

## LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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

*For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)*

We began the season of Lent with the words “Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return,” spoken on Ash Wednesday. Our mortality is a result of sin, Adam’s sin and our own. As sinners we will eventually return to the ground from which our first parents were made. We need to be mindful of this so that we always look to the only One who can truly give us immortality, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Immortality is given to those who are righteous, those without sin. We cannot become sinless on our own nor by our own merit, but God has provided the means by which we can be righteous in His sight. That way of righteousness is through Jesus alone. St. Paul explains this in this verse from Second Corinthians, and he begins by saying, “*For our sake...*” meaning, for the sake of us sinners. “*For our sake He (God the Father) made Him (Jesus) to be sin who knew no sin.*”

Jesus has no sin of His own, He is completely and entirely without sin. He is the very Son of God,

holy, righteous and divine. But He willingly took all the sin of all mankind from all time, into Himself. To emphasize the enormity of this truth, St. Paul employs this powerful figure of speech: “God made Him to *be* sin.” To look at Jesus on the cross was like looking at all the sin of all people in one location, in one person. To see Jesus hanging on the tree was to see sin, your sin and mine. The hymn stanza puts it well: “Ye who think of sin but lightly, nor suppose the evil great, here may view it’s nature rightly, here it’s guilt may estimate.” (LSB 451)

But thanks be to God! Jesus willingly endured this punishment and death for our sin so that we could receive His righteousness by faith. It is indeed finished! His one act of suffering and dying was enough to bring us salvation. We are now “the righteousness of God.” All believers will live eternally with God on account of Jesus’ sacrificial gift.

So by all means, remember that you are dust, but also remember that in Jesus our bodies will be raised and glorified like His. We will not remain in the tomb forever but will abide with Him in glory!

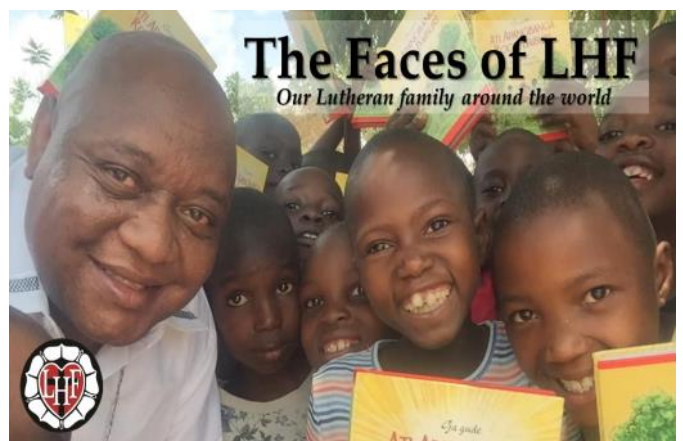
In Christ, *Pastor Knuth*

### Select Mission for March:

### Lutheran Heritage Foundation

“The Faces of ‘LHF’ - Our Lutheran Family” will be the theme of Rev Robert Marshall’s presentation during the March 12 Bible class hour. He will take us around the world and around the corner to meet the people of our Lutheran “family” who have been brought to faith in Jesus, our Savior, through the books of “LHF” - the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. The “family” of Christ has grown by the Holy Spirit’s Work through His Word in LHF’s books. From the Bible and Luther’s Catechism translated, published, introduced and distributed in

Latvian and Russian by LHF 30 years ago, LHF’s work has spread to every continent. Today, books for all ages are available in about 150 languages spread across some 1,370 titles. Reverend Marshall will also be preaching at both Sunday services. You will recognize him from his visit two years ago for LHF and as the father-in-law of our former Vicar, Joshua Benish. Plan to join us on Sunday, March 12.



# AROUND PELLA

## From the Vicar's Desk...

As we make our way through the Divine Service, more specifically the Service of the Word, we reach two smaller, but no less important, parts of our liturgy: the Salutation and the Collect of the Day. The Salutation is a greeting and blessing in the name of the Lord: the pastor says "The Lord be with you" and the congregation responds "And with thy spirit" or "And also with you." Boaz uses the phrase as a greeting to his fieldworkers (Ruth 2:4) while Paul uses it as a farewell at the end of his second letter to young pastor Timothy (II Tim 4:22). Historically, the Church used this phrase to mark significant moments in the liturgy where the people were to give special attention. Divine Service Setting Three marks three specific places of interest with the Salutation: (1) the Collect and the day's Lectionary readings, (2) the beginning of the Service of the Sacrament in the Preface, and (3) the end of the service at the Benedicamus and Benediction. The other Settings retain the first two locations of the Salutation.

The little phrase, "The Lord be with you," isn't intended only for use in the Liturgy. It is a blessing that can be used to signify important moments in our lives. That is why Pastor Knuth and I use it in our welcome at the beginning of services. I personally like to use it to open or close Bible studies and meetings. It makes an exceptional greeting and farewell because it is so meaningful; the Lord is with us always, even to the end of the age. So I encourage you to use this throughout your daily lives to remind yourself and fellow brothers and

sisters in Christ of this reality of the Lord being with us always.

The Collect, as the name implies, "collects" the themes and thoughts of the day from the Introit, the readings, and potentially the sermon, and attempts to unify them into a single prayer. Because the Collect changes from day to day it belongs to a category known as the Propers, as in "it is proper for that day." The Collect is generally made up of five parts: (1) The Collect opens with an **address** to God using one of His various names (e.g. "O Lord" or "O God") and may include additional descriptions (e.g. "merciful" or "almighty"). (2) Then follows a **rationale** that describes some attribute of God that serves as the basis on which we make our petition. (3) The **petition** is where the actual request of the prayer is made and typically begins with "give," "bless," "defend," or something along those lines. (4) The desired **benefit** that is hoped to come from the petition is stated next. (5) Finally, the Collect concludes with the termination: "Through Jesus Christ..." The Collect is flexible in that parts two or four can be, and sometimes are, omitted to provide a concise prayer that prepares all those hearing for the coming Word of God in the readings and explanation in the sermon.

In Christ,

✚Vicar Schober

*Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi*

### MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP

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Wednesday Divine Services

12:00 Noon & 7:00 p.m.

~Every Wednesday in March~

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Theme: "Given and Shed for You" -  
The Lord's Supper for Lent

A fellowship Lent dinner will be served before the evening Lent service, beginning at 6 p.m. If you would like to help provide food for one of these meals, please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex.

### Welcome New Pella Members



Jordan and  
Chelsea Bedker  
joined our  
Pella family in  
February.

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**IHH Preschool Registration:** If you have a child or grandchild who will be age 3 by September 1, please consider IHH Preschool for the fall. Registration packets can be picked up in the school hallway. Contact Jenna Westphal for more information about our program.

**Tuesday Evening Bible Study:** We are gauging interest in a Tuesday Evening Bible study at 6:30 or 7 pm. Please let Pastor or Tomi Knuth know if you would likely attend a Bible study on Tuesday evenings.

**125th Anniversary Committee:** Volunteers are needed to serve on a committee to plan anniversary event(s) for 2024. Please let Tomi Knuth know if you're interested with a call or email to the office.

**Vicar for 2023-2024:** Pella has applied for our 4th Vicar for 2023-24. The assignment service will be at the end of April. Thereafter, we will need to raise funds to host another Vicar. You can donate to this by indicating "Vicar Fund" on an envelope with your donation. It costs approximately \$52,000 each year to pay, house and insure a Vicar.

**Church Directory:** Printing proofs are being reviewed and we hope to have the directories here later this month. If you had your photo taken, you will receive a free directory.


The "Sew-Sew Pella Packers" are displaying a nice selection of their 60"x 80" quilts in the fellowship hall downstairs. These quilts are available for purchase with a \$20+ donation. All funds received will be used for materials (thread, needles, fabric, etc.) to make more quilts.

**Easter Flowers:** To purchase flowers for our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex or by the office, or call Tomi in the church office with your order. Choice of 6" Easter lilies, tulips, hyacinths, or daffodils are \$10.00 each. Please use the special envelope and place in the collection plate before April 9. **Deadline is March 14.**



**Easter Breakfast:** Pella's Youth will serve a delicious breakfast on Easter Sunday between services. Food donations needed will be posted on the door near the office in mid-March.

**Help Needed—VBS:** Can you help with Vacation Bible School this summer? We are in the initial planning stages and need to know if we have enough volunteers before setting the dates and purchasing curriculum. Please let Tomi Knuth know if you are willing to help.



**Long-Term Prayer List:**  
 Karla Schmidt (Julie Trauernicht's mother), Hannah (granddaughter of Ann Keyser)

**'Together in Mission':**  
 Cindy Zirbel Wrucke (Czech Republic)  
 Rev. Michael & Irene Paul (Taiwan)

## March Birthdays

1 Claire Bunkoske	15 Aaron Hull	24 Calvin Harmsen
2 Ansley Streblow	16 Bonnie Meier	26 Ryan Sullivan
2 Austin Trauernicht	16 Dannic Uherka	27 Emelia LaMendola
5 Ruth Pluim	16 Bryce Verheyen	27 Lincoln Kreis
7 Mark Jahnke	16 Noah Samplawski	28 William Gerrits
10 Lori Peterson	17 Larry Holz	28 Kevin Hahn
10 Steven Schmitz	18 Barb Marx	28 Patricia Reifsnider
11 Cole Fischer	19 Amanda Harmsen	28 Gail VanLoo
12 Elizabeth Hayes	21 Kora Samplawski	29 Betty Zurbuchen
15 Tierney Cornelius	22 Darlene Birkholz-Lueck	31 Donna Mertz
15 Jennifer Harmsen	24 Dennis Derksen	

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS  
 ABUNDANT BLESSINGS  
 OF LIFE AND LOVE!

## March Anniversaries

3 Harlan and Sandra Flier	50
16 Marty and Lora Huizenga	5
20 Stephen and Kim Parsons	30
24 Darwin and Susan Berndt	50
25 Roger and Patricia Reifsnider	26

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### Bible Verse of the Month

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*2 Corinthians 5:21*

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# March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Pella Lutheran Church</b>  <b>315 S. Madison Street</b>  <b>Waupun, WI 53963</b>  <b>Phone 920-324-3321</b></p>			<p><b>1</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>12 Noon Lent Service</p> <p>6:00 PM Sr. &amp; Jr. Youth</p> <p>6:00 PM Lent Supper</p> <p>7:00 PM Lent Service</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion</p> <p>9:15 AM Education Hour</p> <p>10:30 AM Divine Service</p> <p>11:00 AM Radio Broadcast</p> <p>6:30 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Youth Board</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>12 Noon Lent Service</p> <p>6:00 PM Sr. &amp; Jr. Youth</p> <p>6:00 PM Lent Supper</p> <p>7:00 PM Lent Service</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>2:00 PM Ladies Aid/LWML</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Time to Spring Ahead</p> </div>
<p><b>LHF Sunday</b> <b>12</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Divine Service</p> <p>9:15 AM Education Hour</p> <p>10:30 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion</p> <p>11:00 AM Radio Broadcast</p> <p>6:30 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Elders Meeting</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Trustees Meeting</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>12 Noon Lent Service</p> <p>6:00 PM Sr. &amp; Jr. Youth</p> <p>6:00 PM Lent Supper</p> <p>7:00 PM Lent Service</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">             Newsletter Deadline         </div>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion</p> <p>9:15 AM Education Hour</p> <p>10:30 AM Divine Service</p> <p>11:00 AM Radio Broadcast</p> <p>6:30 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Church Council</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>12 Noon Lent Service</p> <p>6:00 PM Sr. &amp; Jr. Youth</p> <p>6:00 PM Lent Supper</p> <p>7:00 PM Lent Service</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">             Newsletter Mailing         </div>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>
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# March 2023 Serving Calendar

Date	Time	Organist / Pianist	Elder/Usher	Finance	Video Recording	Audio / Radio Recording
Wednesday March 1	Noon 7:00 PM	Sarah Schober Candis Breitkruetz	Ben Kuenzi Kevin Hahn			
Sunday March 5	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Candis Breitkruetz	Warren Schmitz	Marj Peachey Diana Beder	Val Loehrke	Warren Schmitz
Wednesday March 8	Noon 7:00 PM	Lora Huizenga Candis Breitkruetz	Ben Kuenzi Darwin Wetzel			
Sunday March 12	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Sarah Schober	Ben Kuenzi	B. & D. Kuenzi M. & P. Hopp	Val Loehrke	Warren Schmitz
Wednesday March 15	Noon 7:00 PM	Lora Huizenga Sarah Schober	Ben Kuenzi Darwin Wetzel			
Sunday March 19	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Sarah Schober	Kevin Hahn	Gail VanLoo Cheryl Pater	D. VandeZande	Dan Holz
Wednesday March 22	Noon 7:00 PM	Lora Huizenga Candis Breitkruetz	Ben Kuenzi Darwin Wetzel			
Sunday March 26	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Lora Huizenga	Warren Schmitz	Ben & Debbie Kuenzi	Steve Schmitz	Warren Schmitz
Wednesday March 29	Noon 7:00 PM	Lora Huizenga Candis Breitkruetz	Ben Kuenzi Darwin Wetzel			



Altar Circle Committee: Jan Quade, Arlene Pattee  
Soul Accounting: Darlene Birkholz-Lueck & Marion Birkholz

