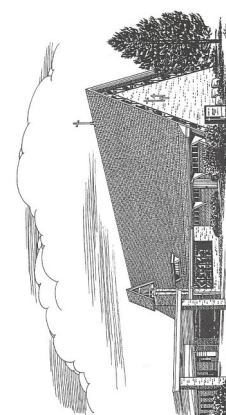




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Messenger of Peace

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God Bless America!



Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD. Psalm 33:12



Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1)



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.



Pioneers Friends & Family Day

Sunday, August 6 at 11 am

This is a day we celebrate Pioneers friends & families!
 Everyone is invited to join us for an afternoon of swimming and fun at the home of Jim and Jan Schroeder on Silver Lake. 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.



Reformation Walk

Sunday, July 9
tours begin at 11 am

All ages invited!
 Free!
 Invite your friends & neighbors!

See page 3 for more information!

Defense of Fort McHenry

(From the title, historians who are reading this already know where I'm headed with this devotion.)

He was negotiating the release of a friend who had been captured by the enemy. And they decided to set their captive and his negotiator free, but not until they had completed their dastardly attack. So, from the deck of an enemy ship, two Americans helplessly watched as their homeland was besieged by a heavy barrage of enemy fire.

The military operation lasted throughout the night, but at the break of dawn, through the clearing smoke, a flag could be seen flying proudly – the flag of the United States. The British assault on Maryland's Fort McHenry was an unsuccessful campaign, so they called it off. And the captive – Dr. William Beanes, and his negotiator – Francis Scott Key, were allowed to return to shore.

Key's poem, “Defence of Fort M'Henry,” recounts the events of the failed British attack on the American fort. We recognize his poem as our beloved national anthem, “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

Francis Scott Key was a devout and prominent Episcopalian. Although his life's career was in law, he had considered studying to be a priest in the Episcopalian church. For many years he was associated with the American Bible Society, and Key's knowledge of God's Word was often included in his writings. Further evidence of his Christian faith is revealed in some of his poems, one of which has been set to music in our hymnal: **“Before the Lord We Bow.”**

1. Before the Lord we bow, The God who reigns above; And rules the world below In boundless pow’r and love.
Our thanks we bring; In joy and praise; Our hearts we raise To heav’n’s high King.
2. The nation You have blessed May well Your love declare, From foes and fears at rest, Protected by Your care.
For this fair land, For this bright day; Our thanks we pay-Gifts of Your hand.
3. May ev’ry mountain height, each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word’s pure light And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev’ry tongue Be tuned to praise; And join to raise A grateful song!
4. Earth, hear your Maker’s voice; Your great Redeemer own. Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride! Your sin deplore; And bow before The Crucified!
5. And when in pow’r He comes, Oh, may our native land; From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng, And, joyful, sing; To heav’n’s high King Salvation’s song!

Text: Francis Scott Key, 1779-1843, alt.

This month, as we celebrate Independence Day in the United States, no doubt we will sing or observe a performance of Francis Scott Key's “Star-Spangled Banner” at one time or another. But as we reflect on the good blessings of our land and the great gifts of forgiveness of sins and eternal life in Christ, we raise the bar from celebration of our nation to worship of our God.

On Sunday, July 2nd, we'll sing Francis Scott Key's **“Before the Lord We Bow,”** and join with Christians of every era in glorifying our Lord – the Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I will exalt You, my God the King; I will praise Your name for ever and ever.

Psalm 145:1 (NIV1984)

A Short Story



The Purpose of the Bible

Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

Every book has a purpose. Whether it’s a cookbook, music book, history book, novel, science book, biography, or even a comic book, every book has a reason. So what is the purpose of the best-selling book in the world, the Bible?

The Bible imparts wisdom, and has been used in many lands during various ages as a key educational textbook. While this is useful, it is *not* the real purpose of the Bible.

The Bible proclaims the Creator’s natural law for His creatures. Guided by its directives, people can live productive and happy lives, caring about others. While this is very beneficial, it is *not* the real purpose of the Bible.

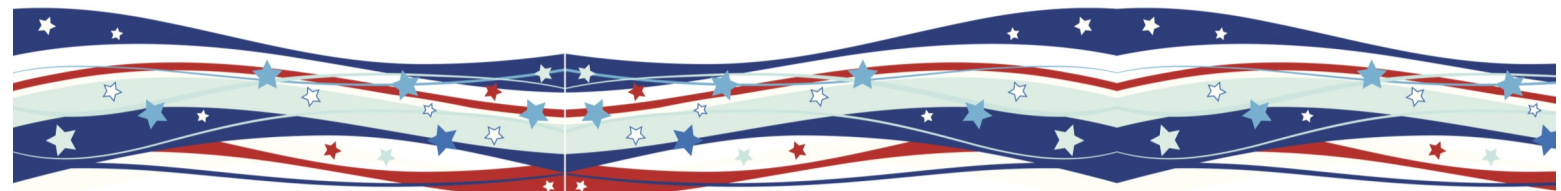
Many claim the Bible teaches us how to live according to God’s commands so we can gain His favor. This common misunderstanding is certainly *not* the purpose of the Bible. Rather, the Bible clearly proclaims and demonstrates that we cannot keep God’s commands to gain His favor for salvation.

God’s answer to this dilemma is the **REAL** purpose of the Bible. According to His eternal plan God sent His own perfect Son, Jesus, to live in obedience to all of God’s commands, and to suffer the punishment for our wrongs against God’s commands by His death on the cross. Jesus gained God’s favor for all of us!

The apostle Paul wrote, **“Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”**

Just before this verse, Paul quoted from what was written in the past, about a thousand years before Jesus was born: **“The insults of those who insult you fall on Me”** (Psalm 69:9). Paul described how that Psalm verse speaks of Jesus Christ, who did not come to please Himself, but came to do the Father’s will. In His suffering and death Jesus voluntarily bore all people’s hostility toward God.

This is the amazing purpose of the Bible. It points to Jesus Christ and describes in detail His work of salvation. It is God’s Word. It is His eternal plan of salvation for sinners. This is what truly teaches us, encourages us, grants us endurance and hope! This is **THE** purpose of the Bible—to show sinners their salvation in Jesus Christ alone. So great is God’s love for us!





What is a Lutheran?



The whole of Lutheran thinking and faith centers on Jesus. We believe that Jesus was a real historical figure. He entered human history at a specific place and time. Jesus is the Christ, the chosen one sent by God. He came with a specific mission—to rescue the world from sin and death. We confess that Jesus became human because he had to substitute himself for all humanity and suffer the consequences of humanity's sin. He did that when he was beaten and crucified and died.

His sacrifice was enough not only because Jesus was an innocent victim. He was also God's Son. Because Jesus was more than just a man, his substitution is for all humanity, not for just one person or not just for one group of people. Jesus died for all people. That's a fact—a historical reality.

Most do not seriously question the reality of Jesus' death. Most objections challenge the effect of his death. The Bible is clear about that. The writer to the Hebrews puts it this way: **"He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself"** (7:27). When John the Baptist identified Jesus, he said, **"Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"** (John 1:29). God's love included all people of all time, and the sacrifice of Jesus is for all.

Jesus was perfect in every way. He kept the Ten Commandments without one fault. His perfect obedience to God's will was not for himself but for humanity. One had to die to pay for the sins of humanity, and one had to keep the commandments of God also for all humanity. Because Jesus was the substitute for humanity, his perfect obedience is credited to every sinner—to all humans. Lutherans confess that the sacrifice and perfect obedience of Jesus was done by grace. In other words, it is an undeserved gift of God to unworthy humans. The efforts of Jesus for the sinners of the world did not depend on any of our human activity, emotion, or thought. It's as if God prepared a priceless gift we could not purchase ourselves, wrapped it up in the best box and colored paper we could ever imagine, and then handed it to humanity. God didn't ask if we wanted it. He didn't look to see if we deserved it or would deserve it by some future act of kindness. He just did it; he gave. That is what John 3:16 says, **"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son."**

Excerpt from **"Positively Lutheran: A Simple Statement of What Lutherans Believe"** by John A. Braun, available for purchase at Northwestern Publishing House, www.nph.net, item #OL-150765 \$5.49

Return to Wittenberg 2017 Conference

July 18-21, 2017
"Liberated"

Our conference this year will be in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the reformation.

About Return to Wittenberg

This organization is comprised of pastors and laymen committed to promoting and strengthening a confessional understanding of the Lutheran faith.

Location

Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee

Theme

"Liberated" is focused on making the connection between how we are liberated from sin, death, and the devil in Christ, and how the church was liberated from her enemies in the historical event of the Reformation.

The conference offers a unique opportunity for laymen to study theology on a deeper level along-side pastors, similarly to what pastors do at pastors' conferences.

Presentation Themes

- Repentance
- How Christ liberates souls from the bondage of sin through the use of the keys
- How we are liberated to do good works as it relates to the third use and sanctification as well as vocational theology
- An overview of the eschatology of Revelation pointing out the view of Luther in Revelation 14 and the overthrow of the Antichrist
- A general overview of the doctrine of the Antichrist.

This will be accompanied by multiple worship opportunities that will tie the main themes together in practice, with two divine services at the open and close of the conference as well as matins, vespers, and compline throughout the conference.

Visit for more information or to register:

www.returntowittenberg.org/r2w-2017-liberated-registration/



Return to Wittenberg



Church News

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.

Reformation Walk

Sunday, July 9

An event for the whole family— all ages!



This event starts at 11 am and a tour begins every 15 minutes. You can reserve your time for your group/family in advance! Last tour begins at 2 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!

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.

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



Let the wife make the husband glad to come home, and let him make her sorry to see him leave.
(Martin Luther)

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.**

The Power of One

One song can spark a moment,
One flower can wake the dream.
One tree can start a forest,
One bird can herald spring.

One smile begins a friendship,
One handclasp lifts a soul.
One star can guide a ship at sea,
One word can frame the goal.

One vote can change a nation,
One sunbeam lights a room.
One candle wipes out darkness,
One laugh will conquer gloom.

One step must start a journey,
One word must start each prayer.
One hope will raise our spirits,
One touch can show you care.

One voice can speak with wisdom,
One heart can know what's true.
One life can make the difference,
You see it's up to you!

Don't ever forget how very important YOU are!

Congratulations Graduates 2017



Peace Pioneers 2017 Summer Schedule

- 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.*

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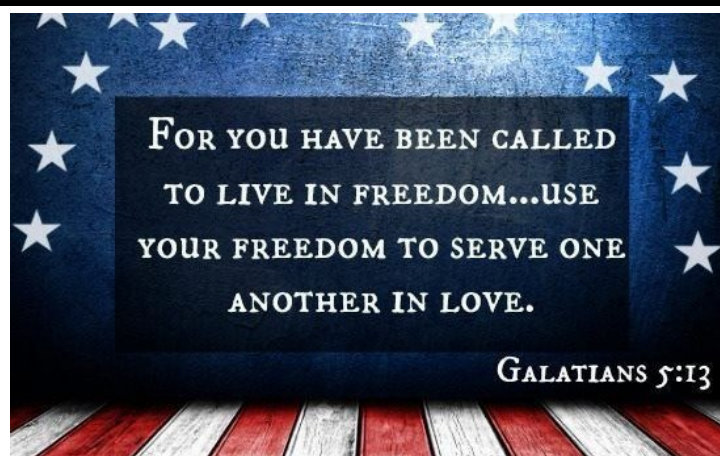
Purpose

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:
peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com.



Save the date! Lutheran Girl Pioneers National Convention

Saturday, October 6, 2018
St Paul's, Franklin, Wisconsin
Hosted by the Rainbow District
Workshops, networking, fellowship,
worship- activities for girls, too!
You won't want to miss this!
Watch for more information coming soon!



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



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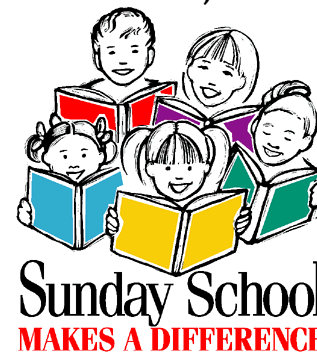
Sunday School Corner

Sunday School is every Sunday, Sept-May, 10:15-11:30 am
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
and fellowship opportunities for the entire family. Stay con-
nected 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!**



Why Go To Church On Sunday?

A church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church
every Sunday. He wrote: *I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons,
but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time; the preachers are
wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.*

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on
for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

*I've been married for almost 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of
me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. I do know this: They all nourished me and gave
me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead to-
day. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!*

Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

Submitted by Linda Welty



Birthdays

7/3 Pastor Riedel
7/7 Donna Kuenn
7/9 Bob Chesbrough
Marilyn Snyder
Joshua Klamm
7/10 Richard Anderson
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 (62)
7/13 Lenny & Mary McKay (54)
7/22 Bob & Dawn Wedell (39)
Isabel & Joe Breihan (22)
7/25 Harold & Linda Stechmesser (25)
7/31 Clifford & Delores Bliske (52)



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.