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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,

“The Lord said, ‘...so I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians.’”

- Exodus 3:8

Have you ever had this experience as a child? You climbed up a stepladder or a tree. Near the top you looked around and down. You saw the hard concrete floor or dirt a long distance below you. You tried to step down but were afraid of missing a step or a branch and falling. The icy fist of fear hit the pit of your stomach. You cried out for help. Your Dad heard you and saw your precarious predicament. “I’ll be right there to help you down,” he said. What a relief those words brought. They were spoken to assure you of rescue.

Being caught on a high stepladder or in a tree is a minor danger. What about being stranded on a sinking ship? Or being left in a blazing building? Or being trapped in a gas-filled mine? Should the announcement come, “We will be right there to rescue you,” those words would produce a feeling of great relief.

The Lord announced to Moses, “I have come down to rescue them (the Israelites) from the hand of the Egyptians.” The toil of working without rest, the whippings of the cruel master, the brutal killing of the infant sons of Israel will end. The eternal Lord was telling Moses that he could count on the rescue taking place as if it already had occurred. What relief the people of Israel must have felt when Moses repeated this divine promise to them. The danger of their own death and their nations’ annihilation had been lifted.

A danger stares us in the face today. It is a danger far more serious than death through a catastrophe or extermination by a cruel government. Forever in hell is the peril. Our sin is the cause. “The wages of sin is death.”

The eternal Lord spoke and announced our rescue. He proclaimed, “Christ Jesus... has destroyed death.” How did he accomplish this feat? “The blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.” When did this rescue become our own? “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

What a relief to hear these words! They surpass any other rescue announcement we have heard or could ever hear.

Prayer: Eternal Lord, thank you for rescuing me from the dangerous result of sin and for announcing the good news to me through the written Word. Make me believe in this deliverance always. Amen.



Steve Matter – 02/01
 Matt Preuss – 02/03
 John Boehme – 02/05
 Shirley Vakos – 02/06
 Bill Hasko – 02/07
 Katy Wagner – 02/08
 Awniah Ali – 02/11

Preston Galipeau – 02/11
 Sawyer Hamilton – 02/14
 Karen Jackowski – 02/15
 Tim O’ Neill – 02/15
 Lois Perman – 02/18
 Judah Smith – 02/19
 Addie Barthel – 02/21
 Shana Jacob – 02/22
 Jason Eckman – 02/23
 Tanya Hensel – 02/24
 Kevin Kinney – 02/27
 Zachary Scott – 02/29



*Karen & Bill Jackowski – 48 years
 February 10th*

*Tim & Lindsay O’Neill – 11 years
 February 16th*

*James & Susan Luxem – 56 years
 February 20th*



Prayer Shawl Ministry

What is a prayer shawl/blanket?

It is a shawl/blanket lovingly crocheted out of a soft, comforting yarn, blessed by the one who made it and the pastor, and wrapped around someone who needs the sort of comfort only the love and generosity of a caring friend and the Lord can

provide. If someone you know is struggling and could use a prayer shawl or blanket, please drop a note in our mailbox, talk to us, or send us an email. In addition, if you enjoy crocheting or knitting and would like to contribute your talents to this group, let us know that as well.

The Pentecost Prayer Shawl Team
 Kathy McGregor, Sharon Boehme, Katy Wagner



Fosters Restore. - 2000 Lathrop Ave, Racine - a thrift shop created to allow children in the foster program to shop for free. On Lathrop Ave. (the old Lathrop Furniture store), where all the proceeds go to funding this endeavor. You can bring large donations directly to the store Thurs., Fri., or Sat. From 10am - 4pm. For February, our church will be collecting new or gently used children’s and young adult clothing. No clothes to donate? Money works too, just mark your envelope “Fosters Restore”. Please pray for this ministry, especially for the displaced children. We know God is always at work; and this month of February allows us to be His hands and feet as we joyfully help the children of our community. Thank you for your prayers, your donations, and your love! Kathy, Katy and Sue, your M&E committee.



We gathered in January 2021 with hope. We cling to God during this pandemic, and to His promises. We hoped for

wonderful food at our book club meeting, and we were not disappointed! Chicken and rice soup, beef stew, star-shaped grilled cheese and ham, brownies and ice cream.....and the winner of creative cooking goes to Teresa for the beautifully decorated and delicious rocket ship cake! It was out of this world! These are the books we discussed from our December book exchange: “Two Rivers”, by T. Greenwood; Katy liked it, unexpected twists and turns and kept her interested. “The Loneliest Girl in the Universe”, by Lauren James. Teresa enjoyed it, a fast read with a lot of mystery to it. “The Fifth Avenue Story Society”, by Rachel Hauck. Kathy liked it, interesting stories within a story, well-written. “A Far Piece to Canaan”, by Sam Helpert. Tim said it was very good with convincing characters. For February, we go to “Bear Town”, by Fredrick Backman and read about “a story about a town, and a game, but even more about loyalty, commitment, and the responsibilities of friendship “. Join us on February 27th at Kathy McGregor’s home at 6:30 pm, please RSVP, 1-262-634-0938.

Valentine's Day is a great time to share God's love with those around you, and those that you can't be near. We would like to shower our shut-ins with love by sending them cards this Valentine's Day. If you come to church either January 31st or February 7th we will have cards in the narthex to sign. We would also invite people to send their own cards to brighten their day. You can refer to our weekly bulletins for a list of our shut-ins. If you need more information contact the church office.

2019-2021 LWML Mission Grant #19

Making Jesus Known

Mission Goal: \$2,100,000



MAKING JESUS KNOWN IN THE UNITED STATES ETHNIC COMMUNITIES

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis –

Mission Grant: \$100,000

Concordia Seminary in St. Louis offers distance learning and training so that men can be ordained to serve churches in multi-ethnic communities. This grant gives financial assistance for the training.

Across the country, in both rural and urban areas, there are passionately devoted first-generation immigrants serving in full-time ministry positions who share the Gospel among their immigrant/ethnic communities. A number of these dedicated church workers are students enrolled in two Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, programs: the Center for Hispanic Studies (CHS) and the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT). The “Making Jesus Known in the United States Ethnic Communities at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis” mission grant will give financial assistance to meet their tuition needs.

WE PRAY TOGETHER...

Lord, the communities we are living in are changing and becoming more diverse. We thank You for the opportunities here in the United States to witness and serve people from various parts of the world. Help us to reach out and share with them the love of Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.



After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,

standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” (Rev. 7:9-10)



For more questions or to learn more about us
1-800-252-5965 www.lwml.org

What is the LWML and what are mites?

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, formally recognized by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in 1942, required by the newly adopted constitution and bylaws, that 25% of all missionary contributions be given to the national organization, shared from the districts. At the 1953 convention, delegates reaffirmed the policy of raising funds only through voluntary offerings.

Throughout the decades, Lutheran women have stepped out in faith, setting goals and trusting God to move the hearts of His people to give generously to LWML to proclaim the Gospel.

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1–4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national [mission grants](#) and implement the LWML program.

[Mite Boxes](#), available from the district, zone, or LWML office, are distributed to every woman in a society, and often to each member of the congregation. Local groups submit Mite Box offerings to the appointed district officer.



It's Souper Bowl time! To celebrate the Super Bowl we would like to have a souper bowl collection! Your Missions and Evangelism committee will be collecting cans of soup and boxes of crackers until the day of the Super Bowl, Sunday, February 7th. Bring them in and place them in the container in the narthex. We will then deliver them to the Women's Resource Center in Racine.



This Lent season we will follow in the footsteps of our Savior, contemplating the places where Jesus stood on his path to salvation. **We begin February 17th, with Ash Wednesday**, as we go to Jerusalem, the place of the Passover, where Jesus gathers with the crowds and sacrifices himself for us.

Stewardship Corner

S' LOOK FOR mores



Stewardship is using your time, talents, and treasures. For the next couple months, we'll be asking you to look for S'more ways you can do this. Look for the poster in the narthex where you can add your S'mores – for instance S'more opportunities to serve others, S'more ways to show God's love, S'more chances to read my Bible... You can write directly on the poster, use the card by the poster, or email or text your S'more to a member of the Stewardship Committee and we'll add it for you. (Tim Barthel, Jenna Geyer, or Joyce Hasko)

We'll end at Easter. If you have favorite S'more recipes you'd like to share with us, please email them to joycehasko@gmail.com and we'll share them with the rest of the congregation.

A couple I found are – **How Girls Make S'mores**~
1. Place Hershey bars on graham crackers. 2 Toast marshmallows. 3. Place toasted marshmallows on Hershey bars to melt chocolate.

How Boys Make S'mores ~ Eat Hershey bars. 2. Eat marshmallows. 3 Throw graham crackers at other boys.

Cold Weather S'mores – Ritz crackers Peanut butter Chocolate Chips Mini marshmallows – Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Slather peanut butter onto crackers. Top with a few chocolate chips and mini marshmallows. Bake in oven just til golden (only about 2-4 minutes) Cool a few moments and eat! (I found this works best in the broiler)

S'mores got their name from frequent requests for "some more" whenever they were made. Let's hope we also get frequent suggestions for S'more ways to use our time, talents, and treasures serving our Lord.

The Alphabet Prayer

Many of us need to be more like the little girl whom the farmer found lost in his meadow. The farmer said to her, "Do not cry; I'll take you home."

The little child snuggled up to him, and with a smile, said, "I knew you would; I was waiting for you."

"Waiting for me?" said the man. "What made you think I was coming?"

"I was praying you would," she said.

"Praying? When I first heard you, you were saying A-B-C-D-E-F-G. What was that for?"

She looked up again and said, "I'm just a little girl. I was praying all the letters of the alphabet and letting God put them together the way he wanted to. He knows I was lost, and he knows how to put words together better than I do."

To trust in God and heaven securely.
-Henry van Dyke

Putting a "face" with our prayer requests

Recently we've been praying for **Dave Flannery** – to the Sadowski family "Uncle Dave", to us at Pentecost, a friend who has helped us many times in the past. Dave Flannery is the owner of Apple Holler. We've gone to him with requests for hay for our manger at Christmas or a bale of hay for our children's Christmas program. He supplied the pumpkins used to hold flower centerpieces to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our church building. He has given us gift baskets for the drawings at our Block party and many year ago "a little wool" for our VBS Outback Expedition. When I asked Dave if I could get a little wool for decorations and projects for VBS that year, I was really thinking just enough for the projects. Here's what he gave us. Through the years that wool made scenery (sheep) for VBS plus projects the children made that year, the sheep that stood by our Christmas manger for many years, covered wooden lambs for a Sunday School project, shared with other teachers, made other Sunday School projects, and recently made 100% wool sheep cards for the Children's Message and there's still lots left!

We pray for Dave's speedy recovery and thank him for the many times he has helped us in the past.





For the Kids~ I Spy...

Can you find the picture at the right in our church? These cloths are called *paraments*. Look at the front of the church. You should see these in a couple different places. Can you find four of them?



the paraments are season. The church year usually starts in late church year we've seen for Transfiguration, and for pre Lent. Other purple for Lent, red for Pentecost, black for of Pastor's stole matches day.

Watch for the next can figure out what color

Just like we have winter, spring, summer, and fall, the church year also has different seasons and changed for each starts with Advent so November. So far this blue for Advent, white green on January 31st colors you will see are special festivals like Good Friday. The color the paraments for the

color change. See if you it will be.



How do you use the Pentecost pens? Several years ago when they were first introduced by the Missions and Evangelism Board, it was suggested that we take a couple and use them when signing a charge slip in a restaurant. Then leave

the pen with the slip as a way to advertise our church. The hope is that your waitress or waiter will use the pen when giving others charge slips to sign. You can also put a Thanks for being De'pen'dable tag with them and give them to others who serve you – in the doctor's office, at the grocery store... Sometimes this can give you an opportunity to tell others about your church and invite them to visit.



The precise number varies depending on the Bible version, but roughly how many times does the word "love" occur in the Old and New Testaments combined?

- A. 200-300
- B. 400-500
- C. 600-700
- D. 800-900

Answer: C