60 years
Donald and Beverly Schultz	April 18, 1959	60 years
Leroy and Janet VandeSlunt	Aug. 28, 1959	60 years
Eugene and Elaine Wook	Oct. 10, 1959	60 years
Terry and Marnie Zamzow	Aug. 11, 1962	56 years
Merlin and Sandy Bowe	Sept. 28, 1963	55 years
Wayne and Linda Zuhlke	Dec. 28, 1963	55 years
Daryle and Nancy Buss	Feb. 13, 1964	54 years
Fred and Sandra McIver	May 1, 1965	53 years
Lyle and Jayne Hull	June 26, 1965	53 years
John and Marilyn Meyer	June 26, 1965	53 years
Dennis and Bernice Schultz	Oct. 2, 1965	53 years
George and Rosemary Baumann	June 25, 1966	52 years
Thomas and Bonnie Strelow	Nov. 18, 1967	51 years
Albert and Kathleen Preston	July 27, 1968	50 years

#### Golden Anniversaries in 2019:

Kenneth and Sharon Long	Feb. 22, 1969	49 years
Larry and Charmaine Holz	June 7, 1969	49 years
Kenneth and Valerie Loehrke	Aug. 2, 1969	49 years

## Youth News

A thank you to all who have, are, and will help our Youth Groups in all their endeavors whether Bell Ringing, Cookie Baking or Angel Tree Shopping & wrapping. We truly are blessed!

July, 2019, two of our Senior Youth and myself are attending the Youth Gathering in Minnesota. Thank you to all who supported us in our Candy Fundraiser and for all the donations. We will be having a Candy Sale starting in February.

God's Richest Blessings, Karla Ceman, Youth Leader

# AROUND PELLA

## “FOUR SCORE CLUB”

Edna Beske	Sept. 22, 1920	98	Roger Randrup	Sept. 9, 1931	87	James Braatz	Oct. 22, 1936	82
Evelyn Walsh	June 12, 1922	96	June Hammann	June 1, 1932	86	Carol Schmitz	Jan. 31, 1937	81
Edna Heilmeyer	June 28, 1922	96	Robert Benson	July 3, 1932	86	Ruth Pluim	Mar. 5, 1937	81
Mildred Bleich	Nov. 6, 1922	96	Phyllis Williams	Aug. 18, 1932	86	Cleburn Talley	Mar. 17, 1937	81
Edward Bernthal	April 3, 1923	95	Lois Groth	Aug. 24, 1932	86	Beverly Schultz	Apr. 30, 1937	81
Jennie Ludwig	Sept. 8, 1923	95	David Williams	Nov. 4, 1932	86	Sandra Panzer	June 17, 1937	81
Irma Voeltner	Nov. 16, 1923	95	Thomas Bella	Dec. 9, 1932	86	Donna Talley	July 19, 1937	81
Wallace Peters	Mar. 11, 1924	94	Franklin Christian	Jan. 28, 1933	85	Carol Roska	Nov. 10, 1937	81
Betty Zurbuchen	Mar. 29, 1924	94	Carol Edmunds	April 26, 1933	85	Janet VandeSlunt	Feb. 11, 1938	80
Lucille Ninneman	May 10, 1924	94	Phyllis VanHierden	July 19, 1933	85	Gerald Gnatkowski	Feb. 24, 1938	80
Fred Zurbuchen	Mar. 5, 1925	93	Ronald Homan	Aug. 29, 1933	85	Marjorie Peachey	April 17, 1938	80
Shirley Peters	Dec. 24, 1925	93	Edwin Swan	Sept. 12, 1933	85	Loretta Gedamke	May 25, 1938	80
Alice Rahn	Dec. 31, 1925	93	Charlotte Hagen	Sept. 21, 1933	85	Kenneth Pluim	May 31, 1938	80
Lathorial Wedman	July 17, 1926	92	Joyce Cerjance	Oct. 8, 1933	85	Judith Homan	July 18, 1938	80
Phyllis Beske	Aug. 10, 1926	92	Gloria Bella	Jan. 31, 1934	84	Merlin Bowe	July 31, 1938	80
Marjorie Bentley	Sept. 12, 1926	92	Richard Dargue	Feb. 4, 1934	84	Fred Mclver	Oct. 21, 1938	80
Marvin Groth	Dec. 6, 1926	92	Donna Mertz	Mar. 31, 1934	84	Dorothy Dykstra	Nov. 17, 1938	80
Marvin Kaul	Mar. 20, 1927	91	Carolyn Kaul	Aug. 20, 1934	84	Carol Oppermann	Nov. 22, 1938	80
Helen Krueger	Nov. 30, 1927	91	Kathleen Swan	Aug. 29, 1934	84	Sharon Anderson	Nov. 28, 1938	80
Otto Zills	Mar. 29, 1930	88	Harvey Schmitz	Nov. 4, 1934	84	<b><u>Joining during 2019 will be:</u></b>		
Gerald Rahn	May 15, 1930	88	Grace Hermann	Nov. 20, 1934	84	Gladys Witkowski	Feb. 27, 1939	79
Kenneth Gedamke	Nov. 12, 1930	88	Donald Schultz	Aug. 25, 1935	83	Eugene Wook	May 28, 1939	79
Marilyn Raddatz	Jan. 21, 1931	87	Leroy VandeSlunt	Oct. 24, 1935	83	Florence Hann	Sept. 16, 1939	79
Barbara Hellman	April 1, 1931	87	Amber Zills	Nov. 14, 1935	83	Eileen Westhuis	Oct. 7, 1939	79
Marion Birkholz	Aug. 1, 1931	87	Don Cerjance	April 9, 1936	82			
Albert Zabel	Aug. 30, 1931	87	Edwin Wiese	Aug. 25, 1936	82			

## January Birthdays

3 Carston Ordonez	13 Sarah Aellig	23 Katherine Lang	27 Rebecca Vanderbush	30 Danielle Rasmussen
4 Braelyn Bruesch	13 Barbara Henning	23 Dakota Stephens	28 Franklin Christian	30 Presley Shadley
4 Landon VanderGalien	14 Kay Pearson	24 Kenneth Long	28 Michael Nolan	31 Gloria Bella
6 Sandra Bowe	15 Michael VandeSlunt	24 Susan VandeSlunt	29 Mark Schmidt	31 Laurel Donovan
7 Eisleigh Madigan	15 Mary Wetzel	25 Theodore Krenz	29 Elaine Wook	31 Diane Fischer
7 Douglas Zuhlke	16 Lisa Hahn	25 Stephanie Popp	30 Steve Fischer	31 Carol Schmitz
8 David Henning	19 Jacob Yunto	25 Jan Quade	30 Ben Kuenzi	
8 Carrie Ordonez	20 John Meyer	25 Michael Vanderbush	<b><u>January Anniversaries</u></b>	
9 Andrew Popp	20 Jacob Trauernicht	26 Chad Harmsen	2 Cory and Kristen Schultz	20
10 Laura Cameron	21 Marilyn Raddatz	26 Marion Landaal	9 Georg and Darlene Fuhrer	20
10 Claire Vanderbush	22 Jeffrey Derksen	27 Teresa Schmidt	16 Stephen and Meridith Farr	9

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# Pella's Church Council and Board Members

Church Council and Board Members were voted on at the October Congregational Meeting. All positions have different terms. There are four vacancies left: Vice President, Board of Pre-School, Board of Education, and Board of Youth. If you would be willing to serve in any of those capacities, please talk to Pastor Knuth.

The following officers and board members will be installed in Sunday's service on January 6, 2019.

## Church Council

President: George Baumann (1 year, 2019)  
Vice-President: VACANT position (1 year, 2019—will then serve as President)  
Secretary: Lora Huizenga (1 year, 2019)  
Treasurer: Sandy Armga (3 years, 2019–2021)  
Financial Secretary: Deb Kuenzi (2 years, 2019–2020)

Head Trustee: John Stephens (3 years, 2019–2021)

Board of Elders: Kevin Hahn (3 years, 2019–2021)  
Warren Schmitz (3 years, 2019–2021)  
Darwin Wetzell (2 years, 2019–2020)  
Ben Kuenzi (2 years, 2019–2020)  
Nathan Trauernicht (1 year, 2019)  
Lyle Hull (1 year, 2019)

Board of Pre-School: Terry Canniff (3 years, 2019–2021)  
VACANT position (3 years, 2019–2021)  
Jason Westphal (2 years, 2019–2020)  
Maggie Drewa (1 year, 2019)

Board of Education: Tomi Knuth (3 years, 2019–2021)  
Lisa Hahn (3 years, 2019–2021)  
Vanessa Knuth (2 years, 2019–2020)  
VACANT position (1 year, 2019)

Board of Youth: Mike Ceman (3 years, 2019–2021)  
VACANT position (3 years, 2019–2021)  
Heidi Gerrits (2 years, 2019–2020)  
Julie Trauernicht (1 year, 2019)

## Simply Giving

You may have noticed in the church bulletin where contributions are shown, Simply Giving.



Simply Giving is a convenient, easy way to automatically contribute to Pella on a schedule that fits into your pay schedule—you chose the day. (weekly, monthly, biweekly or one-time special contributions) It saves you from writing out a check for each contribution and will automatically be deducted from your account.

To set this up, go to [pellalutheran.org](http://pellalutheran.org). On the right side of the home page is the 'Simply Giving' icon. Just click on that, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on 'Give Now'. Follow the instructions and this will get you set up. 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 to provide us this service.

Start out 2019 with an easy, convenient way to contribute to Pella on a regular basis.

Sandy Armga

Go to  
[pellalutheran.org](http://pellalutheran.org)  
and click on  
"Online Giving"

## Life Quotes (Life Sunday—January 20, 2019)

"Our throw-away culture values ability and perfection. Those values increasingly and unfairly characterize the preborn diagnosed with disability as not even worthy to be born. But God's Word is clear in King David's Psalm 139:13-14 (NIV): 'For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.'" *Mona Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities*

"Our happiness, therefore, does not depend on a new year or a changed situation, but upon the Lord and our changed relationship, our deepened growth, in Him and in terms of His will for us... 'But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you' (Matthew 6:33 KJV)." *R.J. Rushdoony, philosopher, historian, and theologian*

"We are weary and overwhelmed by a multitude of life issues. Sometimes we are prideful after doubting God's Word and trusting something else. As the culture decays and evil abounds, we may believe that God asks the impossible of us... In the face of evil, let it be said of us: Look! They remember 'the Lord, who is great and awesome,' and they 'fight for [their] brothers...sons...daughters...wives, and...homes' (Nehemiah 4:14)." *Linda Bartlett, former president of Lutherans For Life*

## LWML News

Pella's LWML has a new seminarian to partially support. Justin Bangert, a first year student, was previously a Lutheran school principal in Nebraska where his wife Amanda was a teacher. She now teaches at St. John Lutheran in Arnold, Missouri, where their children: Grace (3rd grade) and AJ (preschool) are students, and Justin teaches a Sunday Bible class. In January, he will join other seminarians on a mission trip to Guatemala.

**FIRST PLACE FOR HEALTH** believes in the power of Christ to ignite radical, transformative change in our lives, which includes our physical health. Though the journey is never easy, we are committed to helping others pursue whole-person wellness by looking to Christ as our ultimate Sustainer, keeping His Word at the core of our identity, and cultivating a dedicated community defined by truth and grace. We are free from the chains of the world that bind us—whether that's a number on a scale or the expectations with which we burden ourselves—and First Place for Health believes in living in that freedom. We don't do perfection. Instead, we trust Christ as the source of our joy and peace, walking hand-in-hand through the peaks and valleys of our road to wellness—however that may look—together.

### MY PLACE FOR BIBLE STUDY - FOREVER CHANGED

Forever Changed will be the bible study beginning 2019 along with the new improved First Place for Health program materials. The bible study will show you how our thoughts impact our attitudes, emotions, and behaviors from the moment we open our eyes in the morning to the minute we fall asleep at night. Grace Fox will help guide you to the positive and permanent change you desire by allowing God to renew our minds based on Romans 12:2.

Location: Pella Lutheran Church at 315 Madison Street, Waupun, WI 53963 in the fellowship hall

Time: Every Thursday starting January 10th until April 11, 2019 from 5:30pm-7:00pm

January 10th will be an orientation meeting so you can learn what the program is all about. No obligation to join.

Contact Wendy Vick at [vickrn@hotmail.com](mailto:vickrn@hotmail.com) or (920) 296-0240 by text or calling for any questions. You may learn more at [www.firstplaceforhealth.com](http://www.firstplaceforhealth.com)

## Office Hours in 2019

Monday—Thursday:

8:00 AM—1:00PM

# January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			9:00 AM Quilting  6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group 6:00 PM Pella Choir NO Divine Service	10:00 AM Bible Study		7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
<b>Installation of Church Officers &amp; Boards</b> 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM Education Hour  6:30 PM Confirmation Class	6	7	8	9	10	11
		9:30 AM Prayer Group	9:00 AM Quilting	10:00 AM Bible Study		7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
	6:00 PM Youth Board	6:30 PM Trustees' Meeting 7:00 PM Bible Class	6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group 7:00 PM Divine Service/ Holy Communion 7:45 PM Sr. Youth Group	2:00 PM Ladies Aid/LWML  5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath Orientation Mtg.		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:00 AM Divine Service/ Holy Communion 10:15 AM Education Hour  6:30 PM Confirmation Class	9:00 AM Pella Life Group  7:00 PM Elders' Meeting	9:30 AM Prayer Group  NO Bible Class	9:00 AM Quilting  6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group 6:00 PM Pella Choir 7:00 PM Divine Service	NO Bible Study  5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>LIFE Sunday</b> 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM Education Hour  6:30 PM Confirmation Class		9:30 AM Prayer Group	9:00 AM Quilting	10:00 AM Bible Study		7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
	7:00 PM Church Council	7:00 PM Bible Class	6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group 7:00 PM Divine Service/ Holy Communion 7:45 PM Sr. Youth Group	NEWSLETTER MAILING 5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath	6:00 PM Card Night	
27	28	29	30	31	<b>Pella Lutheran Church</b> 315 S. Madison St. Waupun, WI Phone 920-324-3321	
9:00 AM Divine Service/ Holy Communion 10:15 AM Education Hour  6:30 PM Confirmation Class		9:30 AM Prayer Group  6:30 PM SS Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Bible Class	9:00 AM Quilting  6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group 6:00 PM Pella Choir 7:00 PM Divine Service	10:00 AM Bible Study  5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath		

# January 2019 Serving Calendar

Date	Time	Organist	Elders/ Altar Assistant	Finance	V/PA-Radio	Greeters	Acolytes	Ushers
<b>1-2</b>	7:00 PM	<b>N O</b>	<b>S E</b>	<b>R V</b>	<b>I C</b>	<b>E</b>		
<b>1-6</b>	9:00 AM	L. Huizenga	B. Kuenzi	D. Beder	H. Schmitz, E. Swan ®	D. Klosterman		M. Nolan, H. Westhuis
<b>1-9</b>	7:00 PM	L. Huizenga	B. Kuenzi				S. Drewa	
<b>1-13</b>	9:00 AM	Ca. Zills	B. Kuenzi T. Canniff	F. McIver S. McIver	V. Loehrke W. Schmitz ®	M. & P. Hopp	M. Holz	H. Flier M. Hopp
<b>1-16</b>	7:00 PM	L. Huizenga	N. Trauernicht					
<b>1-20</b>	9:00 AM	L. Huizenga	W. Schmitz	M. Peachey	D. Vande Zande, G. Baumann ®	H. & C. Schmitz	E. Wachter	G. Baumann R. Baumann
<b>1-23</b>	7:00 PM	L. Huizenga	N. Trauernicht					
<b>1-27</b>	9:00 AM	L. Huizenga	D. Wetzel T. Canniff	B. Kuenzi D. Kuenzi	S. Schmitz, C. Landaal ®	J. & J. Quade	V. Martinez	L. Gedamke, C. Lund
<b>1-30</b>	7:00 PM	Ch. Zills	D. Wetzel					

**Altar Circle Committee:** Phyllis Williams, Bonnie Streblov, Tomi Knuth, Char Holz  
**Soul Accounting:** Milford & Pat Hopp

