

LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

From the Pastor's Desk...

The past several months have brought about a lot of changes in our personal lives, in our communities and throughout the world. Yet in the midst of these uncertainties around us we always have one constant, unchanging source of comfort: God Himself. *"I am the LORD, I do not change."* (Malachi 3:6) Because of this, God's gifts of grace and mercy will never change.

God has promised to be with us always (see Matthew 28:20). He is with us for our good, to help us in time of need and to preserve us in His grace. He is present with us in a very special way through His Word and His Holy Supper giving us forgiveness of sins and increasing our faith in Him.

God is always hearing our prayers and answering them for our blessing. "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you." Psalm 50:15

God sustains us in all our bodily needs. No matter how many products become scarce or difficult to acquire, our Good Shepherd always "knows our need and well provides us" (see also Philippians 4:19).

We have hope in God for everlasting life, and that will never change! Just as our Lord Jesus conquered death, He has promised a glorious, resurrected life with Him in His Kingdom to come. Take comfort in our unchanging God and in His unchanging gifts of grace!

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.*
(LSB 878)

Abiding in Christ,
Pastor Knuth

From the Vicar's Desk...

I recently came across this quote from Martin Luther: "As a young man I made myself familiar with the Bible; by reading it again and again I came to know my way about in it. Only then did I consult writers [of books about the Bible]. But finally I had to put them out of my sight and wrestle with the Bible itself. It's better to see with one's own eyes than with another's."

Now, of course, it can be very valuable to read good books written about the Bible and the Christian faith (some of my favorite authors include Gene Veith, C.S. Lewis, and Martin Luther!), and Luther would agree. But there is no better book to read than the Bible. No other book even comes close to comparing with God's Word itself!

Since being here at Pella, I have met people who *really* know their Bible, reading it daily with the humble understanding that there's always more we can learn from it. Through regularly reading God's Word--and hearing it read, preached, and taught by our pastor!-- we are 1) reassured of the forgiveness of our sins and our salvation through Christ, 2) strengthened to face life's many challenges, and 3) better "prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks [us] for a reason for the hope that is in [us]" (1 Peter 3:15).

God bless us as we study His Word with our own eyes!

In Christ,
Vicar Wendorff

AROUND PELLA



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Monday, October 26, 2020

7:00 PM

Agenda: Budget, Election of Officers & Boards

Theology of the Cross: Reformation Theology

(from the LCMS website)

CRUX sola est nostra Theologia. “The CROSS alone is our theology.” As Luther spoke those words during his lectures on the Psalms which took place between 1519-1521, he spoke words which utterly summed up the battle he was experiencing. This was about the cross of Christ. It was about the total inability of man to earn any of his own merit before God. It was about Jesus earning the salvation of all mankind as He was hanged, cursed on the bloody instrument of the tree of death.

As we look at the cross, we see the glory and majesty of God in His love for us. Luther, in explaining the 20th thesis of the Heidelberg Disputation says, “It does [a person] no good to recognize God in his glory and majesty, unless he recognizes him in the humility and shame of the cross.” In other words, when we look at the cross, there we can truly understand who God is, and apply that understanding to the rest of the world. We can look at the suffering of this world and see not only the sadness that comes with it, but we can see the God who has become a man of sorrows so that we would have the joy of eternity. To be sure, this does not mean that this life will always be easy. It will not, but it makes it a whole lot more bearable. Even still, this can only be comprehended in the cross of Jesus. The cross alone is our theology.



IN HIS HANDS PRESCHOOL NEWS

We are excited to begin Preschool classes in October with 13 students this year. We will be practicing Covid safeguards to keep the children safe and healthy.

We have a few announcements this year. After six years of teaching at IHH Preschool, Karol Harmsen has now retired. Karol has a gift of helping every child feel their worth and explore their own path. Her kind, sweet, humble way of teaching brought so much meaning to those preschool years for all of our students. She is a gem, a true teacher in every sense of the word and we are going to miss her! No one can say goodbye to a teacher like her, because she will be forever in our hearts. Happy retirement to Karol!

We would like to welcome Stephanie Kind to our preschool family. She will be a Teacher’s Aide and we know she will be a great asset to our team. We look forward to all the wonderful things she will bring to the classroom and program.

Even with the changes due to Covid, we believe we will have a great year and we can’t wait to see all of our friends soon!

October Select Mission: Cindy Wrucke—Czech Republic

We will send our Select Mission donation to support Cindy, but there is another free way we can help Cindy share God’s Word with the people of the Czech Republic—through Instagram. She is asking people to follow her and like her posts so that more people will receive these posts in their newsfeed. If you are using Instagram, please follow [cindyzprahy](#) and like the posts that bring God’s Word to the Czechs. Děkuji (thank you)! You can read more about Cindy’s work in her most recent newsletter located on the ‘Together in Mission’ bulletin board.

AROUND PELLA



The Youth Group is tentatively planning to host a “Trunk or Treat” in the south parking lot on October 31 from 4-6 p.m.

We will go ahead as long as the City of Waupun allows trick-or-treating, and if we have enough people to show up to hand out treats. If you are willing to help, please let Karla know. It would be great to have several decorated trunks to make this event memorable for our visitors!



The Pella youth are also planning to do a “Rake ‘n Run” sometime this fall. If you need help with your fall yard clean-up, please call Karla at 920-291-8600 or Tomi at the church office, 324-3321.

Scholarships Awarded

A Church Worker Scholarship Fund was established from the bequest Pella received last year. This is for Pella members attending a Synodical college or seminary to obtain a church work degree. Students may apply beginning their second year of college. This fall, a scholarship of \$1,500 each was awarded to Christal Zills, who is pursuing a degree in Parish Music with a minor in Theology, and Tori Knuth, who is currently student teaching to complete her Lutheran Early Childhood Education degree. Both Christal and Tori attend Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon.



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, Ron Homan

Our ‘Together in Mission’ Missionaries:

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

Orphan Grain Train Collection

We have continued to collect items to be sent with Orphan Grain Train to people in need throughout the world. In July, we sent out 300 boxes of clothing, medical supplies, office supplies, Sunday School materials and Bibles. Currently, the clothing we receive from a resale shop has been limited due to a shortage of employees there, so we will gladly take donations of good, clean, usable clothing—just drop it off in our OGT room. Thank you!

October Birthdays

2 Reagan Holz	9 Margaret Drewa	21 Matthew Bunkoske
2 Rachel Martinez	9 Olivia Shadley	21 Fred McIver
4 Robert Pater	10 Addison Derksen	21 Kim Parsons
6 Mason Jahn	11 Janice Chase	22 Jacob Gerrits
6 Jerica Landaal	15 Marnie Zamzow	22 Timothy Young
8 Joyce Cerjance	16 Karla Ceman	22 Courtney Zills
8 Charmaine Holz	17 Tyler Brabant	24 Sharon Friese
8 Charles Lund	17 Valentae Martinez	24 Dean Hopp
9 James Quade	17 Khyra Ordonez	24 Leroy VandeSlunt
	18 Dennis Parsons	25 Zoe VandeZande
	19 Jake Teachout	28 Matthew Jahnke
		30 Linda Zuhlke

October Anniversaries

2 Dan & Margaret Drewa	16
2 Dennis & Bernice Schultz	55
2 Clete & Charlene Zills	27
3 Al & Mary Jo Kearley	22
9 Peter & Kay Hansen	49
10 Jeffrey & Danielle Rasmussen	39
10 Eugene & Elaine Wock	61
11 Steve & Denise Wiersma	17
12 Jeffrey & Jenifer Derksen	13
14 Justin & Kathryn Madigan	9
15 Thomas & Kathy Hendricks	37
15 Charles & Jean Lund	15
18 Michael & Stefanie Vanderbush	12
27 Dean & Amy Hopp	19



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Bible Verse of the Month

“And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:19

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October 2020

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Pella Lutheran Church 315 S. Madison Street Waupun, WI 53963 Phone 920-324-3321			1 10:00 AM Bible Study	2 Church Office Closed	3 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
LWML Sunday 4 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	5 6:00 PM Youth Board	6 9:30 AM Prayer Group	7 9:00 AM Quilting 6:00 PM Sr. & Jr. Youth 7:00 PM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	8 10:00 AM Bible Study 2:00 PM Ladies Aid/LWML	9 Church Office Closed	10 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
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REFORMATION 25 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	26 7:00 PM Congregational Meeting	27 9:30 AM Prayer Group	28 9:00 AM Quilting 6:00 PM Sr. & Jr. Youth 7:00 PM Divine Service	29 10:00 AM Bible Study	30 Church Office Closed	31 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 4-6 PM Trunk-or-Treat (tentative)

October 2020 Serving Calendar

Date	Time	Organist / Pianist	Elder/Usher	Finance	Video Recording	Audio / Radio Recording	Acolyte
Sunday October 4	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Candis Zills	Kevin Hahn	Marj Peachey Diana Beder	Harvey Schmitz	G. Baumann or W. Schmitz	Kailie Westphal
Wednesday October 7	7:00 PM	Vanessa Knuth	Darwin Wetzel				
Sunday October 11	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Lora Huizenga	Ben Kuenzi	Gail VanLoo M. & S. Bowe	Val Loehrke	G. Baumann or W. Schmitz	Zane Cornelius
Wednesday October 14	7:00 PM	Vanessa Knuth	Kevin Hahn				
Sunday October 18	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Christal Zills	Warren Schmitz	F. & S. Mclver Cheryl Pater	Duane Vande Zande	G. Baumann or W. Schmitz	Emma Aellig
Wednesday October 21	7:00 PM	Candis Zills	Darwin Wetzel				
Sunday October 25	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Christal Zills	Ben Kuenzi	Ben & Debbie Kuenzi	Steve Schmitz	G. Baumann or W. Schmitz	Markiya Uherka
Wednesday October 28	7:00 PM	Vanessa Knuth	Darwin Wetzel				

Altar Circle Committee: Sandy Armga, Lora Huizenga
Soul Accounting: Milford & Pat Hopp

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
Psalm 122:1