



THE VOICE

Of Pentecost Lutheran Church

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As forgiven children of God, we, the Pentecost Family of Faith, are committed to show everyone Life in Christ.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

He is RISEN!! Alleluia!!

“...two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” ⁸ Then they remembered his words.” (Luke 24: 4b-8)

As we bask in the glow of Easter morning we rejoice in hearing its message again. **“He is not here; he has risen!”** No greater announcement has ever been proclaimed in the history of mankind. For in these words we hear that death has been overcome and that our Savior has victoriously risen to new life.

A new life, that each and every believer in Christ, now has and experiences today and every day because of their faith in Jesus. That new life is a present reality because of Christ’s life, death, and resurrection. While this doesn’t mean we escape death or somehow cheat it, rather it means that when we die we need not fear the consequences of eternal damnation anymore because of the ultimate sacrifice of Christ. Instead, we can look forward to the banquet feast that has been prepared for us in paradise. And on the Last Day, we can look forward to when Christ returns to take all believers to heaven, the day when the dead shall be raised and we will all have our perfect heavenly bodies...forever!!

Another reason to celebrate...although it pales in comparison to the banquet feast of heaven and our new perfect bodies that await us... is the upcoming Professional Church Worker’s Conference of the SELC District that Pentecost. The conference will take place here in Racine on April 18-20.

I would like to cordially invite every member of Pentecost to join the pastors and other church workers of our SELC district for the opening meal (prepared by Robert Barclay) and opening worship service on the evening of April 18th in our fellowship hall and sanctuary.

We will have pastors and church workers from around the country joining us for food, fellowship, and worship. So make your plans to join us for the meal at 6 pm on April 18 and the worship service will follow approximately at 7 pm.

- Pastor J



Peggy Clark – 04/02	Kianna Galipeau – 04/21
Gordy Graves – 04/03	Alice Hasko – 04/22
Jon Cooper – 04/03	Su Kish – 04/22
Beth Bitner – 04/04	Donna Rick – 04/22
Abigail Ekstowicz-4/5	Collin Honore 04/23
Pat Hetland – 04/11	Tyler Cooper - 04/23
Milani Ramirez-4/15	Sandy Pischke – 04/25
Cody Schrubbe – 04/17	Joan Langendorf – 04/26
Austin Honore – 04/18	Jeffrey Foss – 04/28
Julie Perman – 04/19	



Bill Wood
11/24/1926 – 03/21/16

Some Memories of Bill:

- Bill’s church meant so much to him that he walked to church a couple times if he didn’t have a ride after he could no longer drive.
- Bill really appreciated the Veterans Day services we had and always wore his service medals on that day - He was a proud veteran.
- Bill always had a bag of suckers to give to the children or carried a few extra in his pockets to hand out. The children of our congregation were very important to him.
- Served as an usher, worked on oplatky
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Matthew & Melissa Galipeau – 6 years on April 1st

Sharon & Nicholas Werner – 14 years on April 16th

Rob & Debby Cooper – 29 years on April 25th

Mike & Cheryl Lynn Wilkinson – 27 years on April 29th



Shirley Vakos
Kyle, Shana & Deacon Jacob
Jodie Hess



We are teaming up with Two Men and a Truck Moving Company to help support their community project for the Women’s Resource Center by collecting toiletries such as toothpaste and deodorants, shampoo, etc. (See the full list on the bulletin board in the narthex.) The collection will only be for one month, April 5th – May 5th. Let’s see what we can do to help out.



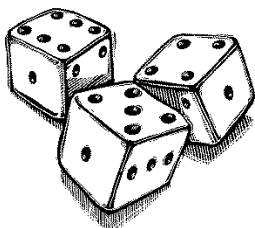
Mark your calendars for our annual spring rummage sale - May 7th – 8am-2pm - Feel free to bring your items to the Parish House during office hours – M, W, Thu & F – 12:15-3:15pm, or drop them off after a church service.



We are looking for help cutting the church and parish house lawns again this summer. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. This is a huge money saver for the church, so it would be great to get a lot of volunteers to help with this task. If you need help learning how to use the equipment just contact one of the trustees for their assistance.

YOUTH FUNDRAISERS

If you haven't heard by now, our Youth Group is heading to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer. We have 27 youth and chaperones going, so we need to raise quite a bit of money to attend this most fabulous, life-changing event. We could really use your help with this and invite you to attend any or all of our upcoming fundraising events. If you cannot attend but still want to support the youth, cash donations are always appreciated. You can also buy a "share" for \$20 from any of our youth. This \$20 share provides you with information about our plans leading up to the trip, and you will also be invited to a "shares" dinner after they return so you can find out all about their experience. We can't thank you enough for your support. We are so blessed with so many generous parishioners in our congregation and we couldn't do it without you! On behalf of the Youth Group we thank you for all of your contributions.



Come one and all for our third annual **Bunco Tournament!** This is sure to be a night filled with fun and laughter that you don't want to miss. For those who have never played, it is a dice game and it is easy to learn so novices and experts are all welcome. Light refreshments will be sold. The place to be is the Fellowship Hall at **6pm on Saturday, April 2nd.** Contact Katy Wagner with any questions.



**Saturday, May 7th
11am - 12:30pm**

Racine Lutheran High School

Our very own Norma Castillo-Razdig has agreed to host a special Zumbathon so we can get ourselves into summer shape while the youth prepare to get themselves into spiritual shape! \$10.00 per ticket. Tickets are available from our youth, Kathy McGregor or Norma Castillo-Razdig. There will be door prizes and a guaranteed great workout! Contact Kathy McGregor with any questions.



Paint Night

Saturday, April 23rd

6:30pm.

Enjoy finding your inner artist \$25.00 per person, all paint supplies included. Our youth will be selling snacks and refreshments (coffee and water will be provided at no extra charge) Reservations are required, we have a 40 person limit for this event. Find a friend and enjoy an evening of relaxing, laughing and fellowship as you explore your artistic side! Please contact Kathy McGregor to make your reservation, [262-634-0938](tel:262-634-0938).

BAKE SALE



The Youth Group will be having a Bake Sale during our church Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 7th from 8am - 2pm. If you would like to donate a home-made, baked good please have them

at church by 8am that Saturday morning. All youth attending the National Youth Gathering are asked to donate at least one baked good to sell. We will also need youth to help out selling during the rummage sale. Please let Katy Wagner know if you can help.

Looking for a Few Good Drivers...

If you are interested and available to shuttle pastors and other church workers to the airport between April 17-20, please contact Pastor Jacob.



55+ Club will have a pizza party on Tuesday, April 5th at 12pm. Everyone 55 and older is invited!

Stewardship Corner

It's tax time again
Whether it's 1040 long or 1040EZ
Whether it's \$10 or \$40 or another amount
It's EZ to give to God.

April 17 is our EZ Giving Day, or Share Your Tax Refund Day, or Give a Little Extra Day where you have a chance to give a little extra to God and help your church catch up from some of those winter Sundays when we were far under our "needed weekly" amount. Use the **EZ Giving** envelope on the table in the narthex.

Plan Ahead

**May 15, 2016 – Pentecost
Sunday**



Pentecost is a reminder that "to share is a most important feature of our faith and like the apostles of old, as soon as we have discovered the stirrings of the spirit within us, we too want to give it away to our friends and all we meet." Soooo – invite your friends, be there yourself, help us **Pack the Church** on

Pentecost Sunday. Wear red or your Spirit Wear T-shirt. Show your Pentecost Spirit. It's a celebration of our faith. Wouldn't it be great to see our church so full we had to add chairs! Only you can make it happen.



Mia Ann Ekstowicz
Baptized March 13, 2016
Mia carries on the tradition of wearing the same baptismal dress that many of Mary Boudreau's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren have worn for over 50 years.



Father, I Adore You

"Father, I Adore You" is one of the more enduring praise choruses of the latter part of the twentieth century, partly because it's a humble and simple text and partly because it's enjoyable to sing as a round. The text expresses praise, subjection, and love to the triune God. Out of the oral tradition in which choruses like this one prevail, the song's trinitarian text has prompted an additional, concluding stanza: "Three-in-One, I adore you." Some hymnals use the plural form, "Father, we adore you."

Terrye Coelho (b. Camp Roberts, CA, 1952) states that she composed both text and tune for this hymn in 1972 "while driving a car and worshipping God." The song was first performed, published, and recorded at Calvary Chapel, Costa Mesa, California, in 1972. In 1971 Coelho was converted to Christianity, joined Calvary Chapel, and became a singer for Maranatha! Music. Educated at Arizona State University and at a medical assistant's program in Anaheim, California, Coelho is a songwriter and homemaker. She has written many lyrics, most of which are unpublished.

--*Psalter Hymnal Handbook*



Our 2016 Confirmands

Mareno Greco
Josh VanRuden
Ethan McCray
Corissa Galipeau
(Pastor Jacob)