

## LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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

It is fitting that we begin the New Year 2021 shortly following the celebration of our Lord's birth. We, the people of God, we go forward in the powerful name of Jesus! Consider how glorious He is just based on those names and titles the Scriptures use in reference to Him at His birth. For He is no ordinary Child, He is indeed the One sent by our Heavenly Father, the Scriptures reveal His glory:

**Isaiah 9:6** *"For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

**Luke 1:35** *"And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the Child*

*to be born will be called holy--the Son of God."*

**Matthew 1:23** *"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).*

**Luke 2:10-11** *And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."*

God grant you a joyous and blessed Christmas and a blessed New Year! May the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ sustain you in His everlasting peace!

In Christ, *Pastor Knuth*

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

In December 2019, I was in my second year of seminary, and I was scheduled to deliver the New Year's Eve sermon at my field work church. I was planning to start my sermon by asking, "What's your 2020 vision?"

How clever I thought I was! How creative and brilliant! I was, of course, playing off the optometrical term "20/20 vision" to ask the congregation what their "vision" (hopes, dreams, goals, etc.) was for the year 2020. However, my plans to deliver that "brilliant" sermon would soon be dashed...

Although our son Abraham was born healthy on December 20, when he was about one week old he got RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) and had to spend a week in the hospital. Needless to say, no amount of brilliance, and no "20/20 vision" could have helped me see that coming. There was no way of predicting the struggles Abe and our family would face that week. But by the grace of God, after many ups and downs, we were able to bring our son home healthy.

No one could have predicted the struggles our country and world would face in 2020 with the pandemic and everything else that happened. We can't

precisely predict any of our struggles. Yet it is guaranteed that we will have them.

Shortly before his betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion, Jesus prepared His disciples for the persecution they would soon face: "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (Jn. 16:33b). Suffering for the faith, in one way or another, is a guarantee for Christians--on top of the sufferings we already face as humans living in this fallen world. "But take heart," Jesus says, "I have overcome the world!"

No amount of our own brilliance can prepare us for our sufferings and struggles, or save us from them. Thankfully, Christ has already delivered us! By His suffering, death, and resurrection, He has saved us once and for all from sin, death, and the devil! And eventually, after many ups and downs, He will bring us home.

I pray this new year will bring you much joy! And that, whatever struggles 2021 might also bring, you may find strength and comfort in the Lord! May He be in our vision always!

In Christ, *Vicar Wendorff*

# AROUND PELLA

## “2020 STATISTICS”

### MARRIED

#### 50 YEARS OR LONGER



	<u>Wedding Date</u>	<u>Years married</u>
Harvey and Carol Schmitz	April 7, 1956	64 years
Edwin and Kathleen Swan	June 9, 1956	64 years
Kenneth and Ruth Pluim	Aug. 25, 1956	64 years
Gerald and Alice Rahn	June 8, 1958	62 years
David and Phyllis Williams	July 26, 1958	62 years
Cleburn and Donna Talley	Nov. 1, 1958	62 years
Donald and Beverly Schultz	April 18, 1959	61 years
Leroy and Janet VandeSlunt	Aug. 28, 1959	61 years
Eugene and Elaine Woock	Oct. 10, 1959	61 years
Terry and Marrie Zamzow	Aug. 11, 1962	58 years
Merlin and Sandy Bowe	Sept. 28, 1963	57 years
Daryle and Nancy Buss	Feb. 13, 1964	56 years
Fred and Sandra Mclver	May 1, 1965	55 years
Lyle and Jayne Hull	June 26, 1965	55 years
John and Marilyn Meyer	June 26, 1965	55 years
Dennis and Bernice Schultz	Oct. 2, 1965	55 years
George and Rosemary Baumann	June 25, 1966	54 years
Albert and Kathleen Preston	July 27, 1968	52 years
Kenneth and Sharon Long	Feb. 22, 1969	51 years
Larry and Charmaine Holz	June 7, 1969	51 years
Kenneth and Valerie Loehrke	Aug. 2, 1969	51 years
Kenneth and Monica Baumhardt	Aug. 22, 1970	50 years
Terry and Shirley Canniff	Nov. 28, 1970	50 years
John and Sharon Stephens	June 13, 1970	50 years

#### Golden Anniversaries in 2021:

Cal & Marion Landaal	July 17, 1971	49 years
Peter & Kay Hansen	Oct. 9, 1971	49 years

### FUNERALS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Date of Funeral</u>
Austin VandeZande	3-27-20	
Wallace Peters	5-12-20	5-14-20
Judith Homan	7-2-20	7-9-20
Bonnie Streblov	7-18-20	7-23-20
Thomas Bella	8-6-20	8-17-20
Barbara Gentz	9-14-20	9-17-20
James Braatz	9-21-20	9-26-20
Ronald Homan	10-28-20	11-5-20
Lois Groth	11-26-20	12-1-20
Amy VandeZande	12-4-20	

### BAPTISMS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Baptism</u>
Aaron John Weiglein	1-24-20	2-2-20
Lincoln Joseph Kreuz	3-27-20	6-7-20
Lyla Wynn Mattheis	5-26-20	6-21-20
Carter Lyle Bunkoske	5-1-20	6-23-20
Duke Boone Madigan	10-15-20	11-8-20

### CONFIRMATION

7-12-2020



Sophia Grace Drewa  
Mason Daniel Holz  
Ellie Madelene Wachter

### MARRIAGE

Candis Zills and Brandon Breitkruetz 10-10-2020

## 2021 Church Council and Board Members

President: Sam Mattheis

Vice President: Mike Ceman

Secretary: Pat Reifsnider

Treasurer: Sandy Armga

Financial Sec.: Deb Kuenzi

Head Trustee: Craig Verheyen

Elders: Warren Schmitz, Kevin Hahn, Ben Kuenzi, Darwin Wetzel

Board of Preschool: Terry Canniff, Maggie Drewa, Jason Westphal

Board of Education: Tomi Knuth, Lisa Hahn, Vanessa Knuth, Sarah Aellig

Board of Youth: Heather Buhalog, Megan Quiring

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,  
as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10*

# AROUND PELLA

## “FOUR SCORE CLUB”

Edna Beske	Sept. 22, 1920	100	Franklin Christian	Jan. 28, 1933	87	Donna Talley	July 19, 1937	83
Evelyn Walsh	June 12, 1922	98	Carol Edmunds	April 26, 1933	87	Carol Roska	Nov. 10, 1937	83
Edna Heilmeyer	June 28, 1922	98	Phyllis VanHierden	July 19, 1933	87	Janet VandeSlunt	Feb. 11, 1938	82
Mildred Bleich	Nov. 6, 1922	98	Edwin Swan	Sept. 12, 1933	87	Gerald Gnatkowski	Feb. 24, 1938	82
Irma Voeltner	Nov. 16, 1923	97	Charlotte Hagen	Sept. 21, 1933	87	Marjorie Peachey	April 17, 1938	82
Betty Zurbuchen	Mar. 29, 1924	96	Joyce Cerjance	Oct. 8, 1933	87	Loretta Gedamke	May 25, 1938	82
Shirley Peters	Dec. 24, 1925	95	Gloria Bella	Jan. 31, 1934	86	Kenneth Pluim	May 31, 1938	82
Alice Rahn	Dec. 31, 1925	95	Donna Mertz	Mar. 31, 1934	86	Merlin Bowe	July 31, 1938	82
Lathorial Wedman	July 17, 1926	94	Carolyn Kaul	Aug. 20, 1934	86	Fred McIver	Oct. 21, 1938	82
Phyllis Beske	Aug. 10, 1926	94	Kathleen Swan	Aug. 29, 1934	86	Dorothy Dykstra	Nov. 17, 1938	82
Marjorie Bentley	Sept. 12, 1926	94	Harvey Schmitz	Nov. 4, 1934	86	Sharon Anderson	Nov. 28, 1938	82
Gerald Rahn	May 15, 1930	90	Grace Hermann	Nov. 20, 1934	86	Gladys Witkowski	Feb. 27, 1939	81
Kenneth Gedamke	Nov. 12, 1930	90	Donald Schultz	Aug. 25, 1935	85	Eugene Woock	May 28, 1939	81
Marilyn Raddatz	Jan. 21, 1931	89	Leroy VandeSlunt	Oct. 24, 1935	85	Florence Hanna	Sept. 16, 1939	81
Marion Birkholz	Aug. 1, 1931	89	Amber Zills	Nov. 14, 1935	85	Gary Luchini	July 6, 1940	80
Albert Zabel	Aug. 30, 1931	89	Don Cerjance	April 9, 1936	84	Sandy McIver	July 2, 1940	80
Roger Randrup	Sept. 9, 1931	89	Edwin Wiese	Aug. 25, 1936	84			
June Hammann	June 1, 1932	88	Carol Schmitz	Jan. 31, 1937	83			
Robert Benson	July 3, 1932	88	Ruth Pluim	Mar. 5, 1937	83			
Phyllis Williams	Aug. 18, 1932	88	Cleburn Talley	Mar. 17, 1937	83			
David Williams	Nov. 4, 1932	88	Beverly Schultz	Apr. 30, 1937	83			

### Joining during 2020 will be:

Elaine Woock	January 29, 1941	79
Terry Zamzow	April 1, 1941	79
Marnie Zamzow	October 15, 1941	79

## January Birthdays

3 Carston Ordonez	15 Michael VandeSlunt	27 Teresa Schmidt
4 Braelyn Bruesch	15 Mary Wetzel	27 Rebecca Vanderbush
6 Sandra Bowe	16 Lisa Hahn	28 Franklin Christian
7 Doug Zuhlke	19 Jacob Yunto	28 Michael Nolan
7 Eisleigh Madigan	20 John Meyer	29 Roger Reifsnider
8 David Henning	20 Jacob Trauernicht	29 Mark Schmidt
8 Carrie Ordonez	21 Marilyn Raddatz	29 Elaine Woock
10 Claire Vanderbush	22 Jeffrey Derksen	30 Steve Fischer
13 Sarah Aellig	23 Katherine Lang	30 Ben Kuenzi
13 Barbara Henning	24 Kenneth Long	30 Danielle Rasmussen
14 Kay Pearson	24 Susan VandeSlunt	30 Presley Shadley
	25 Jan Quade	31 Gloria Bella
	25 Michael Vanderbush	31 Laurel Donovan
	26 Chad Harmsen	31 Diane Fischer
	26 Marion Landaal	31 Carol Schmitz

## January Anniversaries

9 Georg and Darlene Fuhrer	22
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## Newsletter Prayer List

Our monthly newsletter prayer list includes the names of those who have long-term illnesses or who are serving 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:

Pastor Jim Herbolzheimer, Karla Schmidt, Jan Quade, Lyle Hull, Mark Bartow (friend of Cherie Witkowski)

### Our 'Together in Mission' Missionaries:

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



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

Rejoice always, pray  
without ceasing,  
give thanks in all  
circumstances; for this  
is the will of God in  
Christ Jesus for you.

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

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# January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat				
					1 Church Office Closed	2 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study				
<b>Installation of Church Officers &amp; Boards</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	3	4 6:00 PM Youth Board	5	<b>Epiphany</b> 9:00 AM Quilting  6:00 PM Sr. & Jr. Youth 7:00 PM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	6	10:00 AM Bible Study  Church Office Closed	7	8	9 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	
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	10	11 7:00 PM Elders' Meeting	12 6:30 PM Trustees' Meeting	9:00 AM Quilting  6:00 PM Sr. & Jr. Youth 7:00 PM Divine Service	13	10:00 AM Bible Study  2:00 PM Ladies Aid/LWML  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	14	15	16 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	
<b>LIFE Sunday</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	17	18 7:00 PM Church Council	19	9:00 AM Quilting  6:00 PM Sr. & Jr. Youth 7:00 PM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	20	10:00 AM Bible Study  NEWSLETTER MAILING	21	22	23 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	
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	24	25	9:30 AM Prayer Group  6:30 PM SS Staff Meeting	26	9:00 AM Quilting  6:00 PM Sr. & Jr. Youth 7:00 PM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	27	10:00 AM Bible Study  Church Office Closed	28	29	30 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
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	31	<b>"THERE IS SURELY A HOPE FOR YOU,            AND YOUR HOPE WILL NOT BE CUT OFF."            PROVERBS 23:18 (NIV)</b>			<b>Pella Lutheran Church</b> 315 S. Madison St. Waupun, WI Phone 920-324-3321					

# January 2021 Serving Calendar

Date	Time	Organist / Pianist	Elder/Usher	Finance	Video Recording	Audio / Radio Recording
<b>Sunday January 3</b>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Christal Zills	Ben Kuenzi	Marjie Peachey Diana Beder	Harvey Schmitz	G. Baumann / Warren Schmitz
<b>Wednesday January 6</b>	7:00 PM	Christal Zills	Darwin Wetzel			
<b>Sunday January 10</b>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Christal Zills	Kevin Hahn	F. & S. Mclver M. & S. Bowe	Val Loehrke	G. Baumann / Warren Schmitz
<b>Wednesday January 13</b>	7:00 PM	Vanessa Knuth	Ben Kuenzi			
<b>Sunday January 17</b>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Candis Breitrkruetz	Warren Schmitz	Gail VanLoo Cheryl Pater	D. Vande Zande	Dan Holz
<b>Wednesday January 20</b>	7:00 PM	Vanessa Knuth	Darwin Wetzel			
<b>Sunday January 24</b>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Candis Breitrkruetz	Kevin Hahn	Ben & Deb Kuenzi	Steve Schmitz	G. Baumann / Warren Schmitz
<b>Wednesday January 27</b>	7:00 PM	Vanessa Knuth	Kevin Hahn			
<b>Sunday January 31</b>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Lora Huizenga	Warren Schmitz	Marjie Peachey Diana Beder	Ben Kuenzi	G. Baumann / Warren Schmitz

**Soul Accounting:** Milford & Pat Hopp

*“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone,  
and especially to those who are of the household of faith.” Galatians 6:10*