

APRIL 2021


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,

It was about this time last year that we began the social distancing, isolation, and wearing masks everywhere we go because of the pandemic. I can recall the collective disappointment we all felt over Holy Week and not being able to worship in person. Easter just didn't have the same joy and excitement that it usually does. Fast forward a year later and things are beginning to look up. We are back worshipping in the sanctuary (at a safe distance) and have been recording services for those unable or uncomfortable yet to attend. After months of not having much planned on our calendars, that is looking promising as well. Here's what we have to celebrate in April:

April 4: Easter We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with worship opportunities at Sunrise (6:30 am) and our traditional (9 am) services.

April 10-11: Concordia weekend We celebrate our affiliation with Concordia Lutheran Grade School as we welcome the families and faculty of the school to join us in worship.

April 18: Here I Stand Sunday Marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's famous proclamation that he would not recant (take back his writings or what he's preached) before a council that was charging him with heresy. On this day, we stand in the footsteps of Martin Luther 500 years later. We stand boldly, proclaiming the One who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. We stand boldly, renouncing the devil and all his works and all his ways. We stand, by the grace of God, steadfast and ready to suffer all rather than fall away. We do not stand on Luther, but we will gladly stand with him, firm on the testimony of the Holy Scriptures to confess the saving Gospel of Christ, our Good Shepherd, who died and rose, in whose name is forgiveness of sins for all people. Here we stand; we can do no other. God help us. Amen.

April 25: S'mores celebration Our Stewardship Committee has been encouraging members to see what s'more (*some more*) we can be doing. We've been creating a list of ideas of how members can actively engage and demonstrate the love of Jesus in our homes, church, and communities. After church on this Sunday (weather permitting), we will be roasting marshmallows on the front steps of the church and making our favorite combinations of s'mores.

We have much to be thankful for in these past 12 months. God has continued to be with His Church and blessed us with the opportunity to continue to worship together (either in person or electronically). I continue to look forward to our opportunities to celebrate the gifts of God together and look for ways to fellowship (safely) in the days ahead.

In Christ,
Pastor Jacob



Jon Cooper – 04/03	Simon Jacob – 04/20
Christine Luxem-04/03	Kianna Galipeau – 04/21
Beth Bitner – 04/04	Su Kish – 04/22
Abigail Ekstowicz-4/5	Donna Rick – 04/22
Dylan Sadowski – 04/6	Tyler Cooper - 04/23
Pat Hetland – 04/11	Collin Honore – 04/23
Milani Ramirez-4/15	Joan Langendorf – 04/26
Cody Schrubbe – 04/17	Jeffrey Foss – 04/28
Austin Honore – 04/18	

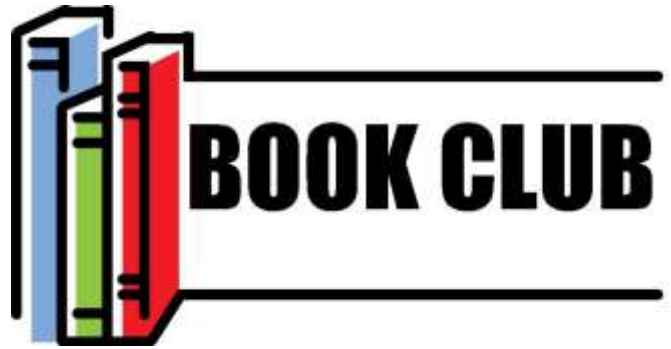


Matt & Amy Luxem – 25 years on April 6th
Rob & Debby Cooper – 34 years on April 25th
Mike & Cheryl Lynn Wilkinson – 32 years on April 29th



Bible Drive

We are collecting new and gently used Bibles to be donated to Mission Cry. Mission Cry asks people to share their bookshelves that are filled with Bibles and Christian books. Once they have received these materials, they send them around the world, therefore sowing God’s Word into the lives of those who cannot afford it. Mission Cry is equipping orphans, evangelists, pastors and missionaries for the works of service all the while setting up distribution centers, lending libraries, Bible College libraries, and holding crusades. The mission of CRI has distribution points around the world. They have begun a new endeavor to distribute their very own Mission Cry Bible with the G300 Discipleship Program around the world. They have sent over \$375 million in Bibles and Christian books to over 178 Nations around the world. When you give financially; sponsor the Mission Cry Bible; or donate Bibles, commentaries, and Christian books, you are becoming a book missionary and aligning yourself with the mission, letting the world hear your Mission Cry! Please place your donations on the table in the narthex.



Gone.....here one minute - and then, with no warning - gone for good. Lisa Jewell weaves a twisted tale in “Then She Was Gone”. How does a mother “move on” in life when the youngest of her three children simply disappears. A parents worst nightmare-and while this story isn’t true-many like it are! A fast-paced read-and though the subject matter was detestable, it was easy to get caught up in it. Only one reader did not care for the book; saying it was predictable and seemed unrealistic. The rest of the group did not agree; while it might have been easy to predict the story - it did not take away from the interest. It also did not take our interest away from the bounty of delicious food! Homemade lasagna with garlic toast and fresh baked bread, mini chicken pot pies, delicious fresh asparagus, veggies, Girl Scout cookies with mini carrot cake muffins rounding out the smorgasbord. April has us finding out “ Where the Forest Meets the Stars” by Glendy Vanderah. “An incredibly original, imaginative, and curious story.” Says Taylor Jenkins Reid, author of “ The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo”. Join us on Saturday, April 24th at 6:30 pm at Teresa Barthel’s home, 3412 29th St, Kenosha, WI. Please RSVP to Kathy McGregor if you are planning on attending! The more, the merrier! Any questions about book club, please contact Kathy McGregor at 262-634-0938. We hope to see you there!



Office Hours

Starting Monday, April 5th, the secretary will have new office hours. **Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1:15pm – 5:15pm.** All bulletin announcements will need to be to Sue by 2pm on Thursdays. Any last minute announcements can be emailed to the church office at pentecostlutheran@gmail.com and sent out to our members via email.

Stewardship Corner

S'LOOK FOR mores



There's always room for s'more THANKS~



Thanks to our musicians ~ Regular Sunday morning musicians – Tom Hasko and Seth Luxem (trumpets) Tim Hasko (clarinet) Jenna Geyer (flute) Sofia Luxem (clarinet). Joining us on March 21st were Tim Gullicksrud and David Graves (euphoniums). God has blessed us with these talented musicians. You hear them play most Sunday mornings.

Our S'mores list is slowly growing. As of Palm Sunday we had 38 ideas toward our goal of 100. For people watching our services on line – remember – you can send your ideas to either the church office or joycehasko@gmail.com and we'll add them to the list. If you need help thinking of s'more ways to serve God, remember the verse from the Children's Message ~ *God's Spirit makes us loving, happy, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle and self-controlled* ~Galatians 5:22-23 CEV These actions are called fruits of the spirit. You can use them to add to your list.

ARE YOU READY for the S'mores Party after church on April 25th (weather permitting)? The only extra recipe suggestion we have so far came from Mike Wilkinson on line – he added cinnamon graham crackers to Pastor Jacob's Peanut Butter

Cup S'mores. So far we have – **cinnamon graham crackers**, chocolate graham crackers, plain graham crackers, and peanut butter cups purchased. If you have any suggestions, please get them to Joyce or Jenna as soon as possible. If you have a special recipe, add it to the recipe box by the S'more poster.



For those who are not comfortable getting together yet, we will have a take home s'more for you to make at home.

THE S'MORE SONG (Tune: On Top of Spaghetti)

**On top of my cracker,
So yummy and sweet,
I'll put on some chocolate, To make a good treat.**

**Then comes the marshmallow, So sticky and soft,
And then one more cracker, So it won't fall off.**

**I put it together
So gently I press,
If I squeeze it too hard, It will make a big mess.**

**I'm ready to eat it,
This thing called a s'more, Oh my, It's so yummy,
I think I'll have some more!**

The stewardship of life

"Life is an accomplishment. Each moment has a meaning and you must use it. Life is given to you like a flat piece of land and everything has to be done. I hope that when I'm finished, my piece of land will be a beautiful garden."
-Actress Jeanne Moreau

The question each of us must deal with as Christian stewards is what our "piece of land" will be like when God tells us we are finished with it.



Congratulations to our Confirmands Cullen Lisowski and Henry Hansen

You're Invited

April 13, 2021 – 6:30pm

This workshop will discuss key elements of the US and global economy, today's financial markets and how they impact what's most important to you: your long-term savings and retirement income strategy

Economic Update – Presented by Patrick Egan – Director, Strategy and Alignment at Thrivent.

RSVP – Visit <http://bit.ly/EconSouth> to reserve your virtual seat! No products will be sold.

You're Invited

April 20, 2021 – 6:30pm

With kids online more than ever because of the pandemic, what can a parent do to manage screen time in a healthier way moving forward?

Screen Kids – Arlene Pellicane explains why all screen time isn't equal, what is happening in your child's brain on video games, and much more.

RSVP – Visit <http://bit.ly/ScreenSF> to reserve your virtual seat!

Learn with us in this informative and motivating webinar with Arlene as she teaches from her books Screen Kids and Grandparenting Screen Kids (co-authored with Dr. Gary Chapman).

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