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 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.

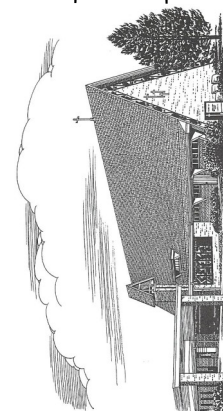
Articles
 Please forward information and articles to Christine in the office by the third Sunday of each month. Put in the office or email it to:
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In His name
the
NATIONS
 will put their
hope.
 Matthew 12:21

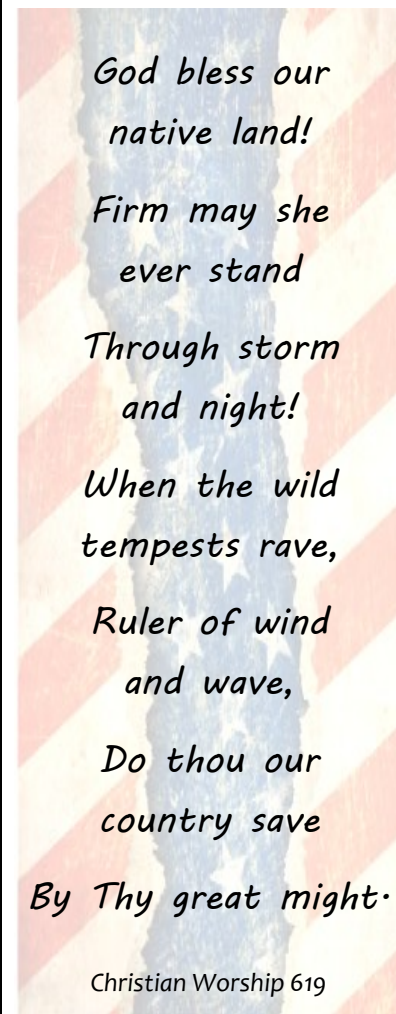
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*God bless our native land!
 Firm may she ever stand
 Through storm and night!
 When the wild tempests rave,
 Ruler of wind and wave,
 Do thou our country save
 By Thy great might.*
 Christian Worship 619

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 back table in the fellowship hall or call Christine 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

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

Save the Dates!

- 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 7** Pioneers Paint Class 12 pm
- Sunday, August 28** Pioneers Friends and Family Day at the Schroeder's 11 am

From our Pastor

Dear reader, I can hardly believe that it's July, the month when we celebrate Independence Day. Please take this opportunity to thank our gracious God for this great land we call our temporary home. In the United States we have wealth and treasure beyond belief, as individual citizens and as a nation. We have many freedoms (not the least of which is to worship the Lord), a time of relative peace, and unique beauty in every state of the union. We enjoy family members and our Christian family, the spiritual gifts of forgiveness of sins and eternal life through Jesus' sacrifice, and a host of other gifts received from our generous heavenly Father.

While our country celebrates its independence with fireworks and flags, thank God for our country and pray for our government leaders, military personnel, police and all others who serve to keep us safe. Please remember to praise the Lord for our permanent home with Him in heaven - our eternal dwelling of peace and joy which is ours through faith in Jesus, our Savior. And as you celebrate, proclaim your Lord Jesus in all your words, actions, and attitudes.

God bless our native land.

Psalm 33:12 (NIV '84) *Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD.*

My Tent of Meeting

There are many heroes of faith in the Old Testament from whom we can learn a great deal, but to me the prophet Moses would be my first choice. Many times in the past I have wished that I could be more like him. The book of Deuteronomy ends with these words: **“Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel, whom the Lord knew face to face; For no one has ever performed the mighty deeds Moses did in the sight of all Israel.”** (Dt 34:10, 12)

Moses was the one whom God chose to lead the Israelites out of the slavery in Egypt. He was the one God called to the summit of Mt. Sinai to receive the ten commandments engraved by God's own hand on two tablets of stone. He was the one who always interceded for the people when they sinned against the Lord. He was always God's mouthpiece giving God's commands and requirements to the Israelites. With all this being said, the one honor that I most love is recorded in Exodus 33:11: **“The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.”**

Moses always enjoyed his visits with God. In order to get away from the hassle of the crowd and their complaints, Moses erected a tent outside the camp which he called *“the tent of meeting.”* Whenever Moses wanted to meet with God, he would go to his *“tent of meeting”* and the Lord would descend in His cloud and stop at the entrance of the tent. Here God would speak to Moses like a man speaks to his friend. Moses would carry on an intimate, personal conversation with his loving Heavenly Father, away from the distractions of life.

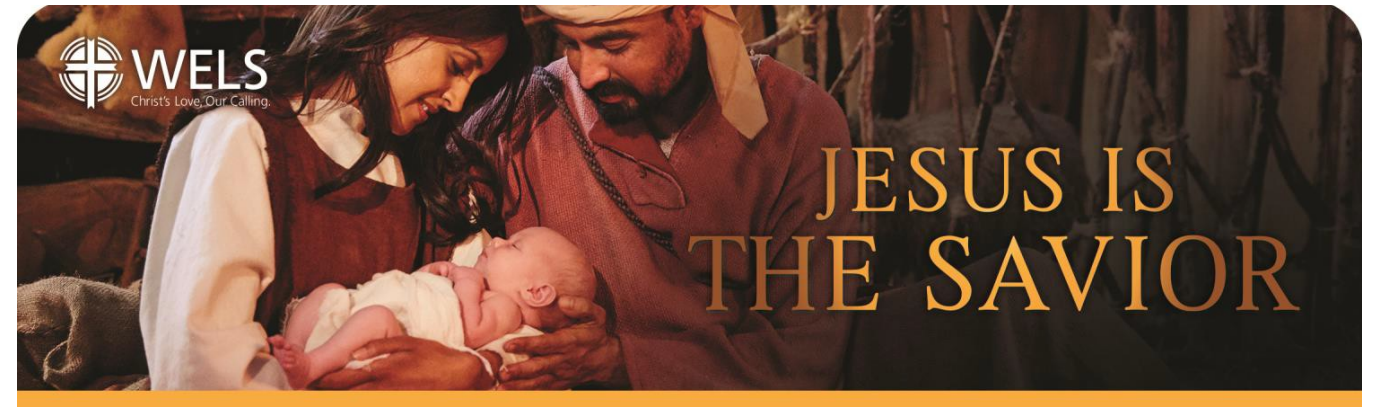
Do you have a *“tent of meeting”* where you can visit with God away from the distractions in your life? Because I am retired, my favorite time for my *“tent of meeting”* with God is at the breakfast table where my wife and I can meet with God on a regular schedule, and He speaks to us in the daily meditations and Bible readings. We speak to Him with our prayers of thanksgiving, supplication, and praise, like a man speaks to his friend. You know, He is our best friend. You might prefer a different time for your *“tent of meeting,”* but let me encourage you to make one for regular time with God. Your *“tent of meeting”* may be at bedtime, while you're doing housework, or, of course, when you share your *“tent of meeting”* with fellow believers in church.

God loves you dearly and delights in speaking with you as **“a man (woman, child) speaks with his friend.”** He is your best friend.

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear.
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer.

From the article *“True Friends”*, written by Allen Treichel

A Short Story



Jesus Is My Savior from Sin

The blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 1:7

As we celebrate our nation's Independence Day, we have plenty of reasons to be thankful. Throughout the generations, the Lord has blessed us with peace and protection. He has spared us from many evils.

Yet the world is full of danger. What poses the greatest threat to us today? War? Poverty? Terrorism? Crime? Political discord? Natural disasters? Financial collapse? Actually, there is a threat that is greater than all of these. It is sin.

Sin doesn't seem so dangerous. It's all around us. We live with it all our lives. We get used to it. It doesn't always set off alarms in our minds like so many other threats do. Sin may not be good, but it's not going to kill us.

Or could it? The Bible says sin is a deadly threat to our souls. It covers us like so much dirt and makes us unworthy to stand before a perfect God. In fact, it is so dangerous that just one *“little”* sin is enough to keep us out of heaven!

Who could save us from this great danger? Only the one who had no sin—Jesus Christ. As God's Son, he came to live as one of us. He never committed even one *“little”* sin. Yet he suffered for our sin, to take away the punishment we deserved for it. He shed his perfect blood on the cross for us.

“The blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.”

Jesus' blood washes us clean! It removes every last stain of sin from our souls. Through faith in Jesus, we stand pure and clean before our God. We are spotless in his eyes. We can be sure that our sin will not keep us out of heaven because Jesus took it away!

As our country marks another Independence Day, we ask God to continue to protect our land from whatever may threaten us. Most of all, we give him thanks for sending his Son to save us from the deadly danger of our sin. Because of Jesus, we can look forward to a heavenly country, where nothing will threaten us ever again!



STEPS OF MARTIN LUTHER TOUR

Germany Austria Prague
 June 19 - 30, 2017

OVERVIEW

We will visit:

Berlin • Wittenberg • Eisleben • Leipzig • Eisenach • Erfurt • Prague • Vienna • Salzburg • Munich

Cost per person:

\$3899 from New York
 (Air/land tour price is \$3209 plus \$690 government taxes/airline surcharges)

Hosted by:

Pastor James Humann

THE DETAILS

On June 19, 2017 retired WELS pastor James Humann will begin hosting a twelve day tour to Germany in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. Highlights include the famous Luther sites such as Wittenberg, Eisleben, Erfurt, Eisenach and the Wartburg Castle. What makes this tour so popular is that the tour also includes Prague in the Czech Republic, Vienna and Salzburg in Austria and other exciting German cities such as Berlin and Munich. Space is limited. One bus is already full and another about half full.

To join in this celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, e-mail Pastor Humann at JHumann383@aol.com.

He will send you a brochure with the daily itinerary, price and General Conditions. If you'd like a hard copy, please include your name and mailing address.



Luther Days Festival

A Distinctly Lutheran Festival
 Saturday, September 17, 2016
 Shoreland Lutheran High School
 9026 12th St, Somers, Wisconsin
www.lutherdays.org

The Luther Days Festival is one of the most exciting events around for Confessional Lutherans and is the largest distinctly Lutheran festival in North America! This one-of-a-kind event is for the entire family and brings Martin Luther and the Reformation to life by offering participants a uniquely interactive and distinctly Lutheran experience for all ages. The festival also embraces the heritage of the Lutheran Church and is an action-packed day with hands-on exploration into the reformation, our Lutheran faith, and the German heritage of the immigrant Lutherans. This is a family-friendly event for all ages!

Sessions, presentations, a world record attempt, shopping, a Taste of Germany, children's activities, book signings, a liturgical art contest, the Reformation brought to life and so much more! Don't miss this amazing day!

Cost: Free with advance tickets, or \$5 at the door
Children 12 and under don't need a ticket
Visit www.lutherdays.org to get your tickets!



WELS Night at Miller Park
Friday, July 29 7:10 pm
Ticket Prices: Field Outfield Box: \$21; Loge Outfield Box: \$17; Terrace Reserved: \$9
Tickets can be purchased online at Brewers.com/wels
Deadline to purchase tickets: Friday, July 22

Church News



Church Picnic

Sunday, July 17, 2016
 Worship at 10 am
 Picnic to follow

Be sure to join us for our annual church picnic on July 17! Bring a dish to pass— the church provides brats, hot dogs, hamburgers, all the toppings and drinks. There is a sign up sheet on the back table in the fellowship hall.

Please see Tom Welty (715-927-0550) for more information.



Help Wanted!

We are in need of people to run the sound system during church services on Sundays.

This person would be responsible for controlling the sound system and recording the service about once a month. Complete training provided! No experience necessary!

Please see Bob Lang (414-313-0662) or Kevin Bohn (920-765-2146) for more information.

Financial Report

For the first half of 2016, our offerings equal our budget numbers! This is great! However, some of our members give their total year offerings during just the first six months of the year. The second half of the year is always slower. May the Lord guide us in our thank offerings for the balance of the year.

Bart Bartel
 Financial Secretary



Pioneers Paint Class

Sunday, August 7 1 pm

Join us for paint class, led by The Traveling Easel, at church.

Boys, girls, and adults are invited to come!

Learn some new techniques, have fun and leave with a masterpiece created just by you!

Parents/Adults: \$25
 Pioneers: \$15

Lunch at 12 pm.
 Bring a dish-to-pass.

Pioneers will supply drinks and main dish.

Fill out the bottom and return to Christine in the office with payment no later than July 31.

See any Pioneers leader or call Christine (920-787-3856) with any concerns or questions.

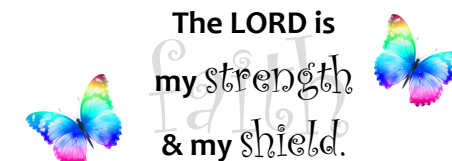
Pioneers Paint Class

Names of Pioneers Attending

Names of Adults/Parents Attending

Total money enclosed: \$ _____

The LORD is
 my strength
 & my shield.





Church News

Sound System Update

What a blessing it is to have a beautiful church to worship in!

How do we worship our Lord? First is the Word from the Bible, the Word of God. We can, and hopefully do, read our Bible at home and with our family. But our church provides a comfortable setting where we can hear the Word of the Lord with our friends and neighbors. We have a skilled, ordained pastor who delivers an Old Testament and a New Testament reading with a carefully crafted theme to enhance the Word. We have music selected to complement that theme. We have a comfortable, warm or cool, building depending on the season, which is decorated to beautify that theme. We also have songs to sing.

We are Wisconsin Synod Lutherans. We love to sing.

The organist or pre-recorded Hymsoft comes to our ears via an electronic miracle; our sound system. The fact that we can clearly hear the pastor and the organist is often forgotten when the sound system is working properly. When the message or the music is disrupted due to equipment malfunctions we lose our beautiful service.

What you have heard the last few Sundays is the **start** of an up-to-date sound system. The old sound system worked well when it was new. It has since worn out. Technology changes and equipment improves. We need to take advantage of these technology changes.

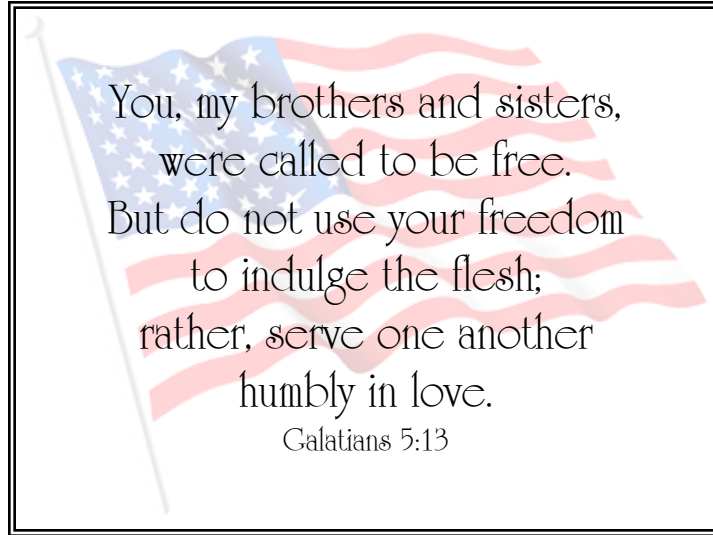
We have the funds for the first phase of a new sound system thanks to a generous donation given by the Ardis Spuhler family in her memory. There have been other donations from our church family in envelopes marked "New Sound System".

We need to **start on phase two**.

In the future weeks you will hear other sound enhancements that will further support our service. You will hear and see new speakers and microphone packages. You will hear new Hymsoft options. Please tell your council members if you like the new sound, if you feel it is an improvement, and/or if you are willing to donate to the cost of the equipment.

Let us praise the Lord with all of the gifts he has given to us.

Robert Lang, Building & Grounds Chairman



You, my brothers and sisters,
were called to be free.
But do not use your freedom
to indulge the flesh;
rather, serve one another
humbly in love.
Galatians 5:13

Craft: Patriotic Pinwheels

Make a bunch with the kids or grandkids (or by yourself!). Use as a festive alternative to flowers as your centerpiece for the 4th of July.



Supplies Needed (to make one):

- Double sided patriotic paper
- 3/16"-1/4" wide wooden dowel rod
- Map pin or tack
- Low-temp glue gun & glue sticks
- Scissors
- Ruler

Directions:

1. Cut paper into squares (small: 3 1/2" square; medium: 5 1/2" square; large: 7 1/2" square).
2. Fold paper in half diagonally. Unfold. Fold the opposite way and unfold, creating two crossing diagonal folds.
3. Begin at one corner and cut along the crease, stopping 1/2" from the center. Cut the same way from the other three corners, leaving about a 1" square area in the center.
4. Pull the upper left corner of each of the four cut triangle shapes to the center point. Adhere one corner on top of the next using a drop of hot glue.
5. Using a gentle twisting motion, poke map pin through the center front of the pinwheel.
6. Poke the pin through the dowel, about 1/2" from the top, stopping when the pin is barely poking through the opposite side. For safety, cover the sharp edge with a drop of hot glue.



News About Our Church Family

Welcome to Our New Members!

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Neshkoro, WI 54960
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262-321-9637

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Address Updates

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Phyllis Schnabl
2418 Park Ave #2
West Bend, WI 53090
262-353-3662

Dick & Linda Ihlenfeld
1420 Vogt Dr
West Bend, WI 53095

New Email Address

Roger & Darlene Jansen
rzjansen23@gmail.com

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, Miss Emily Riedel, Miss Rebecca Bohn, Mrs. Jan Schroeder, Mrs. Christine Bohn, and substitutes Miss Brooke Blader-Lucht, Miss Emily Bohn, Mrs. Donna Kuenn, and Mrs. Karen Mosier

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 as a teacher or as the Sunday School Superintendent, please speak with Pastor Riedel, Tom Welty 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!



Birthdays

- 7/3 Pastor Riedel
- 7/7 Donna Kuenn
- 7/9 Bob Chesbrough
Marilyn Snyder
Joshua Klamm
- 7/10 Richard Anderson
- 7/11 Connie Odegard
- 7/13 Harry Thom
- 7/15 Rae Ann Bower
- 7/21 Ken Kasper
- 7/24 Richard Vollrath
- 7/28 Allen Treichel
Bob Lang
- 7/30 Jeannette Thom



Anniversaries

- 7/10 Allen & Marion Treichel (61)
- 7/13 Leonard & Mary McKay (53)
- 7/22 Bob & Dawn Wedell (38)
Isabel & Joe Breihan (21)
- 7/24 Herb & Virginia Vogel (62)
- 7/25 Harold & Linda Stechmesser (24)
- 7/31 Clifford & Delores Bliske (51)



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.



Church Library Hours

Thursday & Sunday: Before & after the service
Tues-Wed-Thurs: 8 am- 3 pm

Greater love has
no one than this,
than to lay down one's
life for his friends.

John 15:13