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PENTECOST

Churchspeak 101:



What is Pentecost?

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Short answer: it's the day we wear red and talk about fire.

More serious answer: Pentecost is actually a bunch of things. It's the last day of Easter, which actually lasts 50 days (not just one chocolate-covered Sunday). It's considered to be the "birthday" of the Christian Church. It's one of the big appearances of the Holy Spirit (hence the fire-talk).

As modern-day Christians, the whole timeline of events is weird, because we flatten all of the events into one calendar year, which makes it hard to "get" how close to event X event Y actually was; I mean, Jesus was born in December (Christmas), and then barely two months later, in March, he's suddenly 33 years old and it's Good Friday and we've killed him.

Well, in this case, Pentecost happens as close to Easter for the disciples (and the two Marys, who often get... "overlooked") as it does to us: barely seven weeks ago the disciples saw Jesus crucified and buried in the tomb; then the Marys saw the empty tomb, freaked out, and saw Jesus himself, resurrected; they went to tell the men (some of whom were nice enough to believe the women), and (eventually) they all realize that all that stuff Jesus had been talking about was true, and that he had risen indeed.

On the day of Pentecost, they are gathered to find a replacement for Judas (the guy that turned coat and helped the Romans find Jesus so they could put him to trial and crucify him), because they need twelve in their party (it was in their constitutional by-laws).

While they're there, with some 100-plus other people,
suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ([Acts 2:2-4, NRSV](#))

(See? Fire. Lots of it.)

Now, apparently there was some sort of convention in town, because "there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem" (Acts 2:5) and even though these guys were from all over the world, and each spoke different languages, they could all hear and understand the disciples speaking in the native language of the "devout Jews from every nation."

Some of the people in the crowd tried to dismiss the whole affair by saying the disciples were drunk, but Peter, apparently appointed spokesperson by the other 11 disciples, spoke to the crowd and told them, "Look, y'all, of course they're not drunk because it's too early to be drunk right now. What's really going on is that all that stuff that the prophets talked about, in case you haven't been paying attention, it's all happening. Remember when the prophet Joel said that stuff about God saying he would "pour his Holy Spirit" into people, and they would all prophesy and start talking about important stuff? That's what's going on here." ([Acts 2:5-21](#))

After that speech (and a bit of guilt-tripping from Peter, where he kind of laid into the guys for having crucified Jesus, who it turns out actually was the Son of God and all), the people all asked what they could do and so Peter and the rest told them to repent and to be baptized and to start following the teachings of Jesus and being nice to their neighbor and all. ([Acts 2:22-47](#))

Pentecost doesn't get near the same amount of hoopla or screen time as Easter, but it really is part of the Easter story; sort of like the last chapter, where we find out where all the characters ended up and what they're planning on doing next. Skipping Pentecost is like walking out of the movie theater during the credits of a Marvel movie, and missing out on the post-credits scenes. Which is just silly.

The Holy Spirit is represented by fire, or air (gusts of wind), or doves. So, wear red, get some dove earrings, and drive to church with the top down so your hair has that perfect "wind-blown" look. Pentecost is viewed as the "official" beginning of the Christian Church, so really, Pentecost is the Church's birthday. Bake a cake!

Come check out how we will be celebrating Pentecost at 9 am on Sunday, May 15th!

SUMMER READING SUGGESTION

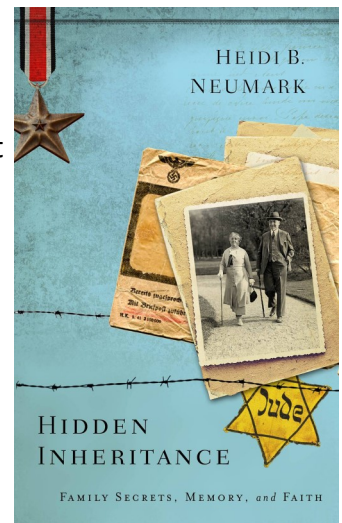
Hidden Inheritance: *Family Secrets, Memory, and Faith* By Heidi B. Neumark

Book description: <http://www.abingdonpress.com/product/9781501808319#.VyuHAXUrLV0>

A shocking discovery of hidden family secrets leads to profound revelations of faith. Pastor Heidi Neumark's life changed forever when her daughter's late-night online searching exposed a generation of family secrets. From a few computer keystrokes, Neumark discovered her hidden Jewish heritage—and uncovered hundreds of questions: Did her grandfather really die in a concentration camp? How did she never know her grandmother was a death-camp survivor? Why had the family history and faith been rejected and hidden?

Heidi's search for the truth quickly became more than a personal journey; it also became spiritual. It caused profound ponderings on her thirty-year vocation as a Lutheran pastor. It was a shocking revelation that her Jewish roots and successive family loss and trauma now suddenly and inherently connected her to the multi-ethnic, marginalized community she had been ministering to for three decades.

Hidden Inheritance takes the reader on a journey that seamlessly weaves personal narrative, social history, and biblical reflection to challenge readers to explore their own identity, vocation, and theology. Neumark boldly calls readers to explore the harsh places of the past, uncover the possible buried secrets, ask new questions, forge new understanding, and discover new hope for transformation that is only possible when what has been hidden is finally brought to light.



****NEW OPPORTUNITY!**

Join Pastor Kyle for a book discussion about Hidden Inheritance on Thursday, July 14th at 7 pm!



Outreach

UPAJ UPDATE by Mimi Branstrom

A new phase has begun.

Having done 1-on-1s with many of our congregation members about topics they cared about and the desire to work toward solutions to problems, our team at St. Philip found two topics that were mentioned:

1. treatment of mentally ill citizens in situations involving police
2. gun violence.*

Much time so far has been spent on research regarding topic #1. Our team has spoken to Glenview Police Chief and Deputy Chief, Police Social Worker, and staff at Josselyn Center.

We have joined up with other UPAJ member organizations in formation of the UPAJ North/Northwest Suburban Mental Health Team.

Briefly, we can envision a three-legged solution:

- ⇒ Critical Intervention Training (CIT) of police.
- ⇒ Hospital space and personnel who give the medical attention needed in mental health crisis situations.
- ⇒ Temporary places where these citizens can be stabilized and hopefully return home or to a housing facility where their illness can be kept in remission.

Next step:

St. Philip will host a delegates assembly/rally Sunday, May 22, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM to show that our N/ NW Suburban Team can gather people to support improvement in mental health well-being. At a later time, we hope to gather with a wider UPAJ group in a large venue to ask our political leaders to support funding this type of approach which has proven to be much less costly than other alternatives.

Please contact Lois Johnson, Pastor Kyle, Gayle Elliott or myself if you have any questions. And please come on May 22 and join us.

*Our team at St. Philip has been working primarily on mental health but expect to stand with efforts for safer guns, the primary focus of numerous other member organizations.

MINISTER OF MUSIC SEARCH UPDATE

We give God thanks for the wonderful musicians who have led our congregation in music for the past few months – Mark Van Scharrel, Jill Hunt, and Julie Kirby have been talented and faithful!

We have had five candidates apply for our Minister of Music position. All have come to us with great credentials and much experience. Pastor Kyle and Melanie met with each of the candidates for a first round interview and then selected some candidates to demonstrate their musical gifts and leadership for the whole search team. We plan to have this next round completed by the end of the month of May.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the members of the search team: Pastor Kyle, Melanie Chavin, Marzee Eckhoff, Doug Salefski, Don Sypura, and Greg Wojcik. Please keep the candidates and the search team in your prayers.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS SUMMER

Glenview 4th of July

We are looking for someone or a few people to coordinate participation in the 4th July parade in Glenview.

See Pastor Kyle if you are interested.



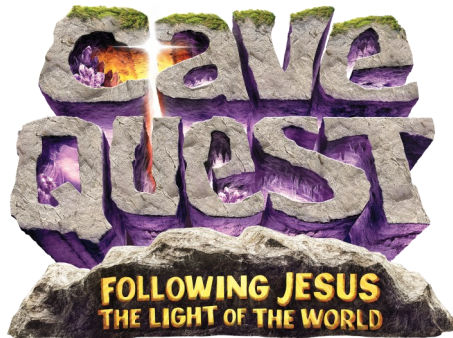
- ◇ Donations of school kit items (lists will be posted soon)
- ◇ Volunteers to pack the kits

See Terri Schlangen for more information

Family Promise®

- ◇ Prepare and serve a meal
- ◇ Donate food
- ◇ Serve overnight

See Pastor Kyle for more information or to volunteer



August 1-5 | 8—11:30 am

- ◇ Volunteers needed every morning during VBS week
- ◇ Decorating July 31 - 6 pm
- ◇ Donations & Prayers
- ◇ Publicity

See Gemma or Pastor Kyle for more information or to volunteer



July 9 | 7:30 am —12 pm

- ◇ Volunteers needed at the stall to give out information and sell cookies

- ◇ Home-baked cookies

See Gemma or Pastor Kyle if you are interested



- ◇ Donate items for packed lunches during summer camp at Glenview Youth Services

See Elaine Bilowich for more information



Set up July 25—28 | Sale July 29—30

- ◇ Help set up, sell, pick up items, publicize

See Rita Bergquist for more information or to volunteer



Worship

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Every Sunday June - August:

7:30 am – Morning Eucharist (*Outdoor*)

A simple, spoken service of Holy Communion in the Outdoor Worship space (weather-permitting).

June 5, 19, July 3, 17, 31, and all of Aug:

9 am – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion (*Indoor*)

A traditional yet energetic liturgy with favorite hymns.

June 12, 26, July 10, 24:

9 am – Praise Worship with Holy Communion (*Indoor*)

A more informal service led by a praise band.

This summer features many readings of **healing**. On the first Sunday of every month, we will offer the opportunity, for those who desire, to go to a station during the distribution of Communion for a special prayer and anointing for healing. These moments demonstrate God's presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love surrounding you in community.

WORSHIP SERVERS THIS SEASON

Date	Com. Assistants	Sacristan	Reader	Ushers	Greeter	AV Assistant	Coffee
May 22	Ron/Pam	Carol D	Nancy	Todd/Jenny	LuAnn	Ellen	LuAnn/Donna
May 29	LuAnn/Melanie	Carol D	Patmarie	Bill/Sharon	Patmarie	Don	Carol D
June 5	Mike B/Jack	Nancy	Bonnie	Doug/Lynne	Jack	Clyde	Nancy
June 12	LuAnn/Melanie	Nancy	Gemma	Bob/Pam	LuAnn	Don	Phyllis
June 19	Mike B/Don	Nancy	Megan	Jack/Rita	Pam	Bob	Elaine/Ellen
June 26	Jack/LuAnn	Nancy	Ellen B	Lyle/Gayle	LuAnn	Michael W	Carol D
July 3	Ron/Mike B	Elaine	Marilyn	Todd/Jenny	Ron	Megan	OPEN
July 10	Melanie/Pam	Elaine	Gemma	Ron/Mimi	Pam	Clyde	Jenny
July 17	Ron/Mike B	OPEN	Bonnie	Lyle/Gayle	Patmarie	Mimi	OPEN
July 24	LuAnn/Jack	OPEN	Megan	Bill/Sharon	LuAnn	Ellen	OPEN
July 31	Ron/Mimi	Elaine	Elaine	Don/Ellen	Ron	Michael W	Carol D
Aug 7	Pam/LuAnn	Maxine	Clyde	Jack/Rita	LuAnn	Bob	OPEN
Aug 14	Mimi/Melanie	Maxine	Melanie	Ron/Todd	Mimi	Ellen	OPEN

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: Wednesdays 7 pm

We continue our quest of spiritual formation through biblical study using Brian McLaren's book, *We Make the Road by Walking*, and a variety of media possibilities.

Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays 9 am

Men's Bible Study: Thursdays 10 am

We study the upcoming readings for our Sunday worship service so that we can hear them with greater depth.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

VBS is a great opportunity to introduce your young ones to the love of Jesus in a fun, safe, and exciting way. Full of adventures, sciency gizmos, and lively music, Cave Quest is an awesome way to explore God's messages and is insightful for ALL ages—just ask any of our VBS Teams from previous years!

If you are able to help out in any way during the week, please let Pastor Kyle or Gemma know the times you are available. We cannot run this great program without much help—so please do get involved!

We do offer this program for free so that it is open to every family in our community. We do therefore rely on donations both from our congregation and VBS families. Pray about how you can support VBS this year—who knows what seeds you will help to sow!

Families can register online via our website or fill out and return a form from the Narthex. Every family who registers **before June 1** will receive a **free CD** of the VBS Cave Quest music!



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Season	Due Date
Pentecost II	Aug 10, 2016
Advent/ Christmas	Nov 10, 2016
Epiphany	Dec 28, 2016