



**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,

A few years ago, in our weekend worship, we endeavored to take on the task of preaching through the Gospel of Matthew. From Jesus' tree family to the Great Commission we engaged Scripture and walking alongside Jesus and the disciples. It took us nearly two and a half years (with the occasional deviation in there), but we accomplished it!

As we come to the Summer months of the church year I find myself wondering what's next? What text should we delve into next? Some clergy are happy to follow the lectionary series and cycle through the readings on a 1 or 3 year basis, but I haven't felt that way for some time. I have enjoyed different series, going outside of the box, and taking the "road less traveled." For some time now I have been praying and asking for the Holy Spirit to give me direction as to what to share with the people of Pentecost. And for some time now I have continued to come back to the books of 1 & 2 Samuel. Whether it has been in my own personal study in the text or nudges from the Holy Spirit recently, it's on my heart to work our way through the Old Testament text of Samuel.

There is much fertile soil in these texts to dig in to and I pray many wonderful truths that we will discover together. Below is a brief introduction on why we should read this book?

"A great play, according to playwright Arthur Miller, is one in which you discover your own characteristics in the drama's characters. That may also be true of great books. In the two books of Samuel you will find heroic stories and colorful characters. As you experience their tragedies and triumphs, their emotional highs and lows, you'll learn more about yourself – and how God wants to work in your life. A common thread through all these stories is God's undying faithfulness to his people." (The NIV Quest Study Bible Introduction)

I'm sure you will recognize some of the names of the main characters (Samuel and David), but how well do you know their "story"? Their whole story? The benefit of reading/preaching on an entire book of the bible is that we see a fuller story...we have a greater context...and we can understand more of what might be going on in the text. In the three year lectionary cycle there are only 3 times when a text from Samuel appears:

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| 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 – God's Promise to David | (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent, Series B)   |
| 1 Samuel 3:1-10 – The Calling of Samuel      | (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany, Series B) |
| 2 Samuel 11&12 – David and Bathsheba         | (Proper 6, Series C – "middle of June")        |

We miss so much of the wealth of Scripture when we only look at tiny snippets of it. So get ready as we explore the vastness of God's grace, mercy, and love for us as we walk through the Old Testament stories of Samuel, Saul, David and more starting this June!

Prayer:

*O Lord, prepare our hearts and minds to see you at work in Scripture and in our lives. Guide us as we engage your Word in both our personal study and in our corporate worship. Help us to see the truths that you have prepared for us in advance and for us to grow in our appreciation for all that you have done for us through your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Pastor Luke



Lucy Bitner – 06/01  
 Seth Luxem – 06/01  
 Terri Lisowski – 06/03  
 Lucas Hensel – 06/05  
 Lindsay O’Neill – 06/06  
 Kevin Greco – 06/08  
 Janet Greco – 06/09  
 Logan Hoffman – 06/09

Aiden Yeager – 06/09  
 Casey Hutchinson – 06/10  
 Rachel Hasko – 06/11  
 Corissa Galipeau – 06/13  
 Cameron Wagner – 06/13  
 Matt Luxem – 06/16  
 Ed Schrubbe – 06/16  
 Jeffrey Alvarez – 06/25  
 Noah Barclay – 06/27  
 Shannon LeGath – 06/27  
 Karen Luchterhand – 06/28  
 Riley Alvarez – 06/29  
 Rob Cooper – 06/30



Robert & Jodi Barclay – 28 years – June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Scot & Pam Sinclair – 23 years - June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Kyle & Shana Jacob – 10 years - June 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Charles & Peggy Clark – 40 years - June 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Judy & Allen Mueller – 48 years - June 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Denise & Ethan Denault – 12 years - June 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Bill & Joyce Hasko – 51 years - June 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Jeff & Gretchen Hansen – 17 years - June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Walter & Lisa Wilckens – 25 years - June 23<sup>rd</sup>



Awniah Ali – Racine Lutheran High School  
 Grant Barclay – Case High School  
 Gianni Greco – Racine Lutheran High School  
 Austin Honore – Racine Lutheran High School  
 Haley Pilcher – Racine Lutheran High School  
 Dylan Schrubbe – Racine Lutheran High School  
 Rachel VanRuden – Park High School  
 Mason Wagner – Racine Lutheran High School



## 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY

Pentecost Lutheran Church will host its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Neighborhood Block Party on Saturday, **July 28, 2018** from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the church. The Block Party will feature brats, hot dogs, corn, chips, cookies, side dishes and non-alcoholic beverages. Participants will also be able to enjoy an inflatable bounce house, music, entertainment, door prizes and more! Outdoor worship will follow the Block Party at 4:00 PM.

### CONCORDIA CORNER

**Employment Opportunities** Concordia Lutheran School is seeking individuals for the 2018-19 school year that are devoted to serving our Lord and His lambs. Opportunities exist to serve in the following areas: Before School Care supervision (6:45 – 8:45 a.m.), After School Care supervision (3:45 – 6:15 p.m.) and Teachers’ Aides dedicated to working one-on-one full-time with a student. Applicants must possess a high school diploma or its equivalent. Please contact Mrs. Klein with questions (884-0991) or visit our office to apply.

**Applying to attend Concordia** *Bringing Christ and excellence in academics to our children for life and forever* is the mission of Concordia Lutheran School. Do you know someone who is seeking a Christian education in an environment that feels like family and encourages excellence? Please share our mission! As part of the Racine Parental Choice Program, families who are income eligible can apply for a voucher to attend Concordia. The next application period is from June 1 – 20! A limited number of seats are available. For more information, contact us at 262-884-0991 or visit [dpi.wi.gov/choice](http://dpi.wi.gov/choice).

With summer break right around the corner, we want you to start thinking about Fall, sorry!! Mark your calendars now for

### Fall Fest 2018

**Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

This fun-filled family day requires many hands and if you are interested in helping out over the summer with silent auction item solicitation or have ideas worth sharing, please contact us. Be on the lookout for more information!

Have a safe and blessed Summer!

Your PTL Team - Jennifer Agerholm, Terri & Jonathon Lisowski, Mindy Kramer, Laura Sadowski, Rachel Gonzales

# Stewardship Corner

## GUM – God Use Me

### Pentecost, 110 years



Smiling already at being the newest member of Pentecost Lutheran Church, Walter Jacob (5/8/18) reminds us of God's love for our church. As we celebrate our 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we look at two life long members -

Walter who represents

the church of the future and Bill Hasko who represents our church through the years. No, Bill doesn't go back the whole 110 years, just 85, but we do have a picture of him in the 1937 Sunday School picture where he would have just turned 4.



Through the years, Bill has followed the **GUM** rule (God Use Me). He has served in many church offices with treasurer being the longest. He also served as a member of the building committee for our present building and Sunday School superintendent and teacher for a couple years. Grass cutting and snow shoveling/blowing were part of his seasonal helping until a stroke sidelined him and God said, 'It's time to slow down now.'

Do you have a picture of yourself when you joined Pentecost and a picture of yourself today? How has God used you in the years between pictures? Are you saying, "God Use Me!"?

Thanks, Katy and Mason Wagner, for the



Mother/Son duet on Mothers Day. **AND** thanks, too, for the many other things you do at church – Prayer Shawl Ministry, Sunday School Superintendent, Church Council, grass cutting, youth group...

As you look around church, take a minute and ask yourself, "Who did/does that?" Sometimes we take things for granted until one day something doesn't get done and no one remembers who used to do that. We have so many wonderful members who just take care of things because they see that they need doing.

God has blessed us for 110 years and we pray that He will continue to bless us for 110 more!

**Projects at Pentecost** had a beautiful day for working and lots of people to help. A new banner was made, kitchen cleaned, pews cleaned, yard work done and more. Thanks to Sharon Boehme for organizing this day.

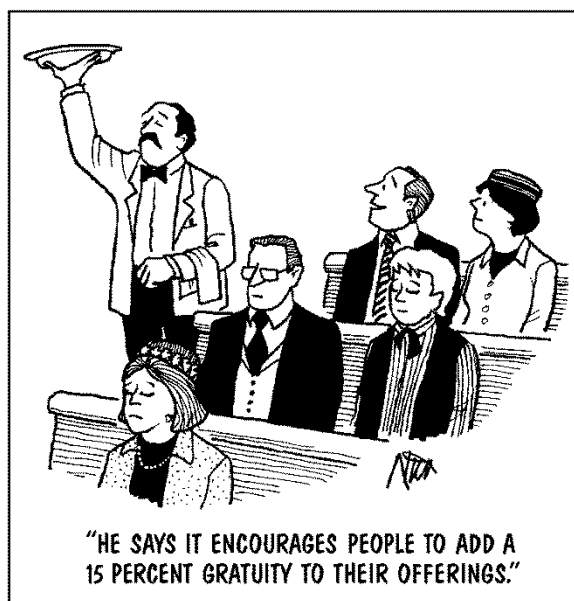


## Be Still My Soul

"*Be Still, My Soul* really had three persons who put it together as the hymn we sing today. Katharina von Schlegel, a notable woman of the Pietism Revival, wrote the words, originally in German. One hundred years later the hymn was translated into English, fortunately for us, by Jane Borthwick. And our last contributor was Finland's greatest-composer, Jean Sibelius. One movement from his "Finlandia" is used as the tune for our hymn. God used three people from three countries to put together a hymn that teaches us that God is in control and to wait on Him."

<http://hishymnhistory.blogspot.com/2012/10/be-still-my-soul.html>

During a recent Hymn Sing, we found that our hymnal has two different *Be Still My Souls* – *Be Still, My Soul The Lord Is On Your Side* and *Be Still My Soul, before the Lord*. The more familiar to us is *Be Still, My Soul The Lord Is On Your Side*. By choosing the other one, we also learned a new song.





**Financial Peace University comes to Pentecost Lutheran!  
Classes start June 13, 2018 @ 6:30 PM**

Are finances on your mind? Isn't it time to get out of debt and experience financial peace? Learn how to handle money God's way by enrolling in Financial Peace University, a 9-week life-changing class taught by Dave Ramsey, nationally known financial expert, talk show host, and bestselling author. Financial Peace University is a national program on personal finance held in churches across the country. With entertaining video classes, Dave shows people how to put into practice the proven common-sense principles that allow them to walk with financial peace. Pentecost Lutheran Church will be hosting Financial Peace University with classes starting June 13.



**These classes on personal finance are designed for you if:**

- \* *you think "I can't afford this class"*
- \* *you feel like your money has control over you*
- \* *your marriage is struggling because of financial issues*
- \* *you live paycheck to paycheck*
- \* *you don't really understand mutual funds, credit reports, mortgages*
- \* *you want to invest for retirement*
- \* *you want to plan for college costs*

Dave Ramsey uses the powerful combination of humor, visual aids, props, and personal stories to help teach how to beat debt and build wealth. **You will learn:**

- \* *how to get out of debt step by step*
- \* *the forces behind financial security*
- \* *the benefits of IRAs and other retirement plans*
- \* *how to make wise insurance decisions*
- \* *how to use a spending plan that works*
- \* *how to remove the stress from financial problems*
- \* *how to build wealth and change your family legacy forever*
- \* *the blessings of giving*

**Classes will be on Wednesdays from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm starting June 13.** The cost is \$109 per family (spouse and teenagers attend for free), and this is a lifetime membership. The FPU Membership Kit includes: Financial Peace University workbook, Audio CD library of all 9 lessons, Dave Ramsey's bestselling book, budgeting forms, envelope system, debit card holds, tip cards and other helpful tools including online resources and a phone app.

Please sign up in the next two weeks so that we may order enough membership kits. You may reserve a place in this class with a **\$20 deposit**, with the balance due at the first class. Make check payable to Pentecost Lutheran Church and indicate Financial Peace University in the memo line. We will be available after church on May 27 and June 3 to collect sign-ups.

These classes are for everyone so please share the news with your neighbors and friends and invite them to sign up as well.

For more information, contact Kristi Barfield (518-389-5708 / [kristikayegirl@yahoo.com](mailto:kristikayegirl@yahoo.com)) or Randy Barfield (512-632-8289 / [randy.barfield@gmail.com](mailto:randy.barfield@gmail.com)). Additional information about the program can also be found at [www.daveramsey.com/fpu](http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu).

**Free Babysitting Available!** Please contact Katy Wagner (262-637-7203 / [daveandkaty@sbcglobal.net](mailto:daveandkaty@sbcglobal.net) ) to reserve spots for your children.