

LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

From the Pastor's Desk...

Romans 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

These words brought about the turning point in Martin Luther's understanding of our relationship with God. We are not saved on account of our works or anything good within us. Rather, "*The righteous shall live by faith...*" alone!

With this knowledge of God's grace through faith all of the Scriptures are opened up for us to see the glorious mercy of God. God saves us not on account of anything good we do but solely for the sake of Christ.

These teachings from the Scriptures brought about what we commonly refer to as the marks of the Lutheran Reformation or the three Lutheran principles, also known as the three "solas." Sola Scriptura, Sola Gratia, Sola Fide.

Sola Scriptura: Scripture Alone! The sole basis for the teachings of the Church comes from the Bible. God's Word is the authority that we must humbly receive and follow. The revelation of God to His chosen writers of the Old and New Testaments is unchanging and timeless. In the Scriptures God makes known the glorious message concerning His Son, the promised Savior.

What God says in the Bible is still authoritative today. This truth is viciously attack in our society by many who consider the Bible a relic of past prejudices that has no relevance for today. But as Lutherans we still confess that the source for knowledge and understanding about God and our salvation comes from the Scriptures alone!

Sola Gratia: Grace Alone! Grace is sometimes defined as "an underserved gift." We don't deserve

salvation, but God graciously sent His Son into the world so that He would suffer and die in our place. And after making payment for our sin He rose from the grave and will return in glory. God did all of this only out of His mercy and love.

Can a person be sure they will be in heaven? Yes! Because of God's grace alone! (See Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-10)

Sola Fide: Faith Alone! Faith is the trust we have in Jesus Christ and all that He has done to secure our salvation. By faith we believe all that God says in the Bible. We walk by faith even when everything seems against us remembering God's promises that He will always be with us and will help us. (see 2 Corinthians 5:6-8)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1) We haven't seen Jesus with our own eyes but we believe in Him and know that on the Last Day we will see Him and will live with Him and the Father and the Holy Spirit, together with all believers.

These three "solas" put the emphasis of the Christian faith upon God, not our works. Central to all three of them is God's Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. The key to the Bible is Jesus. The grace of God is that He gave His Son to die for us. And of course, true faith trusts in Jesus.

November is a month of Thanksgiving. As Lutheran Christians let us include a prayer of thanksgiving to God for all those who faithfully proclaimed the grace of God in Christ as taught in the Bible. God has made know the way of eternal life through the forgiveness of sins in Christ. Thanks be to God!



Thank You, LORD!

AROUND PELLA

Pastor Jim Update:

The following is part of a Facebook post from Pastor Jim for those of you who would like an update on his condition:

“Dr. Menachery confirmed the cancer in my bone marrow has grown to 50-60% cancer cells. Back in May of 2016, when I first was diagnosed, I was at 70% of my bone marrow. After several different chemos, we were able to get it down to 20% which was low enough to do the transplant, which was May of 2017. But following transplant, and since the cancer was still there, I have been on chemo the last two years and unfortunately that all been for naught, as my numbers are almost as high as when I was first diagnosed.

I personally believe I can learn three amazing lessons to gain strength in my own seasons of weakness and maybe yours too.

1. Strength Comes from God’s Word: God’s Word is always where provision and healing begin. Need peace? It’s found in God’s Word. Require rest? It’s there too. Crave a change of heart? There’s nothing as powerful as God’s truth to accomplish it. Interacting with God’s Word always results in strength because He reveals Himself and meets our needs there.

2. Strength Comes from Joy: God is the faithful source of everything, and true joy always flows from having a relationship with Him. While despair drains us, joy fills and strengthens us.

3. Strength Comes from Community: When I close my eyes and picture the scene in Nehemiah 8, a sea of God’s people stands before me. There are men, women and children. There are leaders and citizens. There are Levites and laypeople. No matter their gender, age or station, they had one purpose – glorifying God by living as His chosen people. The saying is true: There is strength in numbers.

Seasons of celebration are often followed by frustration and fatigue, but our strong God is always there to pick us up. His Word, the joy of His Spirit and the community He’s built around us strengthen and helps us back into the life to which He’s called us. Blessings. Pastor Jim”

Council Clips from 10-21-19:

Sam Mattheis has agreed to be a nominee for Council Vice President and Pat Reifsnider for Council Secretary. They will be voted on at the October 28th Congregational meeting.

Karla Ceman will head up the Christian Care & Outreach Committee. She already takes care of Mercy Meal packing, Orphan Grain Train donations and will help organize drivers for individuals needing transportation to church, Salvation Army Bell ringing, and other needs that may arise. She will work with Pastor and one of the elders.

The Elders had a list of members that they are going to recommend be released from our membership. These are people that have moved, do not have contact information, or have not responded to being contacted.

Suggestions for the use of the \$391,000.00 gift to Pella will be voted on at the Congregational Meeting.

The Board of Elders have hired Tomi Knuth for the part-time church secretary position.

The proposed 2020 Budget will also be voted on at the Congregational Meeting.



Newsletter Prayer List

Our monthly newsletter prayer list will include the names of those who have long-term illnesses or who are in the military. If you know of someone who should be included on this list, please contact Lora at 324-3321, ext. 101. Thank you.

Pastor Jim Herbolsheimer, Amy VandeZande

Our ‘Together in Mission’ Missionaries:

Cindy Zirbel Wrucke (Eurasia)
Rev. Michael & Karen Schempf (Uganda)
Rev. Michael Paul (Taiwan)

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Not flesh of my flesh
Nor bone of my bone
But still miraculously my own
Never forget for a single minute
You didn’t grow under my heart,
But in it. - Eydie M. Liebelt

Select Mission for November: Cindy Wrucke

Cindy Wrucke will come to Pella on November 17th to share her experiences about her mission work in Eurasia. She will be giving her presentation during Adult Bible Study that day.

AROUND PELLA

An Invitation for Thanksgiving Day Dinner

A special invitation is extended to singles, couples and/or families who are alone or unable to prepare the traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner. Pella's 30th annual Thanksgiving Day meal will be served at 12 noon on Thursday, November 28th in the church fellowship hall. There is no charge for attending, just bring a hearty appetite. Transportation needed in Waupun will be provided. Please phone a reservation in to Jan Harmsen (920-642-3732) or Lora Huizenga (324-3321 ext. 101) by Friday, November 15th in order for the proper amount of food to be prepared. We also need crews for preparation on Wednesday and Thursday. If you are able to help, please talk to Jan.

Donations needed: Please call Sandy Armga 324-5435 in regards to food donations. Anyone wishing to donate cash, turkeys, ground pork, butter, milk, whipping cream, jellied cranberries, or jello salads, please contact Sandy by Friday, November 15th.



Christmas Decorating



The Christmas Committee will be decorating the church on Saturday, November 30th at 9:00 AM. Anyone who would like to help is welcome and would be very much appreciated!

Milford and Pat Hopp
Harold and Luann Westhuis

Don't forget to turn your clocks back on November 3!



November Birthdays

1 Nichele Pulda	12 Kenneth Gedamke	22 Arlene Pattee
2 Jeffrey Possin	13 Dennis Vanderbush	22 Renee TerBeest
3 Donna Vanderbush	14 Harlan Flier	23 Collin Peterson
4 Harvey Schmitz	14 Christine Stobb	23 Caleb Walter
4 Adison Sullivan	14 Amber Zills	24 Gloria Lemke
4 David Williams	15 Rhonda Pluim	27 Kristine Koehler
5 Harold Westhuis	16 Duane VandeZande	27 Mary Mariani
5 Charlene Zills	16 Irma Voeltner	27 Dennis Schultz
5 Jodi Zinke	17 Dorothy Dykstra	27 Jeremy Thurk
6 Mildred Bleich	17 Vanessa Knuth	27 Reid VandeSlunt
6 Debra Riel	18 Kathleen Preston	28 Sharon Anderson
8 Michael Jahn	20 Grace Hermann	28 Kayla Bonack
9 Barbara Lang	20 Gloria Vanderloh	28 Cheryl Pater
10 Alexa Peltier	21 Kimberly Bunkoske	28 Andrea Uherka
10 Carol Roska	21 Julie Nolan	29 Melissa Hayes
10 Cynthia Young	22 Carol Oppermann	30 Daniel Holz

November Anniversaries

1 Cleburn and Donna Talley	61
2 Aaron and Angela Steblow	6
5 Derek and Jaclyn Teachout	8
11 Arlyn and Karol Harmsen	47
11 Thomas and Deborah Teachout	41
15 Mark and Barbara Jahnke	39
18 Thomas and Bonnie Streblow	52
22 Thomas and Gloria Bella	61
28 Terry and Shirley Canniff	49
28 Don and Joyce Cerjance	27



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November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
		Pella Lutheran Church 315 S. Madison St. Waupun, WI 53963 Phone 920-324-3321				1	2	
All Saint's Day 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM Education Hour Youth Rake 'n Run 6:30 PM Confirmation Class	3	4	9:30 AM Prayer Group	5 9:00 AM NO Quilting 6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group 7:00 PM Divine Service/ Holy Communion	6 10:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Health	7 10:00 AM Bible Study 2:00 PM Ladies Aid/LWML 5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Health	8 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	9 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
9:00 AM Divine Service/ Holy Communion 10:15 AM Education Hour 6:30 PM Confirmation Class	10	9:00 AM Pella Life Group VETERANS DAY 7:00 PM Elders' Meeting	11 9:30 AM Prayer Group Circuit Pastors' Mtg @ Pella 6:30 PM Trustees' Meeting	12 9:00 AM NO Quilting 6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group 7:00 PM Sr. Youth Group 7:00 PM Divine Service	13 10:00 AM Bible Study 2:00 PM Ladies Aid/LWML 5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Health	14 10:00 AM Bible Study 2:00 PM Ladies Aid/LWML 5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Health	15 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM Education Hour 6:30 PM Confirmation Class	17	18 7:00 PM Church Council	19 9:30 AM Prayer Group	20 9:00 AM Quilting 6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group 6:00-8:00 PM Champions of Fond du Lac 7:00 PM Divine Service/ Holy Communion	21 10:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Health NEWSLETTER MAILING	22 6:00 PM Card Night	23 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	
9:00 AM Divine Service/ Holy Communion 10:15 AM Education Hour 6:30 PM Confirmation Class	24	25	26 9:30 AM Prayer Group 6:30 PM SS Staff Meeting	Thanksgiving Eve 27 6:00 PM Youth to set up for Thanksgiving Dinner 7:00 PM Divine Service	Thanksgiving 28 9:00 AM Divine Service 12:00 PM Thanksgiving Dinner <i>Church Office Closed</i>	29	30 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Decorate at church for Christmas	

November 2019 Serving Calendar

Date	Time	Musician/s	Elders/ Altar Assistant	Finance	V/PA-Radio	Greeters	Acolytes	Ushers
11-3	9:00 AM	Ca. Zills	W. Schmitz	D. Beder	H. Schmitz, E. Swan ®			H. Flier M. Hopp
11-6	7:00 PM	L. Huizenga	B. Kuenzi					
11-10	9:00 AM	Ch. Zills	D. Wetzel T. Canniff	F. McIver S. McIver	B. Kuenzi W. Schmitz ®	M. & P. Hopp	K. Westphal	C. Lund H. Westhuis
11-13	7:00 PM	L. Huizenga	B. Kuenzi					
11-17	9:00 AM	L. Huizenga	K. Hahn	C. Pater G. VanLoo	D. Vande Zande, G. Baumann ®	H. & C. Schmitz	E. Wachter	M. Nolan L. Hahn
11-20	7:00 PM	V. Knuth	K. Hahn					
11-24	9:00 AM	Ch. Zills	B. Kuenzi T. Canniff	B. Kuenzi D. Kuenzi	S. Schmitz, C. Landaal ®	J. & J. Quade	M. Holz	D. Buss N. Buss
11-27	7:00 PM	Ca. Zills	D. Wetzel					
11-28	9:00 AM	Ch. Zills	W. Schmitz					

Altar Circle Committee: Nancy Buss, Dorothy Dykstra, Tricia Sullivan, Mary Jo Kearley
Soul Accounting: Dave & Phyllis Williams

