

## LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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

The great victory of our Lord's resurrection is something we celebrate year round as Christians: "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" And although the special Easter season is coming to an end, it does so by pointing us to two other great works of our Lord Jesus: His ascension into heaven, and the sending of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost day.

After His resurrection Jesus appeared to His disciples on several occasions over the course of forty days, and then He ascended up into heaven. Ten days later (50 days after Easter), the Holy Spirit was poured out upon Jesus' apostles on Pentecost day, just as He promised.

We celebrate the Ascension of our Lord because of the great blessings Jesus gives His church that are connected directly to His ascension. Read through the following passages and notice the specific blessings associated to Jesus' ascension:

*In My Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. (Jn. 14:2-3)*

*That you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints... that He worked in Christ when He*

*raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places... And He put all things under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. (Eph. 1:18-23)*

*Therefore it says, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men..." He who descended is the One who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things. <sup>11</sup> And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers... (Eph. 4:8, 10-11)*

*Christ Jesus is the one who died-- more than that, who was raised-- who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. (Romans 8:34)*

What tremendous blessings are connected to Jesus' ascension! All of these blessings are ours because the Holy Spirit has brought us into saving faith in Jesus, to trust in Him as our Savior from sin and death. That is truly the great blessing of Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit empowering our Lord's disciples to proclaim the Good News of Jesus. As His believing people we joyfully await our risen and ascended Lord's visible return.

God bless your Ascension and Pentecost celebrations!

*Pastor Knuth*

### Select Mission for June:

#### **Lutheran Hour Ministries**

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a trusted resource in global media that equips and engages a vibrant volunteer base to passionately proclaim the Gospel to more than 136 million people worldwide each week. LHM's flagship ministry, **The Lutheran Hour®**, airs weekly on more than 1,800 radio stations and the American Forces Network. Locally, you can find The Lutheran Hour on Sundays at 7:00 a.m. on WFDL/103.3 FM or 1170 AM. For more information online, go to: [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org).

### In HIS Hands—Graduation

Eight children have enjoyed a fantastic year at In HIS Hands Preschool here at Pella. We thank Jenna Westphal, Stephanie Kind and Shirley Canniff for their service to our preschool.



# AROUND PELLA

## From the Vicar's Desk...

The longest of the Three Symbols or the Three Ecumenical Creeds is the Athanasian Creed. Early in the fourth century, a north African pastor named Arius began teaching that Jesus Christ was not truly God. The Church responded decisively in AD 325 with a statement of faith (The Nicene Creed), which confessed that Jesus is, in fact, true God. Toward the end of the fifth century, this creed (Athanasian Creed) was written that delved further into the mystery of the Trinity. Though attributed to Athanasius (an early church father around AD 297 - AD 373), an opponent of Arius, this anonymous creed clearly came at a later stage in the debate. In fact, it first appeared in a preface to a collection of sermons in AD 502 and was first called "The Faith of Athanasius." It wasn't until AD 1090 that the Athanasian Creed was included alongside the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds. The Creed itself was not originally written in Greek, but in Latin. Historians think that it came from St. Augustine's school of thought in Gaul or North Africa.

The Athanasian Creed declares that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are "the catholic faith." In other words, this is what the true Church of all times and places have believed, taught, and confessed. More than fifteen centuries later, the Church continues to confess this truth, confident that the Triune God, Father, Son,

and Holy Spirit, has given Himself for our salvation. Later this month, we will confess this Creed on Trinity Sunday. This Creed is as thorough as we can get in explaining the Trinity on this side of eternity. We worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance. Three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; all have the same substance: God. So, there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal, not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite. Not three Gods or Lords (Islam is wrong in calling us polytheists), but one God, one Lord. This is the confession we hold to. We also hold to its confession of the person and work of Christ: as true God and true man He suffered, died rose again, and is coming again. This is the catholic faith, this is what the true Church of all times and places have believed, taught, and confessed. By God's grace, you do too!

In Christ,  
Vicar Benish



### Looking Ahead:

**Vicar Josh Benish's Last Sunday** with us is July 17. A farewell reception will be held between services.

**Vicar John Schober** will be installed on Sunday, July 24. More details will be in the July-August newsletter.



**Congratulations** to Christal Zills and Andrew Hopfensperger who will be joined in Holy Matrimony during our 10:30 a.m. worship service on June 5!



### Pella's 2022 High School Graduates

Cole Fischer  
Khrya Ordonez

THE COMMUNITY TABLE  
16 S MILL ST. WAUPUN  
(NEXT TO THE WAUPUN AREA FOOD PANTRY)

# FREE BAG LUNCHES

FOR ANYONE

MONDAY - THURSDAY (6/6/22 - 8/31/22)  
11AM - 1PM

### Community Table Bag Lunch Program

Pella will be hosting the bag lunch program at The Community Table August 1-4. We will need a few volunteers to help prepare and serve the lunches, and donations of homemade cookies, fruit cups, juice boxes, bags of chips, etc., as the time grows near. We are planning for approximately 100 bag lunches per day.

If you have a Thrivent account and qualify for an Action Team project (most members can do 2 per year), please talk with Tomi in the church office to see if you are willing to use your Action Team to support this project.

Watch for a sign-up sheet for donations and please speak with Karla Ceman if you are willing to serve.

# AROUND PELLA

## Evelyn Walsh is going to be 100 years old!

Evelyn is the oldest member of our congregation. She has been a faithful member of Pella since 2012 and still attends worship services often. Her 100th birthday will be June 12. Please help us celebrate by “showering” Evelyn with birthday cards. Cards can be dropped off in the church office and will be delivered to her on or near her birthday.



## YOUTH GROUP—Summer Activities

Our Senior & Junior Youth will meet throughout the summer for special activities. Please contact Karla Ceman, our Youth Group Leader, for more details.

## LWML - Lutheran Women in Mission

In June, the LWML (formerly known as Ladies’ Aid or Lutheran Women’s Missionary League) will be asking the women of Pella to complete an anonymous questionnaire that we hope will help us to better minister to each other and bring us closer as sisters in Christ. Please complete this questionnaire and deposit it in the dropbox in the narthex. Additional copies will be available through June in the narthex. To learn more about LWML, visit the website [lwml.org](http://lwml.org).

“Now may the God of peace...equip you with everything good that you may do his will.” (Hebrews 13:20-21)

***“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:6-7***

Please take a minute to examine the following contribution statistics from 2021. Are you among the “cheerful givers” supporting the work of God’s church?

A “Household” includes single individuals, couples, or families.  
Total Households: 211; Contributing Households: 159;  
Non-contributing Households: 52.

Age	Active Giving	Approx. Percent of	Total Contributions
20-30	6 Households	>1%	\$2,049
30-40	12 Households	1%	\$3,594
40-50	11 Households	1%	\$4,350
50-60	19 Households	7%	\$21,824
60-70	33 Households	20%	\$61,716
70-80	33 Households	33%	\$104,076
80-100	45 Households	37%	\$114,319

## June Birthdays

2 Mason Dykstra	17 Auden Landaal
2 Adam VandeZande	17 Cheryl Witkowski
3 Calvin Landaal	18 Noah Ingersoll
4 Alice Hennig	19 Carter Harmsen
4 Michael Pluim	20 Zane Cornelius
4 Les Marx	20 Crystal Harmsen
5 Nevaeh VandeZande	20 Matthew Shadley
6 Candis Breikreutz	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 Carry Ramel
14 Derek Teachout	29 Stella Pulda
16 Dane Wachter	30 Jordan Mitchell
16 Jeanne Wagner	30 Aaron Streblov

## June Anniversaries

7 Larry and Charmaine Holz	53
8 Jerry and Victoria Belleville	48
8 Michael and Karla Ceman	37
13 John and Sharon Stephens	52
13 Darwin and Mary Wetzel	8
14 Michael & Susan VandeSlunt	36
15 Nathan and Julie Trauernicht	26
19 Tom and Mary Mariani	7
23 Samuel and Morgan Mattheis	5
23 Michael and Julie Nolan	32
24 David and Jean Goodall	37
25 George and Rosemary Baumann	56
25 Douglas and Judy Zuhlke	34
26 John and Marilyn Meyer	57
26 Craig and Julie Verheyen	29

### Long-Term Prayer List:

Pastor Jim Herbolsheimer, Karla Schmidt (Julie Trauernicht’s mother), Caroline Klemz

### Our ‘Together in Mission’ Missionaries:

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

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### Bible Verse of the Month

Go therefore and make  
disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the  
name of the Father and of  
the Son and of the  
Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19*

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# June 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			9:00 AM Quilting <sup>1</sup>  7:00 PM Divine Service	10:00 AM Bible Study <sup>2</sup>	Church Office Closed <sup>3</sup>	7:00 AM Men's Bible Study <sup>4</sup>
<b>Pentecost Day</b> <sup>5</sup> 8:00 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 9:15 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service w/Zills- Hopfensperger Wedding and Holy Communion 11:00 AM Radio Broadcast	<sup>6</sup>	<sup>7</sup>	9:00 AM Quilting <sup>8</sup> 1:00-3:30 PM Youth - Day at the Park  7:00 PM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	10:00 AM Bible Study <sup>9</sup> 2:00 PM Ladies Aid/LWML	Church Office Closed <sup>10</sup>	7:00 AM Men's Bible Study <sup>11</sup>
<b>VBS—God's Wonder Lab—6pm to 8pm</b>						
<b>Trinity Sunday</b> <sup>12</sup> 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 11:00 AM Radio Broadcast	<sup>13</sup>	<sup>14</sup>	9:00 AM Quilting <sup>15</sup>  7:00 PM Divine Service	10:00 AM Bible Study <sup>16</sup>	Church Office Closed <sup>17</sup>  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	7:00 AM Men's Bible Study <sup>18</sup>
8:00 AM Divine Service <sup>19</sup> 9:15 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service 11:00 AM Radio Broadcast (No Holy Communion—Pastor Vacation)	<sup>20</sup>	<sup>21</sup>	9:00 AM Quilting <sup>22</sup> 10:00 AM Youth—Shalom Wildlife Zoo  7:00 PM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	10:00 AM Bible Study <sup>23</sup>  NEWSLETTER MAILING	Church Office Closed <sup>24</sup>	7:00 AM Men's Bible Study <sup>25</sup>
8:00 AM Divine Service <sup>26</sup> 9:15 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 11:00 AM Radio Broadcast	<sup>27</sup>	<sup>28</sup>	9:00 AM Quilting <sup>29</sup>  7:00 PM Divine Service	10:00 AM Bible Study <sup>30</sup>	Pella Lutheran Church 315 S. Madison Street Waupun, WI 53963 Phone 920-324-3321	

# June 2022 Serving Calendar

Date	Time	Organist / Pianist	Elder/Usher	Finance	Video Recording	Audio / Radio Recording
<b>Wednesday June 1</b>	7:00 PM	Christal Zills	Darwin Wetzel			
<b>Sunday June 5</b>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Christal Zills	Kevin Hahn	Marjie Peachey Diana Beder	Harvey Schmitz	G. Baumann / Warren Schmitz
<b>Wednesday June 8</b>	7:00 PM	Candis Breitkruetz	Kevin Hahn			
<b>Sunday June 12</b>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Candis Breitkruetz	George Baumann	Fred & Sandy Mclver	Val Loehrke	G. Baumann / Warren Schmitz
<b>Wednesday June 15</b>	7:00 PM	Lora Huizenga	Darwin Wetzel			
<b>Sunday June 19</b>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Lora Huizenga	Warren Schmitz	Gail VanLoo Cheryl Pater	D. VandeZande	Dan Holz
<b>Wednesday June 22</b>	7:00 PM	Candis Breitkruetz	George Baumann			
<b>Sunday June 26</b>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Candis Breitkruetz	Ben Kuenzi	Ben & Debbie Kuenzi	Steve Schmitz	G. Baumann / Warren Schmitz
<b>Wednesday June 29</b>	7:00 PM	Christal Zills	Darwin Wetzel			

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

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

**Soul Accounting:**  
Darlene Birkholz-Lueck and  
Marion Birkholz