

## LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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

*And God 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. Ephesians 1:22-23*

Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> is Ascension Day. This day marks the anniversary when our risen Lord went up into heaven forty days after His resurrection. This year we will be observing the Ascension of our Lord the following Sunday, on May 29th.

Jesus' ascension assures us that He is always with us. He is with us in His Word and Sacraments, and He even lives within us. With the words from the familiar Easter hymn "*I Know that My Redeemer Lives*", we confess some important truths about our risen and ascended Lord and Savior:

*He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend.*

*He lives and loves me to the end.*

*He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;*

*He lives, my Prophet, Priest and King.*

Jesus is our prophet. A prophet is one who speaks the Word of God. Because Jesus is God, everything He says *is* the Word of God. The Word proclaims the Good News of all that Jesus has done for our salvation. This Gospel is the power of God for the salvation of all who believe. (Romans 1:17) Jesus lives as our Prophet!

Jesus is also our Priest. The Old Testament priests offered animal sacrifices repeatedly

even though the blood of animals couldn't actually take away sin. But Jesus, the perfect priest, offered up the one perfect sacrifice, Himself, as the holy Lamb of God. (Hebrews 10:11-18)

As our priest Jesus also intercedes for His Church. "*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) Jesus lives as our Priest!

Jesus is our King. But His Kingdom is not of this world. Jesus' Kingdom is eternal and is over all things. Our gracious King humbled Himself to be a servant and was offered up as a sacrifice so that we could be members of His holy Kingdom. What earthly king would stoop so low even to the point of death on the cross just so that sinners could inherit his kingdom? Jesus lives as our King!

So let us not think of Ascension Day as Jesus leaving His church. Rather, let us rejoice that His ascension into heaven assures us that He is with His people in all places at all times. And one day He will visibly appear to take us to live with Him in His perfect Kingdom!

In Christ's service,

*Pastor Knuth*



### **May Select Mission: *Issues, Etc.***

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# AROUND PELLA

## From the Vicar's Desk...

**Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!  
Alleluia!**

This Easter acclamation still rings in the ears of every Christian throughout their lives and this Easter season. When it is spoken in the Divine Service, one can't help but shout it aloud. It is the fact of our Lord's resurrection that brings peace and comfort in the midst of a world filled with death and sorrow. Indeed, if there is no resurrection Christians are of all people most to be pitied, in the words of St. Paul. Our entire Christian faith is wrapped up in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the resurrection of the body and the life of the world to come that we look to with eager joy. In fact, Christ has been raised from the dead! Our faith is not in vain, because Christ rose, you too will rise.

Because Christ rose triumphant from the grave, now all sons and daughters of the King (you and me) "laugh to scorn the gloomy grave and at death no longer tremble" (LSB 741:7). You need not fear death, for as your Lord passed through its valley, so you will pass through the valley of the shadow of death and into life immortal with a new, resurrected, & glorified body! The reality of our Lord's resurrection, knowing there is a resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to

come for those who believe in Christ, gives us the strength to say "I am content! My Jesus ever lives!" (LSB 468). The answer to death, the answer to all fears and anxieties, the answer to the assaults of the evil one against your conscience, the answer to suffering, the answer to sorrow is the bodily resurrection of your Lord, Jesus Christ. Ponder these words of St. Peter and notice the importance of the resurrection. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope *through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead*, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:3-7, emphasis mine).

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### 2022-23 Vicar



Pella has been assigned Vicar John Schober to serve for one year as part of his training to become a LCMS pastor. He is from North Richland Hills, Texas and is currently completing his second year of studies at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Vicar Schober will join us in July or August.

He is engaged to be married to Sarah Johnson on October 1st in Spencer, Wisconsin.

Please keep Vicar Schober in your prayers and let us all give him a warm Pella welcome to Waupun!

### Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 22, 2021 at 11:30 AM

### Wendorff Call



Our former Vicar, Aaron Wendorff, has been called to serve in the Iowa West District as Pastor for two congregations, Our Savior Lutheran Church in Leon, Iowa, and Immanuel Lutheran Church in Osceola, Iowa. Please keep their

family in your prayers as he completes his seminary classes, they move their household again, and as he is ordained and installed in the Holy Ministry.



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## CONFIRMATION

May 1, 2021  
10:30 a.m.

**Maximiliano Manuel Montanez**

*Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.  
Matthew 28:20*

**Ezekiel David Montanez**

*Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame.  
Romans 10:11*



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We have partnered with Harmann Studios to create our new Pella Lutheran pictorial directory

### OUR PHOTOGRAPHY DATES:

November 2nd - November 5th

*Look for more information coming this summer*

## 2022 Vacation Bible School



June 5, 6 & 7  
6-8 p.m.

Register now at:  
[vbsmate.com/PellaLutheran](http://vbsmate.com/PellaLutheran)

This year we are encouraging families to attend VBS together! Parents and siblings are welcome to stay and learn alongside their child(ren) and join in the fun. While it is not required, we feel it would be a nice time to make and share memories as we learn about Jesus together.

## Mother's Day Roses



Mother's Day roses will be available in the narthex and by the elevator entrance on Sunday, May 8th. Celebrate and honor your mother on her special day this year by giving her a rose - the international symbol of the pro-life movement. Suggested donation is just \$2 for each flower. All proceeds will benefit the educational and pregnancy aid outreaches of the Dodge Co. chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life.

## Armed Forces Sunday—May 22

If you have a friend or family member who is active duty or reserve military, please call or email the office with their name and we will include them in the prayers on Armed Forces Sunday.

## May Birthdays

1 Trista Gallenbeck	16 Debbie Kuenzi	25 Loretta Gedamke
1 Carter Bunkoske	16 Brylea Martinez	26 Kenneth Baumhardt
5 Julie Vanderbush	16 Aaron Schouten	26 Dusty Gerrits
5 Cassidy Pluim	18 Logan Hopp	26 Lyla Mattheis
6 Sam Mattheis	18 Lori Schmidt	27 Bernice Schultz
7 Arlyn Landheer	20 Jeffrey Pluim	28 Julie Verheyen
9 Jordan Parsons	21 Travis TerBeest	28 Amy Zak
10 Kylie Peltier	22 Amy Hopp	28 Eugene Wock
11 Janelle Hendricks	22 Lisa Vande Slunt	28 Veda Pulda
13 Kathy Ryan	23 George Baumann	29 Crystal Slosser
14 Celestine Uherka	23 Luann Westhuis	30 Cory Peterson
15 Lindsey Rasmussen	24 Braeson Cornelius	30 Jeffrey Swan
16 Jeffrey Bonack	24 Addilyn Pluim	31 Kenneth Pluim

## Fabric Needed

Pella's quilters have been busy making many quilts, but they are now running low on cotton fabric. Donations of cotton material and sheets are very appreciated!



## May Anniversaries

1	Fred and Sandra McIver	57
3	Matthew & Cassandra Shadley	8
12	Gary and Kim Luchini	32
14	Michael and Suzanne Pluim	39
26	Jeffrey and Julie Bonack	32
30	Arlyn and Mary Landheer	41

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### Bible Verse of the Month

“I am the  
Good Shepherd.  
The Good  
Shepherd lays  
down his life for  
the sheep.”

*John 10:11*

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# May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>CONFIRMATION</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Divine Service w/ Holy Communion <b>9:15 AM</b> Education Hour <b>10:30 AM</b> Divine Service w/ Holy Communion <b>11:00 AM</b> Radio Broadcast	<b>2</b>    <b>6:00 PM</b> Youth Board	<b>3</b>     	<b>4</b>    <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilting    <b>6:00 PM</b> Sr. & Jr. Youth <b>7:00 PM</b> Divine Service	<b>5</b>       <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study	<b>6</b>       Church Office Closed	<b>7</b>       <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study
<b>8</b> <b>(No Holy Communion Today)</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Divine Service <b>9:15 AM</b> Education Hour <b>10:30 AM</b> Divine Service <b>11:00 AM</b> Radio Broadcast	<b>9</b>       <b>7:00 PM</b> Elders' Meeting	<b>10</b>       <b>6:30 PM</b> Trustees Meeting	<b>11</b>       <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilting    <b>6:00 PM</b> Sr. & Jr. Youth <b>7:00 PM</b> Divine Service	<b>12</b>       <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study    <b>2:00 PM</b> Ladies Aid/LWML	<b>13</b>       Church Office Closed	<b>14</b>       <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study
<b>15</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Divine Service w/ Holy Communion <b>9:15 AM</b> Education Hour <b>10:30 AM</b> Divine Service <b>11:00 AM</b> Radio Broadcast <b>Noon</b> Super Seniors Dinner	<b>16</b>       <b>7:00 PM</b> Church Council	<b>17</b>       <b>6:30 PM</b> VBS Meeting	<b>18</b>       <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilting    <b>6:00 PM</b> Sr. & Jr. Youth <b>7:00 PM</b> Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	<b>19</b>       <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study	<b>20</b>       Church Office Closed    NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>21</b>       <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study
<b>22</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Divine Service <b>9:15 AM</b> Education Hour <b>10:30 AM</b> Divine Service w/ Holy Communion <b>11:00 AM</b> Radio Broadcast <b>11:30 AM</b> Congregational Meeting	<b>23</b>       	<b>24</b>       	<b>25</b>       <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilting    <b>6:00 PM</b> Sr. & Jr. Youth <b>7:00 PM</b> Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	<b>26</b>       <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study	<b>27</b>       Church Office Closed	<b>28</b>       <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study
<b>29</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Divine Service w/ Holy Communion <b>9:15 AM</b> Bible Study <b>10:30 AM</b> Divine Service w/ Holy Communion <b>11:00 AM</b> Radio Broadcast	<b>30</b>  Memorial DAY Church Office Closed	<b>31</b>       	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Pella Lutheran Church</b>  <b>315 S. Madison St.</b>  <b>Waupun, WI 53963</b>  <b>Phone 920-324-3321</b> </p>			

# May 2022 Serving Calendar

Date	Time	Organist / Pianist	Elder/Usher	Finance	Video Recording	Audio / Radio Recording
<b>Sunday May 1</b>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Candis Breitkruetz	Warren Schmitz	Marj Peachey Diana Beder	Harvey Schmitz	G. Baumann / Warren Schmitz
<b>Wednesday May 4</b>	7:00 PM	Candis Breitkruetz	Kevin Hahn			
<b>Sunday May 8</b>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Christal Zills	George Baumann	F. & S. Mclver	Val Loehrke	G. Baumann / Warren Schmitz
<b>Wednesday May 11</b>	7:00 PM	Lora Huizenga	Darwin Wetzel			
<b>Sunday May 15</b>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Lora Huizenga	Kevin Hahn	Gail VanLoo Cheryl Pater	D. VandeZande	Dan Holz
<b>Wednesday May 18</b>	7:00 PM	Candis Breitkruetz	Darwin Wetzel			
<b>Sunday May 22</b>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Candis Breitkruetz	Ben Kuenzi	Ben & Debbie Kuenzi	Steve Schmitz	G. Baumann / Warren Schmitz
<b>Wednesday May 25</b>	7:00 PM	Candis Breitkruetz	Ben Kuenzi			
<b>Sunday May 29</b>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Christal Zills	Warren Schmitz	F. & S. Mclver	Ben Kuenzi	G. Baumann / Warren Schmitz

**Altar Circle Committee:** Donna Klostermann & Julie Trauernicht

**Soul Accounting:** Ken & Val Loehrke

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!**  
**Serve the LORD with gladness!**  
**Come into his presence with singing! Psalm 100:1-2**

