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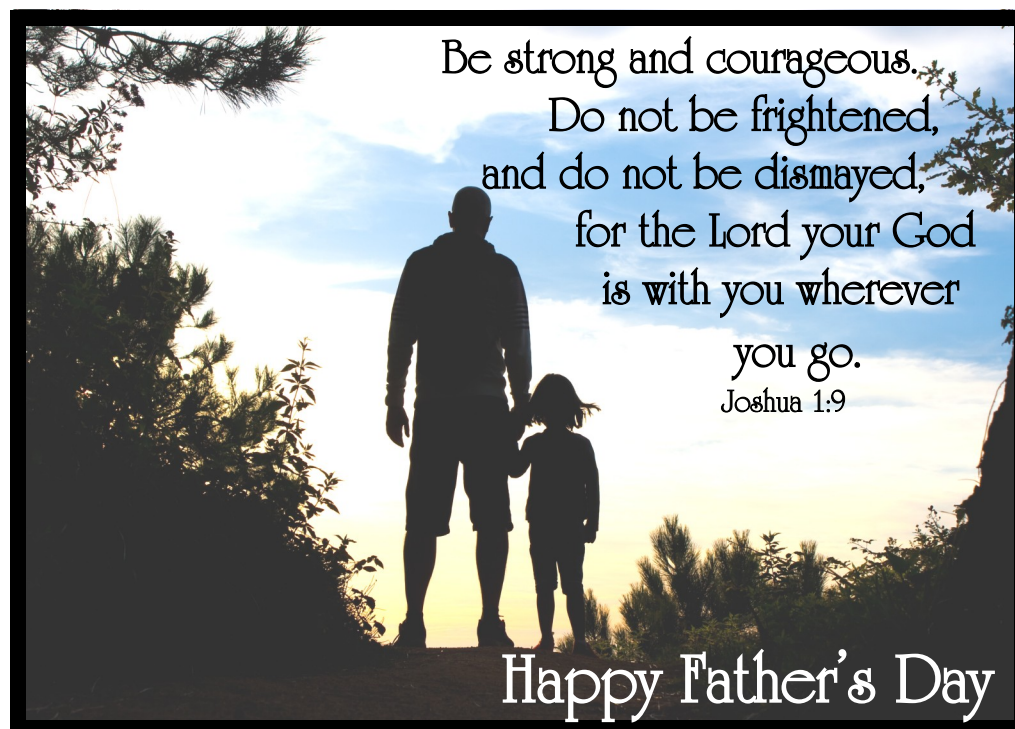
**Worship** every Sunday @ 9 am  
every Thursday @ 7 pm  
**Bible Study** Sundays @ 8 am  
Tuesdays @ 9 am  
Thursdays @ 9 am & 8 pm  
**Mornings with Mommy**  
every 1st & 3rd Monday at 10 am



**Messenger of Peace** is a publication of:  
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**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:  
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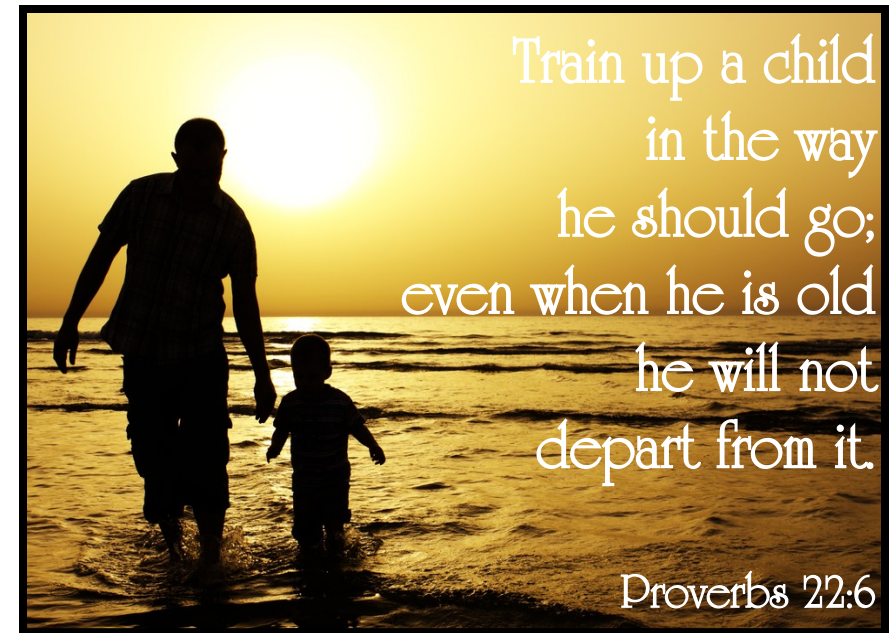


# Messenger of Peace

June 2016

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## THANK YOU!



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.



**With your generous donations, and the money given by our Sunday School students, we have reached our goal!**

We hope to have it built before the end of June, so be sure to watch for that! If anyone is interested in helping build it, please see Bob Lang or Kevin Bohn.

## Save the Dates!

**Friday, June 24-**  
**Sunday, June 26** Pioneers Camp Out at Camp Phillip  
**Saturday, July 9** Timber Rattler Game Outing  
**Sunday, July 10** VBS Worship 9 am  
VBS 10:15 am-4 pm  
**Sunday, July 17** Church Picnic  
Worship at 10 am; picnic to follow  
**Sunday, August 28** Pioneers Friends and Family Day  
At the Schroeder's 11 am



**Craft Sale**  
**Saturday, June 18 9:30 am- 3:30 pm**  
**Camp Phillip, W9944 Buttercup Lane, Wautoma**  
All proceeds will go to Camp Phillip.





Grow in Grace

I love to see seeds sprouting into plants, which grow into flowers or garden edibles. What a mystery of God’s grace, which He provides every year – a feast of color for the eyes and a feast of vegetables for the stomach.

But that is not the only thing I like to see growing...

In the closing verses of his second letter, Peter wrote an encouraging word. Just like faithful pastors in our day, Peter wanted the congregations he served to hold on to God’s Word, to continually study it, to avoid every temptation to fall from faith in Christ Jesus, and to produce a life that gives all glory and praise to our loving Lord.

2 Peter 3:17-18 (NIV ’84) *Dear friends... be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen.*

At God’s direction, Peter urged Christians - then and now - to grow in grace.

Right before my eyes I watch my children and my congregational family developing in body, soul, and mind. Together we are maturing – physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. We are growing in number and in faith. But I see challenges before us all; hurdles and barriers that would hinder our growth, or serve to develop our faith even further. At the end of May we witnessed a public confirmation, at which time young Christians shared their faith and knowledge of the Scriptures with us. There are graduations in May and June, too – celebrations of years of hard work as the graduates push on toward future goals. Trials await on the horizon, under the guise of advanced learning and open-mindedness. Some of us face issues with health – mental, physical, emotional, spiritual – and a plethora of other potentially life-altering decisions. With summer comes warmer weather, and the temptation to put off spending much-needed, faith-nurturing time in God’s house. We are weak and susceptible to temptation. Pastor Peter knew the hearts and challenges of his people then, and his Spirit-inspired words speak to our hearts and lives today, too. Grow in God’s grace.

How will you spend the coming days? It is my prayer that we all – together and individually – continue in what we have learned and become convinced of, growing wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus (2 Timothy 3:14-15). Let us not give up meeting together (Hebrews 10:25), but take God’s weekly invitation to heart, so that we can encourage and be encouraged by fellow believers around God’s Word and Sacraments. Take an active part in one of our regular Bible studies, so that you can sharpen your faith (Proverbs 27:17) and strengthen your spiritual defenses (Ephesians 6:10-18). Read your Bible at home so that the lamp of the Word will guide your steps (Psalm 119:105) when you are away from the support and encouragement of your fellow Christian warriors. And as we sprout in faith, on our own and as a Christian congregation, we are better able to share the great news of salvation in Christ with others, and to defend against and oppose those who would undermine our faith in Christ and threaten to jeopardize our future with Him.

Until we reach our heavenly goal - for each and every one of us - I pray that we take God’s words to heart, and sprout like the colorful spring flowers we are now seeing everywhere.

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Pastor Roger Riedel



A Short Story



Jesus is my Savior by Faith

*“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”*

Mark 15:16

In many places, June ushers in warmer weather. Summer begins in earnest, and that means people like to be outside and enjoy the warm temperatures. One activity that many enjoy is swimming. It might be a backyard pool, a community pool or beach, or even a lawn sprinkler. Whatever the method, people love to get wet.

Followers of Jesus get wet, too, when they are baptized. Baptism is a wonderful gift of God where water is applied and the words are spoken as Jesus commanded, *“I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”* (Matthew 28:19). When those words and the water are combined like this, according to Jesus' promise, baptisms take place. Through this special means, God creates faith in people—infant or adult. Sins are washed away, and by faith in Jesus God makes them members of his family.

After baptism, learning continues so that people grow in their faith and grow closer to God for the confidence and joy of life with God both now and forever. There is much to learn and know in the Bible. It guides us. It refreshes us. And its message saves us! It is the *“living water”* (John 4:10) that Jesus gives us. Much more refreshing than any pool or beach or sprinkler! It quenches our thirst for belonging to God, for truth about God, and for true peace with God. The Word of God creates and strengthens faith in Jesus as our Savior.

Without faith in Jesus, people will be “condemned,” that is, lost forever in hell when they die. As Christians, we seek to invite everyone to hear Jesus' message and be baptized, so hell is not their destiny. This is because Jesus told us to baptize and teach, so that people can have saving faith and will enjoy heaven when they die.

Many people think of summer as a gift, when we have rest and relaxation. But the real gift that lasts forever—no matter the weather—is the gift of faith in Jesus that comes through baptism and God's Word! Come and share with us the joy of being members of God's family.



## Transformed: Leading by Serving Devotions Connecting Teens to Christ

[www.yfm.welsrc.net/download-yfm/transformed-teen-devotion-archive/](http://www.yfm.welsrc.net/download-yfm/transformed-teen-devotion-archive/)

*Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that He had come from God and was returning to God; so He got up from the meal, took off His outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around His waist. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash His disciples' feet. (John 13:3-5)*

Do you remember inverse proportions from math? Maybe the concept still shares some grey space in your head these days along with everything else that's competing for a home there. Basically inverse proportions go like this: One thing goes up and another thing goes down. The more the one goes up, the more the other goes down. Inverse proportions. Don't you think it's tempting to see life that way: strong leaders go up and at the same time weak failures go down? The application? Be a leader. Be a winner. Get there first or someone else will go up and win, while you go down and fail.

In the eyes of many, Jesus was on the failing end of an inverse proportion. Jesus taught love, brought himself down and lifted up other people. Crazy failure talk and crazy failure walk to so many people, right?

God put all things under Jesus' power and Jesus used all that power and authority to serve other people. From feet washing to dying on the cross for the sins of his friends and for the sins of the world, Jesus used his everything to serve and to love.

Lowering himself to love and to lead worked out okay for Jesus, didn't it? He lowered himself and by doing so, defeated sin and death.

God promises servant love and leadership will also work out okay for you. Love your friends enough to lead them to Jesus. Love them enough to serve them the way Jesus loved and served you. Build them up with Jesus' love. Look to Jesus for forgiveness when you fail to love and to lead with a servant's heart. He promises that you'll find forgiveness at his cross. Look to Jesus for the strength to serve. He promises you'll find it in his love for you. Some call it crazy failure talk and crazy failure walk. Jesus calls it true leadership.

### PRAYER

Dear Jesus, Help us to find peace and comfort in your servant love for us. Move us to love and to serve our friends in ways that will build them up in you.  
Amen.

*The righteous man walks in his integrity;  
his children are blessed after him. Proverbs 20:7*



## Summer Conferences and Conventions

### LWMS Annual Convention

June 23-26  
St. Charles, Illinois  
[www.wels.net/events](http://www.wels.net/events)

### WELS International Youth Rally

June 28-July 1  
University of Colorado, Fort Collins, CO  
[www.wels.net/events](http://www.wels.net/events)

### Lutheran Boy Pioneers National Convention

Saturday, July 16  
Pineridge Camp, Waldo, WI  
[www.lutheranpioneers.org](http://www.lutheranpioneers.org) 888-214-8225

### WELS Women's Ministry Conference

July 21-23  
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, WI  
[wels.net/wmconference](http://wels.net/wmconference)

### Lutheran Girl Pioneers National Convention

August 12-14  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Marshfield, WI  
608-781-5232 [www.lgp.org](http://www.lgp.org)

### Luther Days Festival

September 17  
Shoreland Lutheran High School, Somers, WI  
[www.lutherdays.org](http://www.lutherdays.org)

## WELS Night at Miller Park Friday, July 29 7:10 pm

Mark your calendars and join thousands of WELS members for the third annual WELS Night at Miller Park! Seating will be together for WELS members in all three seating areas. Last year, over 3500 WELS members attended WELS Night at Miller Park. Koine lead singer, Brian Davison, will be singing the National Anthem. Free T-shirt Friday for all fans in attendance!

### Ticket Prices

Field Outfield Box: \$21  
Loge Outfield Box: \$17  
Terrace Reserved: \$9

Tickets can be purchased online at [Brewers.com/wels](http://Brewers.com/wels)  
Deadline to purchase tickets: Friday, July 22  
For more information or to purchase groups of 20, contact Jason Fry at 414-902-4516 or [jasonfry@brewers.com](mailto:jasonfry@brewers.com).



## 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.

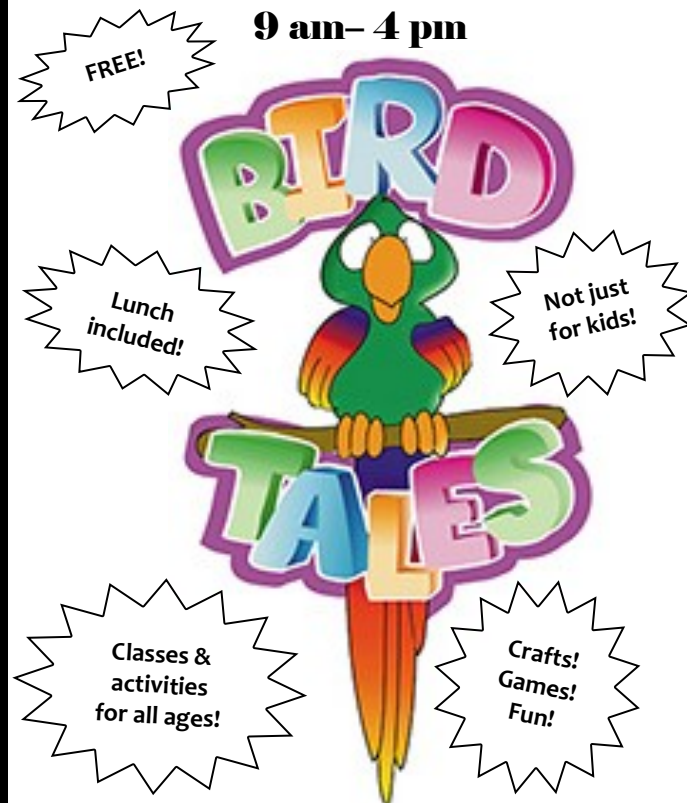
**Please see Kevin Bohn  
(920-765-2146) to reserve  
your tickets!**

Children's children  
*are the crown of old men;*  
and the glory of children  
*are their fathers.*  
Proverbs 17:6

## Christian Education Day

**Sunday, July 10, 2016**

**9 am– 4 pm**



*All ages- parents, kids, teens, empty-nesters, singles and everyone in between– is invited to join us for this day of Christian Education! To pre-register, sign up on the sheet on the back table in the fellowship hall or call Christine in the office at 920-787-3856.*

**WHAT IS IT?** Christian Education Day  
*(think VBS, but for everyone,  
and all in one day!)*

**WHO CAN COME?** It's for everyone!

**WHERE?** Peace Lutheran Church

**WHEN?** Sunday, July 10, 2016  
from 9 am– 4 pm

**NEED MORE INFO OR WANT TO  
HELP?** Call Christine at 920-787-3856

**“Ask the birds of the air  
and they will tell you!” (Job 12:7)**





## Lutheran Pioneers Luncheon and Awards Day

The Lutheran Pioneers celebrated ten years at Peace this year. After Worship on May 1, we hosted a luncheon and awards ceremony that was attended by about 50 people.

Ten years ago, I stuttered my way through our first Pioneers meeting, with ten kids– all members of Peace– in attendance. Fast forward through the years, and we can celebrate the fact that we’ve had 50 children join us at Pioneers, from 27 families. We’ve welcomed countless guests to our camp outs, lock ins, outings and meetings. At our Advent by Candlelight event, about half of our attendees are guests. At our booth at Blue Ribbon Kids’ Day this past April, we reached over 70 families and talked to about 120 children.

Our Pioneers will tell you what their favorite part of Pioneers is: camping, crafting, baking, hanging out with their friends. I agree that those things are great and we really do have a fabulous time.

But, I would like to tell you my favorite part of Pioneers. It’s the part when we’re talking– about whatever, bugs, flowers, tools, paper choices for our craft– and the talk easily turns to their faith and they talk about how they love Jesus, how they pray for their friends and family who aren’t believers, and then the encouragement that follows from other Pioneers.

This is what makes our “job” as leaders worthwhile. When they ask questions and tell each other the answers. When they tell me that they are going to heaven when they die because of what Jesus did for them. This, my friends, is why the Pioneers ministry has been successful.

Our focus is Jesus. Yes, we craft. Yes, we go fun places and build cool birdhouses. But it always circles back around each time to Jesus. That’s why children and families are attracted to this ministry. This world craves the saving truths of Jesus and his love. And this is what we give. Simply the truth, in Jesus’ powerful love.

That is my favorite part of Pioneers.

And it’s because of the support of our Pioneers families and members of this congregation that we can keep sharing, keep growing in our faith, and keep reminding these young people in our care that they are important, wanted and needed at our church and in our world.

Thank you for allowing us as leaders to serve you, your families and the children in our church and community.

Christine Bohn, Girl Pioneer Caravan Counselor

**Our Boy Pioneers**  
Mr. Bohn  
Sam R., Isaac E. (LP Alumni), TJ K.,  
Skyler R.  
Honorary Pioneers:  
Grant K. & Joey R.  
Missing: Matthew L.,  
Blake L., Kaleb C., Kameron C.



**Our Girl Pioneers**  
Mrs. Klusmeyer,  
Emily R., Becca B.,  
Mrs. Bohn, Mary R.,  
Susan R., Emily B.,  
Shania R., Mrs. Riedel,  
Rachel R., Kali K.,  
Sierra R., Caydan R.,  
Shyann R.  
Missing: Korri C.,  
Karrie C., Stephie L.,  
Annie L.



## Congratulations!

### Confirmations



**Brooke Allison Blader-Lucht**  
*Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

**Emily Diane Bohn**  
*Isaiah 40:31 But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.*

### Graduates



**Sandra Klamm** Wautoma HS

**Nolan Trinrud** Wautoma HS

**Robert (BJ) Mitchell Jr**  
Marine Boot Camp

## Sunday School Corner

Our school year has come to an end, and we like to take time and reflect about the year– what went well, what we will change for next year, etc.

As we think back, we can’t help but realize how blessed we are to have such a dedicated Sunday School team! Our teachers are amazing! Let’s take a minute to thank each of them for their dedication to the youth of our congregation!

Mrs. Beth Riedel, 2 & 3 year old preschool & music  
Miss Emily Riedel, 4K & 5K; Miss Rebecca Bohn, 4K & 5K  
Mrs. Jan Schroeder, 1,2, & 3 grades  
Mrs. Christine Bohn, 4, 5, & 6 grades  
Miss Brooke Blader-Lucht, substitute  
Miss Emily Bohn, substitute  
Mrs. Donna Kuenn, substitute  
Mrs. Karen Mosier, substitute

Without this group of faithful Christians, our Sunday School ministry would not be as strong as it is. They plan lessons during the week, and spend at least an hour and half each Sunday at Sunday School. Thank you for your service!!

If you are interested in joining our Sunday School team, please speak with Pastor Riedel or any Sunday School teacher!

While we are recessing for the summer, please remember not to take a vacation from church! There are many activities planned throughout the summer; please look for those and participate whenever your family is available!

**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 as possible.**



## Birthdays

- 6/1 Jennie Sigourney
- 6/8 Melissa Wedell  
Sam Riedel
- 6/9 Nicole Anderson
- 6/11 Kaylee Lemke
- 6/14 Nancy Quinn  
Michelle Lemke
- 6/15 Patti Anderson
- 6/21 Daniel Lemke
- 6/22 Phyllis Schnabl  
Vincent Owens  
Benjamin Sigourney
- 6/23 Roger Jansen
- 6/25 Judy Schulz
- 6/26 Rod Nelson  
Emily Quinn
- 6/29 Coty Roebke



## Anniversaries

- 6/3 Nathan & Ahnsharee Klusmeyer (11)
- 6/4 Jim & Jan Schroeder (50)
- 6/6 Jim & Judy Benz (52)
- 6/11 Jack & Marilyn Snyder (56)
- 6/14 Kevin & Christine Bohn (19)
- 6/15 Jim & Karen Mosier (53)
- 6/16 Carlyle & Phyllis Schmidt (54)
- 6/17 Pastor Tom & Nancy Klusmeyer (39)
- 6/19 Leroy & Violet Wangerin (68)
- 6/21 Tom & Linda Welty (47)
- 6/22 Don & Marlene Nelson (43)  
Neal & Cindy Roebke (32)
- 6/23 Dan & Bernice Baranyk (54)
- 6/26 Pastor Roger & Beth Riedel (17)
- 6/28 Robert & Evelyn O’Brien (64)
- 6/29 Jeff & Marilyn Dehling (26)



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).