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every Thursday @ 7 pm
Sunday School every Sunday @ 10:15 am
Bible Study Sundays @ 8 am
Tuesdays @ 9 am
Thursdays @ 9 am & 8 pm
Confirmation Level 1 Wednesdays @ 6 pm
Level 2 Sundays @ 10:15 am
Pioneers every second & last Sunday 1 pm
Mornings with Mommy
every 1st & 3rd Monday at 10 am



Messenger of Peace is a publication of: Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wautoma, WI.

Purpose

Messenger of Peace serves the Peace Ev. Lutheran Church family with information about people and events that are part of the Peace ministry and with articles that encourage Christian living.

Articles

Please forward information and articles to Christine in the office by the third Sunday of each month. Put in the office or email it to:
peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com.



Messenger of Peace

September 2015

We Have a New Email Address!
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Church Office Hours

Monday—Friday

8 am— 2 pm

Beginning Tuesday, September 1



Help the Mission to the Children



The LWMS and the Circle of Peace are collecting new underwear and t-shirts for ages 8-18 to be sent to the Mission to the Children, Sonora, Mexico.

We will be collecting these items until September 12. Please put your donations in the box in the fellowship hall.

For more information about the Mission to the Children, please visit their website www.missiontothechildren.org.

Please see Marilyn Chesbrough
for more information about LWMS or this collection.

**The Girl Pioneers invite you to an
Olde Fashioned
Harvest Fair
Sunday, September 27
1 pm**

**Come for fun!
All ages are invited!
Bring a friend!
Pie Auction!**
Donate a pie,
bid on a pie!
All money raised at the
Pie Auction will be donated
to Camp Phillip's building projects.

**Please see any Girl Pioneers
leader for more information
or call the church office
at 920-787-3856.**

**Peace Ladies' Salad Picnic
Saturday, September 12 at 12 pm
At Jim & Jan Schroeder's lake home
N2234 19th Rd, Wautoma**

All ladies of Peace are invited to join us on beautiful Silver Lake for a salad picnic. Please use the sign-up sheet on the back table in the fellowship hall if you plan on attending.

Questions? Please call Bernice Baranyk at 787-0318,
Ahnsharee Klusmeyer at 920-539-3560
or Jan Schroeder at 787-4331.

Confirmation Starts Soon!

Level 2 confirmation (all second and third year students) will begin Sunday, September 13 at 10:30– 11:30 am.

Level 1 confirmation (all first year students) will begin Wednesday, September 16 at 6-7:30 pm.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding confirmation classes, please see Pastor Riedel.

Grow in Grace

It's already the end of August, and you know what that means. Yes, September is coming soon. Right again, summer is drawing to an end. But with the end of summer comes the beginning of school. Pre-school, kindergarten, grade school, high school, college, Sunday school – time for more learning, more education, more growing. For some, that comes already in August. For others, they get to wait until September.

As I send my children off to Northland Lutheran High School and St. Peter Lutheran School, I am grateful for the Christ-centered education they receive from the faithful Christian teachers at these schools. And I realize not only that my children are growing, but they have grown. This year I see that they are a little taller and a little more physically and mentally mature, but they are growing spiritually, too. That growth will be fueled by the Bible study that takes place at their Lutheran schools, the times spent together in Scripture as a family in our home, and of course, in the opportunities to grow with God's Word in worship, Bible class and Sunday school at church.

What about you? Have you grown? For many of us, we are not growing any taller. But when it comes to other areas of growth, how are you doing? Perhaps you have been growing stagnant in your faith by allowing opportunities to spend time in the Word slip through your grasp. Maybe you are looking forward to finishing up a busy summer schedule with a more predictable fall schedule which provides more structure to your life for personal growth in God's Word. Either way, our gracious God invites us to confess our sins to Him and be forgiven of the times we have despised His Word. He welcomes us through Word and Sacraments to receive the peace that comes to repentant hearts through Jesus. With the time spent in the Scriptures, the Lord grows our faith and equips us for service in His kingdom here on earth as we prepare for never-ending life in His eternal kingdom in heaven.

Opportunities to grow abound at Peace. For people of all ages there are groups and classes that bring together fellow Christians for the purpose of growing in faith and God-pleasing living. Consider growing in one or more of the following:

Mornings with Mommy – a chance to grow friendships with babies, toddlers, and their parents on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month at 10 am

Sunday School – weekly Bible lessons and applications for children ages 2 through 6th grade every Sunday, September through May, at 10:15 am

Confirmation

Level 1 – a Wednesday evening class offered for students in the 5th grade and up to teach an overview of the Bible, September through May, at 6 pm

Level 2 – a Sunday morning class offered for students in the 6th grade and up to teach basic doctrine of the Bible, September through May, at 10:30 am

Lutheran Pioneers (Boys & Girls) – time to grow in faith, God-pleasing life, and life skills for children in Kindergarten through high school on the 2nd and last Sundays of every month at 1 pm

Circle of Peace – a multi-purpose women's group which meets the 2nd Saturday of every month at 9 am to take time in the Bible, to build friendships, and to provide opportunities for Christian service in our home church and abroad (missions)

Bible Class

Sunday mornings at 8 am and Thursday evenings at 8 pm

Tuesday mornings at 9 am in the Sunday school rooms

Topic beginning September 8th: “Improving Our Devotional and Prayer Life”

Thursday mornings at 9 am in Lakeshore Restaurant

Topic beginning September 3rd: “Revelation: Comfort for Christians”

Bible Information Class (BIC) please talk to pastor to schedule this class which is a review of basic Bible teachings

Worship – Thursday evenings at 7 pm and Sunday mornings at 9 am

Are you growing? Please join us to make us of our various opportunities for Christian fellowship and spiritual growth.

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18a

Come and grow with us!

Pastor Roger Riedel

A Short Story

Our 2015 “A Short Story” series will offer a collection of articles that provide scriptural answers to questions that people often ask or wonder about Christianity, such as “What happens when we die?” and “God doesn’t always answer my prayers-why?”

These articles are designed to help you reach out to people with God’s Word– to give you the knowledge to answer some of life’s biggest questions. We hope you enjoy this year’s series: “Fair Questions – Honest Answers.”



What is the Importance of Christian Baptism?

A man lies in the recovery room after serious, life-saving heart surgery. The surgeon walks into the room and gets down on his knees beside the bed. With tears in his eyes the doctor says, “Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! I can’t thank you enough for what you have done for me!”

There’s something backwards about that scene. Shouldn’t the patient be the one thanking the doctor? After all, that surgeon saved his life. The patient owes that medical man a huge debt of gratitude.

Many people get Christian Baptism backwards. They think that Baptism is something we do for God, a way of showing obedience to him. That seems appropriate. After all, parents are the ones who bring their children to the baptismal font. However, in Baptism God is really the one who does something for us.

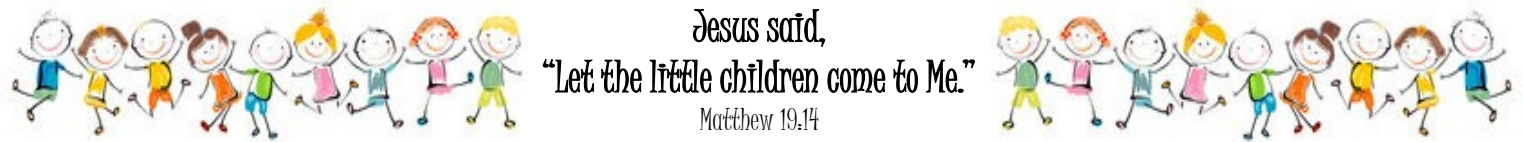
And what wonderful things God does for us in Baptism! The apostle Peter said, “**Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**” (Acts 2:38). In those words Peter describes two of the wondrous blessings of Baptism: the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

“**All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God**” (Romans 3:23). We are all sinners. Sin separates us from God. Sin takes away the blessings he wants us to have. Sin keeps us out of heaven. So God did something about sin. He sent Jesus, his Son. Jesus lived perfectly in our place, died on the cross to pay for all our sins and rose again to assure us of eternal life. In Baptism, God gives us this forgiveness that Jesus won for us.

The other blessing, the gift of the Holy Spirit, is faith or trust in Jesus. Faith is the hand that receives all the blessings that Jesus won for us. In Baptism God miraculously works faith in our hearts so that we don’t miss out on a single blessing that Jesus won for us. Through faith worked in Baptism, God gives us all the blessings earned by our Savior: forgiveness of sins, a new life of peace and hope, and eternal life in heaven.

Is Baptism important? Absolutely! In Baptism God is at work for us. Through Baptism God saves us.

For more Questions & Answers, go to www.WhatAboutJesus.com, then Questioning God.





Interactive Faith An Online Bible Study Series Wednesdays, September 9–October 7

Adult Discipleship offers LIVE online Bible studies for use by congregations, small groups, or individuals to serve as a mid-week Bible study. Gather at your church or around the computer to join in fellowship and learn about the Bible with brothers and sisters in faith from around the country.

Rev. Keith Wessel, professor at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn., will lead the next Interactive Faith Bible study, which will be streamed online live each **Wednesday, Sept. 9 through Oct. 7, at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.**

His study will focus on the life and ministry of Elisha. There are times for lecturing and times to allow local congregations to discuss on their own. To view the study, you will need a high-speed internet connection.

Go to www.wels.net for more information.

2015 Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors Convention

“Lift your eyes up to the hills”

Psalm 121

When: October 13-15

Where: Days Inn Hotel and Conference Center,
La Crosse, Wis., (608) 783-1000

Theme: Lift up your eyes to the hills (Psalm 121)

Keynote speakers: Rev. Mark Jeske (10/13)

Rev. Paul Prange (10/14)

Mr. Steve Loehr (10/15)

Convention Fee: \$80.00

Room Reservations: \$77.35/night

Registration: Print and fill out the registration form at www.csm.welsrc.net/download-csm/2015-owls-convention/ (or see Christine in the office) and mail to

OWLS, PO Box 84, New Ulm, MN 56073

Deadline: September 15

For more details for the OWLS Convention, contact Dale Markgraf, Convention Director, at demarkgraf@gmail.com.

Please join us and consider inviting your friends or relatives to the convention, too. They do not need to be members of OWLS.

Midwest Regional Archery Camp

WHO? Christian boys 3rd-8th grade

High School boys will be Jr. Leaders

WHEN? September 25-27, 2015

WHERE? Pine Ridge Campground, Waldo, WI

COST? \$35 per person

Includes: All meals and camp fees!

DEADLINE: September 16



Tent camping and cabins available!

Enjoy God's great creation at Archery Camp!

We have a “No Electronics policy”!

What a great idea for a father-son weekend!

Please see Christine in the office for more information, or visit the Midwest Regional Archery Camp Facebook page.



Save the date for our 2016 Women's Ministry Conference!

Lead. Serve. Inspired.

The Women's Ministry Conference team is making final arrangements for speakers, breakout groups, and panel discussions for the **2016 Women's Ministry Conference** taking place **July 21-23, 2016 at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin.**

Please join us in praying that our highest priority be to design a Christ-centered, Biblically-based conference for women. Pray that the Holy Spirit work through the Word to encourage, nurture, and equip each woman in attendance to use their time and talents in service to God.

We will keep you informed of details in the months ahead!

WELS Women's Ministry
N16W23377 Stoneridge Drive
Waukesha, WI 53188

10th Annual Peace Lutheran Pioneers

Chili Dinner & Silent Auction

Saturday, October 24, 2015

5-7 PM

Come & enjoy all-u-can-eat
homemade chili & cornbread,
sandwiches and desserts and
try your luck at ever-popular
Silent Auction! If you wish to
donate items to the silent
auction, please see Kevin
Bohn (920-765-2146)

Suggested Donation for the dinner:
\$5.00 per person



All proceeds go directly to
the Peace Lutheran
Boy & Girl Pioneers.

Table Hostesses Needed for Advent by Candlelight



The Lutheran Girl Pioneers will once again this year host Advent by Candlelight on Sunday, November 29 at 1 pm. Advent by Candlelight is a ladies-only event held the first Sunday in Advent. It's purpose to remind us of the reason for the season!

We are in need of table hostesses!

The table hostesses decorate a table, make (or buy) a yummy dessert and serve their table of six. You can work with a friend. Being a table hostess is an easy way to show off some of your Christmas décor and your best dessert. It also reserves your spot at Advent by Candlelight! It requires only a few hours of your time.

We only have ten tables, so reserve your spot as table hostess soon!

For more information, or to say YES!, see any Girl Pioneers leader or call Christine in the office at 787-3856.

Join Us for Our Fall Bible Classes

Join us for any- or all!- of our Bible classes this fall. The classes are for all levels- from Bible study newbies to seasoned Bible class veterans! Please see Pastor Riedel with any questions or concerns.

Thursday Bible Study

Our Thursday Bible study meets at 9 am in the back at Lakeshore Restaurant, Wautoma.

Join us beginning Thursday, September 3 as we begin a study of the book of Revelation.

Sunday Morning/ Thursday Night Bible Study

Our Sunday morning Bible study meets at 8 am in the back Sunday School classroom.

Thursday night Bible study meets immediately after Thursday night church in the back pews.

Join us beginning Sunday, September 6 or Thursday, September 10 as we finish up our study of living a “Devotional Life.”

Tuesday Bible Study

Our Tuesday Bible study meets at 9 am in the back Sunday School room.

Join us beginning Tuesday, September 8 as we delve into living a “Devotional Life.”

Spotlight On: Sunday School

Sunday School begins September 6 at 10:15 am! Registration letters are out and if you haven't received yours yet, please see Christine in the office! Beth Riedel teaches the 2 & 3 year old class that meets directly behind the member mailboxes by the cry room. Emily Riedel and Rebecca Bohn are returning for a third year team-teaching the 4K & 5K class. Jan Schroeder is our lower grades teacher, with the 1st, 2nd & 3rd graders in her care. Christine Bohn rounds out our teaching team with the upper grades class, which includes 4th, 5th, & 6th graders, and can include 7th & 8th graders who aren't in Level 2 Confirmation.

The Sunday School has two service projects this year. The first is through the LWMS Kids c.a.r.e. program supporting the Central Africa Medical Mission's Orphan/Infant Care Program. We have mite boxes that students take home, fill with spare change and bring back. All the money collected this way will be donated to support the CAMM Orphan/Infant Care Program. If you would like to help with this, talk to Christine in the office for a mite box for yourself!

The second project is raising money to replace the wooden playground set outside. It has been lovingly used for years by our congregational kids, as well as neighborhood kids, and is showing serious signs of wear and is in need of replacing. All offerings brought to Sunday School on Sunday mornings will go to this project. You can donate to this, also! Make sure to note on your donation that it is for the "Playground Fund." You can see where we are with this fund by checking out the poster in the back hallway. When the kids reach the bottom of the slide, we have reached our goal!

Sunday School is an extension of the family. We are here to assist families in their job of teaching and preparing young Christians for life. We consider it a privilege to serve the families of our congregation and urge each of you to take an active role in the Christian education of the children in your lives. Visit classrooms, encourage teachers, and be as involved with this ministry as possible. Joshua Klamm, *Sunday School Superintendent*

920-989-8872



Recipe Corner



Pumpkin Oatmeal Cookies



Are you looking for a quick after-school snack for the kids? Or a special treat for when the grand-kids are up for the weekend? Then here's a recipe you will want to try!

Ingredients:

- 2 cup flour, all-purpose
- 1 1/3 cup oats {quick or old fashioned}
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1 cup canned pumpkin {NOT pumpkin pie filling}
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3/4 cup chopped walnuts
- 3/4 cup raisins (or dried cranberries)
- 1 egg

Preparation:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
Spray cookie sheets with non stick cooking spray.
In a medium bowl, combine flour, oats, baking soda, cinnamon and salt.
In a large bowl beat butter and sugars until creamy and smooth.
Add egg, pumpkin and vanilla, beat until combined. Gradually add dry ingredients, beating after each addition.
Stir in walnuts and raisins.
Drop dough onto cookie sheet using a dough scoop or teaspoon.
Bake about 14-16 minutes or until lightly browned.
Cool on pan 2 minutes, then remove to cooling rack.

www.quakeroats.com/cooking-and-recipe/Pumpkin-Oatmeal-Cookies.aspx



News About Our Church Family

Our College Students

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(1st Semester)
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Finlay, OH 45840
(2nd semester)
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Dodgeville, MI 49921

Wes Hetcher (Lawrence University)
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Cassville, WI 53806

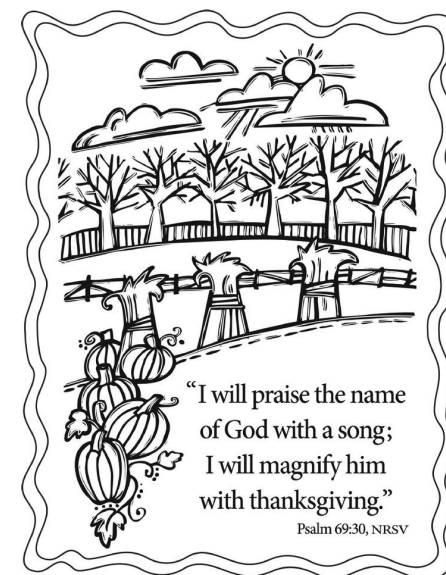
Joshua Klamm (Fox Valley Tech)
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Wild Rose, WI 54984

Zachary Kubasta (St Olaf)
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Northfield, MN 55057

Morgan Rohrbaugh (Carthage)
(1st Semester only)
2001 Alford Park Dr
Kenosha, WI 53140

Jonah Siegel (Martin Luther College)
1995 Luther Court
Box 5-0146
New Ulm, MN 56073

Are you in college this year, but aren't listed here? That means that the office doesn't have your correct information! Email Christine at peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com or call her at 787-3856 to update your information!



Birthdays

9/1 Karen Mosier
9/2 Jim Bower
9/8 Ardell Schwersenska
Allen Raatz
Nancy Lang
9/11 Tim Quinn
9/12 Tom Kuenn
9/13 Gerald Kraus
9/15 Harold Stechmesser
9/20 Tom Welty
9/21 Leana Pankau
Judith Schneider
9/23 Kaliska Klusmeyer
9/28 Bob O'Brien
Flo Bettin
9/29 Mike Grunert
Jean Doubek

Anniversaries

9/3 Jeffery & Debra Raatz (10)
9/4 Jim & Pat Lichtenburg (44)
9/10 Harry & Leana Pankau (66)
9/11 Ole & Patti Anderson (22)
9/14 Kent & Judith Schneider (58)
9/16 Colleen & Mike Zahn (9)
9/17 Tom & Teri Jo Fendler (27)
Eric & Rebecca Richards (4)
9/20 Tim & Nancy Quinn (35)
9/24 DuWayne & Jean Bartel (55)
Bob & Nancy Lang (32)



If we missed your birthday or anniversary, that means the church does not have it. Please drop off dates at the church office, call 787.3856 or email peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com.

