

MARCH 2021


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.

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

- (Isaiah 43:19)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The church recognizes Lent as a 40 day journey to the cross. A journey that Jesus spent his lifetime (approximately 33 years) traversing on this earth. We embark on our journey on Ash Wednesday and reach our destination in the celebration of Easter Sunday. The season of Lent is an ideal time to reflect and repent on one's sins and consider the sacrifice that Jesus made on our behalf - the ultimate sacrifice in laying down his life for yours.

There are many different routes or paths in which we can personally travel in our faith walk during these 40 days. My challenge to you is to try something new this Lenten season. In the words of Isaiah, **“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”** As we make our way through the wilderness of this Lenten season I encourage you to do something NEW!

For some, they may wish to deny themselves of something that is enjoyable. A season of fasting can help one to concentrate their faith life and their contrition. While it also can assist us in seeing the sacrifice that Jesus made to deny his divine powers for our benefit. Here is a brief list of suggestions I've heard of individuals “fasting” during Lent:

- Facebook
- Coffee
- Chocolate or sweets or dessert
- Listening to the radio in the car
- Television
- Alcohol

But Lent doesn't have to be restricted to “fasting” as it can also be a time of reflection and growth. One can spend more time in prayer and/or try one of these suggestions:

- Reading your Bible daily
- Listening to a bible focused podcast
- Read the entire New Testament in 40 days
- Take up the Red Letter Challenge again (last year's Lenten focus)

**Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.**

(LSB 685 v. 1)

Pastor Jacob

MARCH Birthdays

Valerie Foss – 03/02	Kathy Foss – 03/18
Brian Hlavka – 03/04	Alyssa Wilkinson – 03/18
Laura Sadowski – 03/11	Scot Sinclair – 03/19
Ethan McCray – 03/12	Ellie Wilckens – 03/19
Diane Rognsvoog – 03/13	Nick Wilckens – 03/19
Isabelle Luxem – 03/15	Gloria Gordon – 03/22
Julia Hamilton – 03/16	Chrissy Hamilton – 03/26
Isabella Lisowski – 03/16	Diane Larsen – 03/28
Ian McGregor – 03/16	Genevieve Barclay – 03/29
Jamie Christensen-03/17	Grace Hansen – 03/31
Bryanna Galipeau 03/17	



EASTER LILIES: We are looking for people to sponsor 13 lilies for our wooden cross. They are still \$8 each. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex. You can place your money in the offering plate and mark it for lilies.



Food Collection

During Lent, Missions & Evangelism is collecting non-perishable food items. Please bring your donations to church and place them in the narthex.



*Jonathan & Terri Lisowski
22 years – March 20th*

Thank you for the “souper” collection of soup and crackers in January. We were able to donate a trunkful to the Veteran’s in Racine. Thanks for showing God’s love!

M & E Board



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 (Kathy McGregor & Katy Wagner), 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.

Are you interested in making prayer shawls but don’t know how to knit or crochet? You can make tied fleece blankets. Some kits will be available for you to make. Call Kathy McGregor, Katy Wagner Sharon Boehme or Sue Luxem for details.

Job Opportunity

St. John’s Ev. Lutheran Church, 4850 S. Lake Drive, Cudahy, WI is currently receiving applications, resumes, and cover letters from individuals interested in becoming our Part-Time General Church Secretary. Hours are generally 20-25 hours per week but are flexible. Duties include preparation of church bulletins, other mailings, receptionist, answering phones, maintaining schedules and calendars, etc. Pay is commensurate with experience. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please contact their church office at 414-481-0520. We are seeking to fill the position ASAP to allow for cross training prior to May 1st.

Stewardship Corner

S' LOOK FOR more



Take pictures of the ways you are serving so we can put them all together to show the many ways our congregation found to serve. Are you helping a neighbor shovel snow, shoveling snow at church, cutting grass (eventually), taking someone grocery shopping? There are just so many ways each of us can serve.

There's always room for s'more ~

S'more kindness ~ S'more sharing ~ S'more thanks

S'more chores ~ S'more love ~ S'more

You've got the idea. There's no right or wrong answer if you're doing something good.

Thrivent has given us an Action Team Grant to promote this project. It will be used for the Children's Messages, makings for S'mores for the congregation as we share our ideas, and any other things that come up as we're working on this project.

Blessed
to Be a
Blessing



For the kids
I Spy...



Can you find Sammy S'more and his friends? They are looking for some more ways to serve God. Can you help them by telling them some of the ways you are serving God? In Matthew 25:40 the Bible tells us Jesus said: "Because you did it to the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." That means that when you help others you're doing God's work here on earth.

Ask someone to take a picture of you showing S'more Ways You Are Serving God. Bring your picture to church or send it to joycehasko@gmail.com and we'll make a poster showing others how you are serving.

If you like to eat S'mores, here's a fun way to Share S'more Fun with family or friends.

Peanut Butter Cup S'more Dip

12 oz bag of miniature Reese's Peanut Butter Cups – 10 oz bag of mini marshmallows – Graham crackers for dipping

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Using a 9" cake pan, unwrap and place the Reese's Peanut Butter Cups in a single layer. Sprinkle the marshmallows on top. Bake the dip for 8 to 10 minutes until the marshmallows are golden and toasted. Break the graham crackers into quarters and use for dipping.