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**Worship** every Sunday @ 9 am  
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 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.

Charm is deceptive  
and beauty is fleeting;  
but a woman who fears  
the LORD is to be praised.

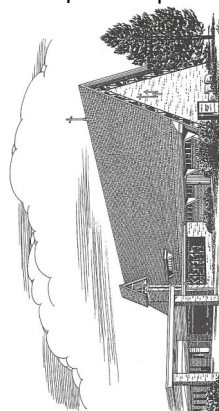
Proverbs 31:30

**Happy Mother's Day**



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# Messenger of Peace



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## Voter's Meeting

Sunday, May 1 at 10:15 am

She is clothed with  
strength & dignity;  
she can laugh at  
days to come.

Proverbs 31:25



## We Are Half-Way There!



All school year long, the Sunday School children have been raising money to replace the wooden playground set outside (lots of slivering and warped wood out there!) so that it's safe for us and our neighbors to play on.



We are half-way there! We have almost \$600, but need a bit more! Can you help? If you choose to donate to this cause, please mark on your envelope or memo line on your check "Playground Fund." For more information, please see Christine in the office (920-787-3856).

**THANK YOU!**

## Save the Dates!

<b>Sunday, May 1</b>	Pioneers Sunday 9 am Pioneers Awards Luncheon 11:30 am
<b>Thursday, May 5</b>	Ascension Worship 7 pm
<b>Sunday, May 8</b>	Happy Mother's Day! Last day of Sunday School
<b>Sunday, May 29</b>	Confirmation Sunday 9 am
<b>Friday, June 24-</b>	
<b>Sunday, June 26</b>	Pioneers Camp Out at Camp Phillip
<b>Saturday, July 9</b>	Timber Rattler Game Outing
<b>Sunday, July 10</b>	VBS Worship 9 am VBS 10:15 am-4 pm
<b>Sunday, August 28</b>	Pioneers Friends and Family Day At the Schroeder's 11 am

"Even if I knew  
that tomorrow  
the world would  
go to pieces,  
I would still plant  
my apple tree."

Martin Luther





‘Dying to Live’ or ‘Living to Die’?

We humans are so impatient. It’s almost as if we’re dying to get to the next phase in life, without enjoying the here and now.



The two year old wants to be in preschool. The child in preschool wants to be in Kindergarten. The Kindergartener wants to be in grade school. The first grader wants to be in second, the second grader wants to be in third, and so on. The eighth grader can’t wait to be in high school. The high school student impatiently yearns for a career or college. Young adults want to find that special someone to marry and with whom to raise a family. The expectant parents can’t wait to meet the baby growing in its mother’s womb. Parents of a newborn are dying for their child to grow up, to speak and to walk. The employee dreams of retirement. And so it goes. It seems that we human beings are not content to enjoy the blessings of the day. We are always looking forward to what’s next, without appreciating what we have right now.

Are we dying to live? Or are we living to die?

Soon we will be celebrating Ascension, the day our Savior visibly left His disciples and returned to His throne in heaven. We cannot help but remember the work Jesus came to do and completed while here on earth.

Jesus was born as a baby in Bethlehem to die as a 33 year old man on the cross of Calvary. God’s Son stepped into our world – living to die – for us and for all sinners. He followed His Father’s commandments to the ‘T’, never once stepping over the line. He is the image of perfection, loving all people by pointing out their sin and calling them to repentance, and offering Himself as the ransom price for a world full of hell-bound rebels. Jesus came, not to condemn the world, but to rescue all humanity through His perfect life, freely given in sacrifice.

But as our Lord was living to die, He was dying to live. Jesus willingly allowed Himself to be cruelly mistreated and put to death. Our Lord, of His own accord, gave up His life on the altar of the cross, fully aware that in three days He would live again. He died to rescue us from our sins. He lives to take us to heaven! And that is what our living Lord is working on today. He is preparing a home of eternal peace for all who rely on Him as their Savior from sin and hell.

Let’s pause for a moment to see and enjoy the gifts the Lord has given us today. Are we discontented with the place or blessings or challenges the Lord has given us? Are we so eager to get on with life that we’re actually forgetting to live today in God’s grace, serving Him and loving one another right now? I pray that our gracious God forgives our impatience and fills us with contentment to live as His children. I pray that He gives us a greater appreciation for today’s lot in life.



Consider the passage from Philippians 1:21 – **For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain.** Are we who trust in Jesus to forgive our sins and to safely carry us to heaven – living to die or dying to live? In a manner of speaking, we’re doing both. We live in God’s grace, eager to love Him who loved us first, anticipating the end of this earthly life. As these fragile bodies die a little bit each day, we confidently look forward to the eternal life our Savior is preparing for us in heaven.

While we live, live for Christ. When we die, die in Christ. As children of our heavenly Father through faith in His dear Son, you might say that we are living to live! Live on, dear Christian! Live for Jesus now until we get to live with Him in heaven.

Pastor Roger Riedel

A Short Story



Jesus is the Ascended Savior

Jesus was taken up into heaven. Luke 24:51

Mary, the mother of Jesus, received the angel’s announcement that her son would be the Son of God and the King of God’s people (Luke 1: 32). What amazement must have filled her heart! Yet Simeon’s prophecy would also come true, that a sword would pierce Mary’s heart. What agony must have filled her spirit as she gazed on her son being tortured to death! But then came His glorious resurrection, proving that He is the eternal Son of God and that He fully accomplished His heavenly Father’s plan of salvation for the world.

The risen Lord Jesus appeared to many people proving that He was alive. Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus returned to heaven. His ascension is celebrated in the Christian church on the fortieth day after Easter. This year *Ascension Day* falls on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

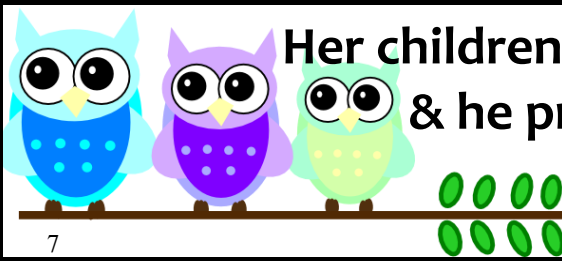
While churches may or may not have a special worship service on the actual day that Jesus’ ascension is observed every year, Christians always glorify our living, ascended Savior. We lift up our voices in praise of Jesus who was lifted up to the highest honor of heaven. Our hearts are filled with the excitement of Jesus’ ascension as the Bible relates in Philippians 2:9-11:

*God exalted [Christ Jesus] to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Having fully accomplished the work of salvation, Jesus returned to heaven and now reigns in the highest position of all authority. And He proclaimed, “I will come back” (John 14:3). Eventually, everyone will know the truth that Jesus is the eternal Son of God who came to be the world’s Savior. He return will be the most fearful time for those who rejected Jesus in unbelief. They will be sent away to eternal punishment in hell.

The Lord Jesus, however, wants people to have life with Him forever in heaven. So before He ascended into heaven, He commanded that the good news of the salvation He won by His death and resurrection be proclaimed to everyone.

That good news is for you too! **Jesus is your Savior.** One day, perhaps soon, He will return from heaven. How will you meet Him? By trusting in Jesus who rescued you from eternal death, you can join the people who will be rejoicing to see Jesus in all of His glory. At His return, He will take all believers to the place He prepared for them in heaven. What an awesome ascension day that will be!



Her children arise & call her blessed; her husband also, & he praises her: “Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.”

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Proverbs 31:28-29





# News You Can Use

News from Synod and national & local news that affects lives of Christians.



## Lutheran Boy Pioneers International Convention Leader training & fellowship

**Where?** Pineridge Camp near Waldo, WI

Fishing and canoeing pond with beach. Facilities for tents and RV's, covered shelters and 77 acres of God's beautiful creation. <http://pineridgecamp.webs.com/>

**When?** Most convention activity will take place **Saturday, July 16th**, but attendees and guests are invited to make a full weekend of it.

**Cost? FREE!**

There will be a lunch on Saturday and a catered banquet on Saturday night that will have a free-will donation.

**Registration** Online at [www.lutheranpioneers.org](http://www.lutheranpioneers.org)  
**Lutheran Pioneers**

888-214-8225 [office@lutheranpioneers.org](mailto:office@lutheranpioneers.org)  
[www.lutheranpioneers.org](http://www.lutheranpioneers.org)

## Help Wanted

Martin Luther College is now accepting applications for **one full-time Administrative Assistant** in the Education Office: Field Experience. A comprehensive description of this position and application can be secured by visiting [www.mlc-wels.edu/hr](http://www.mlc-wels.edu/hr). Applications will be accepted through 12 noon on Wednesday, May 4, 2016. Additional information and details can be obtained by contacting the Martin Luther College Human Resources Office at [507-354-8221](tel:507-354-8221), ext. 399.

 **WELS Women's Ministry Conference**  
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, WI

## Mentors

**July 21-23, 2016 Mequon, Wisconsin**

*Come be encouraged, nurtured  
& equipped in Christ.*

**Speakers & Presentations include:**

*The Glorious Te Deum of Our Lives as Masks of God*

Prof. Rich Gurgel

*Follow My Example as I Follow the Example of Christ*

Kathie Wendland

*Jesus - A Mentor for Me* Dawn Schulz

*Scripture's Women of Influence* Naomi Schmidt

*Mentoring for Such a Time as This* Jill Schultz

**Find out more or register at** [els.net/wmconference](http://els.net/wmconference)

**Lutheran Girl Pioneers, Inc**

## International Convention

**Fri, August 12-Sun, August 14**

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

**Marshfield, Wisconsin**



**Know the Light. Be the light!**

Matthew 5:14-16

*"You are the light of the world.*

*A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.*

*Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket,  
but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.*

*In the same way, let your light shine before others,  
so that they may see your good works and give  
glory to your Father who is in heaven."*



## Why should I go to the LGP convention?



## Church News

Peace Lutheran Pioneers

## Timber Rattlers

## Baseball Game

**Saturday, July 9th**

Tailgating at 3 pm

Game at 6:35 pm

*Fireworks immediately after the game*

**Reserve your tickets by June 12.**

**\$9 per ticket**

**\$5 parking fee, per vehicle**

**Pioneers are offering a t-shirt  
that you can purchase.**

**T-shirt orders need to be in by May 29  
- NO LATE ORDERS!**

(If you bought a t-shirt last year, this year's shirt is the same on the back, but there is no Lutheran Pioneers logo on the front.)

**Children sizes- Adult XL \$7**

**XXL \$9**

**3XL \$11**

**4XL \$13**

**Bring a lawn chair and a dish-to-pass. The  
Pioneers will supply brats, hot dogs, soda,  
water and all paperware.**

**Please see Kevin Bohn  
(920-765-2146) to reserve  
your tickets!**

## Financial Report

After four months, we are looking good financially. We are ahead in budget numbers. However, this happens every year. We have several members that give their total offerings for the year in the first couple of months. After the first quarter, we start going the other way. By the third quarter, we start falling behind the budget. May the Lord guide all of us in our offerings-thanking the Lord for all the blessings He has given all of us.

Bart Bartel

## From Your Stewardship Committee

A new, tax-wise way to support the Lord's work  
As of 2016, anybody 70 1/2 years or older has a new option for making gifts to the Lord's work at church, a local WELS-affiliated ministry, and/or a WELS area of ministry: your IRA! A provision of the PATH Act allows IRA distributions to charity of up to \$100,000 to be made tax-free at the federal level. This may be an especially useful gifting tool for those who do not need their yearly required minimum distributions. Talk to your financial planners and your WELS Christian giving counselor (800-827-5482) to learn more.  
If you have any questions see Jim Schroeder or Roger Jansen.



**She speaks with wisdom,  
and faithful instruction is  
on her tongue.**

Proverbs 31:26

## Fun At Church

You may wonder what happens (if anything) at church during the week. The church office is open, Pastor often does shut-in calls, organists practice, and sometimes there's shenanigans!  
Dan Baranyk, our trusty lawn care guy, is often at church making sure the lawn is beautiful. Well, when Kevin Bohn, our maintenance guy, is there along with Dan, there's bound to be some laughter. Like the time Dan hooked up his lawn roller to the lawn tractor, and Kevin unhooked it before Dan started. Dan was half-way across the lawn before he realized what Kevin had done!  
Now we wait to see what Dan will do to "get back" at Kevin!



Kevin helps to hook the roller back up after Dan realized what Kevin had done!





# Church News

## Building and Grounds Report

Who and what is the Peace Lutheran Church Building and Grounds committee???? The Building and Grounds Committee is **YOU!!!!** Peace Lutheran Church is **OUR Church**. Peace Lutheran Church is **YOUR Church**.



Along with the daily/weekly routine maintenance chores that go on at Peace, there are constant cleaning and support tasks that are completed. The snow gets shoveled and plowed. The grass gets mowed and trimmed. The carpet gets vacuumed and the windows get washed. Peace is **like your home**. Peace **IS YOUR HOME**. Peace is the “*body of Christ*” that we live in. We need to be good stewards of the “*body*”. The body will then “*nourish the soul*”. What can you do to maintain your home????

Time, Talents, and Treasures. Not everyone can shovel snow, mow the lawn, or wash windows. Not everyone can sing. Not everyone has the financial resources to contribute to the constant momentary demands of our beautiful HOME. What can you do????

As we sit in **our beautiful home** each week, look around and remember that “God has provided”, “we have fulfilled”. Our prayers and our actions are a response our Father’s promise to “*always be with us*”. He has kept His part of the promise, now we must keep ours.

**A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Spring Clean Up Day:**

Lynn Anderson, Bernice Baranyk, Barb Bartel, Jean Bartel, Bob Chesbrough, Marilyn Chesbrough, Phyllis Dassow, Roger Jansen, Joshua Klamm, Verona Kloehn, Grant Klusmeyer, Kaliska Klusmeyer, Nathan Klusmeyer, TJ Klusmeyer, Tom Klusmeyer, Donna Kuenn, Tom Kuenn, Bob Lang, Jim Lichtenberg, Thurman Matney, Donna McKay, Mary McKay, Marion Mischka, Marvin Mischka, Don Nelson, Judy Nelson, Rod Nelson, Cindy Roebke, Neal Roebke, Jan Schroeder, Ben Sigourney, Jennie Sigourney, McKenzie Sigourney, Don Timmermann, Helen Timmermann, Darlene Travers, Bev Walker, and Tom Welty.

## LWMS News Update

Another awesome Spring Rally! 134 ladies and children met at Immanuel in Black Creek on Saturday, April 16. Members of Immanuel have remodeled and added onto this church building and it is beautiful. The food and fellowship was so wonderful and most uplifting was the presentation given by Pastor Paul Prange regarding the exciting growth in spiritual leadership within the Sudanese people!!

Pastor Prange is a marvelous presenter and everyone was glued to the program. Pastor Micah Martin led a Bible Study . Offerings to LWMS from Peace was added to the circuit total offerings and sent to the Summer Student Assistance Program in which mission congregations receive temporary additional manpower from the seminary. Valuable experience is given these seminary students.

Our plate offering on the day of the rally was designated to the Sudanese Leader Training Project. Barb Bartel has completed 2-terms as Spiritual Growth Woman and Linda Ihlenfeld, Treasurer, has resigned due to her moving out of the Wolf River Circuit. We are grateful to the service these two ladies have given to our Circuit Board. Wolf River Circuit Fall Rally will be held in October at St. Peter in Weyauwega. Plan to attend. Details will be announced as they become available, but we know it will be a great rally.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilynn Chesbrough, Reporter



# News About Our Church Family

## Nancy’s Quick & Easy Casserole

Submitted by Nancy Lang

Serves 8.

**Ingredients:**

- 1# Ground beef
- 24 oz frozen hash browns
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 6 oz can French’s Fried Onions

**Directions:**

Preheat oven to 350.  
In a large skillet, cook beef until brown, stirring to complete browning. Drain and pour beef into a large bowl.  
Add potatoes, soup, sour cream, cheese and onion. Mix well.  
Spread into a 9 X 13 baking dish.  
Bake for 30-45 minutes, or until bubbly.  
Top with fried onions and bake until onions are brown, about 5 minutes.  
Salt and pepper to taste.  
555 calories per serving



**She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.**  
Proverbs 31:27



## Birthdays

- 5/3 Leonard McKay
- 5/7 DuWayne Bartel  
Ellen Hetcher
- 5/10 Tyler Roebke
- 5/13 Nate Sigourney
- 5/14 Darryl Ast
- 5/15 Casey Wedde
- 5/16 Judah Hansen
- 5/19 Wade Proctor
- 5/23 Dallas Krueger
- 5/24 Ray McTavish  
Pat Johnson  
Marion Treichel
- 5/28 Marilyn Chesbrough  
Verona Kloehn
- 5/31 Lisa Bartel



## Anniversaries

- 5/10 Bob & Marilyn Chesbrough (25)
- 5/14 Jim & Rae Ann Bower (50)
- 5/20 Gene & Michelle Wedde (21)
- 5/28 Eric & Rebecka Quinn (5)



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](mailto:peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com).

## Church Library Hours

Thursday & Sunday: Before & after the service  
Monday-Friday: 8 am– 2 pm

## New Members

**Bob & Deb Rohde**  
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[bdrohde@yahoo.com](mailto:bdrohde@yahoo.com)

## Contact corrections & updates

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