
LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

From the Pastor's Desk...

The Sundays in November mark the final days in the Church Year, November 22nd being the last Sunday. The theme emphasized in these final Sundays concerns the end of time and that great day when Christ will return. We know even now we are living in the last days of this world. Ever since Christ's ascension into heaven God has revealed many things concerning the end times and what they will be like. We don't know when the exact day will be (Matthew 24:30), but we can recognize the signs God gives us so we can be well prepared to meet our Lord at His return in glory to judge the living and the dead. Look again at a few of those biblical teachings concerning the last days and what it will be like when Jesus comes again.

Matthew 24:6-8 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

Matthew 24:21-22 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

Matthew 25:31-32 When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

1 Corinthians 15:51-53 Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

Luke 21:28 Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

These teachings from God call us to abide in Jesus Christ in true faith, trusting Him alone as our Savior and Deliverer from the destruction to come. We must always be prepared for that last day by clinging to Christ and His Word. By doing this we are able to look forward to that great day, because our "redemption is drawing near" and we will live with our Lord in His glory forever!

"Amen, come Lord Jesus!" (Revelation 22:20)

In Christ, Pastor Knuth

Select Mission for November: **Lutheran Hour Ministries**

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a trusted resource in global media that equips and engages a vibrant volunteer base to passionately proclaim the Gospel to more than 136 million people worldwide each week. Through its North American headquarters and 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. LHM's flagship ministry, **The Lutheran Hour®**, airs weekly on more than 1,800 radio stations and the American Forces Network. Locally, you can find The Lutheran Hour on Sundays at 7:00 a.m. on WFDL/103.3 FM or 1170 AM. For more information online, go to: www.lhm.org.

AROUND PELLA

From the Vicar's Desk...

Psalm 23 is one of the most comforting and encouraging passages of Scripture. Many of us know it by heart, and we might recite it in times of sadness or fear: "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want..." the psalmist David begins. He goes on to describe how the Shepherd cares for His sheep: "He makes me lie down in green pastures...He leads me beside still waters...He restores my soul..."

While these are already incredible words of comfort, halfway through the psalm, something especially cool happens: David suddenly switches from the third-person ("He...His") to the second-person ("You...Your"); He goes from *describing* God to *praying to* God. And he just so happens to make this switch when he brings up the topic of death: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for *You are with me.*"

When we experience sadness or fear, God's Word brings us comfort and encouragement. We can read or recite comforting passages of Scripture and then transition right into prayers of thanksgiving for all that God has done for us. Especially what He has done for us in Christ! For Christ is indeed the Good Shepherd who laid

down His life for us His sheep (John 10:11). And whatever we face in this life, including death itself, we know that Christ is with us. And because of His death and resurrection, we know that our eternity is secure, and that "surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever."

Whatever your day looks like today, I hope these words provide you with great comfort and encouragement!

In other news, Leah and I are happy to be out of quarantine after we both had COVID. We and the kids are doing just fine, thanks be to God. We've missed seeing and talking with you fine people of Pella, and we're happy to be getting back into the swing of things!

If you're up for it, I've got a question for you: What passage(s) of Scripture have been most comforting and encouraging for you? You can let me know in person or by email at aaron.wendorff@ctsfw.edu - I'd love to hear from you!

In Christ, Vicar Wendorff

Congregational Meeting Highlights

At the Congregational Meeting held October 26, the following people were re-elected to continue serving our congregation:

Deb Kuenzi, Financial Secretary

Ben Kuenzi, Elder

Vanessa Knuth, Board of Education

Jason Westphal, Preschool Board

The 2021 budget was passed, and a decision was made concerning pew spacing. The new flooring will be installed during the month of November, which may disrupt our space for worship, but we do not expect cancellations of in-person worship. Please watch for bulletin announcements if there are upcoming changes.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner ~Cancelled~

After much prayer and discussion, the organizers of the annual Pella Thanksgiving Day Dinner have decided to cancel the meal this year.

We pray that everyone will be safe and healthy while giving thanks to our Lord for His faithful provision of our daily bread and so much more.



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Don't forget to turn your clocks back on November 1st!



Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Pella members will ring bells at the Waupun Piggly Wiggly on Saturday, November 28 from 10am to 6pm. There will be a sign-up sheet for 1-hour shifts. Please help us if you are willing!

Christmas Decorating

The Christmas Committee will be decorating the church on Saturday, November 28th at 9:00 AM. Anyone who would like to help is welcome and would be very much appreciated!

Newsletter Prayer List

Our monthly newsletter prayer list includes 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 call or email Tomi in the church office.

Long-Term Prayer List:

Pastor Jim Herbolsheimer, Amy VandeZande, Brenda Bergman, Karla Schmidt, Jan Quade

Our 'Together in Mission' Missionaries:

Cindy Zirbel Wrucke (Czech Republic)
Rev. Michael & Karen Schempf (Uganda)
Rev. Michael & Irene Paul (Taiwan)

Lutherans Engage the World

Things look a bit different for everyone these days, and that includes *Lutherans Engage the World* magazine, your source for stories about your church's work in the world. In an effort to be good stewards of the generous gifts you've given to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, the magazine's staff has decided to suspend the printing of the magazine this fall. The Fall 2020 issue is now available at engage.lcms.org. The issue features stories on how Lutherans are helping each other and the community in the aftermath of the devastating derecho in Iowa, as well as how church workers and laypeople are sharing Christ's mercy and the Gospel at home and abroad.

November Birthdays

1 Shelly 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 Amber Zills	23 Caleb Walter
4 Adison Sullivan	15 Rhonda Pluim	27 Mary Mariani
4 David Williams	16 Duane VandeZande	27 Dennis Schultz
5 Harold Westhuis	16 Irma Voeltner	27 Jeremy Thurk
5 Charlene Zills	17 Dorothy Dykstra	28 Sharon Anderson
6 Mildred Bleich	17 Vanessa Knuth	28 Kayla Bonack
6 Debra Riel	18 Kathleen Preston	28 Cheryl Pater
8 Michael Jahn	20 Grace Hermann	28 Andrea Uherka
10 Alexa Peltier	20 Gloria Vanderloh	29 Melissa Hayes
10 Carol Roska	21 Julie Nolan	30 Daniel Holz
10 Cynthia Young		

November Anniversaries

1 Cleburn and Donna Talley	62
2 Aaron and Angela Steblow	7
5 Derek and Jaclyn Teachout	9
11 Arlyn and Karol Harmsen	48
11 Thomas and Deborah Teachout	42
15 Mark and Barbara Jahnke	40
28 Terry and Shirley Canniff	50
28 Don and Joyce Cerjance	28



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Bible Verse of the Month

*(Consider clipping this verse and posting it
where you will see it often, above the kitchen
sink or on the bathroom mirror.)*

“Fear not, for I have
redeemed you;
I have called you by
name, you are mine.”

Isaiah 43:1

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November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 All Saint's Day 8:00 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Divine Service 11:00 AM Radio Broadcast 6:30 PM Confirmation Class	2 6:00 PM Youth Board	3 9:30 AM Prayer Group	4 9:00 AM Quilting 6:00 PM Sr. & Jr. Youth 7:00 PM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	5 10:00 AM Bible Study	6 Church Office Closed	7 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	
8 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 11:00 AM Radio Broadcast 6:30 PM Confirmation Class	9 9:00 AM Pella Life Group 7:00 PM Elders' Meeting	10 9:30 AM Prayer Group 6:30 PM Trustees' Meeting	11 9:00 AM Quilting 6:00 PM Sr. & Jr. Youth 7:00 PM Divine Service	12 10:00 AM Bible Study 2:00 PM Ladies Aid/LWML	13 Church Office Closed	14 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	
15 8:00 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Divine Service 11:00 AM Radio Broadcast 6:30 PM Confirmation Class	16 7:00 PM Church Council	17 9:30 AM Prayer Group	18 9:00 AM Quilting 6:00 PM Sr. & Jr. Youth 6-8 PM Champions of FDL 7:00 PM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	19 10:00 AM Bible Study NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20 Church Office Closed	21 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	
22 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 11:00 AM Radio Broadcast 6:30 PM Confirmation Class	23	24 9:30 AM Prayer Group 6:30 PM SS Staff Meeting	25 9:00 AM Quilting NEWSLETTER MAILING 6:00 PM Sr. & Jr. Youth 7:00 PM Divine Service	26 Thanksgiving 9:00 AM Divine Service	27 Church Office Closed	28 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	
29 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 11:00 AM Radio Broadcast 6:30 PM Confirmation Class	30	 <p><i>Give</i> THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART <small>1 Thessalonians 5:18</small></p>				Pella Lutheran Church 315 S. Madison Street Waupun, WI 53963 Phone 920-324-3321	

November 2020 Serving Calendar

Date	Time	Organist / Pianist	Elder/Usher	Finance	Video Recording	Audio / Radio Recording	Acolyte
Sunday November 1	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Candis Breitkreutz	Kevin Hahn	Marj Peachey Diana Beder	Harvey Schmitz	G. Baumann or W. Schmitz	
Wednesday November 4	7:00 PM	Vanessa Knuth	Darwin Wetzel				Kailie Westphal
Sunday November 8	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Christal Zills	Warren Schmitz	Cheryl Pater M. & S. Bowe	Val Loehrke	G. Baumann or W. Schmitz	Zane Cornelius
Wednesday November 11	7:00 PM	Vanessa Knuth	Darwin Wetzel				
Sunday November 15	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Lora Huizenga	Ben Kuenzi	F. & S. McIver Gail VanLoo	Duane Vande Zande	G. Baumann or W. Schmitz	Emma Aellig
Wednesday November 18	7:00 PM	Candis Breitkreutz	Ben Kuenzi				
Sunday November 22	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Candis Breitkreutz	Kevin Hahn	Ben & Debbie Kuenzi	Steve Schmitz	G. Baumann or W. Schmitz	Markiya Uherka
Wednesday November 25	7:00 PM	Candis Breitkreutz	Darwin Wetzel				
Thanksgiving November 26	9:00 AM	Christal Zills	Ben Kuenzi				
Sunday November 29	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Christal Zills	Ben Kuenzi	Ben & Debbie Kuenzi	Ben Kuenzi	G. Baumann or W. Schmitz	

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

*And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of
the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17*