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*This is the day the LORD has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

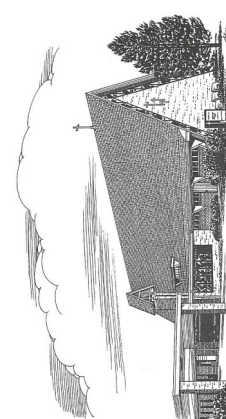
*Give thanks to the LORD,
for He is good;
His love endures
forever.*

Psalms 118:24, 29



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Messenger of Peace



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Lutheran Pioneers Sunday

Sunday, May 14 9 am Good Shepherd Sunday
Join us after the service for coffee hour!



Peace Lutheran Pioneers

Timber Rattlers Baseball Game

Friday, June 23

Tailgating at 4:30 pm Game at 7:05 pm

Fireworks immediately after the game



Reserve your tickets by June 4.

\$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!**



Come and Grow With Me



Come to the flower bed with me and you will see that you're not the only one who is anxious for spring rains, the heat of the sun, and warm, fertile ground. Have you noticed the daffodils, the tulips, the crocuses, and other plants popping up and blooming? Those early spring flowers are so vibrant and beautiful, ushering in the warm season that follows the snow.

I love to see spring all around us. I enjoy the smell of rain and fresh soil. I look forward to identifying the various bird songs I hear in the early-morning choir. I am excited to see the bright new growth at the ends of every tree branch. I eagerly await the opening of the buds to see what bold and beautiful colors will grace our flower beds.

With all the sights, sounds and smells of spring, I am reminded of the flower bed of our own hearts. Is it still cold there? Is the ground a few inches below the surface rock-hard and impervious to the heavenly Farmer's shovel? Or do we find warm, fertile soil – a superb place for the seedling of faith to sprout and yield a lively display of love and service to the Lord?

I love to see the colorful fruits of faith in the flower beds of Christian hearts.

With the coming of spring is Easter, which we just celebrated in mid-April. Our hearts rode that emotional roller-coaster of Holy Week to Easter Sunday morning – Jesus died to forgive our sins, and has risen and opened heaven's doors to everyone who confesses Him as Lord! Our faith was fed and nourished with Word and Sacraments. Our sins were forgiven, our hope revived, our joy complete as we peered into Christ's empty tomb and rejoiced in our living Savior.

As God's law turns over the soil in our hearts and the gospel fertilizes our faith, what a delightful display is seen in our flower beds. We repent of our sins, seeking God's mercy in Christ Jesus. In gratitude for the forgiveness of sins, we serve the Lord together in worship and with the generous returning of our God-given blessings. Christians forgive each other. United in faith, we encourage and are encouraged by one another. We demonstrate love for fellow brothers and sisters by our lives that reflect Christ's love. Redeemed and forgiven, we treasure the wealth of God's grace, and share Scripture's message with those whose flower beds are still lifeless, colorless, and cold.

How do we grow and bloom for the Lord? Consider the following passages (NIV1984):

Isaiah 55:10-11 *As the rain and snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is My Word that goes out from My mouth: It will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.*

Hebrews 10:25 *Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

2 Peter 3:18 *Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen.*



In God's Word – on our own and together in worship – we grow in faith, prepare for eternity, and are more equipped to make a loving and clear witness of Jesus and His great salvation to the people around us.

In the growing season ahead, please take time out of your busy schedules to join me and your fellow Christians for valuable time feeding and fertilizing your faith with God's Word and Sacraments. Come and grow with me!

Pastor Roger Riedel

A Short Story



Know the Truth

“Your Word is truth.”

John 17:17

Human beings have never stopped desiring to search for the truth. And who can blame us?

As we swim our way through life, so often we find ourselves in deep water over our heads, water that has a muddy bottom which is sometimes slimy and threatens to trap our feet. What could feel better than to finally touch a smooth, solid, rock bottom where we can plant our feet and rest, keep our heads above water, catch our breath?

God's Word is rock-solid truth. That's how Jesus described it. He was speaking to His heavenly Father in prayer when He said, **“Your Word is truth.”** Though such a simple statement, it is a profound reality. The Son of God, Jesus Christ, testifies that the Word of God the heavenly Father is truth!

It's hard sometimes to hear the truth. It can cause us to hang our head in shame and even cringe with fear. Truth that God tells us is every bit as difficult to hear. He tells us the truth that we are sinful. The sin that swirls around in our heads and floods our hearts is devastating. Sin brings death—every kind of isolating, slimy, feet-trapping death, including the eternal kind.

God tells us the truth about sin so that we are willing to listen to a more important truth. The truth that His Son, Jesus Christ, came and lived the perfect life required of those who want God to care about them in this life and save them for the life to come. The truth that He died the perfect death on the cross that completely paid for sin. The truth that He rose again to prove He had done everything that is necessary for our salvation. The truth that He did this for every sinful human being. He did it to give us a firm foundation for life—a blessed life with God now and forever.

And do you know how God gives us everything Jesus earned for us by His life, death, and resurrection? Through His rock-solid Word.

And that's the truth!

He has made everything beautiful in its time.

Ecclesiastes 3:11a



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.
Registration open now!

Visit www.lgp.org for more information.

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Lutheran Boy Pioneers National Camp

July 26-30, 2017
PineRidge Campground, Waldo, WI
Open to all boys, 4th grade and up.
Registration open now!

Visit www.lutheranpioneers.org for more info.

Easter in India



Indian Christians have a wonderful Easter tradition. Like Christians throughout the world, they gather before the sun comes up. But unique to India, Christians here gather in cemeteries where their Christian family members have been buried. Tombs are white washed and decorated the day before. They light small candles and place them on the graves of their loved ones who are now in heaven Easter morning. They give thanks for their parents and others who taught them about the Savior. They hear God's promises about the resurrection and sing of those promises. They celebrate in the most tangible of ways the results of Jesus' resurrection. What a wonderful way to proclaim the truth of the empty tomb!

"For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us Your Good News, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give You thanks, O Lord. Thanks be to God."

By Friendly Counselor Mark Ricke,
India

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Church News

2017 Spring Rally of LWMS REMAIN IN JESUS' LOVE

The Spring Rally of LWMS was held on Sat., April 22 at Zion Ev. Lutheran Church in Readfield, WI. Nine ladies from Peace, Wautoma attended among the 101 ladies, 8 gentlemen and 6 children.

Pastor Jim Roecker, a pastor at Divine Word in Plover was the presenter along with two lovely women students of UWSP. Pastor Roecker is the pastor now conducting the student campus ministry at the "second" location of Divine Word's ministry. This Campus Ministry location is on West Clark Street in Stevens Point and is named "The Word". The average attendance at their Thursday evening Bible Study is around 30+. On Thursday evening, the members of Divine Word in Plover provide a home-cooked meal for the students, followed by their weekly Bible Study.

At the church of The Word there are accommodations for the students to do laundry, watch TV, play games and/or just socialize. Divine Word also provides snacks and beverages. The students represented here were very enthusiastic and excited about the possibilities of more students taking advantage of the Bible study, etc.

Along with our congregation's offering, a total of \$3,360.31 was sent to a mission project recommended by the LWMS board and attendees to International Missionary Wives Conference. The mission project for our Fall Rally will be the Multi-Language Publications. The plate offering taken on the 22nd was designated to the project for future campus ministries.

Pastor John Quallman of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church in Greenville conducted a short Bible study for everyone to share in.

Pastor Peter Kesting of Zion conducted the opening and closing devotions.

The Fall Rally of the Wolf River Circuit will be held at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church in Greenville on a tentative date of Sat., October 21, 2017.

In His Service,
Marilynn Chesbrough, Reporter

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 Marilynn Chesbrough. **Remember: The true Comforter is our Savior Jesus Christ.**

Women's Fellowship "Just like us!"

Saturday, May 13 9-11:15 am
St Peter Lutheran Church Commons
312 W Main St, Weyauwega

Meet at Peace at 8:15 am; Jan Schroeder will drive!

"I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you." John 15:15

Easter for Kids

On Sunday, April 2, Peace hosted its annual Easter for Kids event. We had 12 kids join us. The kids had lunch, learned all about why we celebrate Easter, played games, made crafts and sang songs.

During Pastor's closing, he asked the kids what their favorite part was. There were the usual kid answers: lunch, games. Then, our visitor Tommy said, "Right here is my favorite." Meaning, right here, in the front of church, learning about Jesus and the real meaning of Easter.

What a privilege it is to see the Holy Spirit at work! Thanks to all who came and to all our workers!



All the kids with Pastor



Crafts with Becca & Emily Rose



Games with Emily B & Susan



Singing with Mrs. Riedel

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: peace@lutheranwautoma@gmail.com.



Church News

Blue Ribbon Kids’ Day



Our booth at Blue Ribbon kids’ Day.

On Saturday, April 1, the Peace Lutheran Pioneers had a booth at Blue Ribbon Kids’ Day, an annual community event for children and their families, at Park-side Middle School.

We had over 175 children stop by our booth and make a fun craft, and handed out church information to about 100 families. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to say hi, and to all our workers!

Peace Lutheran Pioneers 2017 Summer Schedule

- May 14 Pioneers Sunday
Worship at 9 am Coffee Hour 10:15 am
 - June 10-16 Nat’l Boy Pioneers Voyageur Trip
 - June 23 TimberRattler Game
 - June 30-July 2 Pioneers Camp Out at Camp Phillip
 - July 26-30 LP Nat’l Camp @ Pine Ridge, Waldo
 - July 24-29 LGP Nat’l Camp @ Camp Bird, Crivitz
 - August 6 Pioneers Friends & Family Day 11 am
(Swimming & cook-out at the Schroeder’s)
 - August 13 Leaders’ Yearly Mtg 10:30 am
 - Sept 10 First Meeting of 2017-18!! 1 pm
- See any Pioneers leader for more information about any of our activities.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Pastor Riedel and all my fellow members of Peace for the prayers, good wishes and cards offered up on my behalf these last months. For those who do not know, I had back surgery on January 18 and during the surgery, I had a stroke that affected my eyes and legs. Thanks also to Linda Welty and her knitting group for the beautiful lap afghan and to Ruth Barforth for all the cards. The members of Peace must be in good with the Lord because He sure is helping me with my eyes and legs even though I don’t deserve His help. I still have a lot of improving to do, but with His help, I will make it!!
Bart Bartel

Another Version of “Jesus Loves Me”

Submitted by Jean Bartel

While watching TV, I watched a church in Atlanta honoring one of its senior pastors who had been retired many years. He was 92 and I wondered why the church even bothered to ask the old gentleman to preach at that age. He rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gait to the podium.

Without a note or written paper of any kind he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly he began to speak.

"When I was asked to come here today, I was asked to tell you what was the greatest lesson ever learned in my 50-odd years of preaching. It boiled down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears, heartbreak, pain, and fear paralyzed me. The only thing that would comfort was this verse:

Jesus loves me this I know. For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong, We are weak but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

Here for you now is a senior version of “Jesus Loves Me”:

Jesus loves me, this I know, Though my hair is white as snow; Though my sight is growing dim, Still He bids me trust in Him.

(CHORUS) *Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes Jesus Loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.*

Though my steps are oh, so slow, With my hand in His I'll go; On through life, let come what may, He'll be there to lead the way

(CHORUS)

When the nights are dark and long, In my heart He puts a song. Telling me in words so clear, "Have no fear, for I am near."

(CHORUS)

When my work on earth is done, And life's victories have been won. He will take me home above, Then I'll understand His love.

(CHORUS)

I love Jesus, does He know? Have I ever told Him so? Jesus loves to hear me say, That I love Him every day.

(CHORUS)



News About Our Church Family

Sunday School Corner

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

Our teachers, helpers and staff would like to thank all the parents and grandparents of our congregation for ensuring that the children in their care came to Sunday School this year. We may have had a smaller group than usual of regular attendees, but those that came really grew in their faith and with their classmates. What an amazing thing it is for us adults to see the faith in these young souls. As they get older, and we dig deeper into the Bible, their knowledge grows and their faith deepens. We’ve had some amazing questions and amazing discoveries this year.

Summer isn’t break time for our teachers! We will be planning our fall lessons, deep cleaning our classrooms and meeting to discuss any issues we may have had this year.

Please remember that summer is not a time for a vacation from church. There are lots of worship services, as well as VBS, and fellowship opportunities for the entire family. Stay connected this summer!

In April, we learned about what happened during Holy Week.

Our last Sunday School class will be on May 7. Your children won’t want to miss it! Our final lessons for the year:

Date	Lesson
April 30	Jesus’ Burial & Resurrection
May 7	Jesus’ Ascension

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

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

Anniversaries

- 5/10 Bob & Marilyn Chesbrough (26)
- 5/14 Jim & RaeAnn Bower (51)
- 5/20 Gene & Michelle Wedde (22)
- 5/28 Eric & Rebecka Richards (6)



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.

New Member	Sara Siegel PO Box 422 Wautoma, WI 54982
Change of Address	Joyce Wilcox The Waterford at Oshkosh 1110 West Murdock Room 24 Oshkosh, WI 54901
Phone Updates	Verna Bursack 920-622-8878
Email Updates	Bob & Deb Rohde bobdebrohde@gmail.com