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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.*

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On July 13, 2008, a young man entered into the sanctuary of Pentecost Lutheran Church and was installed as the 13th pastor of this congregation. Thirteen years and five days later he will preach his last sermon from the pulpit (or front of the church). I came to you as a young, immature, and ignorant pastor, fresh out of the seminary and you welcomed me into your lives and made me a part of your family. I have been immensely blessed over the course of this time as it has shaped and formed me as a pastor, husband, father, and man.

I'm thankful for the many opportunities to travel over the course of my time here. Blessed to participate in 3 National Youth Gatherings, 2 LWML conventions, multiple Luther League conventions, a trip to Israel, and to visit quite a number of our non-geographical congregations in the SELC.

There have been so many meaningful and milestone events over the course of that time as well. We've hosted our SELC district in a Professional Church Workers Conference and several other smaller pastor's conferences through the years, celebrated the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation back in 2017, and have experienced a pandemic that altered our way of worship and life. We've also added mailboxes, a lift with access to the basement, and a handicap-accessible bathroom in the basement.

55+ club gatherings, block parties, volleyball and softball games, vacation bible study, book club, Oplakty baking sessions, outdoor worship, hymn sing Sundays, 4th of July parties on our front lawn, the list goes on and on of all the opportunities I've been blessed to participate in while at Pentecost. This truly is a place where "Love Grows Here."

I thank you for the memories, the moments, the laughs, the tears, the joy, your willingness to be open to my "outside the box" ideas, your care and concern for me and my family. I have been blessed in my time here to date and marry a wonderful woman who has been such a blessing to me and my ministry. We have been blessed to baptize our three boys in this church and have baptismal sponsors and family that have made these years so impactful for our entire family.

We will cherish you all and keep you in our prayers as God prepares the next under-shepherd to lead his sheep. Thank you for listening to my voice and giving me the opportunity to share the Gospel with you on a weekly basis.

I thank you for making my family a part of yours. Your kindness shown to us has been heartfelt and wonderful. I know over the course of these next few weeks that there will be many tears amongst us all. I pray that God gives you the peace which surpasses all understanding and keeps your hearts and minds steadfast in the one true faith, until life-everlasting. Amen.

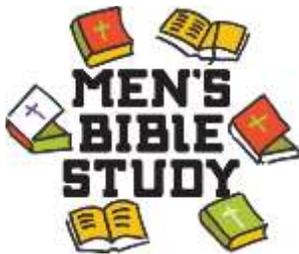
Pastor Jacob



Paul Barthel - 7/1	Arianna Greco - 7/15
Liam Smith - 7/2	Matt Galipeau - 7/16
Amanda Eckman - 7/3	Jordynn Galipeau - 7/20
Haley Pilcher - 7/3	Courtney Jacob - 7/23
Dan Sadowski - 7/3	Tim Hasko - 7/24
Melissa Galiepeau - 7/6	Wayne Ruud - 7/25
Jodi Barclay - 7/7	Karli Luchterhand - 7/26
Martha Burman - 7/8	Mike McCray - 7/26
Sofia Luxem - 7/9	Art Preuss - 7/26
Courtney Heldt - 7/10	Lisa Wilckens - 7/27
Josh VanRuden - 7/10	Sienna Lisowski - 7/30
Ashley Ekstowicz - 7/14	Bob Winterle - 7/30



*Lisa & Harold Wiegman - July 7<sup>th</sup> - 15 years*  
*William & Bekah Smith - July 13<sup>th</sup> - 8 years*  
*Ian & Chrissy Hamilton - July 14<sup>th</sup> - 14 years*  
*Tim & Teresa Barthel - July 21<sup>st</sup> - 20 years*  
*Jason & Amanda Eckman - July 24<sup>th</sup> - 22 years*  
*Brian & Julie Hlavka - July 26<sup>th</sup> - 41 years*  
*Kevin & Jaclyn Greco - July 30<sup>th</sup> - 6 years*



All men are invited to a breakfast and Bible Study on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am at the Parish House. Contact Mike Mueller with any questions.



### KENOSHA KINGFISH GAME

- All Pentecost people are invited to a night at the Kenosha Kingfish! We are attending the game on July 14th at 6:05. Tickets include a one-hour tailgate prior to the first pitch. This includes all you can eat ball park food (last time this meant hot dogs, brats, potato salad, chips, soda, and water) for \$19 each. You can do a beer upgrade for \$25 per ticket. Please let Teresa Barthel ([teresabarthel@yahoo.com](mailto:teresabarthel@yahoo.com)) or the church office at ([pentecostlutheran@gmail.com](mailto:pentecostlutheran@gmail.com)) know if you would like to attend! Also let us know if you want the \$19 ticket or the \$25 ticket. **RSVP deadline is July 6th!** Checks can be made out to Pentecost Lutheran Church and "Kingfish Tickets" in the memo line, or you can pay by PayPal and put "Kingfish Tickets" in the comments line.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - Vacation Bible School begins Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, thru Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 (dinner), 6:00-7:30pm at Pentecost Lutheran Church. Campout will be Friday night at the Luxem Farm. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. All children 3 years old thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome! For more information contact Teresa Barthel ([teresabarthel@yahoo.com](mailto:teresabarthel@yahoo.com)), Amy Luxem or Shana Jacob.



Faith Lutheran Church (8500 Durand Ave., Sturtevant) will hold their Rummage and Bake Sale on Friday, July 16, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, July 17, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, July 18 from noon to 3 p.m. Clothing, shoes, and books are ½ price on Saturday. Everything is ½ price on Sunday. Cash sales only.



You may have noticed that we've had quite a few visitors in church lately. Some have become new members. As we get pictures and information from them, we'll introduce them to you. Be sure to introduce yourself to them and make them feel welcome.



**Sammy's monthly S'more favorite** ~ Tell your family you love them and show them that you do.

This month we introduce Johann and Auburn Andes and sons, Brody and Beckham. They come to us from Lutheran Church of the Redeemer.

## An encouraging word

The Bible repeatedly "encourages" Christians to "encourage one another." How can you tell when someone needs encouragement? The answer is easy, said Chick-fil-A founder Truett Cathy: if they're breathing! He quipped, "I get a lot of encouragement, but I never got an overdose."

Offering encouragement is an easy way to have a big impact. In fact, two esteemed Christian writers call encouragers angelic and godly. George MacDonald said, "If, instead of a gem or even a flower, we could cast the gift of a lovely thought into the heart of a friend, that would be giving as the angels give." And G.K. Chesterton said, "If I can put one touch of rosy sunset into the life of any man or woman, I shall feel that I have worked with God."

**Who in your life might need an encouraging word today?**

## To love is to give

The most famous verse in the Bible [John 3:16] begins "For God so loved the world that he gave ...." It's a generosity verse. I say you can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving. If you want to become a loving person, you have to learn to give. You spell love G-I-V-E. —Rick Warren



Johann is an IBEW union electrician and Auburn is a home health speech-language pathologist. A joyful Deacon Jacob greeted his classmate, Brody, and could hardly wait to introduce him to his Sunday School teacher. Brody will be in second grade and Beckham in kindergarten at Concordia Lutheran School this fall.

The Andes family enjoy playing/watching sports, fishing, reading, doing puzzles, spending time with family and friends, swimming, being outside, and camping.

Welcome to Pentecost, Johann, Auburn, Brody and Beckham.

