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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 Wednesdays @ 6 pm Pioneers every second & last Sunday @ 1 pm



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



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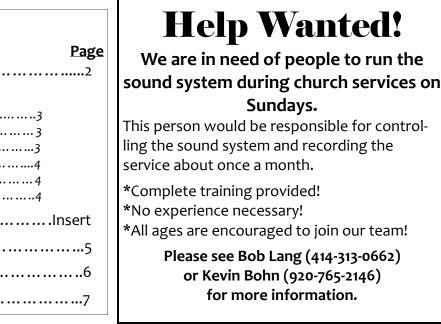
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Pioneers invites you to join us for **KICKBALL AT THE PARK** Sunday, October 2 at 12 pm **At Bird Creek Park**

Bring a dish-to-pass and join us for our first-ever kickball at the park! Pioneers will supply hamburgers & hot dogs and drinks. You don't have to play- come cheer on our **Pioneers and enjoy some fun fellowship!** All ages are invited! Bring a friend!

Please call Christine (920-765-2147) for more information.

"You are not only responsible for what you say, but also for what you do not say." (Martin Luther



Who's ready to get their kick on?

Annual Voter's Meeting Sunday, November 6 10:15 am



id ewardship sharing the gifts we have been given

Last month we contemplated the motto: 'One for all' and 'all for One,' rejoicing that the Lord Jesus offered Himself on the cross as our true and only Savior, and devoting ourselves in service to Christ who rescued us from sin, death, and hell, to be members of His heavenly kingdom, now and forever. The message for our consideration springs from that theme, as we seek to grow in appreciation of God's message of love and forgiveness for sinners: the Gospel in Word and Sacraments.

Stewardship of the Means of Grace

The plumber, the seamstress, the carpenter, and the fisherman all have something in common: a tool box. Not all the same tools can be found in all of their boxes, but all of the workers listed above have required tools of the trade so that they can carry out the duties of their chosen career.

In a manner of speaking, God the Holy Spirit has a tool box, too. The powerful devices the Spirit uses to carry out His soul-saving and life-changing work in the hearts and lives of sinners are the Means of Grace, namely, the Holy Bible, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Consider the power and purpose of these tools which the Holy Spirit uses to lead a sinner to faith in Christ and to keep that person growing in the true Christian faith.

John 17:17 Your Word is truth.

Psalm 119:105 Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

2 Timothy 3:15-17 (NIV '84) From infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

The Bible is God's true and effective Word, leading us to confess our sins, turn from them and believe in Jesus as our only Savior, and to live to glorify our Lord, here on earth and forever in heaven.

John 3:5 No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

1 Peter 3:21-22 (NIV '84) Baptism saves you – not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven.

Titus 3:5 (ESV) [God] saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.

Baptism is a spiritual bath that cleanses us from our sins and welcomes us into the family of God. Our sins are forgiven and we are clothed with Jesus' righteousness in this sacrament.

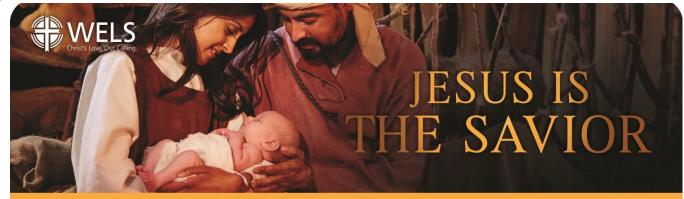
1 Corinthians 11:24-25 "This is My body... this cup is the new covenant in My blood... do this in remembrance of Me." Matthew 26: 26-28 Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Communion is a spiritual meal that feeds our faith; a personal reception of Christ's forgiveness. We actually receive Jesus' body and blood with the bread and wine in this sacrament, remembering that His sacrifice on Calvary truly washes away our guilt and shame.

These three implements in the Holy Spirit's tool box have been entrusted to us, who are now God's children through faith in Jesus. As we consider their priceless value and incomparable power, we pray that the Lord would lead us to regard them as a dear treasure and regularly make use of these Means of Grace. When we make daily and regular use of God's Word and the Sacraments we are strengthened in our faith in the Lord Jesus, in our walk of faith with Him, and in our Christian witness to the world.

As we consider our Lutheran heritage, I pray that we are good stewards with these spiritual treasures the Lord has graciously placed into our care. Use them for your own strength and guidance. Faithfully administer them to build up the family of believers. Share them to lead others to the only true Savior, and the eternal life that Jesus gives to all who trust in Him for their eternal salvation.





By grace you have been saved, through faith and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of Godnot by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

"I can do it all by myself!" If you have children, you have heard these words. You want them to learn how to do things on their own, but usually they pick times to try when it is least convenient for you. Walking out the door, already late is the time they want to tie their shoes for the first time.

Have you ever thought, "I can do it all by myself?" Doing a project at work by yourself may result in a raise or promotion. However, trying to get into heaven by yourself will never work.

was a good dad/mom." "I was faithful at work." "I never (fill in the blank)."

want to go to heaven we can never do any wrong... ever!

it by myself!"

But we don't have to do it ourselves! God tells us in his Word that we have been saved BY GRACE! Though we are undeserving, God deeply loved us. He sent his Son, Jesus, to open the way to heaven for us. Jesus did this by sacrificing his innocent life in our place for all of our wrongdoing. Now, through Jesus we are perfectly right before God, all because we didn't do it ourselves. Jesus did it for us!

Why should God let you into heaven? You can point to Jesus and say, "Because of him." Jesus is the one who opens heaven.

Jesus is my Savior from Myself

- Think about this question: "If you were standing outside of heaven's gates and God asked you, 'Why should I let you in?' what would you say?" Well, how would you answer? "Oh, I
- If you answered that way, can you hear it? It is the sound of silence; the sound of heaven's gates NOT opening. God requires us to be perfect like him. That means that if we
- The truth is that no matter how hard we try, no matter how much good we do, we will never be perfect. Even just one wrongdoing disqualifies us from heaven. Honestly, we commit many, many wrongs in life. So for the prospect of heaven, each of us has to admit, "I CAN'T do

Thank Jesus for this wonderful gift! He is your Savior who did it all for you!



WELS Day with the Milwaukee Bucks Saturday, December 3–4 pm

The Milwaukee Bucks are inviting all WELS members and their friends to the inaugural WELS Day with the Bucks.

Mark your calendars and join us for the Milwaukee Bucks basketball game against the Brooklyn Nets on Sat., Dec. 3. Game time is 4 pm, at the BMO Harris Bradley Center in downtown Milwaukee. The WELS group is invited to arrive early and watch the NBA stars during pregame warm-ups from some of the best seats in the house. Then following the game, all kids will have an opportunity to shoot a free throw on the Bucks court. Details for the exclusive pregame warm-up pass and postgame free throws will be announced closer to the game. Other fan experiences for WELS members are also being discussed and planned. Further details will be released in Together next month. The Bucks are offering WELS members up to 45% off the price of tickets. All WELS members will be seated together in three seating levels.

Prices

Lower Level Corner \$50 Upper Level Side Court \$35 Upper Level Corner/Baseline\$20 Go to www.bucks.com/buckspass to purchase tickets.

All surcharges and ticket service fees will be waived for WELS members entering the promo code "WELS" in the access and offer box when purchasing your tickets online.

For more information and to purchase tickets in groups of 10 or more, contact WELS member Josh Schedler at 414-227-2775 or jschedler@bucks.com.

The deadline to purchase tickets is Fri., Nov. 11.

I know not the way God leads me, but well do I know my Guide. (Martin Luther)

Missions in Our Backyard: Our Shepherd Early Childhood Education Center

Written by Rev. Zach Gebert, Bethany Lutheran, Appleton

A good number of the inquiries that come to Bethany's early childhood education center, Our Shepherd, come from families who are planning a move to Appleton. They find a job, find a house, get their utilities lined up, and in the middle of it all look for a place that they can trust to send their children.

If you put the pieces together, this situation adds up for a lot of ministry potential (beyond just childcare). Young couples who are just starting their families are moving away from the bigger cities like Milwaukee to more family friendly cities like Appleton. Their new role as parents is beginning to shape their lifestyle and adjust their priorities—at least enough to prompt a move! All the newness (new residents who newly are families and have new priorities) snowballs into pretty fertile ground for outreach.

It's no surprise then that one of the lines I often hear from families while their touring the center is, "Oh, I didn't know there was a church here... we're looking for one of those too!" And when I sit down with Our Shepherd's director and new families for orientation, it's always fun to see their excitement about the different ways that Our Shepherd can serve their families beyond just a safe place for their children during the day.

The next steps come pretty naturally. We invite the new families to our Saturday evening family worship at our on-site praise center. We get them involved in volunteering at our Summer Shindig, Fall Festival, or some community event we host. We offer familyfocused Bible-based learning opportunities with our Family Wellness Seminars. These are all steps to help families naturally cross over from childcare to church.

As much as I'm talking about the progression from childcare to church being natural, this doesn't at all mean that it's easy. Every invitation requires someone to make it. Every visit that a family makes to an event or class or worship gathering requires follow up. The system is in place to help shepherd families from Our Shepherd to Bethany, but it only works when God's people in faith are working it. Because as great as quality childcare is, without the bridge to church, it's just childcare.

May God bless all the ministries throughout the WELS who are using early childhood education as a bridge for the gospel that these ministries may produce an abundance of fruit for his glory!



11th Annual Peace Lutheran Pioneers Chili Dinner & Silent Auction Saturday, October 29, 2016 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 per person



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

Pioneers Friends & Family Day

The Pioneers held their annual Friends and Family Day at the Schroeder's on beautiful Silver Lake on Sunday, August 28. Lots of people came and enjoyed a potluck lunch and fun on the lake. **Thanks** to Jim & Jan Schroeder for hosting again! **Thanks** to everyone who came and everyone who supports the Pioneers ministry.



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The fewer the words,
the better the prayer.
(Martin Luther)
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SPOTLIGHT ON: Pioneers

The Lutheran Boy and Girl Pioneers is a youth group for kids Kindergarten through high school that teaches life and leadership skills, all while promoting Christian friendships that last not only through this life, but through eternity.

Pioneers is planning some really fun things this year! We are going bowling, going to host a Kickball Tournament at Bird Creek Park, going to visit The Wade House (a historical living museum), we will be hosting our annual Chili Dinner and Silent Auction, a Harvest Fair, Advent by Candlelight, we will be singing during church, and that doesn't even tell you what we will be learning about during meetings (knots, sewing, baking, the Reformation...)!

Pioneers is open to anyone, Kindergarten and up. You don't have to be a member of Peace to join Pioneers– so invite your neighbors and friends! The cost to join Pioneers is \$15 a child, but we would never turn away a family because they couldn't pay.

Thank you to everyone who supports this vital ministry, whether it be with your time, your talents, or your treasures. We appreciate you!

The Pioneer year has already started, but it's not too late to join! Please speak to any Pioneers leader for information.

Your Pioneers Leaders,

Pastor & Beth Riedel 920-787-7078

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Kevin & Christine Bohn 920-765-2147 920-765-2146

Whatever your heart clings to & confides in... that is really your god. (Martin Luther)



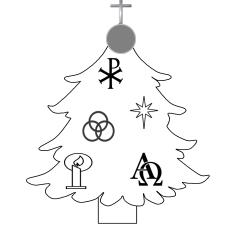
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Save the Date for

Advent by Candlelight

Sunday, November 27 at 1 pm Advent by Candlelight is a ladies-only event, open to all the women of Peace.

Blessings on the Tree



If you wish to host a table this year for Advent by Candlelight, or have questions about hosting, please see Christine Bohn (920-765-2147) for a list of hostess duties. .

> To be a Christian without praver is no more possible than to be alive without breathing. (Martin Luther)

Circle of Peace Luncheon

The Circle of Peace held their annual luncheon at the Schroeders on Saturday, September 3.



Darlene Travers, Jan Schroeder, Donna McKay, Lou Ann Treichel, Marion Triechel, Marilynn Chesbrough, Bernice Baranyk, Joyce Woodruff, Jean Bartel



8 am-2:30 pm

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. (Matthew 19:14)

Peace Lutheran Church Library is hosting the Fall WELS-CLO Conference!

*There is still time to sign up to help!

Positions still open include Registration Table, Kitchen Staff, Bakers (bringing breakfast treats), Hospitality, & Clean Up.

*NPH will be here Saturday ONLY!

Even if you can't help at or attend the conference, please do pop in to browse the NPH store! Get your Christmas shopping started early!

All NPH products are 20% off- Saturday only!

*If you would like to attend the conference, please let either Emily know.

The cost to attend is \$15.

Volunteers do not have to pay to attend and can attend any or all of the day's events.

Schedule for the day's events

8-9 am	Registration
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	NPH Shopping/Book Exchange/Breakfast
9 am	Opening Devotion with Pastor Riedel
9:20 am	Welcome
9:30 am	Speaker: children's book author Cathy Krentz
10:30 am	Break
10:45 am	Business Meeting/Sharing
12 pm	Lunch
1 pm	Speaker: Lutheran Girl Pioneers, Christine Bohn
2 pm	Closing Devotion and Installation of Officers

Please contact Emily Riedel (787-7078), Emily Bohn (920-765-2147) or the church office (787-3856) for more information.





New Address	Joshua Klamm N5284 County Road H Wild Rose, WI 54984	
Welcome to Our New Member!	Lou Ann Treichel N145 Czech Drive Coloma, WI 54930	

Sunday School Corner

Sunday School is very Sunday, Sept-May, 10:15-11:30

Well, we are one month in and having a great In October, we will be continuing our Old Testament sons. Be sure to ask your kids what they are learning October Lessons:

LESSON
Isaac & Rebekah
Jacob Deceives
Jacob's Flight
Joseph Sold
Joseph in Egypt
Joseph Becomes Ruler

JAM Session is back! Teens in 7th- 12th grades are invited to join us for Bible study, snacks and lots of fun on the third Sunday of each month. Our next JAM Session will be on November 20. Encourage your teens to bring a friend! PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Christmas Service rehearsals: Saturdays, November 26, December 3, 10, & 17 from 9-11:30 am. We will also be rehearsing during our regular Sunday School times in December. Our Children's Christmas Service will be on Sunday, December 18 at 9 am.

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.

If you would like to receive Sunday School lessons for a grandchild or any other child who benefit from it, please see any Sunday School teacher!

If you are interested in joining our Sunday School team as a teacher or as the Sunday School Superintendant, please speak with Pastor Riedel, Tom Welty or any Sunday School teacher!





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10/5	Corey Roebke		
10/12	Judy Benz	2000	
10/21	Trent Nelson		
10/23	Evelyn O'Brien		
	Larry Anderson		
10/30	Tom Fendler		
Anı	niversaries		
10/1	Nate & Jennie Sig	gourney (11)	
10/4			



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.

Just for Fun... How to know if you live in Wisconsin:

*Someone in a Home Depot store offers you assistance and they don't even work there *You've worn shorts & a jacket at the same time *You've had a lengthy telephone conversation with someone who dialed a wrong number

*You measure distance in hours

- *You know several people who have hit a deer more than once
- *You have switched from 'heat' to 'A/C' in the same day and back again

*You install security lights on your house and garage, but leave both doors unlocked

- *You design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit
- *Driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled with snow

*You find 10 degrees "a little chilly"

*You know that a brat isn't a spoiled child- and love yours with sauerkraut

*You know what a cheese curd is and like them best when they squeak