

## LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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

#### **Green: The Color of Growth**

If you are familiar with the liturgical calendar that the church uses then you know that we are right in the middle of the season of Pentecost, also known as the "green season." The paraments (cloth hangings) on the altar, pulpit and lectern are green which signify that we are in the season of Pentecost.

Green is the color of growth. The readings during the season of Pentecost often emphasize the importance for Christians to continue "growing" in Christ. God's apostle Peter writes that Christians should "*grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*" 2 Pet. 3:18 In Colossians, the apostle Paul prays that all Christians would be "*increasing in the knowledge of God.*" Colossians 1:10

This past summer we had a dry spell with very little rain. The grass became brown and dry, and the only thing growing were the weeds. Our lives can become weak and susceptible to the weeds of sin and unbelief unless constantly nurtured by the powerful Word of God. God desires that we grow in Him so that our faith, which is more precious than gold (1 Peter 1:7), may be firmly established in the saving work of His Son, Jesus.

Growth in Christ includes remaining steadfast and certain of what we have already learned. Jesus said, "*if you abide in my Word you are truly My disciples.*" John 8:31 A review of God's teachings summarized in the Small Catechism is a good and edify-

ing practice. And of course, regular and consistent reading of God's Word in private and family devotions should be the norm in the life of every Christian.

Another great way to be in God's Word is to attend a Bible class or Sunday School. September marks the beginning of a new Sunday School year. Please be sure you and your children make this a regular part of your Sunday morning along with the worship of our God in His Divine Service.

The grace of God given in His Word and Sacraments continually helps us grow. During the rest of this Pentecost season I hope you'll "think green," a desire to grow in the knowledge of the Lord.

Jesus said: "*I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.*" John 15:5



#### **Select Mission for September: "CROP Hunger Walk"**

CROP Hunger walks are community-wide events organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger in the U.S. and around the world. The Waupun CROP Hunger Walk is October 13th, starting at Bethel Christian Reformed Church. 25% of the money raised is kept local and provides support to the Waupun Food Pantry, the rest of the funds are used to help the hungry across the world.

# AROUND PELLA

## SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTING!

All children age 3 through grade 8 are encouraged to join us for Sunday School beginning September 9. We will meet in the small chapel off the gym starting at 10:15 for a brief opening, and then divide into classrooms. Our Fall Quarter includes many Old Testament lessons about Joseph and Moses. High school students and all parents are welcome to our Adult Bible Class that meets at the same time in the basement. If you have any questions about Pella's Sunday School, please contact Tomi Knuth.



## PELLA CHOIR BEGINS

We will begin rehearsing this Fall on Wednesday, Sept. 12th at 6:00 p.m. The day and time for rehearsal will be evaluated to see that it works for everyone. The Pella Choir is open to all who love to sing, and will rehearse every other week in the Music room. Previous choral singing experience is not required, but a basic ability to read music is a help, and singers are encouraged to participate as their schedules allow. The Pella Choir will sing one Sunday a month from September through May, as well as at special services throughout the year. We will begin without a Choir Director and it may be a challenge but "with God, all things are possible"!



## CROP Walk

CROP, or Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty, is a local event intended to raise money to support grass roots hunger—fighting development efforts around the world and in our own community. The CROP Walk is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 13th and has been an annual event in our community for over 40 years!

## Long-Term Prayer List:

### Health Concerns:

Pastor Jim Herbolsheimer, Marvin Groth, Rose Farvour, Ed Bernthal

Sue Wilson (*Sister-in-law of Cheri Witkowski*)

Allison Townsend (*Friend of Cheri Witkowski*)



## Thank You!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated supplies and monies towards the School Supply Round-up. This program depends on everyone's generosity. God Bless all of you.

Church Women United of the Waupun Area  
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A Thank you to the ladies who said "yes" to serving on the Altar Circle. Also a big thank you to all the past ladies who faithfully served for many years. We would like to have a list of ladies who would like to serve on this committee. If interested, call Lora at 324-3321. Any questions, call Bev Schultz, 324-2674. Thanks be to God.

## Shut-in Visits

One of the Ladies Aid's responsibilities is giving the shut-ins a monthly visit. Unfortunately, the number of able-bodied Aid members is declining while the number of visits needed is growing. It would help greatly if you could volunteer to be a visitor one month per year (Aid membership and attending meetings is not required). You would be paired with an Aid member to go visiting—usually one to two afternoons a week for that month. If you are willing to help, phone Sharon Anderson (324-5017). It will be greatly appreciated. Thanks

**Updates, please!** If you have changed your address or cell number or if your children have new college or work addresses, please forward that information to the church office. Thanks—

## 1stPlace4 Health

Fall is fast approaching. Summer is coming to an end. Soon 2018 will be done and once again you have failed to focus and lose those unwanted pounds you put on and you are feeling like a failure. There is still time to succeed in your plans. Join First Place 4 Health this fall. Focus on God 1st and He will help you find balance for your life. God will give you a reward of weight loss if you give him the opportunity. The study Walking By Faith will be held at Pella Lutheran Church, Waupun on Thursdays at 5:30pm for 12 weeks. Orientation about the book and program will be held September 6th. Call/Text Wendy Vick at (920)296-0240 or email vickrn@hotmail.com with any questions.

# AROUND PELLA

## GriefShare® @ Pella

This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one.



Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member or friend. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future. Grief-related books/materials are available for participants.

GriefShare will begin September 10, 2018. Classes will be held on Mondays from 6:00–8:00 pm and will run through Nov. 26th.



Youth groups will be back in session starting Wednesday, September 5th. Any youth interested in mission work should meet in the Junior Youth Room from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Junior Youth (5th-8th grade) will meet weekly 6-7:00 p.m. Senior Youth (Freshmen–Seniors) will meet on Wednesday, September 12th at 7:00 pm to determine what day and time will work for their future meetings.

**Volksfest**—Our first youth activity and fundraiser is Friday, September 7th, and Saturday, September 8th. Your help is greatly appreciated! A sign-up sheet is located by the office.

Any questions regarding Youth Groups and their activities; contact Karla Ceman @ 920-291-8600.

## September Birthdays

|                      |                        |                      |                       |
|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Bryan Pater        | 6 Nathan Trauernicht   | 14 Brock Henken      | 21 Susan King         |
| 1 Zoelaine Popp      | 7 Tammy VandeZande     | 15 Mason Holz        | 21 Cassandra Shadley  |
| 2 Heidi Gerrits      | 8 Jennie Ludwig        | 15 Ann Keyser        | 21 Cameron Yunto      |
| 2 Kay Hansen         | 9 Kelli Bonack         | 16 Florence Hanna    | 22 Edna Beske         |
| 3 Shirley Canniff    | 9 Jean Goodall         | 16 Jennifer Schmidt  | 22 Tyler VanderGalien |
| 3 Breylen Ferney     | 9 Roger Randrup        | 17 Stephanie Fischer | 26 Terry Canniff      |
| 3 Gavin Ferney       | 10 Denise Bauer        | 18 Dan Drewa         | 26 Jeffrey Talley     |
| 3 Nathan Kimpel      | 10 Victoria Knuth      | 18 Suzanne Pluim     | 27 Lucas Jahnke       |
| 3 Desember Maldonado | 10 Susan VandeBerg     | 18 McKenna Riel      | 27 Donna Johnson      |
| 3 Darwin Wetzel      | 12 Marjorie Bentley    | 18 David Smit        | 27 Joseph Nolan       |
| 4 Michaela Kennedy   | 12 Barbara Jahnke      | 19 Ryan Quiring      | 28 Susan Berndt       |
| 4 Julie Trauernicht  | 12 Quinnly Roets       | 20 Tracy Kimpel      | 28 Kim McDowell       |
| 5 Sandra Flier       | 12 Edwin Swan          | 20 Rowan Sievert     | 29 Jayden Aellig      |
| 5 John Stephens      | 12 Payton VanderGalien | 21 Charlotte Hagen   | 30 Ryan Rasmussen     |
| 6 Marcus Lang        | 13 Mark Bunkoske       | 21 Sarah Kind        |                       |

## September Anniversaries

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| 2 Wallace and Shirley Peters  | 74 |
| 7 Cory and Lori Peterson      | 27 |
| 13 Ryan and Megan Quiring     | 4  |
| 17 Jeff and Melissa Hayes     | 24 |
| 24 Rick and Sue Schaub        | 35 |
| 25 Matthew and Sarah Bunkoske | 3  |
| 25 Daniel and Jodi Zinke      | 14 |
| 28 Merlin and Sandra Bowe     | 55 |
| 30 Chad and Jennifer Harmsen  | 12 |



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# September 2018

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat  |
|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|
|    |   | <p>Pella Lutheran Church<br/>315 S. Madison Street<br/>Waupun, WI 53963<br/>Phone 920-324-3321</p> |  |   |   | <p><sup>1</sup><br/>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>2:00 PM Lyon-Schmitz<br/>Wedding</p>  |
| <p><sup>2</sup><br/>9:00 AM Divine Service<br/>10:15 AM Adult Bible Study</p>   | <p><sup>3</sup><br/><br/><b>LABOR DAY</b><br/>Church Office Closed</p> | <p><sup>4</sup><br/>9:30 AM Prayer Group</p>   | <p><sup>5</sup><br/>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group<br/>7:00 PM Divine Service/<br/>Holy Communion</p>                                 | <p><sup>6</sup><br/>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath<br/>Orientation Mtg.</p>            | <p><sup>7</sup><br/><br/>Support<br/>Pella Youth</p> | <p><sup>8</sup><br/>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p><i>Volksfest</i></p>  |
| <p><b>RALLY DAY</b><br/><sup>9</sup><br/>9:00 AM Divine Service/<br/>Holy Communion<br/>10:15 AM Education Hour</p> <p>6:30 PM Confirmation Class</p> | <p><sup>10</sup><br/>9:00 AM Pella Life Group</p> <p>6:00 PM GriefShare<br/>7:00 PM Elders' Meeting</p>   | <p><sup>11</sup><br/>9:30 AM Prayer Group</p> <p>6:30 PM Trustees Meeting</p>                      | <p><sup>12</sup><br/>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group<br/>6:00 PM Pella Choir<br/>7:00 PM Divine Service<br/>7:00 PM Sr. High Youth</p> | <p><sup>13</sup><br/>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>2:00 PM Ladies Aid/LWML</p> <p>5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath</p> | <p><sup>14</sup></p>  | <p><sup>15</sup><br/>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>   |
| <p><sup>16</sup><br/>9:00 AM Divine Service<br/>10:15 AM Education Hour</p> <p>6:30 PM Confirmation Class</p>   | <p><sup>17</sup><br/>6:00 PM GriefShare<br/>7:00 PM Church Council</p>  | <p><sup>18</sup><br/>9:30 AM Prayer Group</p>  | <p><sup>19</sup><br/>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group<br/>7:00 PM Divine Service/<br/>Holy Communion</p>                                | <p><sup>20</sup><br/>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath</p>                                | <p><sup>21</sup><br/>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>  | <p><sup>22</sup><br/>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>  |
| <p><sup>23</sup><br/>9:00 AM Divine Service/<br/>Holy Communion<br/>10:15 AM Education Hour<br/>6:30 PM Confirmation Class</p>                        | <p><sup>24</sup></p>  | <p><sup>25</sup><br/>9:30 AM Prayer Group</p>  | <p><sup>26</sup><br/>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group<br/>6:00 PM Pella Choir<br/>7:00 PM Divine Service/<br/>Holy Communion</p>        | <p><sup>27</sup><br/>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath<br/>NEWSLETTER MAILING</p>         | <p><sup>28</sup><br/>6:00 PM Card Night</p>   | <p><sup>29</sup><br/>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>   |
| <p><sup>30</sup><br/>9:00 AM Divine Service/<br/>Holy Communion<br/>10:15 AM Education Hour<br/>6:30 PM Confirmation Class</p>                        | <p>6:00 PM GriefShare</p>   | <p>6:30 PM SS Staff Mtg.</p>   | <p>6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group<br/>6:00 PM Pella Choir<br/>7:00 PM Divine Service/<br/>Holy Communion</p>  | <p>5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath<br/>NEWSLETTER MAILING</p>   | <p>6:00 PM Card Night</p>   |  |

# September 2018 Serving Calendar

| Date          | Time    | Organists   | Elders/<br>Altar Assistant | Finance                | V/PA-Radio                    | Greeters        | Acolytes    | Ushers                   |
|---------------|---------|-------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 9-2<br>(Sun)  | 9:00 AM | Ca. Zills   | D. Wetzel                  | D. Beder               | H. Schmitz,<br>E. Swan ®      | D. Klosterman   |             | M. Hopp<br>B. Westhuis   |
| 9-5           | 7:00 PM | L. Huizenga | N. Trauernicht             |                        |                               |                 | S. Drewa    |                          |
| 9-9<br>(Sun)  | 9:00 AM | L. Huizenga | B. Kuenzi<br>M. Hopp       | M. Bowe<br>S. Bowe     | V. Loehrke<br>W. Schmitz ®    | M. & P. Hopp    | C. Fisher   | D. Klosterman<br>S. Long |
| 9-12          | 7:00 PM | L. Huizenga | B. Kuenzi                  |                        |                               |                 |             |                          |
| 9-16<br>(Sun) | 9:00 AM | L. Huizenga | D. Wetzel                  | M. Peachey<br>C. Pater | D. VandeZande<br>G. Baumann ® | H. & C. Schmitz |             | G. Baumann<br>R. Baumann |
| 9-19          | 7:00 PM | Ch. Zills   | N. Trauernicht             |                        |                               |                 |             |                          |
| 9-23<br>(Sun) | 9:00 AM | Ch. Zills   | W. Schmitz<br>M. Hopp      | B. Kuenzi<br>D. Kuenzi | S. Schmitz<br>C. Landaal ®    | J. & J. Quade   | V. Martinez | H. Flier<br>M. Nolan     |
| 9-26          | 7:00 PM | Ch. Zills   | B. Kuenzi                  |                        |                               |                 |             |                          |
| 9-30<br>(Sun) | 9:00 AM | Ch. Zills   | B. Kuenzi<br>M. Hopp       | F. Mclver<br>S. Mclver | B. Kuenzi<br>E. Swan ®        | C. Oppermann    | K. Westphal | D. Buss<br>N. Buss       |

**Altar Circle Committee:** Cheryl Pater, Barbara Meier, Kim Luchini, Lori Peterson

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