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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
JAM Session every third Sunday at 10:30 am
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:
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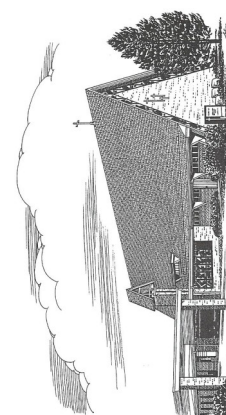
Clothe yourselves with compassion, humility, gentleness & patience.



Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

And over all these virtues, put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Colossians 12-14



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All are from
the dust,
And to dust
all return.

Ecc 3:20 (ESV)

Lent & Easter Schedule

Ash Wednesday March 1

Worship with Communion 12pm & 7 pm
(same service)

Midweek Lenten Services

Thursday, March 9

Dinner 5-6:30 pm (hosted by: open)

Worship 7 pm

Thursday, March 16

Dinner 5-6:30 pm

(hosted by the Circle of Peace)

Worship 7 pm

Thursday, March 23

Dinner 5-6:30 pm (hosted by B/N Lang)

Worship 7 pm

Thursday, March 30

Dinner 5-6:30 pm

(hosted by the Northland LHS students)

Worship 7 pm

Thursday, April 6

Dinner 5-6:30 (hosted by: open)

Worship 7 pm

Easter for Kids

Sunday, April 2 11:30 am– 2:30 pm

See page 4 for details

Palm Sunday April 9

Confirmation Sunday

Worship 9 am

Maundy Thursday April 13

Worship with Communion 12 pm & 7 pm

(same service)

Good Friday April 14

Worship 12 pm

Tenebrae (service of darkness) 7 pm

Easter Sunday April 16

Sunrise Worship 7 am

Easter Breakfast 8 am

(hosted by: the Church Council)

Song Service 9 am

I Owe You One

Have you ever said that? Or had someone say that to you? Man, I owe you one.

We talk about stewardship, about wisely using the gifts God has placed into our care. We pay our debts, fulfill our responsibilities, and glorify the Lord with proper stewardship.

It feels good to pay off a debt, doesn't it? But the apostle Paul gives what might seem like very strange advice in Romans 13:8 (NIV1984) *Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another.*

So, we're supposed to pay off every debt...except one. We are never to pay off the debt of love.

When it comes to the debt we owe our Lord, it's more than just "I owe You one." We owe our holy Lord absolutely perfect obedience that is spotless and clean. Our debt to God is one that we can never repay, or even begin to pay, for that matter.

But that is where our Savior enters the scene. Jesus' obedience, His innocent sufferings and death, His incomparable victories over Satan, the grave, and sin, have paid the debt we owe our heavenly Father. Instead of the hell we deserve, Jesus has cleared our slate of unrighteousness and paved the way to eternal peace.

So the One who has paid off our debt inspires, equips, and empowers us to pay off the debts we are able to afford. We pay our bills, our taxes, and our living expenses. We pay our respect to those in authority over us – God's representatives in government, church, and home. But there is one debt that we are never to fully pay off. It is God's command: Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another.

Our sinful nature would love to hold a grudge against that person with whom we just can't get along; and to keep the fire burning in that unresolved argument; and to harbor ill will and bad feelings toward the one we passionately consider "our enemy."

Dear Christians, have we not been forgiven much? Do we not pray: **"Father in heaven... forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us"**? Have we not heard the Lord's own warning not to forgive us if we **"do not forgive your brother from the heart"**?

It is time for confession of sins and repentance. Let us not despise the forgiveness Christ won for us and wraps around us. Instead, grow in appreciation for your Savior's love for you and forgive each other from the heart. Pay your taxes. Pay off your living expenses. Pay your debts of honor and respect. But keep in mind and in heart the love of Jesus, who loves us sinners so much that He sacrificed Himself to pay the debt of righteousness we owed to God our Father. In joyful and grateful response to such love, never pay off the debt to love one another.

And so I say to you, my friend in Christ, "I owe you one."

In Christian love,
Pastor Roger Riedel



Power of the Gospel

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.

Romans 1:16

Crucifixion was a most shameful way to die. The condemned individual was stripped of both clothing and dignity, nailed to a wooden cross, and left there to die slowly over the course of hours or days. It was an execution reserved for only the very worst of criminals.

With all this in mind, you might expect the early Christians to have been ashamed or even embarrassed about what had happened to Jesus. Instead, from the very beginning, the message of Jesus' suffering and death on the cross has been at the heart and core of Christianity.

As he addresses a group of Christians in Rome, the apostle Paul even calls Jesus' suffering and death "the Gospel," which means "good news!" He writes, **"I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes."**

How could Paul and other Christians be so positive about the shameful death of Jesus? The answer is that by Jesus' death, God was accomplishing something wonderful for all people.

The prophet Isaiah put it like this: **"He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed."** The reason Jesus died that shameful death on the cross was to take away all our sins—our lust, pride, selfishness and greed... every cruel word we have said to hurt other people... every wicked action for which we are ashamed and wish we could take back. All these sins, for which we deserve to be punished, were placed on Jesus and He took the punishment in our place.

Jesus' suffering and death on the cross means that we are saved from God's punishment for our sins. It means that relying on Jesus as our Savior we can look forward to eternal life in heaven that our Savior has prepared for us.

Thank God for the message of the Gospel, **"the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes."** Powerful enough to wash away our sins. Powerful enough to bring us home to heaven one day. Powerful enough, and important enough, for us to rely on Jesus alone for salvation.



Can't Make it to Church?

Tune into "Time of Grace", a TV worship service, led by WELS Pastor Mark Jeske from St. Mark's, Milwaukee.

Local stations include:

WGBA NBC 26 Sundays at 6:30 am
WACY 32 Sundays at 7:30 am
WSAW CBS 7 Sundays at 10 am

Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers National Pine Car Derby

When? Saturday, April 22

Where? St Paul's, Wisconsin Rapids

At? Races start at 12 pm

Why? Support your Pioneers at a National level and enjoy a fun day of racing and fellowship!

SAVE THE DATES!



Lutheran Girl Pioneers National Camp

July 30– August 5, 2017
Camp Bird, Crivitz, WI
Open to all girls, 3rd grade and up.

Watch for more details coming soon!

Therefore,
my beloved brothers,
be steadfast, immovable,
always abounding in the
work of the Lord,
knowing that in the Lord
your labor is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Scholarship Opportunity

Church Mutual Insurance Company Foundation, CM Cares, believes that helping our young, vibrant religious leaders today will ensure strong faith-based communities of tomorrow. That's why we are offering 50 scholarships totaling \$250,000 for the 2017-18 academic year.

Requirements:

- * Be enrolled in a full-time, post-secondary religious studies program at an accredited theological seminary for the 2017-18 year
- * Have a minimum GPA of 3.0
- * Be committed to entering the practice of full-time ministry in the US
- * Demonstrate personal impact through education, work experience, and volunteering.

Application deadline is April 15, 2017

For application details, visit
churchmutal.com/cmcares-scholars

THE WELS COMMISSION ON WORSHIP

The National Conference on Worship, Music & The Arts

June 13-16, 2017

Carthage College * Kenosha, WI

Registration will begin in early March. Visit
wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/worship/national-worship-conference/ for more information.

SAVE THE DATES!

Lutheran Boy Pioneers National Camp

July 26-30, 2017

PineRidge Campground, near
Waldo, WI

"The Sky is the Limit!"

Blast off rockets, fly drones and RC planes, and so much more! Open to all boys, 4th grade and up.

Cost: \$100

Watch for more details coming soon!



HANDMADE DISHCLOTHS

There are dishcloths available for purchase on showcase in fellowship hall. All proceeds go directly to Comforter Ministry, a loving organization of the WELS that provides handmade comforters and prayer journals to women with cancer free of charge. Anyone can request a comforter to be sent to not only WELS members, but any lady that you want to befriend that is fighting cancer. For more information on Comforter Ministry or to request a comforter, please contact Marilyn Chesbrough.

Remember: The true Comforter is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Blue Ribbon Kids' Day

Where? Parkside Middle School, _____
16th Ave, Wautoma

When? Saturday, April 1
8:30 am– 12:30 pm

Who? Families with school-aged children

Cost? FREE!



****The Pioneers will have a booth at this fun, family- safe event! If you would like to help out at the booth, please see Christine in the office. We**

will schedule everyone in one or two hour shifts, so you will have plenty time to wander all the exhibits!**



Circle of Peace Special Invite



The Circle of Peace invites all women to join us at a special meeting on Saturday, March 18.

Schedule of Events

10 am Brief business meeting
10:30 am Entertainment provided by the youth of our congregation
 Performing musical selections & prose
11 am Luncheon
Please see Donna McKay with any questions.



Recipe Corner Easy Shamrock Cookies

No luck needed– this cookies are as easy as 1-2-3!

Ingredients:

16.5oz roll refrigerated sugar cookies
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup green sugar

Steps:

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, knead flour into the cookie dough until well-blended.
2. Shape dough into 70 3/4" balls; reserve 7 balls. Roll each of the remaining balls into green sugar. To form shamrock, place two balls with sides touching and 1 ball on top on an un-greased cookie sheet.
3. For stems, divide each reserved ball into 3 pieces. Roll each in green sugar and shape into a triangle. Place 1 triangle pointed side up at the bottom each cookie between two balls.
4. Bake 10-12 minutes or until set. Cool 1 minute.
5. Remove from sheets to cooling rack to cool completely.

Makes 21 cookies.

www.pillsbury.com



Church News

Church Clean Up Day

Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us on Saturday, April 22 from 9 am-12 pm for our annual Arbor Day church clean up. We will have jobs for all skill levels, all ages, all abilities, inside and out. The entire family can join in!

If you want to assist outside, please bring your rakes and work gloves.

Please see Bob Lang with any questions.



Help Wanted!

We are searching a volunteer or a team to take over the work associated with the Card Counter in the fellowship hall.

Duties include:

- Purchase from Oshkosh Church Supply and display all single occasion cards and boxes of cards.
 - Purchase and display holiday and special occasion cards.
 - Send birthday and get-well cards to Circle of Peace members (right now, those cards are homemade cards)
 - Christmas: take care a small gift and card to all members 80 years old and over & all shut-ins on behalf of the Circle of Peace
 - Coordinate with the Vogels about getting the Christmas wreaths for all outside doors
 - Get and hand out card and donation to the pastor and office secretary for Christmas
 - Collect and trim Labels for Education, Campbell labels, milk caps, etc and send to St John Elementary School, Montello
 - Take care of anything on or around the counter I go to Oshkosh for cards three or four times a year, and when necessary. You can order and have it sent, although the shipping is expensive; card prices would need to be increased if you had it shipped. I will train anyone willing to learn this position.
- Please contact Joyce Woodruff at 787-2685 for more information or to volunteer for this position.**

Come Celebrate the Joy of Easter!

EASTER for Kids

Sunday, April 2, 2017
11:30-2:30 pm

Come play games, make crafts, sing songs, and celebrate Easter!

Lunch is included and this event is FREE!
Bring a friend.

Call Mike Purtee (920-647-0108) with any questions.

Calling all Knitters & Crocheters!

Or those who'd love to learn!

Join us on the first & third Saturday of each month, 2-4 pm!

Bring a skein of yarn (knitters worsted weight 4 ply {example: Red Heart Super Saver, Red Heart Soft, Caron, etc}). Crocheters bring a size G, H, or I hook and knitters bring a size 8, 9 or 10 needles.

Please see Linda Welty (715-927-2455) for more information.



News About Our Church Family

Sunday School Corner

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

Sadly, in the early months of the year, we always see in dip in Sunday School attendance. Things are always coming up, but please remember the most important thing you ever do for your child is teach them about Jesus and faith, and we want to help you!

Our teachers spend at least a few hours each week preparing lessons and then an hour and half each Sunday with their class- teaching, singing, reviewing. While we will teach if there is just one child, we miss your kids when they aren't here!

In March, we begin learning about what happened during Jesus' earthly ministry.

March Lessons:

Date	Lesson
March 5	Jesus Calls Fisher of People
March 12	The Parable of the 4 Soils
March 19	Jesus Calms the Sea
March 26	The Parable of the Lost Son
April 2	The Parable of the Vineyard Workers

JAM Session, a youth group for 7th-12th graders, will meet on March 19 in Pastor's office at 10:15 am. Bring a friend!



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.

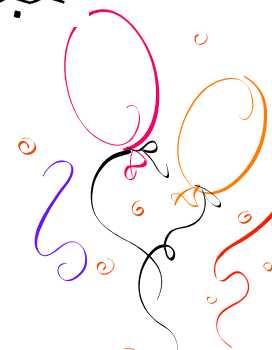
If you would like to receive Sunday School lessons for a grandchild or any other child who benefit from it, please see any Sunday School teacher!

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



Birthdays

- 3/7 Marie Kasper
Rebecca Bohn
- 3/8 LeRoy Wangerin
- 3/9 Joyce Woodruff
- 3/11 TJ Klusmeyer
- 3/13 Virginia Vogel
Jean Bartel
- 3/15 Clifford Bliske
- 3/16 Judy Nelson
- 3/18 Joey Riedel
- 3/19 Violet Wangerin
- 3/21 Thurman Matney
- 3/22 Susan Riedel
- 3/23 Megan Kubasta
Kevin Bohn
- 3/25 Phyllis Dassow
- 3/26 Dorothy Sullivan
- 3/27 Verna Bursack
- 3/30 Don Timmermann



Anniversaries

- 3/3 Russ & Mary Ann Nero (44)



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.

