


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,

“We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.” (1 Thessalonians 4:14)

The month of November is bookmarked by two significant holidays. One is far more “celebrated” or recognized on the second to last Thursday of the month, in Thanksgiving. But an often overlooked day of remembrance is November 1st – All Saints’ Day. A day in which we remember those saints who have gone before us in death.

In a world that is filled with all sorts of doubts about death and what happens to the body after death, it is understandable that hopelessness and insecurity will mark people’s attitudes toward the deaths of those dear to them. God’s people will not be unaffected by these attitudes of a world lost in sin.

But if “we believe that Jesus died and rose again,” then there is no reason to grieve over our deceased loved ones as those without hope. Thus Paul encouraged the Thessalonians that they might conquer their grief born out of the hopeless views of an unbelieving world. It is the same faith that needs to be firmly established in us to help us bear our grief when death strikes.

To experience hope in the midst of grief, believe in the living Jesus. When Jesus’ good friend Lazarus died and his sisters were grief-stricken, Jesus turned their attention to himself. “Your brother will rise again... I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”

Anticipate the resurrection when the cloud of death hovers overhead. That is something the Thessalonians did not do, and it’s something even Jesus’ disciples did not do. One would think the disciples would have been waiting at the grave of Jesus on Easter Sunday for him to come out. Instead they went into hiding when they heard the grave was empty. Though Jesus had told them he would spend no more than three days in the grave and though they had visible proof in the resurrection miracles, the disciples were despondent and without hope in the moment of Jesus’ death because they did not anticipate the blessed hope of the resurrection.

Next time we stand at the coffin of a loved one or contemplate our own death, let us not forget our blessed hope. We know most assuredly that those who die in Jesus, God will raise from the dead. And he will bring their souls together with their risen bodies to enjoy the happiness of heaven forever. May our sorrowing hearts be uplifted in this blessed hope!

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, my resurrected Savior, teach me to anticipate with the hope of faith the glorious resurrection of all those who live and die in you. Amen.



Cindy McCray – 11/05	Shane Honore – 11/26
Teresa Barthel – 11/07	Helen Smukal – 11/27
Samantha Meyer – 11/07	Arlene Verborg – 11/27
Angelina Rock – 11/09	Scott Hensel – 11/28
Bonnie Schrubbe – 11/11	Amanda McCray – 11/28
Kelley McCray – 11/12	Lynn Smolko – 11/28
Pastor Jacob – 11/15	Charles Clark – 11/30
Lisa Wiegman – 11/20	
Ken Merrill – 11/25	



The Lutheran High School Ladies' Guild's Harvest Fair will be Saturday, November 3rd from 9am-3pm at RLHS, 251 Luedtke Ave., Racine. There is no admission charge, free parking and strollers are welcome. We are also handicap accessible, and handicap parking is available.

Everyone is invited to browse through the many booths of handmade crafts and holiday decorations, jewelry, antiques and collectibles, toys, gift items, household helpers, bakery, caramel apples, homemade candy and treats, books, dolls, fresh fruits and vegetables, homemade jam and jelly, hand knit items, antique linens, and our popular "All in the Bag" booth. You will find a bag for every occasion. New this year is our "Sports Booth". Come and find a gift for that special person. There will be several outside vendors and independent sales consultants selling their products too. Come and enjoy our expanded snack bar serving homemade sandwiches, soups, salads and desserts. Music will be provided by Inkpirka.



*Ken & Karen Merrill – 57 years
November 25th*

*Art & Denise Preuss – 30 years
November 25th*



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

is underway. OCC collects shoeboxes filled with gifts and delivers them to children in need around the world. Every one of these shoebox gifts is an opportunity for the Gospel. There will be shoeboxes available in the narthex, or you can pack using a regular shoebox from home. Pack it for a boy or girl. Start with a "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal. Then fill it with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Things not to include: candy, toothpaste, used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures, seeds, chocolate, food, liquids, lotions, vitamins, medications, or breakable items. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Try to include a personal note and photo. Include a \$9 donation to cover shipping and other project costs. You can give online and discover the destination of your shoebox. Then drop it off in the narthex under the mailboxes by **Nov. 11th** and they will be delivered to our local drop off location. Any questions? Contact Katy Wagner or go online to www.samaritanspurse.org and under the What We Do tab is Operation Christmas Child.

From the Family of Ed Schrubbe

*Thank you for your sympathy and kind words you've expressed during this difficult time. Ed was a kind and loving husband, dad, papa and friend. We especially want to thank Pastor Jacob for the wonderful sermon, as well as Jenna Geyer for organizing the luncheon, along with those who helped her. May God continue to bless our Pentecost family.
Sincerely, Bonnie, Corrine, Cody & Dylan Schrubbe*

OPLATKY (CHRISTMAS WAFER) BAKING

Oplakty (Christmas Wafer) baking is a tradition at Pentecost. These plate-sized wafers are used in traditional Slovak and other Christmas celebrations and have been hand baked over an open flame at our church for more than a century. Our church is one of an ever-shrinking number of churches that still bakes these Christmas wafers. Each year, we receive as many as 50 requests from across the country from individuals who find our church website while searching for Oplakty on the internet. Once again, we will have several baking sessions, working in small groups. Please contact Tom Hasko at [\(414\) 828-7365](tel:4148287365) or TomHasko@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

Stewardship Corner



Working together, Kathy, Donna, Katy, and Sharon used all those squares of material you put in the basket to make our new banner for All Saints Day. Kathy and Sharon are holding the completed banner. As we celebrate the "Saints on earth and those above", look for yourself in the banner. If you missed bringing a square of material this year, Sharon did suggest adding to the banner each year so you'll have another chance next year. Thanks, ladies, for all the work you put into making this beautiful banner.

POP – Prayers of Pentecost

Several years ago we asked for your favorite hymns and made our HOP (Hymns of Pentecost) book. Now we'd like to ask for your help again as we make a new book – POP (Prayers of Pentecost). Do you have a favorite prayer you have written or used over the years that we can put together in a special Pentecost prayer booklet? This could be a one sentence prayer, a prayer of thanks, for help, for a friend, for strength... (Since we're printing these, they should not be copyrighted material unless you have written permission for us to print them. Public Domain is o.k.) Also, please let us know if it's o.k. to put your name by your prayer or if you'd prefer not to have it printed. We would like to include these booklets in the Christmas gift for our shutins but will also have copies available for members who would like them. Please email you prayer **with a subject line Prayer**, to wjh67@wi.rr.com or put them in the W. Hasco mailbox by Nov. 23rd.

It's That Time of Year – Nomination and voting for Church Council members.

How will you help your church? If you'd rather not be on the council but still want to help, there is a booklet on the table in the narthex that explains various opportunities around our church.

1-1-1

We'll explain our new Stewardship Opportunity 1-1-1 in a special Stewardship Service on the weekend of November 17/18. We think you'll like this one because there are so many ways to work with it. The program will officially start in January, but we want to give you time to get ready for it.



Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Henry Smith

"Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart" was written in 1978 by Henry Smith. The song was his only published worship song out of 300 unpublished compositions. It was written after Smith had trouble finding work after graduating from university. He also suffered from a degenerative condition that eventually left him legally blind. While at his church in Williamsburg, Virginia, his pastor inspired him with a reference to how Jesus made himself poor to make others rich through him. When Smith started performing the song in church, a visiting United States Military officer took the song to Europe, from where its popularity spread. In 1986, Integrity Music published the song on their Hosanna! Music audio cassette but credited it as "author unknown". Later that year, Don Moen released the song on his *Give Thanks* album. Smith contacted Integrity to inform them of his authorship and they said that they had been attempting to track him down. As a result, Smith signed a writer-publisher agreement with Integrity for distribution rights to the song.

Information from Wikipedia

God gave you a gift
of 86,400 seconds
today. Have you
used one to say
"thank you?"

The Board of Elders and Pastor have been working on the church's Emergency Action Plan and have seen the need for better communication with family and loved ones who are outside of the congregation. If an emergency health situation were to occur, we would like to know who you would like us to contact. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office.

Pentecost Lutheran Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____

Known Allergies: _____

In case on an emergency, contact: _____

Phone number (_____) _____

In case on an emergency, contact: _____

Phone number (_____) _____

Preferred Hospital: _____