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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.

“Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?...Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

- (Matthew 6:27, 34)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

You can't change the past, but you can ruin a perfectly good present by worrying about tomorrow. And how many of us haven't let worry ruin a perfectly good day?

Worry brings about results. It brings about ulcers, nervousness, headaches, temper flare-ups, and sleepless nights, to name a few. It makes us miserable and unhappy. It creates problems rather than solving them.

Christ teaches us that no one has ever added years to his/her life by worrying about it. And no one ever will. How foolish, then, to worry! How useless to be anxious!

But how we forget! In our sinfulness we find all kinds of things to worry about. Worry is a sin, and it reveals a lack of trust in God and his providence. A worrying Christian on the one hand acknowledges God's almighty power, but on the other hand is saying, "I am not so sure you have everything under control, Lord."

We must never forget that God is constant. He doesn't vary. He isn't fickle. He doesn't forget about us, or shortchange us on his blessings. He takes complete care of our lives, every detail and every moment. Worry won't remove sickness, put food on the table, pay bills, or solve problems. But God will. He graciously invites us to come to him in prayer and give him all our cares, worries, anxieties, and troubles.

Give them to God. Let him take care of them. There is no need to lose sleep at night. There is no need to get ulcers, or lead a miserable existence of fretting and anxiety. God is in control!

Our lives can get pretty hectic and complex, and we may feel we are at the end of our rope. How wonderful to be able to pour out our hearts to God with complete trust in him to take charge and do what's best! Worrying is a sin. Let us give our concerns to God, in prayer.

**What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh what needless pain we bear--
All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!**

- Pastor Jacob
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Birthdays

Richard Rognsvoog - 01/01	Raynae Hensel - 01/22
Mason Wagner - 01/01	Mia Ekstowicz - 01/25
Sharon Boehme - 01/08	Dave Wagner - 01/25
Kathy McGregor - 01/13	Sue Murcek - 01/27
Andrea Wilkinson - 01/13	Anne Chasar - 01/28
Grant Barclay - 01/17	Corrine Schrubbe - 01/28
Walter Wilckens - 01/19	Julianne Hlavka - 01/30



Arlene & Robert Verborg
56 years - January 16th



CHURCH
DIRECTORY

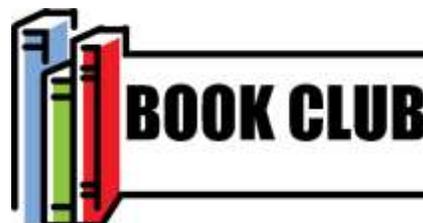
A new directory will be printed soon. If you would like to change or add any information, please let Sue Hasko know by either calling the church office or making corrections on the directory sitting on the table in the narthex. You can also e-mail your information to pentecostlutheran@gmail.com.

2021 Church Council

President	Tim Hasko
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Gloria Gordon would like to thank everyone who remembered her with cards and letters. She appreciates all of them.



Addie greeted us with the Christmas-time enthusiasm only a three year old can exude - all thanks to the help of mom, dad and brother; who decorated, baked, and read stories to keep the spirit of Christmas alive and well! It was a cozy book club gathering, and we are so thankful for the good health and safety of our regulars and their families. After a relaxing meal, we got down to discussing the December book choice, "The Guest List", by Lucy Foley. Not many details were divulged, because not all had finished reading it, so we did not want to spoil it and give away the ending! Katy liked it; Tim really liked it- thought it was well-written-liked the characters, the setting and how it kept you guessing!; Kathy liked it, well-woven story. All in all we recommend! January 2021! Wow! We exchanged books in December, now we each get to share a synopsis of our book and whether we liked or disliked. This is the perfect month to join in the fun, read whatever you want and come prepared with a "book report" on Saturday, January 23rd at Tim's house. Please RSVP if you would like to join in the fun, all are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Kathy at 262-634-0938.

Installation of the Church Council will take place during the service on January 3rd.

Stewardship Corner

Putting a “face” with our prayer request

In the last few weeks we have been praying for Dr. Barbara Curry, niece of Bill and Joyce Hasko. Barbara is an emergency room doctor in Billings, Montana, and has seen many Covid patients while doing her job. This is a picture one of her coworkers took after a hard day’s work. Please continue to keep Barbara in your prayers, that God will keep her safe as she does her job. The good news is, we did hear recently that she had been given the new vaccine.



My thanks to the musicians who have worked with me since we began having in person church services on Sundays again ~ Seth, Tom, Tim, Jenna and Sofia. For the Christmas season Dan was home from university and added a little pizzazz and depth to the combi-nation with his trumpet and baritone. Christmas Eve also added Courtney with a flute solo on Silent Night.

Sufficient for the day

John Newton (1725-1807), author of “Amazing Grace,” wrote: “We may easily manage if we will only take, each day, the burden appointed for it. But the load will ... be too heavy for us, if we carry yesterday's burden over again today, and then add tomorrow’s.” This maxim might be easy to dismiss unless we knew about Newton’s troubled life.

Having been pressed into naval service and then slavery, Newton was finally rescued but became a slave-ship captain. He faced abuse, contemplated murder-suicide, suffered a stroke and was caught in a storm. When he cried out to God, the waves subsided, prompting a spiritual conversion for Newton, who became a priest and abolitionist.

We never know how God will transform our sinful past into future good, but we can trust he will. That adds power to Newton’s advice, which echoes Jesus’ words: “Sufficient for the day is its own trouble” (Matthew 6:34, ESV).

2021 Offering Envelopes are in you church mailbox

God of the Ages, I offer you my heart, anew with this new year. Help me love you and my neighbors all year long, one day at a time.



Also, thanks to our 7 PM Christmas Eve readers ~ the Jacob family, Steve Matter, and Rachel Hasko.



For the Kids~ I Spy...

January 10th is listed on the church year calendar as the **Baptism of Jesus** ~ **SO** ~ Let's look for Baptism items in our church.

First there's the **Baptismal Font**. This picture shows a clean-up day when Hunter was helping by dusting the font. Can you find the font?

Baptismal Quilt ~ Members of our church made squares with their baptism dates on them and Kathy McGregor made them into a quilt. Some of you may be able to find your square on the quilt.



This one you probably won't be able to find at church unless Pastor Jacob has some

extra ones without names. Kathy Merrill made baptismal napkins like this for many of the babies who were baptized in our church.



You already found the baptism window in an earlier I Spy, but see if you remember where it is in the church.

Next time we have a baptism, look for the banner that is given to the child's parents. Unfortunately, I can't find a picture of one to show you.





Genesis 3:8-15



Luke 3:8-16

Sometimes you just need a little help reaching that microphone!



Matthew 2:1-11



Genesis 22:15-18

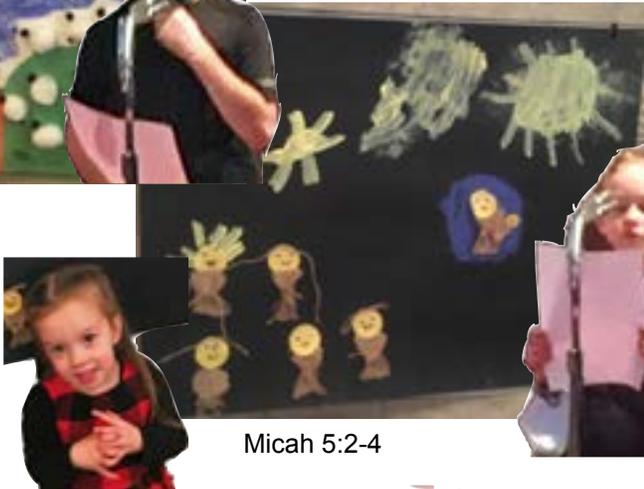
Thank you to our Sunday School students, teachers, and parents for a special Christmas program. Students pictured by the posters were the readers for that poster or helped make it. Musicians are pictured at the bottom of this page.



Matthew 1:18-23



Isaiah 9:2, 6-7



Micah 5:2-4



Luke 1:26-28

Deacon said, "We're smiling, you just can't see it in back of the masks."

