


THE VOICE
Of Pentecost Lutheran Church

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,

“²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

“George, if you should die today, will you go to heaven?” “Yes,” replied George.

“You can’t be absolutely sure, can you?” asked his friend.

“I’m sure, and I’ll tell you why I’m so very sure!”

“God invited me to be his child. He did this through the good news of the Gospel, which tells me of my salvation in Jesus. He has seen to it that I have not only heard but have also received his invitation. In this way faith that trusts in Jesus for salvation was created in me. Because of this faith, God is no longer angry with me over sin. My God-given faith takes the righteousness of Christ and makes me holy and just in God’s eyes. That’s how I know I was made his child.

As his child I’m sure that everything that happens to me will serve for my good and lead me yet closer to the Lord. You see, God will let no harm come to any of his children. In fact, it has to be this way. Before time began, God knew me and decided that I was to become his child. Therefore he provided a way for my salvation in Jesus. He saw to it that I was invited and called to be his child through his holy Word. He moved my heart to believe the invitation.

And he is actually keeping me in faith right now through his Word. That’s why I have faith that trusts in Jesus’ blood and righteousness. That’s why I am his child. That’s why I have a sacred promise from him.

Our gracious Lord, who made me his child through faith in Jesus, has made me a sacred promise. He has promised that he will glorify me, that is, make and keep me perfect for heaven. So it’s just a matter of time until he will also give me the perfect reason for his inviting and calling me. In heaven his promise will be kept.”

“Yes, dear friend, I’m sure I will go to heaven when I die. God has taken the whole matter out of my hands and has given me the gift of eternal life. Oh, how he loves me! You’re his child by faith in Jesus. You too can be sure,” encouraged George, as he was taken to the operating room where God kept his sacred promise to him.

Prayer:

O Lord, truly you have loved us. By calling us to faith through your Holy Spirit, you have called us your sons and daughters. Help us when we struggle with doubts and frustration, to know that you still love us and walk with us. Amen.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Gianni Greco – 05/03 Debby Cooper – 05/20
 Michael McCray – 05/04 Ian Barclay – 05/21
 Hannah Heldt – 05/06 Zach Christensen – 05/21
 Judy Mueller – 05/06 Kathy Merrill – 05/22
 Henry Hansen – 05/13 Dan Geyer – 05/27
 Sharon Werner – 05/13 Ellen Geyer – 05/28
 Natalie Scott – 05/14
 Kelley Grant – 05/17



All are invited to a new bible study that will be starting on June 18th at Dave and Katy Wagner's house. It will be on Monday nights throughout the summer and everyone is invited to attend. Stay tuned for the topic, but it will be an informal, relaxed study with no prior knowledge necessary. Any questions? Let us know. Katy's cell 262-497-0175. See you then!



*Shane & Cindy Honore – 14 years
 May 8th*

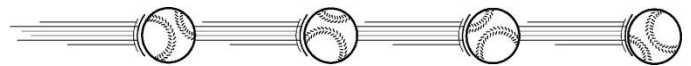
*Tom & Sue Hasko – 25 years
 May 15th*

*Wes & Diane Larsen – 48 years
 May 16th*

*Tim & Katie Gullicksrud – 11 years
 May 27th*



Flowers are important to beautify our altar. As your garden flowers begin to bloom, please share them at one of our Sunday worship services. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.



Mark your calendars for Python Softball

Sunday, May 6 th	Lincoln Park	4:05pm
Sunday, May 13 th	Island Park	5:55pm
Sunday, May 20 th	Park Bowl (West)	4:05pm
Sunday, June 3 rd	Lockwood Park	4:05pm
Sunday, June 10 th	Lincoln Park	5:55 & 6:50pm
Sunday, June 17 th	Island Park	5:55pm
Sunday, June 24	Park Bowl (West)	5:00pm
Sunday, July 1 st	Lockwood Park	5:00pm
Sunday, July 8 th	Lockwood Park	4:05pm
Sunday, July 15 th	Island Park	5:55pm
Sunday, July 22 nd	Park Bowl (West)	5:55pm
Sunday, July 29 th	Lockwood Park	4:05pm



We are looking for help cutting the church and parish house lawns again this summer. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. This is a huge money saver for the church, so it would be great to get a lot of volunteers to help with this task. If you need help learning how to use the equipment just contact one of the trustees for their assistance.



Big Brunch for Tiny Houses

The Sunday School would like to invite you to come on Sunday, May 6th for a brunch following church, around 10:30am until noon. Come and enjoy food, fellowship, and fun

as we continue to raise funds to help our veterans.



Needs Volunteers!!!!

Anyone age 16 and older can be an Aurora Health Care volunteer. We are looking for individuals to share their talents and time. As a volunteer, you will meet new people, build friendships, gain personal rewards and enjoy flexible hours.

The amount of time you volunteer is up to you. Many people volunteer once or twice a week for four hours a day – some more and others less. The volunteer staff gladly accommodates different schedules for those going on vacation or those taking a season off.

To become an Aurora volunteer, you will be asked to complete an application and provide a personal reference, submit to a criminal background check, attend orientation and service training, and visit with a nurse who will give you a required TB test and flu shot, if applicable.

Benefits of becoming an Aurora volunteer? Make a difference, give back to the community, meet new people, be challenged, share your talents!

Volunteer opportunities consist of hospital ambassador services, clinic ambassador services, registration desk, surgery desk, floor assistant-nursing and emergency departments, pet therapy, café assistant, min-medic children’s program, community programs, patient healing cart, cookie baker, cancer center ambassador services, obstetric ambassador services, Racine Clinic ambassador services.

We believe every patient deserves the best care. We believe in responsibly managing resources. We believe in building a healthy workplace through accountability, teamwork, and respect. We believe that the patient is at the center of everything we do.

Your work as a volunteer is invaluable to helping us live this philosophy. Volunteers are instrumental in helping our patients heal, creating a welcoming and friendly environment. Your time and energy can truly make a difference in the lives of our patients! Whatever your passion is, share it. We would love to talk to you about your talents and we will find a way to help you share with our patients and caregiver at Aurora.

**Aurora Medical Center
10400 75th Street
Kenosha, WI 53142
262-948-6758**

**SERVANTS OF CHRIST
CONFERENCE**

JULY 29-30, 2018

What do you plan to do after high school? As you make plans for the future, we encourage you to attend the Servants of Christ Conference to learn more about what it means to be a servant of Christ in every aspect of your life. Learn about the biblical teaching of vocation, get information about college and careers, and take part in breakaway sessions that will help you grow in your faith – all while experiencing student life on Concordia’s Mequon campus.

Who? 9-12 graders

When? 2:30pm, July 29th to 4:30pm, July 30th

Where? Concordia University Mequon, 12800 N. Lake Shore Dr., Mequon, WI 53097

Cost? \$25

For more information check out:
cuw.edu/ServantsofChristConference

Registration is now open.



We would like to recognize all of our graduates in the June issue of “The Voice”. If you would like your son or daughter mentioned, please contact the church office (262-633-8920) or by email at pentecostlutheran@gmail.com. Pre-school, grade school, high school, college and beyond! Please provide name, school they are graduating from, and if it is college, let me know their major/minors. Deadline is May 21st.



YOU ARE INVITED - All past and present Racine Lutheran High School Ladies Guild members and regularly scheduled Thrift Shop volunteers (Men & Women). The RLHS Association is honoring you with a complimentary dinner on Thursday, May 3rd at Racine Lutheran High School. Refreshments at 5:45 pm with dinner served at 6:00 pm. Come meet and greet your fellow members and workers. If you need to bring a companion for transportation, they are also welcome to attend. The Thrift Shops are an ongoing blessing to RLHS and we appreciate each and every volunteer. Thank you for your support. Please make reservations by Monday, April 30 at either Thrift Shop or call RLHS at 262/637-6538.

Stewardship Corner



PROJECTS AT PENTECOST

– May 5th starting at 9am – several activities will be happening to give you an opportunity to share your time and talents with our Pentecost family. A Banner Bee will be happening. Kathy has volunteered to lead in the cleaning and organizing of the kitchen. Katy will teach crocheting to those who would

like to learn, and possibly be moved to help with the prayer shawl ministry. John will direct yard work. Other projects that others could lead might include making Oplakty, washing windows, washing the pews, getting flower beds ready for planting, or whatever needs doing but just doesn't get done. We need a babysitter for those small children whose parents may want to help. If you feel moved to help in one of these ways please let me know. If you want to help but not lead, just show up on Saturday and choose where you would like to help. If you know what activity you would like to help with you may contact them in advance. We will enjoy a potluck lunch beginning at 12:30. Please bring a dish to pass. Come for an hour, come for hours, come just to eat, or come to just watch. Contact Sharon at 497-4022 or 800-3002.



Thanks, Mom!

At his graduation, a young man tasked with giving a speech began reading from some notes. "I want to talk about my mother and the wonderful influence she had on my life," he said. "She's a shining example of parenthood, and I love her more than words can ever do justice."

The graduate then paused, appeared to struggle a moment and looked up at the audience with a mischievous smile. "It's really hard to read my mom's handwriting," he said.

Pentecost, the church's birthday

Pentecost was originally a Jewish harvest festival when the first fruits of crops were given as offerings to God. On the first Pentecost after Jesus' resurrection, the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus' followers. They were filled with power and love, thus empowering them to witness to God's actions in Christ to all who were nearby. Some 3,000 people responded to their claims that Christ was Lord and Savior of mankind.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' first followers on the day of Pentecost is often called the Church's birthday. You can read the entire story in Acts 2.

In Christian churches, Pentecost was once as important as Christmas and Easter. Today, congregations still observe it in special ways, using the color red to symbolize the Holy Spirit's power.

This year we celebrate Pentecost on May 20. A custom in our church has been to wear red on Pentecost Sunday. Our church, Pentecost Lutheran, had its beginnings on Pentecost Sunday in 1908. That's how we got our name, although it was in Slovak at that time and translated to "Descending of the Holy Spirit"



Thanks to our "Drama Team" for presenting *The Gift* on Concordia Sunday. They all had an excuse for not accepting the gift or one thing needful. Our narrator, Pastor Jacob explained that the scriptures say: "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well Matthew 6:33



What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Joseph M. Scriven

From Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame ~ "Joseph M. Scriven

originally wrote *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* to comfort his ailing mother who was living in Ireland. He published the poem a number of years later at a friend's insistence. The name of the collection of poems was simply entitled *Hymns and Other Verses*. Scriven and Converse did not intend for their respective lyrics and melody to be joined together. In fact, during World War I, Converse's score was actually paired with the words, "When This Bloody War is Over." It was a man named Ira D. Sankey that popularized the hymn when he published it in the well-known collection, *Sankey's Gospel Hymns Number One* in 1875."

Scriven suffered two tragedies in his life. He saw his fiancé drown the night before their wedding. A second fiancé died from pneumonia shortly before their wedding. When his mother became ill, he could not afford to go back to Ireland to help care for her, so he wrote the story of his life in "*What a Friend we have in Jesus*." Later, he said "The Lord and I together wrote the song."