

From the Pastor's Desk...

Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:7-8

A little boy asked his friend, "Do you believe in the devil?" The friend answered, "Naw, that's just like Santa Claus, it's your dad all along."

The belief in a real, personal devil seems downright medieval by modern society. We may receive patronizing accommodations for our belief in God but start talking about the devil and his evil works and people will think you need medication.

During the Easter season we rightfully emphasize Jesus' victory over sin and death. He was indeed crucified as payment for our sins, and He rose from the dead guaranteeing the bodies of all who trust in Him will also be raised from the dead and glorified.

But Jesus also defeated the works of the devil. And what are the works of the devil? Specifically, sin. *"Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil... for the devil has been sinning from the beginning."* The devil continues in his sin against God and seeks to lead others into sin. When people sin against God they stand accountable for their actions. (Read Genesis 3) Satan cunningly lulls guides people down the broad way of damnation with myriad temptations.

Those who make light of the devil tend to make light of sin, and vice versa. When a person continues in sin they are opening themselves up to the complete control of the devil. This is why many people blindly continue in such obvious sinful practices, because they are of the devil. *"In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers..."* 2 Corinthians 4:4

Similarly, Jesus said to those who hated Him: *"You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the*

beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies." John 8:44

The only help from Satan's grip is, of course, Jesus: *"The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil."* Only through true faith in Christ can there be deliverance from the power of the devil; only by the Word of God are we able to defend against his lies and deception. (Ephesians 6:10-20)

Jesus' resurrection is the guarantee of His victory over sin, death and the devil! He continues to share this victory through very specific "means," namely His Word and Sacraments.

Luther writes in the Large Catechism: *"If you could see how many daggers, spears, and arrows are at every moment aimed at you, you would be glad to come to the sacrament as often as possible. The only reason we go about so securely and heedlessly is that we neither acknowledge nor believe that we are in the flesh, in this wicked world, or under the kingdom of the devil."*

Self-defense instructors teach that a person should always be aware of his or her surroundings. This does not mean being in a perpetual state of paranoia but remaining alert and recognizing where and when a predator may try to attack so you'll be prepared to defend yourself. The Bible says the same thing concerning a much greater threat: *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.* 1 Peter 5:8

When we abide in God's powerful armor of His Word and Spirit (See Ephesians 6) we are well protected to stand against Satan's attacks, and we are also in position to offer help to those who remain in the grasp of our real, dangerous enemy. Thank God for His victory over Satan!
Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

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.

“Super Senior Sunday”

Pella is honoring its “Super Seniors” (80 years and over) with a catered luncheon and program on Sunday, May 19, beginning at 11:30 a.m. The family - style meal consists of baked chicken, apple glazed pork, mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable, fruit salad, roll, beverage and a cupcake for dessert.

Folks under 80 years are encouraged to attend to honor our Seniors. Seniors and their spouses will receive free meals. Others are asked to pay \$14 per person. Reservations may be made by calling Donna Klosterman (324-3962). A reservation/payment may be made to Donna by depositing a check in the Ladies Aid mailbox in the church office.



The final day for reservations is Wednesday, MAY 8.

April 22nd Congregational Meeting Hi-lights

Membership changes since last Congregational Meeting in October...

Received into membership:

JoAnn Schmitz by transfer from Faith Lutheran Church in Green Bay, WI

Roger Reifsnider and Mary Jo Kearley by Profession of Faith

Released from membership: Daniel & Barbara Hendricks and Kenneth Durant.

Deaths: Eunice Ott, Lillian Oppermann, Marvin Growth, Otto Zills, Jennie Ludwig, and Ed Bernthal

A BIG thank you to Warren Schmitz for his work on plugging up areas where bats were suspected to be entering the church.

The Parking Lot will need to be replaced this year. It is in rough shape and as long as there is construction on Madison Street, now is the time. Different options were presented between concrete and blacktop. It was decided to use concrete (5”) and be braced for excavation costs that would be extra.

Quotes and options for replacing the boilers were addressed. Upgrade would run approximately \$70,000 - \$85,000. John Stephens is checking with the gas company if we would be eligible for rebates if we would replace with high efficiency boilers. Discussion was held. A motion was made to replace all the boilers with high efficiency boilers and let John and the Council make any necessary decisions on who to contract, etc. The replacement of the high efficiency units’ cost would be capped at \$85,000. Money will be used from the contingency fund.

Arlene Pattee is our new custodian and has been working with Dani. Any concerns or suggestions you may have, please bring them to John’s attention.

May Select Mission

Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County, Inc.

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Thank You

Good Food and Good Fellowship were had by all who attended the Lenten Suppers. A big THANK YOU to all who brought the delicious food for all to enjoy. Sandy Flier & Sandy Armga

Mother's Day Roses

Mother's Day Roses will be available in the narthex and by the elevator entrance on Sunday, May 12th. Suggested donation is \$2.00 each. Proceeds go to "Wisconsin Right to Life".



Thank You

Dear Members of Pella,

Thank you so much for the generous gift. Although it was a difficult decision to end my duties here at Pella, I know it was the right decision. Thank you all for the kind words over the years. You did make me feel appreciated.

Thank you, Dani Rasmussen

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)

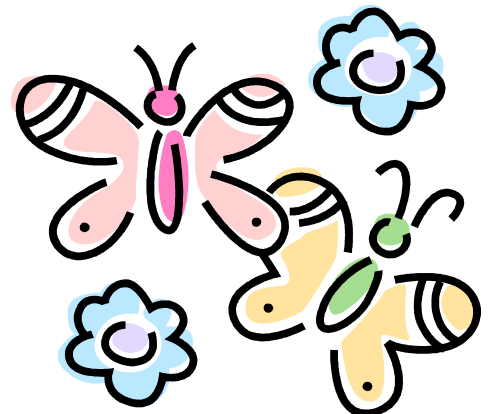
If you know of someone who should be included on our monthly prayer list, please contact Lora at 324-3321, ext. 10. Thank you.

May Birthdays

1 Trista Gallenbeck	16 Jeffrey Bonack	25 Loretta Gedamke
4 Amy VandeZande	16 Debbie Kuenzi	25 Lyle Hull
5 Cassidy Pluim	16 Nathaniel Mallow	25 Charles Husnick
5 Julie Vanderbush	16 Brylea Martinez	26 Kenneth Baumhardt
9 Jordan Parsons	16 Aaron Schouten	26 William "Dusty" Gerrits
9 Myla Schultz	18 Logan Hopp	27 Bernice Schultz
10 Lucille Ninneman	18 Lori Schmidt	28 Dawn Smith
10 Kylie Peltier	19 Nathan Schouten	28 Meagan VandeBerg
10 Raegen Sievert	20 Jeffrey Pluim	28 Julie Verheyen
11 Janelle Hendricks	21 Travis TerBeest	28 Amy Westhuis
12 Michael VanLoo	22 Amy Hopp	28 Eugene Wook
13 Kathleen Ryan	22 Lisa Vande Slunt	29 Crystal Slosser
13 Johanna Schultz	23 George Baumann	30 Cory Peterson
14 Celestine Uherka	23 Luann Westhuis	30 Jeffrey Swan
15 Gerald Rahn	24 Braeson Cornelius	31 Kenneth Pluim
15 Lindsey Rasmussen	24 Addilyn Pluim	31 Emily Zuhlke

May Anniversaries

1 Fred and Sandra Mclver	54
3 Matthew & Cassandra Shadley	5
12 Gary and Kim Luchini	29
14 Michael and Suzanne Pluim	36
22 Ralph and Kristine Koehler	26
26 Jeffrey and Julie Bonack	29
31 Theodore and Brenda Krenz	16



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May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Pella Lutheran Church 315 S. Madison St. Waupun, WI 53963 Phone 920-324-3321</p>			<p>1 9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group 7:00 PM Divine Service</p>	<p>2 10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>2:30 PM Knuth-Weiglein Wedding</p>
<p>5 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM Education Hour</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00 PM Youth Board 7:00 PM Elders' Meeting</p>	<p>7 9:30 AM Prayer Group</p> <p>6:30 PM Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>8 9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group 7:00 PM Divine Service with Holy Communion 7:45 PM Sr. High Youth</p>	<p>9 10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>12 9:00 AM Divine Service with Holy Communion 10:15 AM Education Hour</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>13 9:00 AM Pella Life Group</p>	<p>14 9:30 AM Prayer Group</p>	<p>15 9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group 7:00 PM Divine Service</p>	<p>16 10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath</p>	<p>17 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>18 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>19 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM Education Hour 11:30 AM Super Seniors' Meal</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Last Day of Sunday School</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00 PM Church Council</p>	<p>21 9:30 AM Prayer Group</p>	<p>22 9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group 7:00 PM Divine Service with Holy Communion 7:45 PM Sr. High Youth</p>	<p>23 10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath</p> <p>NEWSLETTER MAILING</p>	<p>24 6:00PM Card Night</p>	<p>25 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>26 9:00 AM Divine Service with Holy Communion 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>Memorial Day 27</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Remember Those Who Served</p> <p><i>Church Office Closed</i></p> </div>	<p>28 9:30 AM Prayer Group</p>	<p>29 9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>7:00 PM Divine Service</p>	<p>30 10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath</p>	<p>31</p>	

May 2019 Serving Calendar

Date	Time	Organists	Elder/ Altar Assistant	Finance	V/PA-Radio	Greeters	Acolytes	Ushers
5-1	7:00 PM	Ch. Zills	N. Trauernicht					
5-5	9:00 AM	Ch. Zills	B. Kuenzi	M. Peachey	H. Schmitz E. Swan ®	D. Klosterman	E. Wachter	D. Klosterman L. Gedamke
5-8	7:00 PM	Ch. Zills	B. Kuenzi					
5-12	9:00 AM	Ch. Zills	D. Wetzel T. Canniff	M. Bowe S. Bowe	V. Loehrke W. Schmitz ®	M. & P. Hopp	K. Westphal	H. Flier M. Hopp
5-15	7:00 PM	L. Huizenga	K. Hahn					
5-19	9:00 AM	L. Huizenga	K. Hahn	C. Pater G. VanLoo	D. VandeZande G. Baumann ®	H. & C. Schmitz		G. Baumann R. Baumann
5-22	7:00 PM	L. Huizenga	D. Wetzel				S. Drewa	
5-26	9:00 AM	Ca. Zills	W. Schmitz T. Canniff	F. Mclver S. Mclver	S. Schmitz C. Landaal ®	J. & J. Quade	M. Holz	H. Westhuis M. Nolan
5-29	7:00 PM	Ch. Zills	N. Trauernicht					

Altar Circle Committee: Donna Klosterman, Julie Trauernicht, Sandra Bowe, Heidi Gerrits
Soul Accounting: Dave & Phyllis Williams

