

From the Pastor's Desk...

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness... Psalm 130:3-5

There is a group of psalms that are known as the Penitential Psalms. These seven psalms (6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143) are called "penitential" because a main characteristic in all of them is a strong expression of sorrow over sin. This is also a primary theme of Lent; we confess our sins while acknowledging that we deserve only God's wrath and punishment.

Many of these penitential psalms you are already familiar with, at least in part, because of their use in the Lutheran liturgy. For example, in the Divine Service, setting three (page 184) we speak these words: "I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and You forgave the iniquity of my sin." We use these words from Psalm 32 to confess our sins before God just as King David did centuries ago when he spoke these words by the Holy Spirit.

Or again, consider the words of the Offertory that we sing: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit." With these words from Psalm 51 we acknowledge that our hearts are unclean with sin but we call to the Lord for cleansing and restoration by the work of His Holy Spirit.

Although these psalms are known for their penitential nature, they also include some beautiful and comforting Gospel messages. It is not because we are repentant that our sins are forgiven, but rather, it is because of God's unfailing love in Christ. A person can be sorry for his sin but he cannot take that sin away, only God can do that.

As Christians we confess our sins before God with the joyful knowledge of His love and mercy. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. (Psalm 51:1)



Take some time during this Lenten season and read through all seven penitential psalms. Notice the anguish over sin in each of them and the comfort proclaimed in God's merciful forgiveness. Each time you hear of God's steadfast love and mercy think of the cross of Jesus. The love of God always results in action, God providing for us and all of His people. God so loved

the world that He sent His only-begotten Son to be the sacrificial Lamb. Jesus shed His blood for us, the cross of Christ is where we see the full payment made for our sins.

God grant that His Word as proclaimed in these psalms cause us to grow in our trust in Him and in our love for Him and others. Please join us for the midweek Lent services and Holy Week services as this glorious Word of God is further proclaimed.

AROUND PELLA



The Season of Lent

Lent is that special time in the Church Year when we focus specifically upon our Lord's suffering and death. We sometimes refer to Jesus' crucifixion as "the Passion of Christ." The word "passion" is derived from the Greek word *paschein* and the Latin *passio*, both of which mean "to suffer." We know that our Lord willingly endured horrible torture for our sake. In humble devotion to our Lord, it is appropriate that we set aside extra time to ponder the mercy of God and dwell upon His Word. Lent has been used throughout the ages as an opportunity for additional instruction in the faith. It is indeed good that we take time to review the teachings of God, all of which lead us to see God's glory in Christ. Our midweek Lenten services will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. Both the noon and 7:00 p.m. services, on Ash Wednesday, will observe the Lord's Supper. Pastor Knuth, along with some other pastors from SWD Circuit 8, will be participating in a Pulpit exchange. This gives each congregation a chance to hear other pastors from our circuit.

Lenten Dinners

We will again offer a dinner before each midweek evening Lenten service at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to help provide food for one of these midweek services, please sign-up on the sheet located in the Narthex.

Select Mission for March: Lutheran Hour Ministries

Lutheran Hour Ministries equips and engages a vibrant volunteer base to passionately proclaim the Gospel to more than 125 million people worldwide each week.

Through our North American headquarters and 34 ministry centers on six continents, LHM reaches into more than 50 countries, often bringing Christ to places where no other Christian evangelistic organizations are present.

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Don't forget to "Spring Forward" and set your clocks 1 hour ahead Sunday, March 10, 2019, at 2:00 am!

Youth for Christ Bowlathon

Looking for a fun event? Like to bowl? Help Youth for Christ and their mission to reach out to area youth. On Saturday, March 2nd, YFC will be holding their annual Bowlathon fundraiser at Jud-Sons in Waupun. Teams of 5 people are asked to raise pledges, bowl 2 games, while having a great time together, helping YFC reach kids. The event includes music, a DJ, silent auction, and numerous door prizes! For more information, available times, or to get a team packet, sign up online at www.badgerlandyfc.org or contact the Youth for Christ office at 923-1416 or gneevel12@hotmail.com

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Newsletter Prayer List

Long-Term Prayer List:

Pastor Jim Herbolsheimer
Our homebound members
Amy Vande Zande

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)

If you know of someone who should be included on our monthly prayer list, please contact Lora at 324-3321, ext. 10. Thank you.

Saturday, March 30, 2019

**Milwaukee Brewers
vs.
St. Louis Cardinals**



Join us for a night of
family fun and fellowship.

6:10 p.m.

Place your ticket order
through your
church/school office.

**Tickets:
\$20**

Loge Outfield Box

If you have any questions, contact
Robin at the District office,
414-292-0741.

Tickets will be mailed to
your church/school.

Group ticket orders need to be
placed by
Friday, March 15.

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March Birthdays

1 Claire Bunkoske	11 Wallace Peters	20 Marvin Kaul	28 Oliver Buchda	28 Gail VanLoo
2 Ansley Streblov	11 David Zuhlke	21 Michael Hintz	28 William Gerrits	29 Betty Zurbuchen
2 Austin Trauernicht	12 Elizabeth Hayes	21 Kora Samplawski	28 Kevin Hahn	30 Patti Pflueger
5 Ruth Pluim	15 Tierney Cornelius	22 Darlene Birkholz-Lueck	28 Patricia Reifsnider	31 Donna Mertz
5 Fred Zurbuchen	15 Jennifer Harmsen	24 Dennis Derksen		
7 Mark Jahnke	16 Dannie Uherka	24 Calvin Harmsen		
9 Lynne Reihbandt	16 Bryce Verheyen	25 Barbara Meier		
10 Thomas Hintz	17 Larry Holz	26 Jeffrey Kimpel		
10 Lori Peterson	17 Cleburn Talley	26 Rachel Mallow		
10 Steven Schmitz	17 Isabella Walter	26 Ryan Sullivan		
11 Cole Fischer	18 Peter Hansen	27 Mark DeVries		
11 Evangeline Hiner	19 Kayla Oleskow	27 Emelia LaMendola		

March Anniversaries

3 Harlan and Sandra Flier	45
16 Marty and Lora Huizenga	1
20 Stephen and Kim Parsons	25
24 Darwin and Susan Berndt	45
25 Roger and Patricia Reifsnider	21
30 Patrick and Julie Husnick	33

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March 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	2
							7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
Transfiguration 3 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM Education Hour 6:30 PM Confirmation Class	5	9:30 AM Prayer Group 6 7:00 PM Bible Class	ASH WEDNESDAY 6 9:00 AM Quilting 12:00 PM Divine Service/ Holy Communion 5:45 PM Pella Choir 6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Divine Service/ Holy Communion	7	8	9	
	6:00 PM Youth Board			10:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath		7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 	
9:00 AM Divine Service/ Holy Communion 10:15 AM Education Hour 6:30 PM Confirmation Class	11	12	13	14	15	16	
	9:00 AM Pella Life Group 7:00 PM Elders' Meeting	9:30 AM Prayer Group 6:30 PM Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM Bible Class	9:00 AM Quilting 12:00 PM Divine Service 5:45 PM Pella Choir 6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Divine Service 7:45 PM Sr. Youth Group	10:00 AM Bible Study 2:00 PM Ladies Aid/LWML 5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Newsletter Deadline</div>	7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	
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	<i>Lora on Vacation March 25-29</i>						
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March 2019 Serving Calendar

Date	Time	Organists	Elder/Altar Assistant	Finance	V/PA-Radio	Greeters	Acolytes	Ushers
3-3	9:00 AM	Ch. Zills	K. Hahn	D. Beder	H. Schmitz E. Swan ®	D. Klosterman		D. Buss N. Buss
3-6 Ash Wed.	12:00 PM	L. Huizenga	B. Kuenzi					
	7:00 PM	Ch. Zills	K. Hahn				S. Drewa	
3-10	9:00 AM	L. Huizenga	B. Kuenzi H. Flier	F. Mclver S. Mclver	V. Loehrke W. Schmitz ®	M. & P. Hopp	K. Westphal	D. Klosterman S. Long
3-13	12:00 PM	L. Huizenga	B. Kuenzi					
	7:00 PM	Ch. Zills	N. Trauernicht					
3-17	9:00 AM	Ca. Zills	W. Schmitz	M. Peachey	D. VandeZande G. Baumann ®	H. & C. Schmitz		H. Flier L. Gedamke
3-20	12:00 PM	L. Huizenga	B. Kuenzi					
	7:00 PM	Ch. Zills	D. Wetzel					
3-24	9:00 AM	Ch. Zills	W. Schmitz H. Flier	B. Kuenzi D. Kuenzi	S. Schmitz C. Landaal ®	J. & J. Quade	V. Martinez	M. Nolan H. Westhuis
3-27	12:00 PM	Ch. Zills	B. Kuenzi					
	7:00 PM	Ch. Zills	N. Trauernicht					
3-31	9:00 AM	Ca. Zills	D. Wetzel H. Flier	D. Beder	B. Kuenzi E. Swan	C. Oppermann	M. Holz	M. Nolan M. Hopp

Altar Circle Committee: Sharon Long, Jan Quade, Karol Harmsen
Soul Accounting: Darlene Birkholz-Lueck & Marion Birkholz

