


THE VOICE
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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,

With December comes the beginning of a new church year and our preparation for the coming of Christ on Christmas Day (or perhaps on the Last Day, if that were to come first!) Christmas can be an emotionally charged holiday for some - memories of loved ones who have been called home in glory emerge as we reminisce of our time with them.

And many families have traditional holiday customs that are done this time of year - going as a family to cut down your fresh tree, watching certain holiday movies annually, or baking and decorating cookies are among just some of the traditions. But one of the enduring holiday habits or traditions is typically... the music! It's a race to see which radio station starts to play Christmas music first. Many memorable Christmas songs have been covered by so many different artists that it can be difficult to determine which your favorite version really is.

The same can be said of many Christmas hymns in the church. It can be difficult to pick out which Advent/Christmas hymn is *your* favorite. This Advent season we will focus in on the music of the season and how it tells the story of Jesus' birth.

Our Wednesday nights and weekend services in Advent will each focus on a hymn that helps tell the Advent/Christmas story - the coming of Jesus Christ!

- "Savior of the Nations, Come" will announce the coming Savior
- "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" will direct us as we await His arrival
- "The King of Glory Comes" celebrates our King's arrival
- "Silent Night" will tell us when he arrives
- "Angels We Have Heard on High" will herald his arrival
- "Go Tell it On the Mountain" will detail the first evangelists

Make your plans to join us this Advent season in worship as we celebrate our Savior, Jesus Christ's arrival. Also, plan to join us for our Christmas Eve services (3 pm or 7 pm) which will be another opportunity to sing some of your favorite Christmas hymns in our traditional Lessons and Carols service. God's blessings to you as you prepare for the arrival of our Savior!

Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, prepare our hearts and minds for your Son's arrival this Advent and Christmas season. Let our hearts rejoice as we sing some of our favorite hymns and hear the Good News once again. Amen.

Pastor Luke



ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Voting meeting will be held on Sunday December 9th, after the church service. Some of the Church Council positions will be up for a vote, and there will also be other church matters to discuss, so hope you can attend, and keep abreast of what's happening in your church.

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| Tim Barthel – 12/01 | Jay LeGath – 12/17 |
| Joyce Hasko – 12/2 | Debra Honore – 12/20 |
| Kristi Barfield – 12/05 | Elizabeth Lisowski-12/21 |
| Cindy Honore – 12/08 | Sue Hasko – 12/29 |
| Carrie Schurrer – 12/08 | Tom Hasko – 12/29 |
| Robert Wear – 12/08 | Eva Hensel – 12/29 |
| Betty Mollerskov – 12/10 | Jon Lisowski – 12/29 |
| Robert Walther – 12/10 | Mike Mueller – 12/30 |
| Tyler Jacob – 12/13 | Deb Petri – 12/31 |

CONSIDER OUR ELDERLY AS WINTER WEATHER APPROACHES As cooler and wintry weather approaches, consider leaving some of the parking places closest to the church doors open for our elderly and those with difficulty walking. Thank you for your care and kindness.



*Jay & Shelly LeGath
December 14th – 23 years*

*Rev. Karl & Karen Luchterhand
December 19th – 37 years*



Could you help? The Sunday School students are sponsoring a mission project until the end of the year to buy animals for people in need. World Vision says this about chickens: Sometimes miracles come with feathers. Chickens and their eggs are a beautiful gift of nutritious food for a hungry family. They are easy to breed--so your gift can grow and multiply to create income, share with neighbors, and ultimately make a better life for the whole village. Your gift of chickens will also naturally multiply to impact generations of children. Each family that receives chickens can sell the offspring for extra income or share them with other families in need. Chicks require little money, space, or food to thrive and grow — making them an ideal business venture for a single mom or vulnerable family. You can help. We will have a collection box on the back table until the end of the year with all money going to help buy chickens or other animals. Check out the website <https://donate.worldvision.org/gift-catalog/animals#active> for more information.



Your children may receive a special gift on Christmas morning from *Jesus through the parents*. All parents may bring one gift for their child(ren) and place it under the tree in the Chancel. They will be distributed Christmas day after the worship service. Print your child's name in large letters and have it under the tree at church by Christmas day.



Christmas decorating will take place on Sat., Dec. 1st at 9am. Please come and volunteer your time to help beautify our church for the Christmas season.



Mark the date on your calendar! To start of our Advent season on Wednesday, December 5th, at 5:30 we will be again having a soup supper sponsored by the youth group. Come and taste the delicious soups! If you would like to make a soup or other item please let Katy Wagner know.

Stewardship Corner

Many happy returns



Somehow, not only for Christmas,
But all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others,
Is the joy that comes back to you.
And the more you spend in blessing
The poor and lonely and sad,
The more of your heart's possessing
Returns to you glad.

—John Greenleaf Whittier

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There is Power and Strength in Many Giving a Little
I, _____, pledge to give
ONE _____ (penny, nickel, dime, quarter,
dollar)

As **ONE** member
ONe a week

Throughout the year of 2019

Starting in January, we will have “Pledge” cards available for you. This is **not** a turn in card. It’s just to encourage you to make a commitment to yourself for this special project. We will choose a project for moneys collected and 10% will be given to missions.



“Beautiful music ... is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us.”

—Martin Luther

This Advent season Pastor Jacob has chosen the theme “**Music Tells the Story**”. Each week he has a theme with a song to go with it. Our hymn story this

month will be a short introduction to the hymns he originally gave to me. Note that these could change during the month.

Dec. 2 - *Savior of the Nations Come* Ambrose of Milan wrote this hymn in Latin in the fourth century. Martin Luther translated it into German from which many

English translations have come. It has been described as “the Advent hymn *par excellence*”.

Dec. 5 – *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* This hymn was written by Charles Wesley in 1744. Because of the quality and quantity of his hymns, some consider him the great hymn writer of all ages. Wesley based the hymn on Haggai 2:7 and a published prayer at the time - “Born Your people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now Your gracious kingdom bring. By Your own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone; by Your all sufficient merit, raise us to Your glorious throne. Amen.”

Dec. 9 – *The King of Glory Comes* This hymn was written by a Roman Catholic priest Willard F. Jabusch in 1965. He said, “I’ve always written the lyrics, but sometimes I’ve written the music and used folk melodies from other countries—from Haiti to Slovakia to the Ukraine. One of the most popular songs I’ve written, ‘The King of Glory,’ was based on an Israeli folk tune that I’d learned when I was studying in Israel.”

Fr. Jabusch is known for singable hymns. The two most popular, “The King of Glory” and “Whatsoever You Do,” based on Matthew 25, have been translated into many languages including recent versions in Vietnamese and Latvian.

Dec. 12 – *Silent Night* – This is one carol I would encourage you to go on line and check out the many different stories of how and why it was written. The words were written by Fr. Joseph Mohr. Franz Gruber composed the music for guitar. It was first sung on Christmas Eve, 1818, in the Church of St. Nicholas in Obendorf. One source said all the stories agree on this much. Some say the organ was not working so Fr. Mohr, the assistant priest, needed a song quickly. Another suggests that he just liked guitar and wanted a new carol for Christmas. By 1900 “Stille Nacht” had made it way around the globe and is now sung in 140 languages.

Dec. 16 – *Angels We Have Heard on High* The French carol “Angels We Have Heard on High,” is completely anonymous. It has always been printed with no known lyricist or composer. Many years ago shepherds of southern France had a Christmas Eve custom of calling to one another, singing “Gloria in Excelsis Deo”. This may have come from a Medieval Latin chorale and is now the chorus of this carol.

Dec. 19 – *Go Tell It on the Mountain* “Go Tell It on the Mountain” is an African-American spiritual song, compiled by John Wesley Work, Jr., dating back to at least 1865. It has been sung and recorded by many gospel and secular performers. It is considered a Christmas carol because its lyrics celebrate the Nativity of Jesus.

8th Annual Inspired by Ryan Arts Fair

On Saturday, April 13, 2019 we will be holding an art fair in memory of Ryan Luxem, an 11 year old boy who lost his battle with leukemia in 2010. During his 4 ½ year battle with leukemia, he endured intensive chemotherapy, radiation, and two bone marrow transplants. He also inspired many with his strength, faith, and compassion for others. He enjoyed art and often spent time working with a variety of mediums of art including painting, molding, and drawing. He was most well-known for his talent in origami. Ryan sold hundreds of origami pieces to raise money for causes that were important to him, including the MACC Fund for childhood cancer and related blood disorder research.

To honor Ryan's legacy and his wishes, we are continuing his efforts to raise funds for childhood cancer research by holding an arts and crafts fair. We are asking artists to donate a piece of art or a craft item to the *Inspired by Ryan Arts Fair*. Artists may include a statement with their donation telling how a child/teenager with cancer or their story has inspired the piece of art they have created or how he/she has impacted their life. These statements will be on display with the items. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the MACC Fund.

The purpose of this event is two-fold. Our goal is to spread awareness about childhood cancer while raising money for childhood cancer research. Through this endeavor we hope to share Ryan's story and the stories of the many children whose lives have been affected by childhood cancer with others who in turn will pass these stories on.

The *Inspired by Ryan Arts Fair* will be held at Union Grove Elementary School, 1745 Milldrum Street in Union Grove, WI on Saturday, April 13, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Donations can be dropped off at the following locations:

MACC Fund
Becky Pinter
10000 W. Innovation Dr. Ste. 135
Milwaukee, WI 53226

Wilmot Union High School
11112 308th Ave.
Wilmot, WI 53192

Union Grove Elementary School
1745 Milldrum St.
Union Grove, WI 53182

Donations can also be mailed to the MACC Fund.

We would appreciate receiving all donations by Friday, March 22, 2019.

Please consider donating an item to this event to raise money for childhood cancer research. Also, please feel free to share this information with other artists as well.

For more information, to volunteer, or to make arrangements to have your item picked up, please contact Debbie Rueber at (262) 880-0464 or visit the Inspired by Ryan website at <http://inspiredbyryan.webs.com>. You can also e-mail the committee at: inspired_by_ryan@yahoo.com.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
The *Inspired By Ryan* Committee

