

LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

From the Pastor's Desk...

June 25th is the anniversary of the presentation of Augsburg Confession in 1530 A.D. The Augsburg Confession is a written document stating what Lutherans believe. It affirms the doctrines taught in the Word of God while denouncing all errors and false teachings that had crept into the church.

The Holy Roman Emperor, Charles V, had convened a general assembly of representatives from among the Lutherans, both religious and state leaders, in an attempt to bring order and unity to the church. On Saturday, June 25th, 1530, in Augsburg, Germany, the Lutherans presented to the emperor a clear summary of what they believed and confessed based upon the Word of God. It became known as the Augsburg Confession.

In the end, the hope to bring unity within the Roman Catholic Church through a clear proclamation of the Gospel and a firm rejection of errors did not occur. But what did arise was a church that continued in the way of our Christian forefathers who for centuries sought to proclaim only Christ and Him crucified. This is why June 25th, 1530 is often referred to as the birthday of the Lutheran church. No new doctrines were invented by Luther or other Lutherans; they simply continued to proclaim what God teaches us as revealed through His Holy Word, especially concerning salvation in His Son.

Occasionally a person will ask, "What is a Lutheran?" The first thing we want to tell them is that a Lutheran is a Christian, we focus on God's grace in Jesus Christ as revealed in His holy Word. But we also use the Augsburg Confession and all of the statements of faith used by Lutherans contained in the book commonly referred to as "The Book of Concord." For these statements of faith address various teachings of our Lord that we still hold to this day.

Christians must always *"be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."* (1 Peter 3:15) The church has often done this with formal statements of faith such as the Creeds and other documents clearly written out so that people can plainly see what we believe.

Our Confessions stress the doctrine of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ which will forever remain the cornerstone of the Christian Church. May our Lord graciously continue to preserve His Church as we continue to confess all that He has done.

In Christ, *Pastor Knuth*

Vicar Wendorff's Last Sunday with us is July 11. A farewell reception is being planned. Watch for more information in the July-August newsletter.

June Select Mission: LCMS Disaster Response

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's (LCMS) Disaster Response ministry responds to immediate and long-term needs following natural and man-made disasters. Working through LCMS districts and congregations as well as with international Lutheran churches and other partners, LCMS Disaster Response builds capacity of the church's partners to respond to needs with Christian care. The ministry reaches out to LCMS congregations and their communities with services that include on-site assessment, emergency relief and development grants, pastoral care for LCMS church workers and members, and other resources.



AROUND PELLA

From the Vicar's Desk...

“Thanksgiving” appears in some unexpected places in Scripture. Jonah, from inside the belly of the great fish prays to God, “...I with the voice of **thanksgiving** will sacrifice to You” (Jonah 2:9). David, in Psalm 69, is “afflicted and in pain,” his heart is “broken,” and he is “in despair,” yet he says, “I will magnify [the Lord] with **thanksgiving**.” And Paul, though he is suffering great affliction and persecution, writes to the Corinthians that “it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase **thanksgiving**, to the glory of God” (2 Cor. 4:15).

While “**thanksgiving**” may seem out-of-place in these situations, we Christians know it is not! As difficult as our circumstances may be at times in this earthly life, we know that salvation is ours in Christ Jesus, who suffered and died to reconcile us to God, and was raised from the dead so that we too will be raised with Him and brought into the presence of God! (2 Cor. 2:14). And so, no matter what we face, “we do not lose heart,” for we live by faith as God’s forgiven and dearly loved children. And He will one day bring us to our heavenly home, where we will be with Him forever, completely free from all the sorrows and sufferings of this life. And that is

something for which we give endless **thanksgiving** to God!

As our time here at Pella Lutheran Church will soon come to an end, my family and I are filled with **thanksgiving** for all the learning, growth, and love we have been blessed to experience here with you this year. And we also rejoice that we share an everlasting bond with you in Christ our Lord-to whom we give **thanksgiving** both now and to eternity, as we sing this song of angels with all the saints: “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and **thanksgiving** and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen” (Rev. 7:12).

Now, the word “**thanksgiving**” appearing eleven times in a June newsletter might seem out-of-place...Why not in November instead, Vicar?? Well, for one thing, I didn’t think of it back then! But more importantly, we can give “thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” for all He has done and continues to do for us (Eph. 5:20). To Him be all **thanksgiving** and praise! In Jesus’ name, Amen.

God’s Peace in Christ,

Vicar Wendorff

Our Together In Missions (TIM) Missionaries



Rev. Michael & Irene Paul

We currently support Rev. Michael Paul and Cindy Zirbel Wrucke as missionaries through the LCMS Together in Missions program. We are pleased that Pastor Paul will be here soon to tell us about what has been happening with his ministry work in Taiwan. Please join us to hear Pastor Paul following the 7:00 p.m. worship service on **Wednesday, June 9**.

Cindy Zirbel Wrucke serves in the Czech Republic. Her most recent newsletter is available to read on the bulletin board in the stairway. It is fascinating to learn how God’s Word goes out and touches lives on the other side of the world in a different culture.



Cindy Zirbel Wrucke

AROUND PELLA

Class of 2021

We will recognize our High School graduates on Sunday, June 6th.

Logan Hopp

Brylea Martinez

Ryan Sullivan

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



June Birthdays

2 Mason Dykstra	17 Cheryl Witkowski
2 Adam VandeZande	18 Noah Ingersoll
3 Calvin Landaal	19 Carter Harmsen
4 Alice Hennig	20 Zane Cornelius
4 Michael Pluim	20 Crystal Harmsen
5 Nevaeh VandeZande	20 Matthew Shadley
6 Candis Breitreutz	20 Deborah Teachout
9 Lloyd Dykstra	22 Kirstie Riese
10 Steve Wiersma	25 Kyra Verheyen
11 Austin Montanez	26 Darlene Fuhrer
12 Evelyn Walsh	26 Kim Luchini
14 Alexandria Stephens	27 Stephen Parsons
14 Sharon Stephens	28 Edna Heilmeyer
14 Derek Teachout	29 Stella Pulda
16 Dane Wachter	30 Jordan Mitchell
16 Jeanne Wagner	30 Aaron Streblow
17 Auden Landaal	

June Anniversaries

7 Larry and Charmaine Holz	52
8 Jerry and Victoria Belleville	47
8 Michael and Karla Ceman	36
8 Gerald and Alice Rahn	63
9 Edwin and Kathleen Swan	65
13 John and Sharon Stephens	51
13 Darwin and Mary Wetzell	7
14 Michael & Susan VandeSlunt	35
15 Nathan and Julie Trauernicht	25
19 Tom and Mary Mariani	6
23 Samuel and Morgan Mattheis	4
23 Michael and Julie Nolan	31
24 David and Jean Goodall	36
25 George and Rosemary Baumann	55
25 Kenneth and Loretta Gedamke	45
25 Douglas and Judy Zuhlke	33
26 John and Marilyn Meyer	56
26 Craig and Julie Verheyen	28
28 Dale and Renee TerBeest	41



Vacation Bible School

REGISTER ONLINE NOW

June 27-29, 6 PM—8 PM

<https://vbsmate.com/PellaLutheran>

Or go to "Quick Links" on the Pella website

For children age 3 (potty trained) through completed 5th grade

(Volunteers needed—contact church office)

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

Our Senior & Junior Youth will meet twice a month through the summer for special activities. Please contact Karla Ceman, our Youth Leader, for more details.

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 to be added to this list, please contact Tomi in the church office.

Long-Term Prayer List:

Pastor Jim Herbolsheimer, Karla Schmidt (Julie Trauernicht's mother), Mark Bartow (friend of Cherie Witkowski)

Our 'Together in Mission' Missionaries:

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

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Bible Verse of the Month

For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Romans 10:10-13

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June 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised." Psalm 113:3</p>		<p>9:30 AM Prayer Group ¹</p>	<p>9:00 AM Quilting ²</p> <p>6:00-8:00 PM Champions of Fond du Lac</p> <p>7:00 PM Divine Service</p>	<p>10:00 AM Bible Study ³</p>	<p>Church Office Closed ⁴</p>	<p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study ⁵</p>
<p>8:00 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion ⁶</p> <p>9:15 AM Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 AM Divine Service</p> <p>11:00 AM Radio Broadcast</p>	<p>⁷</p>	<p>9:30 AM Prayer Group ⁸</p>	<p>9:00 AM Quilting ⁹</p> <p>1:30-3:30 PM Youth Group at Dodge Park</p> <p>7:00 PM Divine Service/ Holy Communion</p> <p>8:00 PM TIM Missionary Presentation-Rev. Michael Paul, Taiwan</p>	<p>10:00 AM Bible Study ¹⁰</p> <p>2:00 PM Ladies Aid/LWML</p>	<p>Church Office Closed ¹¹</p>	<p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study ¹²</p>
<p>8:00 AM Divine Service ¹³</p> <p>9:15 AM Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion</p> <p>11:00 AM Radio Broadcast</p>	<p>¹⁴</p> <p>7:00 PM Elders' Meeting</p>	<p>9:30 AM Prayer Group ¹⁵</p> <p>6:30 PM Trustees' Meeting</p>	<p>9:00 AM Quilting ¹⁶</p> <p>7:00 PM Divine Service</p>	<p>10:00 AM Bible Study ¹⁷</p>	<p>Church Office Closed ¹⁸</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study ¹⁹</p>
<p>8:00 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion ²⁰</p> <p>9:15 AM Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 AM Divine Service</p> <p>11:00 AM Radio Broadcast</p>	<p>²¹</p> <p>7:00 PM Church Council</p>	<p>9:30 AM Prayer Group ²²</p>	<p>9:00 AM Quilting ²³</p> <p>10:30 AM Youth Group — Little Amerricka Day</p> <p>7:00 PM Divine Service/ Holy Communion</p>	<p>10:00 AM Bible Study ²⁴</p> <p>NEWSLETTER MAILING</p>	<p>Church Office Closed ²⁵</p>	<p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study ²⁶</p>
<p>8:00 AM Divine Service ²⁷</p> <p>9:15 AM Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion</p> <p>11:00 AM Radio Broadcast</p> <p>VBS—Rainforest Explorers—6pm to 8pm</p>	<p>²⁸</p>	<p>9:30 AM Prayer Group ²⁹</p>	<p>9:00 AM Quilting ³⁰</p> <p>7:00 PM Divine Service</p>	<p>Pella Lutheran Church 315 S. Madison Street Waupun, WI 53963 Phone 920-324-3321</p>		

June 2021 Serving Calendar

Date	Time	Organist / Pianist	Elder/Usher	Finance	Video Recording	Audio / Radio Recording
Wednesday June 2	7:00 PM	Vanessa Knuth	Darwin Wetzel			
Sunday June 6	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Lora Huizenga	Ben Kuenzi	Marjie Peachey Diana Beder	Harvey Schmitz	G. Baumann / Warren Schmitz
Wednesday June 9	7:00 PM	Christal Zills	Ben Kuenzi			
Sunday June 13	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Christal Zills	Kevin Hahn	F. & S. McIver M. & S. Bowe	Val Loehrke	G. Baumann / Warren Schmitz
Wednesday June 16	7:00 PM	Vanessa Knuth	Darwin Wetzel			
Sunday June 20	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Candis Breitkruetz	Warren Schmitz	Gail VanLoo Cheryl Pater	D. VandeZande	Dan Holz
Wednesday June 23	7:00 PM	Candis Breitkruetz	Kevin Hahn			
Sunday June 27	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Candis Breitkruetz	Ben Kuenzi	Ben & Debbie Kuenzi	Steve Schmitz	G. Baumann / Warren Schmitz
Wednesday June 30	7:00 PM	Vanessa Knuth	Darwin Wetzel			

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



Soul Accounting:
Darlene Birkholz-Lueck and
Marion Birkholz