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

On Sunday, January 9th, 2022, our congregation voted to extend a divine call to Rev. Peter Heckert to be our next pastor. Pastor Heckert will consider the call, and either accept or decline it.

Pastor Heckert is currently Associate Pastor at St. James Lutheran Church in Lafayette, IN. He lives in Dayton, IN with his wife, Hannah. Pastor Heckert is originally from the Wausau area, and Hannah is originally from the Milwaukee area.

Pastor Heckert's hobbies include reading, writing, playing paintball and other sports, listening to and singing along with music, exercising, woodworking, and carpentry, landscaping, DIY projects, and playing card games.

He is a graduate of Concordia University - Wisconsin, and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Please keep Pastor Heckert and his family, our congregation, and the congregation of St. James, Lafayette IN in your prayers as he considers our call.



# FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS

Steve Matter – 02/01	Tim O’Neill – 02/15
Matt Preuss – 02/03	Lois Perman – 02/18
John Boehme – 02/05	Judah Smith – 02/19
Shirley Vakos – 02/06	Addie Barthel – 02/21
Katy Wagner – 02/08	Shana Jacob – 02/22
Awniah Ali – 02/11	Jason Eckman – 02/23
Preston Galipeau – 02/11	Tanya Hensel – 02/24
Sawyer Hamilton – 02/14	Kevin Kinney – 02/27
Karen Jackowski – 02/15	Zachary Scott - 02/29



*Karen & Bill Jackowski – 49 years  
February 10<sup>th</sup>*

*Tim & Lindsay O’Neill – 12 years  
February 16<sup>th</sup>*

*James & Susan Luxem – 57 years  
February 20<sup>th</sup>*



**GRAND GALA IS SAT., FEB. 12.** Dinner, auctions, and dancing! Contact [klong@RacineLutheran.org](mailto:klong@RacineLutheran.org) to reserve your spot.



In *It’s Okay Not to Be Okay*, Christian author Sheila Walsh looks at the all-encompassing love that Jesus expects of his followers. He commands us to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your

neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27, ESV).

But we can’t love that way without faith, Walsh writes. “I’m not living by faith if I have an answer to everything. If I understand everything God does or doesn’t do, then all I need to love him with is my mind. We’re called to love him with more.” That “more,” she explains, involves these paradoxes: “We love with all our heart, even when it’s broken. We love with our soul, even when our humanity wrestles against our situation. We love with our strength, even when it’s almost gone. We love with our mind, even when we don’t understand.”

Even if God’s purposes and plans don’t make sense here on earth, we can heed this advice from the great preacher Charles Spurgeon: “When we cannot trace [God’s] hand, we must trust his heart.”



**PENTECOST YOUTH GROUP / FAMILY FELLOWSHIP**

**SNOW TUBING OUTING AT THE ROCK**

Our Youth Group and the entire congregation are invited to a Snow Tubing adventure at the Rock Snow Park in Franklin, WI on **Saturday, February 5th from 2 to 4pm**. The Rock has a nice website online where you can find out more information on the venue and tickets are around \$24 for the two hours of tubing down their 19 lane snow hill. We are aiming to secure tickets ahead of time (as time slots can sell out ahead of time), so please RSVP to Kyle Jacob at 262-456-8021 or via email at [jacobk47@yahoo.com](mailto:jacobk47@yahoo.com) as soon as possible. We will get you on our email list for the event to figure out details and the potential of dinner together after the event for those interested.

## Stewardship Corner

If Jesus came to Earth today, He might choose to tell a story like *Stone Soup* to teach us the importance of loving our neighbors and sharing with others.

There are many versions of the story ~ a hungry peddler or traveler comes to a town where no one is willing to share any food with him. He fills a kettle with water, adds his stone, and starts to cook it. As the villagers come by, he mentions how much better the soup would be with various vegetables or other ingredients. Curious, each villager shares the ingredient he mentions until a wonderful soup is made. The peddler then shares his *Stone Soup* with all the villagers and they are amazed at how good soup made from a stone is! By sharing their supplies, they had made a soup “fit for a king,” as one story puts it.

We have been praying for baby Frances Luchterhand, granddaughter of Pastor and Karen Luchterhand. Frances has Vein of Galen Malformation (VOGM) A vein of Galen malformation is a type of rare blood vessel abnormality inside the brain.



Kam, Aimee and Frances Luchterhand

Our next stewardship project is *Share His Love*. Thrivent is supplying the money for our *Stone Soup* and other supplies. So...Can we fill our soup kettle with donations to help with medical bills for Frances? Watch for Bowl Cozies and possibly other items in this project. We will end the project on Ash Wednesday with the traditional Soup Supper – featuring Stone Soup, of course. All monetary donations will go through the church and one check written to the Luchterhands at the end of the project. Children received a *Share His Love* Pocket Hug during the Children’s Message Jan. 23 to start off this project. Pick up your *Pocket Hug* as a *Thank You for Sharing His Love*.



### Beyond candy hearts and roses

The first half of February seems dominated by pink and red, cards and candy. But people not in a

loving romantic relationship can sometimes feel left out of the festivities. Of course, all people need love — and certainly love is not limited to the romantic kind. Author Leo Buscaglia, who became known as “Dr. Love” for writing about the topic, said, “Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”

Jesus taught that loving one another is second only in importance to loving God (Matthew 22:37-40), and that when we love one another, God lives in us (1 John 4:12). There are so many ways to do that — beyond candy hearts and roses! But Valentine’s Day is as good a reminder as any.

If you have not yet picked up your 2022 offering envelopes, they are available in your church mailbox.