

From the Pastor's Desk...

Hallmarks of Lutheran Identity

Several years ago at my former congregation in Illinois, a retired pastor in our church delivered a wonderful sermon entitled, "Do You Have a Lutheran Identity?" Pastor Alvin Schmidt preached rather vigorously how this current generation of Lutherans has in numerous ways given evidence of a less-than-steadfast commitment to our Scriptural/Lutheran teaching and practice. Over the course of time Pastor Schmidt presented this topic in a series of Bible studies and eventually wrote a book entitled, "Hallmarks of Lutheran Identity." This book is available through Concordia Publishing House.

The first chapter of Pastor Schmidt's book begins with this most important characteristic of our church: *Solus Christus* (Christ Alone). *Lutherans are Christ centered, with a Biblical Christology.* In contrast to groups that have a much greater focus on what man does, with their emphases on human works or human decision or the Sovereignty of God, *Lutherans focus on Jesus Christ!*

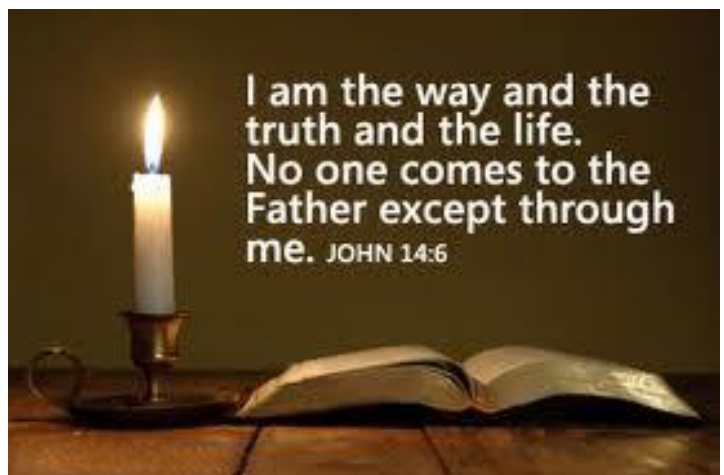
Lutherans recognize Christ as the heart of Biblical revelation and the center of the Christian faith. We understand the whole Bible is ultimately about Jesus. As our Lord said, "*You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me...*" (Also read Luke 24:27; Acts 3:18 and 10:43 as well.) This is why Luther said, "Take Christ out of the Scriptures, and what else will you find in them?"

We understand from the Scriptures that Christ is the One who reveals God to us. Jesus said, "No one has seen God at any time; the only-begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father - He has made Him known." *John 1:18* Again, Luther stated it well: "We are to grasp and find God only through faith in the flesh and blood of Christ."

Lutherans believe and confess that Jesus Christ is our only Savior and Life. He said, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except by Me." *John 14:6* God also teaches us in the Bible that "there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." *Acts 4:12* Without Jesus, we have no life and salvation, period! This is why we Lutherans are always preaching and teaching Christ.

Toward the end of his book, Pastor Schmidt discusses another important Hallmark of Lutheran Identity: the Augsburg Confession. This Lutheran document faithfully acknowledges many important doctrines that have been revealed to us through God's Holy Word. This month marks the 489th anniversary of the presentation of the Augsburg Confession which happened on June 25, 1530.

This month we also will begin a study of the Augsburg Confession in our Thursday morning Bible class. I hope you will consider joining us as we see how this great Lutheran Confession continues to honor that great doctrine *Solus Christus*, Christ Alone! May God grant that the Lutheran Church and all her pastors and all her members remain truly Christ-centered!



AROUND PELLA



“Miraculous Mission— Jesus Saves the World”

VBS 2019

Sunday, June 16—Tuesday June 18

6:00—8:00 p.m.

Registration forms are available in church office and at
www.pellalutheran.org.



Madison Street Road Construction, that will affect our church property, is scheduled to start the beginning of June. They have assured us that there will be one driveway open to the parking lot at all times.

Our head trustee, John Stephens, has been working diligently on obtaining quotes to replace our south parking lot at the same time. A fund has been started for this purpose and currently has \$2000 that has been donated. If you would like to donate to this cause, please indicate so on the front of your offering envelope.

Thank you, in advance, for your patience during this time!

Important Reminders!

June 29; Mercy Meal Packing

8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Please join us!

Any questions, contact Karla @ 920-291-8600

Jr. Youth will meet June 12 from 1—3 p.m. at the church. On June 26, please meet at Pella at 1:30 p.m. We will go to the Christian Home to play Bingo! Will return to church @ 3:30 p.m.

Attention all Senior Youth! We will be attending the Madison Mallards Game July 27th. Your ticket is free and includes food! Contact Karla 920-291-8600 ASAP!



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 Lora at 324-3321, ext. 10. Thank you.

(Friend of Cheri Witkowski)

Long-Term Prayer List:

Pastor Jim Herbolsheimer
Our homebound members

Sue Wilson *(Sister-in-law of Cheri Witkowski)*

Allison Townsend *(Friend of Cheri Witkowski)*

Brandon Mantz *(Friend of Sam Mattheis)*

Dan Schmidt *(Brother to Julie Trauernicht)*

Tammy Krueger *(Daughter-in-law to Lora Huizenga)*

Our ‘Together in Mission’ Missionaries:

Cindy Zirbel Wrucke (Eurasia)
Rev. Michael & Karen Schempf (Uganda)

The following are samples of the articles that are featured in the afaJournal for June 2018. (American Family Association Journal) You can subscribe and get your first year FREE by going online to afajournal.org

— Planned Parenthood: PP’s income at a record high at \$1.46 billion—\$98.50 million of which was profit!

— Transgender ELCA pastor renamed during Sunday worship

— Planned Parenthood chief champions adoption...of dogs

— Atheist warns of demise of Christianity

— Christian persecution ramps up in Turkey, China

— Health pros split on affirming trans teens

AROUND PELLA

Class of 2019

We will be recognizing our High School graduates on Sunday, June 9th in the 9am service.



They are:

Kelli Bonack

Tyler Brabant

Jacob Gerrits

Lucas Jahnke

Aydon Ordonez

Alexandria Stephens

Zachary Trauernicht

Christal Zills

Graduates, please plan on wearing your gowns on that day.

We pray God's blessings on these young people in their future endeavors.

June Birthdays

1 June Hammann	18 Dustin Zuhlke
2 Mason Dykstra	19 Carter Harmsen
2 Adam VandeZande	20 Zane Cornelius
3 Calvin Landaal	20 Crystal Harmsen
4 Alice Hennig	20 Matthew Shadley
4 Michael Pluim	20 Deborah Teachout
5 Navaeh VandeZande	22 Nathanael Hahn
6 Candis Zills	22 Kirstie Riese
7 Austyn Maldonado	22 Cory Schultz
9 Lloyd Dykstra	22 Austin VandeZande
10 Anthony Maldonado	25 Jeffrey Reihbandt
10 Steve Wiersma	25 Kyra Verheyen
11 Elizabeth Weiglein	26 Darlene Fuhrer
12 Evelyn Walsh	26 Kim Luchini
13 Shaunalynn Hiner	27 Barbara Gentz
14 Alexandria Stephens	27 Stephen Parsons
14 Sharon Stephens	28 Edna Heilmeyer
14 Derek Teachout	29 Claire Buchda
16 Dane Wachter	29 Alexa Bunkoske
16 Jeanne Wagner	29 Stella Pulda
17 Auden Landaal	30 Jordan Mitchell
17 Sandra Panzer	30 Ava Stobb
17 Cheryl Witkowski	30 Aaron Streblow
18 Noah Ingersoll	

June Anniversaries

1 Phillip and Amy VandeZande	17
6 Casey and Alexa Bunkoske	5
7 Larry and Charmaine Holz	50
8 Jerry and Victoria Belleville	45
8 Michael and Karla Ceman	34
8 Gerald and Alice Rahn	61
9 Kyle and Shaunalynn Hiner	7
9 Edwin and Kathleen Swan	63
13 John and Sharon Stephens	49
13 Darwin and Mary Wetzel	5
14 Michael & Susan VandeSlunt	33
15 Nathan and Julie Trauernicht	23
18 Jeffrey and Lynne Reihbandt	36
19 Tom and Mary Mariani	4
21 Ronald and Judith Homan	61
23 Samuel and Morgan Mattheis	2
23 Michael and Julie Nolan	29
24 David and Jean Goodall	34
25 George and Rosemary Baumann	53
25 Kenneth and Loretta Gedamke	43
25 Douglas and Judy Zuhlke	31
26 Lyle and Jayne Hull	54
26 John and Marilyn Meyer	54
26 Craig and Julie Verheyen	26
28 Dale and Renee TerBeest	39

1stPlace4Health

"Give God a year, change your life forever!" God is ready and waiting to give you new life. Orientation is June 6th at 5:30 p.m. at Pella Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall. Study will take place Thursday nights and be completed on August 1st.

Cost is \$10 for the book and all sessions.

Contact Wendy Vick at 296-0240 or vickrn@hotmail.com

June Select Mission: LCMS National Offering

St. Paul reminds us, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1Thess. 5:16-18). When the Thessalonians heard Paul's urging to rejoice, pray and give thanks, they did so. This July, so will we, when elected delegates and visitors from around the world gather in Tampa for the 67th Regular Convention of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. It is time to again unite with other Lutherans as we share the joy of Christ with the world.

Over the next three years, the National "Joy to the Word" Offering will turn your prayers and offerings into witnessing among new immigrants, reaching out and strengthening the faith of college students, empowering the missionaries of our partner churches, carrying the Gospel into spiritually abandoned urban areas, planting new churches in strategic locations both here and abroad, and more.



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June 2019

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
Ascension Day (observed) 2 9:00 AM Divine Service/ Holy Communion 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study	3	4 9:30 AM Prayer Group	5 9:00 AM No Quilting (due to summer cleaning) 7:00 PM Divine Service/ Holy Communion	6 10:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath Orientation	7	8 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
		<i>Lora on Vacation June 4th—June 16th</i>				
Pentecost 9 9:00 AM Divine Service/ Holy Communion— Graduates Recognized 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study	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 1:00 PM Jr. Youth 7:00 PM Divine Service	13 10:00 AM Bible Study 2:00 PM Ladies Aid/LWML 5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath	14	15 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
	<i>Lora on Vacation June 4th—June 16th</i>					
Trinity Sunday 16 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study	17	18 9:30 AM Prayer Group	19 9:00 AM Quilting 11:30AM -12:30PM Sr High Bible Study-Culver's 7:00 PM Divine Service/ Holy Communion	20 10:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath	21 	22 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
	Vacation Bible School "Miraculous Mission" 6:00—8:00 p.m.					
23 9:00 AM Divine Service/ Holy Communion 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study	24	25 Presentation of the Augsburg Confession 9:30 AM Prayer Group	26 9:00 AM Quilting 1:30 PM Jr. Youth 7:00 PM Divine Service/ Holy Communion	27 10:00 AM Bible Study NEWSLETTER MAILING 5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath	28	29 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:30 AM—4:30 PM Mercy Meal Packing
30 9:00 AM Divine Service/ Holy Communion 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study	7:00 PM Church Council			6:00 PM Card Night		

June 2019 Serving Calendar

Date	Time	Organists	Elder/ Altar Assistant	Finance	V/PA-Radio	Greeters	Acolytes	Ushers
6-2	9:00 AM	Ch. Zills	K. Hahn	D. Beder	H. Schmitz E. Swan ®	D. Klosterman		H. Flier M. Hopp
6-5	7:00 PM	Ch. Zills	K. Hahn					
6-9	9:00 AM	Ca. Zills	B. Kuenzi C. Lund	M. Bowe S. Bowe	V. Loehrke W. Schmitz ®	M. & P. Hopp	K. Westphal	C. Lund M. Nolan
6-12	7:00 PM	Ch. Zills	N. Trauernicht					
6-16	9:00 AM	Ca. Zills	W. Schmitz	C. Pater G. Van Loo	D. VandeZande G. Baumann ®	H. & C. Schmitz	E. Wachter	G. Baumann R. Baumann
6-19	7:00 PM	L. Huizenga	D. Wetzel					
6-23	9:00 AM	L. Huizenga	N. Trauernicht C. Lund	B. Kuenzi D. Kuenzi	S. Schmitz C. Landaal ®	J. & J. Quade	M. Holz	D. Buss N. Buss
6-26	7:00 PM	Ch. Zills	B. Kuenzi				S. Drewa	
6-30	9:00 AM	Ch. Zills	D. Wetzel C. Lund	F. McIver S. McIver	B. Kuenzi E. Swan ®	C. Oppermann		D. Klosterman

Altar Circle Committee: Jean Goodall, Sharon Friese, Bernice Schultz, Phyllis VanHierden

Soul Accounting: Darlene Birkholz-Lueck & Marion Birkholz

