

  
**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,

**“<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” (Ephesians 3:20-21)**

When Samuel Morse invented the telegraph and proceeded to demonstrate the device on a test line that was strung between Washington’s Capital building and Baltimore, the message he sent over the wires was “What God hath wrought!” It was a “miracle of communications.” Man suddenly found himself able to send information across many miles with the speed of electricity.

Even more reason do we Christians have to marvel at the wondrous things that God has wrought for us spiritually and to praise him for them. God sent his Son to deliver us from death and hell. And he sent his Holy Spirit to work that faith in our hearts by which we apprehend our salvation. What a miracle God has wrought – a miracle even greater than that which God did when he parted the Red Sea or when he caused the sun to stand still in the sky.

Having reminded the “saints” at Ephesus of all that God had done for them, Paul closes the above Scripture text with a stirring song of praise. In it he glorifies God for his power to do exceedingly more than we ask or think. Because of what God has wrought, and because of what he will continue to do through Christ until the end of time, all glory belongs to him alone.

What an incentive Paul’s words are for Christians today! They are an incentive to “think big” when it comes to asking things of the Lord. We have a great and powerful God, who is able to deliver us from every evil and to preserve us unto his heavenly kingdom. We have a God who also invites us to come to him with all the boldness and confidence of a little child approaching his father.

Maybe you have a particular sin that keeps popping up, one that you find extremely difficult to overcome. It seems that with that sin Satan has found the chink in your armor. Should you despair? No! Rather, repent and believe that God has forgiven your sins for Jesus’ sake. Storm the gates of heaven with petitions for help to improve your behavior. And know that your heavenly Father, who wants you to ask for deliverance from temptation, will surely answer your pleas and permit you to marvel at “what God hath wrought.”

Prayer:

*Dear Lord Jesus, increase our trust and confidence in you. Amen.*



Pete DiGaudio – 09/01  
 Cheryl Lynn Wilkinson – 09/02  
 Wes Larsen – 09/04  
 Audrie McCray – 09/05  
 Erin Hetland – 09/07  
 John Hansen – 09/09  
 Brynn Hetland – 09/12  
 Hunter Jacob – 09/12  
 Mary Boudreau – 09/13  
 Julie Heldt – 09/14  
 Sheri Kinney – 09/17  
 Cullen Lisowski – 09/19  
 Ken Meyer – 09/20  
 Amy Luxem – 09/23  
 Nathaniel Lisowski – 09/24  
 Mitch Wilckens – 09/27  
 Mareno Greco – 09/28  
 Richard Hegge – 09/28  
 Erika Rock – 09/29



Carrie & Nick Schurrer – 4 years – September 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Ashley & Brian Ekstowicz – 4 years – September 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Robert & Judith Walther – 23 years – September 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Kevin & Sheri Kinney – 30 years - September 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Dave & Katy Wagner – 22 years – September 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Heather & Jeffrey Alvarez – 11 years – September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Pastor & Courtney Jacob – 7 years – September 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Pat & Erin Hetland – 26 years – September 26<sup>th</sup>

*Just Married!*

*Allyson Prellberg  
 &  
 Kenneth Meyer  
 August 25, 2018*



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 Lakeshore Siena  
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Sunday School is gearing up for the fall! Our first Sunday School classes will be on Sunday, Sept. 16th. We will have three classes: Shana Jacob will be teaching the 3-4 year olds, Chrissy Hamilton will teach K-Grade 2, and Kathy McGregor will take the 3rd grade-7th grade (8th graders may choose to attend Sunday School or move up to the youth class with Tim Hasko). We are also blessed to have Courtney Jacob offering childcare for those under 3. We hope to see all the children on the 16th!



Sunday morning Bible Study will resume on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. We do continue to also have Thursday morning Bible Study at 10:00am in the Parish House.



The Racine Lutheran High School Ladies Guild would love to have you join our group and get involved in activities to support our school. Our first meeting of this school year is **Tuesday, September 4 at 7:00 pm** in the cafeteria. Our big upcoming project is the Harvest Fair on Saturday, November 3. Lots of help is needed. Come to our September 4 meeting to join in the activities and planning. The Guild only meets 4 times a year, on the first Tuesday of September, October, December, and April.

# Stewardship Corner



## It's HERE! Noisy Offering September 16, 2018

Bring that change you've been collecting all summer and slide it

down the banister into the noisy offering container – or just throw it in so it makes a lot of noise. You can also put a quiet offering in the container. We can use that, too!

Our new railing by the Parish House sidewalk is installed. Let's hope we don't have to use it too often this winter, but it's great to know it's there if we need a little extra support when the sidewalk is icy.



### NEEDED:

Every member, young and old, to participate in the next Banner Bee. In the narthex will be a black basket

to gather a contribution from each member. Please contribute a 6 Inch square of fabric that reflects you or is special to you. It could be a novelty print, a piece of old garment, or quilt, etc. These pieces will be incorporated into banner for All Saints' Day. Stay tuned for Banner Bee date in mid October.

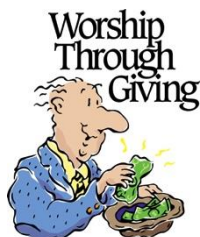
## New Member Steve Matter



Steve has been with us for a while, but had some surgery shortly after joining so we had to wait for his picture. He comes to us from Living Hope Lutheran Church and attends the Saturday service.

Steve is a distribution worker at Amazon. He likes

to read, walk, and fish.



## Another New Member

Our youngest member, Lincoln Aaron Jacob, was baptized August 19<sup>th</sup>. The whole Hansen family (Jeff, Gretchen, John, Henry, Grace, and George) were his sponsors. With all those sponsors AND the middle name of Aaron we know he'll be in good hands We'll just have to pretend he spells his name the same as the Packers quarterback!

## Our God Reigns

### Leonard Smith 1942



“Leonard E. Smith, Jr., (b. Philadelphia, PA, 1942) composed this song in 1973 in [Riverton, New Jersey](#). [Lenny Smith](#) as he is popularly known was born in 1942 in South Philly at the Naval Hospital. His dad was a career military man in the [U.S. Marine Corps](#).

Educated at [Mount St. Mary's Seminary](#) in Emmitsburg, Maryland, where he received a BA in philosophy, Smith first taught in public high schools, but his evangelical efforts in the schools created problems, resulting in his dismissal. He then began painting houses to support his family.

One night as he was reading Isaiah 52 he was overwhelmed by the conviction that God was in control of his life and of all creation; he wrote this song that night in just five minutes. The song was first sung at New Covenant Community Church, where Smith served as worship leader. Though not published for some time, it became known internationally when evangelist Bob Mumford included it in his crusades. It was first published in a Servant Publications hymnal, [Songs of Praise](#) (vol. 2, 1977). In 1978 Smith added four additional verses. He has published over 130 Scripture songs with New Jerusalem Music Co."

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