

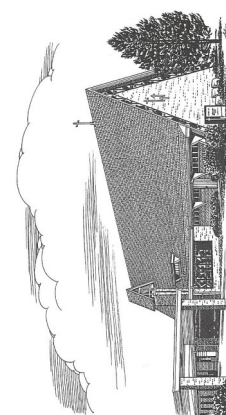


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Worship every Sunday @ 9 am
every Thursday @ 7 pm
Bible Study Sundays @ 8 am
Tuesdays @ 9 am
Thursdays @ 9 am & 8 pm



For God gave us a spirit
not of fear but of power
and love and self-control.
2 Timothy 1:7



Messenger of Peace

June 2017

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Church Picnic

Sunday, July 16

Worship Service at 10 am

Picnic at 11 am

Please bring a dish-to-pass and invite a friend!
See Tom Welty with any questions.

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



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!



From our Pastor

It was [Christ] who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV1984)

Special Gifts of God to His People

It all came to this day, the one with the designation “Call Day.”

We had begun, a few years before, with the basics: math, English, and science. We studied Latin and German, Greek and Hebrew, and some of us opted for Spanish and even an Aramaic elective. We learned how to prepare and deliver speeches, sermons, and classroom lessons. We memorized Bible passages and vocabulary words. We spent many long hours translating the Bible in its original languages. We studied counseling and various techniques for spreading God's Word. We devoted eight or more years of our lives to intensely studying for the public Gospel ministry in our classrooms and in our homes.

After all that work was complete, we were sitting together – some with wives and family – gathered together in the auditorium at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin. It was very challenging to pay close attention in worship on this particular day. You could say that the seminary students, particularly the graduates, were a bit distracted. We had spent nearly a decade of our lives in college and seminary preparing for this day – this moment – to hear our names called aloud from the front of the room. Our hearts raced as we leaned forward in our chairs, eagerly anticipating the announcement of our first full-time assignment as called workers of the Lord. Where would we go to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Somewhere in God's kingdom...but where?

Twenty years ago, I was assigned to serve a dual parish – two small rural congregations – in Michigan's upper peninsula. I was excited to put all those years of preparation to use, preaching and teaching about the Lord Jesus, and administering His sacraments. The members of St. Paul's and Grace congregations were anxious to welcome their new young pastor into their churches and communities. And the rest, they say, is history...

That same cycle continues today. Young people grow up in Christian homes and in their Christian churches. Led by the Lord to see the importance of publicly proclaiming God's Word, they dedicate a substantial part of their lives to the study of God's Word in their home congregations, in Lutheran or public elementary schools and high schools, at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. And the Lord of the Church provides and prepares more workers to feed His lambs and sheep with the Word and Sacraments.

This year 27 vicars, 39 pastors, 116 teachers, and 1 staff minister were assigned to their fields of service among God's people in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

We thank God that He still gives some to be pastors and teachers and staff ministers, who make it their life's goal to share abroad their once dead but now living Savior. We encourage young people to consider and pursue this life-changing, soul-saving ministry. We pray for and give generous financial support to the young men and women who are preparing for the public ministry of the Gospel. We thank the Lord for the called workers who have served us in the past and are presently serving us. We support them in their vital work – God's vital work – of preparing us, God's people, for works of service.

I pray that we grow in faith and God-pleasing living as we thank the Lord for the special “Gospel-sharing people” gifts He provides. Our gracious God gives us called workers to teach and preach the message of His love in Christ, and to prepare us to put faith into action as we ready ourselves and others for our eternal home in heaven.

For a list of this year's called worker assignments, please visit our synod website: wels.net.

Pastor Roger Riedel

A Short Story



Christian Confidence

**“Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
whose confidence is in him.”**

Jeremiah 17:7

I have a vivid memory from the first grade. I was an awkward, chubby kid. Each day, my only hope was to get through class, and get through recess, so that I could get home without anything too embarrassing happening. But unfortunately, time stopped the moment I had to read out loud in front of my classmates. I knew the words on the page, but my mind raced passed them, leaving no time for them to come out of my mouth. I must have sounded like an old CD player that just keeps skipping. Finally, my first grade teacher had had enough and she blurted out, “What’s wrong with you? Do you have a bone for a brain?”

After that, I would shut down when I was asked to read. That is, until my fourth grade teacher treated me differently. She gave me special reading assignments to do on my own. Then we met together, and she treated me as if I didn’t have a reading problem. In fact, she treated me as if I were a good reader who had good insights. And you know what? I actually became one. I got my confidence back because one teacher looked at me differently.

That is essentially what Jesus has done for us. We have stuttered our way through life, giving into our sinful desires. God has every right to call us what we are: spiritual screw-ups who deserve to be separated from him. But like my fourth grade teacher, God looks at us as if we were good people who do the right thing. He sees us this way because we are covered with Jesus’ love and forgiveness. As our substitute, Jesus was treated like a sinner on the cross, so now we are treated like a saint. The more we realize that God looks at us as good people through Jesus, the more we will start acting like it.

Relying on the Lord Jesus, we gain the confidence to face the circumstances and challenges of life. God patiently teaches us in his word, **“Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.”** Faithfully supported by God who loves us dearly, we can face the events of life, no matter how demeaning or difficult they may be.

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.



SAVE THE DATES!



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.

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.

A Lifelong Christian Resource

Northwestern Publishing House has released a new edition of Luther's Catechism. While retaining the strengths of the familiar blue catechism in use for many years, this completely rewritten exposition promotes a lifelong study of the catechism for a new generation.

Rev. Stephen Geiger, a professor at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and one of the contributors to the new catechism, says, "The catechism takes divine teachings found in so many places in Scripture and arranges truth in an orderly way, with key Bible verses leading the reader to God's answers for catechetical questions. Where lengthier explanations probe and explain key points of understanding."

New to this edition of the catechism is a section titled "Connections" at the end of each unit. As Rev. Joel Otto, Geiger's colleague at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and a fellow contributor to the new catechism, notes, "The 'Connections' section is meant to be devotional in nature. There is a short paragraph introducing a larger section of Scripture, usually from Bible history. Then, there are a couple of thought questions designed to elicit discussion. A quote from Luther follows and then a few stanzas from a hymn. This is my favorite addition to the new edition. It is my prayer that this can become the basis for home devotion with catechism students and their families or serve people in a lifelong use of the catechism."

The new catechism also includes color images and diagrams for visual learners. It is available with Bible passages in both English Standard Version and New International Version (2011) translations. A student workbook titled "Catechism Connections" and a downloadable file with the book's diagrams are available for those who use the book during confirmation instruction. An e-book version of the catechism itself will be released later this year. Other contributors to the new catechism include Rev. Ray Schumacher and Rev. John Braun, both editors at Northwestern Publishing House.

Geiger reminds Christians, "The Small Catechism is for you. It always has been. With this new edition, you can rediscover those treasures that are and, with God's gracious blessing, always will be the foundation of your faith."

To learn more and to order your copy, visit nph.net/catechism or call 800-662-6022.

Knitters & Crocheters

The Peace Knitters and Crocheters would like to thank the following people: Linda and Harold Stechmesser, Darlene Travers, Dawn and Bob Wedell and Joyce and Woody Woodruff. Because of your contributions of yarn, equipment (knitting needles and crochet hooks) and patterns we have been able to provide fourteen people with lap afghans. If you know of someone who should get a lap afghan talk to Linda Welty or Pastor Riedel.

Saturday, May 27th will be our last session until September. If you have any questions or need help with a project, call Linda at 715-927-2455 or see her before or after church.

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 Savior Jesus Christ.**

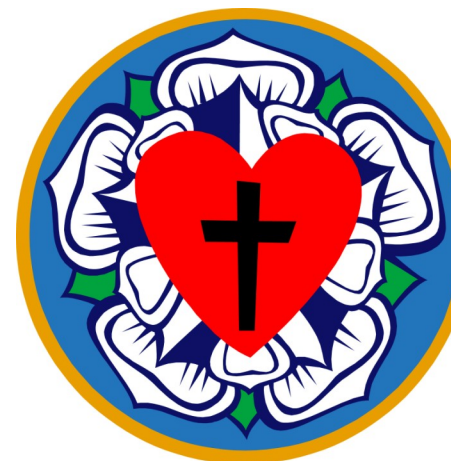
Reformation Walk

Sunday, July 9

An event for the whole family– all ages!

This event starts at 1 pm and a tour begins every 15 minutes. You can reserve your time for your group/family in advance! Last tour begins at 4 pm. Walk-ins welcome.

To reserve your time, please call the church office at 920-787-3856 or sign up on the sheet on the back table in the fellowship hall. Bring your friends and family!



Travel back five hundred years in one day. At Reformation Walk, you will experience the sights, sounds, and tastes of life during the time of Martin Luther. This special event is designed for people of all ages, so bring the whole family to take a step back in time.

Walk in the footsteps of the reformer. In 1517, a young priest walked a short distance from his room to the doors of the church nearby. Little did he know that the invitation to debate he nailed to the church door would change the world. Find out more about that day as you take a Reformation Walk.

Walk where Luther walked. You may not live in sixteenth-century Germany, but on July 9th you can walk in the footsteps of Martin Luther at Reformation Walk. Your whole family will enjoy the sights, sounds, and tastes of the Reformation and learn how the world changed forever.

Reformation Walk © 2016 Concordia Publishing House. Reproduced by permission.

We need your help!

We are looking for actors to lead each station as guests wander through and learn all about Luther's reformation! We are also looking for people to help before this event and a clean up crew. If you are interested in helping, please see Christine in the office or see the sign up sheet on the back table in the fellowship hall.

We will also need supplies! There will be a list of supplies needed on the back table in the fellowship hall.

Call the church office (920-787-3856) with any questions.



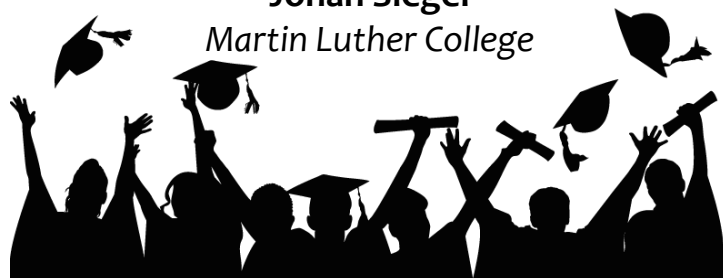
Church News

Congratulations Graduates 2017

William Eichsteadt
Wautoma High School

Ellen Hetcher
Michigan Tech

Jonah Siegel
Martin Luther College



Pioneers Friends & Family Day

This is a day we celebrate Pioneers friends & families!

All the Pioneer families and friends of the Pioneers ministry are invited to join us for an afternoon of swimming and fun at the home of Jim and Jan Schroeder on Silver Lake on **Sunday, August 6 at 11 am.**

The Pioneers will supply brats, hamburgers, buns, dessert and drinks. Please bring salads or other sides.

Please RSVP your intent by July 30. **We hope to see everyone!**

Any questions or to RSVP, please call Christine at 765.2147.

Peace Pioneers 2017 Summer Schedule

June 10-16 Boy Pioneers Voyageur Trip

June 23 TimberRattler Game
Tailgating 4:30 pm; Game 7:05 pm

June 30-July 2 Pioneers Camp Out
at Camp Phillip

July 26-30 LP Nat'l Camp @ Pine Ridge
Campground, Waldo

July 30-

Aug 5 LGP Nat'l Camp @ Camp
Bird, Crivitz

August 6 Pioneers Family Day 11 am
(Swimming & cook-out at the Schroeder's- RSVP by
July 31)

August 13 Leaders' Yearly Planning
Mtg 10:30 am

**Turn in your 2017-18 registration
papers by August 27!**

Sept 10 First Meeting of 2017-18 1pm

Events listed in "italics" are national
events.



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!

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!



**Sunday School
MAKES A DIFFERENCE**



Birthdays

6/1 Jennie Sigourney
6/8 Melissa Wedell
Sam Riedel
6/11 Kaylee Lemke
6/14 Nancy Quinn
Michelle Lemke
6/15 Patti Anderson
6/21 Dan Lemke
6/22 Phyllis Schnabl
Benjamin Sigourney
6/23 Roger Jansen
6/25 Judy Schulz
6/26 Rod Nelson

Anniversaries

6/3 Nathan & Ahnsharee Klusmeyer (12)
6/4 Jim & Jan Schroeder (51)
6/6 John & Judy Benz (53)
6/11 Jack & Marilyn Snyder (57)
6/14 Kevin & Christine Bohn (20)
6/15 Jim & Karen Mosier (54)
6/16 Carlyle & Phyllis Schmidt (55)
6/17 Pastor & Nancy Klusmeyer (40)
6/19 LeRoy & Violet Wangerin (69)
6/21 Tom & Linda Welty (48)
6/22 Don & Marlene Nelson (44)
Neal & Cindy Roebke (33)
6/23 Dan & Bernice Baranyk (55)
6/26 Pastor & Beth Riedel (18)
6/28 Robert & Evelyn O'Brien (65)
6/29 Jeff & Marilyn Dehling (27)



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.

