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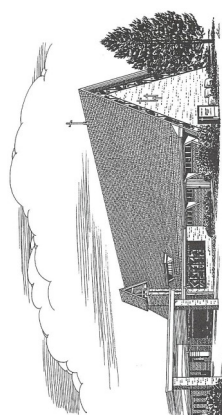
Worship every Sunday @ 9 am
 every Thursday @ 7 pm



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Messenger of Peace

August 2017

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Altar Care
It's definition: to serve our LORD by keeping the altar, banners, paraments, candles and flowers fresh, clean and in time with the church year.

NEEDED:

- 2 ladies to assist us in these duties, usually once a week for 30-60 minutes (you can bring your children– no need for a sitter!)
- 1 gentleman to help put the wood-framed banner on the altar wall; about ten times a year, 10 minutes per time.

Thank you for considering our requests,
 The Altar Committee
 Mary McKay (920-787-3267)
 Darlene Travers (920-787-7947)
 Bernice Baranyk (920-787-0318)



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 & Jan Schroeder on Silver Lake. The Pioneers will supply brats, hot dogs, buns, dessert and drinks. Please bring salads or other sides. Any questions please call Christine at 765.2147.

Save the Date!



Advent by Candlelight

Sunday, November 26 at 1 pm



Advent by Candlelight is a ladies-only event hosted by the Lutheran Girl Pioneers for the girls and ladies of Peace Lutheran Church and their friends and family. There is no charge for this event. This is a wonderful afternoon of the Word, music, and fellowship to help you prepare your hearts for the Advent season before the holidays get into full swing!

Hostess Opportunities: Do you enjoy decorating? Volunteer to be a table hostess and we will reserve a table for you! Hostesses provide table settings, holiday decorations, and a dessert for a table of 5 ladies, plus yourself. It is lots of fun, and requires only a few hours of your time for planning, baking and decorating. If you want to host a table this year or need more information before committing, please contact Christine at 920-787-3856.



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It is all about God's Word—Law and Gospel.



“Come, follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Twenty Years of Fishing

Fishing has always been a part of my life. Not that it's always been enjoyable. Like the time a fish hook had to be extracted from one of my brother's posterior. Or trying to force a squishy, wiggly, squiggly worm onto the hook and wanting someone else to do it. Or snapping off the end of my fishing pole. Or the frustrating times when a favorite lure was left dangling from a tree on the opposite bank of the river.

But there certainly are some positive memories when it comes to my days of fishing. When dad came home from salmon fishing with that really big one (the picture still hangs on their wall back home). That time when we ran out of bait and the fish were biting on little pieces of plastic bags! Or slowly retrieving an artificial worm and watching that big large mouth take my bait. And this summer, all the little fishing trips with the family, improving my filleting skills, and the tasty fish fries we have enjoyed together.

You know how old I am – I have actually been fishing for more than twenty years. But you also know that I have been called by the Lord into the public Gospel ministry for twenty years, this summer. I am reminded of Jesus' words to some fishing friends He knew:

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow Me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed Him. - Matthew 4:18-20 (NIV1984)

The Lord called me away from the trout streams and the fish ponds to a different kind of fishing. Only it doesn't involve poles, worms, and lures. It is all about God's Word – Law and Gospel – and sharing that message with sinners like myself.

After what ended up to be 9 years of study, in May of 1997 I was assigned to a dual parish between Iron Mountain and Escanaba, Michigan. St. Paul's in Hyde and Grace in Powers were the first “ponds” I “fished” as a fisher of men. After about 4 years I accepted the call to Christ in Beatrice, Nebraska, and served as God's fisher of souls there for 7 years. In October of 2008 I began fishing in the Wautoma area.

Looking back, I count twenty years of fishing. Twenty years of studying God's Word, that powerful message of sin and grace. Applying the Law to sinful hearts, leading this fisherman and many others to repentance, crushing the selfish and disobedient man inside. And applying the Gospel to repentant sinners, refreshing and comforting God's faithful children with His message of peace, love and forgiveness in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. Casting out the good news of salvation and eternal life, apart from our own merit, purely on the basis of our perfect Savior. Leading fellow sinners to Jesus. Fishing for eternal souls to rescue them for eternal life.

Fishing for men is often a messy procedure. A pastor learns all kinds of things about the “fish” he “catches” and serves. How often we fight and squirm against the hook of God's Law which convicts our sinful hearts. What a relief that our loving Lord releases us from the condemnation our sins deserve – we're “off the hook” if you will – rescued by our selfless Savior to enjoy a new life in His kingdom, here on earth and forever in heaven.

We all have been “caught” by the Gospel, so we fish. Throwing out the nets. Living our Christian faith. Sharing the Gospel of peace in Christ with a world that is in turmoil. Guiding souls to Jesus and the eternal life He offers. Called by Jesus, as pastor or as lay-worker, fishing for men.

Pastor Roger Riedel

A Short Story



The Struggle Against Sin

I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

For what I do is not the good I want to do;

no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.

... What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! - Romans 7:18-19, 24-25

“I wanted to be done with that bad habit, but there I went and did it again.” Does it surprise you that even when you are a Christian, and have a heart that wants to follow God, you still struggle against sinful impulses, and too often fall to them?

You are not the first Christian to feel that way. Almost 2000 years ago the apostle Paul wrote: ***“I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.”*** Right before that verse, he explained why this was so. He wrote, ***“I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature.”***

When God brings people to faith in Christ, He covers them with Christ’s forgiveness and counts them as completely holy. He creates in them a new heart that loves the Lord and wants to walk in His ways. But as long as we are in this life, the old, sinful self that we have from birth still wants to do what is evil and fights against the good desires of the new heart God created within us.

So Christians still struggle against sin every day. They often stumble and do sinful things their new hearts don’t want to do. And it frustrates them! Paul wrote, ***“What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?”***

But there’s good news: ***“Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!”*** Though we struggle each day, each day God forgives us because of Jesus’ perfect sacrifice that was complete payment for all our sins. At last, Jesus will come and take us to be with Him in heaven. There will be no sin there, around us, or inside us, to fight against or drag us down.

Keep looking forward to that day. Meanwhile, let your daily struggle with sin make you appreciate even more how good it is to have Jesus as your Savior, and to be covered by His mercy and forgiveness.





Celebrate the Reformation!



The following is a list of some
Reformation events happening in Wisconsin.
Check www.wels.net/events for up-to-date
information!



Reformation 500 Commemorative Symposium

October 1-3, 2017
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon
Events will include a hymn festival, four essays, and a
banquet.
Visit www.wls.wels.net for more information.



Northern Wisc. District Reformation Celebration

Saturday, October 28, 2017
Performing Arts Center, Appleton
Worship at 2 pm
Preacher: Pastor Paul Koeplin
Featuring the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Choir
Email DWenzel@fvlhs.org for more information.



Western Wisc. District "Timeless Truths"

Sunday, October 29, 2017
Dane County Coliseum
1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison
Festival Worship at 4 pm
Special Hymn Sing: 6 pm
Participants: Choirs, Instruments, and Organ
Come early to visit informational displays and vendor
booths!
Email rwlehmann@sbcglobal.net for more
information.

Daily Devotions

If you have an email address, you can be receiving
Daily Devotions from WELS!
Visit wels.net/subscribe/subscribe-to-daily-devotions/
for more information!

Campus Ministry

**"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are
young, but set an example for the believers
in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."**

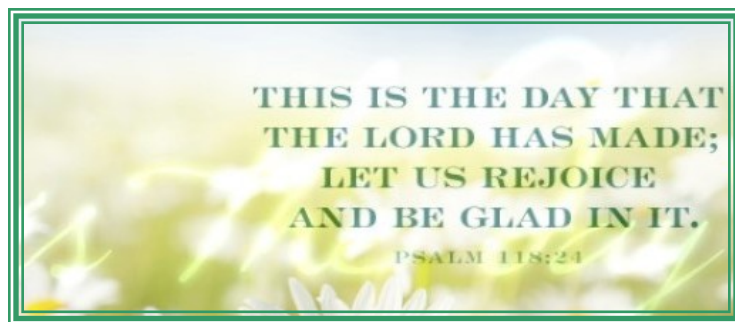
1 Timothy 4:12

This ministry helps WELS college students grow in
their faith so that they can reach out to other
college students with the Gospel. Campus Ministry
also supports full- and part-time campus pastors,
and provides helps for WELS congregations as they
reach out to college students in their area.

Campus Ministry Committee (CMC) Objectives:

1. To assist congregations in reaching out to
college students with the Gospel.
2. To assist congregations in maintaining contact
with their college students away from home.
3. To assist congregations in reaching out to young
adults of college age.
4. To facilitate the regular gathering of college stu-
dents for spiritual growth, worship, service and
fellowship.
5. To promote & publicize WELS Campus Ministry.
To regularly revisit and review the mission, objec-
tives and strategies of the CMC.

To find out more information about Campus Minis-
try, or to find out the nearest Campus Ministry to
your school, visit campusministry.welsrc.net/.



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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.

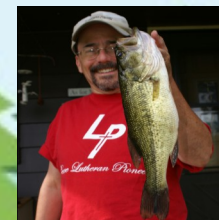
Put in the office or email it to:
peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com.



Church News

Peace Pioneers Camp Out

Though our group was small this year, we had a blast! From board games around the picnic table to tie-dying pillow cases, our weekend was filled with lots of fun! First time campers and ten-year vets joined us for our weekend. Thank you to all our leaders, helpers, campers, and visitors for helping to make our weekend so fun! For more pictures, see the Peace Lutheran Pioneers Camp Book on the back table in the fellowship hall or see Christine Bohn for a copy.

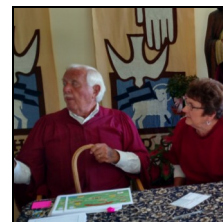


Reformation Walk

Sunday, July 9

Twenty five people came to our Reformation Walk, held on Sunday, July 9. With stations to visit such as the Wittenberg Café, where our guests made pretzels, and a visit with John Tetzel, where we learned about indulgences, to seeing the home of Martin and Katie Luther, we sure learned lots!

Thanks to every one who came out and thanks to all our volunteers! We had over 30 people help out with this fun event!



First stop: the city
gates to pick up
your map and
wait for your tour
guide.



Onto a visit with
the parents of
Martin Luther.



A lesson in
German and how
school was for
Martin Luther.



Pretzel making at
the Wittenberg
Café.



Tetzel's assistant
taking money
that the people
paid for
indulgences.



Luther nails his 95
theses on the
door at the Castle
Church.



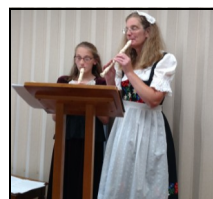
Fredrick the Wise
tells us about how
Luther escaped
arrest and trans-
lated the Bible
into German.



This fisherman
and his sons tell
us about a daring
escape by nuns in
a fish barrel!



A visit to Martin
and Katie Luther's
home included
facts about their
children and
married life.



Music class held
by the church
cantor's wife
included a lesson
on playing the
recorder.



Our last stop was
to a print shop to
learn about the
printing press.



Several of our
tour guides.



Church News

Why Lutheran Pioneers?

"Why should my child be a Pioneer? We're so busy!"

The Peace Pioneers strive to be a group that not only has tons of fun (which we do!), but instills a love for our Savior and teaches our youth how to show that love in every aspect of their lives.

When Pioneers began, I'm pretty sure that the majority of this congregation believed that the Pioneers wouldn't last. Maybe I even believed that (but just a little!). But then, after the first meeting, and the second, something was happening. These kids wanted to come to Pioneers. It was no longer their parents encouraging them to come, it was them.

Now I see friendships that may not be as strong (or at all), if not for Pioneers. I see older Pioneers taking a genuine interest in younger Pioneers. I see adult leaders hugging Pioneers that they may not have gotten the chance to know. I see Pioneers talking easily about Christ to each other and to their non-Pioneer friends. I see love for each other. I feel love. And that is exactly what I had hoped for when we started this ministry. I wanted children and families to feel like they belong here- 'cause they do!

Ask any Pioneer why they come back every year. Ask leaders why they work hard all year. It's all about love. Jesus' love for each of us and our response to that. Please consider registering your child, aged Kindergarten-high school. We have children of all ages! The Pioneers is an open ministry which means we encourage our Pioneers to invite their unchurched friends. If you know anyone who isn't a member of Peace, but would benefit from the Pioneers, please see Christine. Pioneers reaches families easily because of our "fun," and then keeps them because the kids make friends, the parents trust the leaders and everyone hungers for the same truth- the truth that is expressed at EVERY Pioneers meeting and outing- the truth of Jesus.

All Sunday school students families, ages 5K and up, will be receiving a letter along with a registration form soon! If you don't receive one, or need extras for friends, let any Pioneers leader know.

If you would like to help out at any of our meetings, or if you're interested in being a leader, please speak with any of our leaders.

Our first meeting will be on Sunday, September 10 at 1 pm.

For more information about the Pioneers ministry, please contact any Pioneers leader:
 Pastor & Beth Riedel 920-787-7078; 920-765-2883
 Kevin & Christine Bohn 920-765-2146; 920-765-2147
 Ahnsharee Klusmeyer 920-539-3560

Celebration of Pastor Riedel's 20 years in the Ministry



In addition to our annual church picnic on Sunday, July 16, our congregation celebrated Pastor Riedel and his 20th anniversary of being in the ministry. Pastor has served in the U.P., Nebraska and here at Peace.

Thanks to Jan Schroeder for organizing this celebration and to Kevin Bohn for being our head chef for the picnic.



News About Our Church Family

Sunday School Corner

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

Our Sunday School will soon be sending home registration forms and a Sunday School handbook for all families. Please read through and keep it for reference throughout the year.

This year, our Sunday School is using the ChristLight curriculum especially for Sunday Schools. This curriculum rotates through three years. We are in year two for the 2017-18 school year. Core lessons- creation, the fall into sin, Jesus' birth, Jesus' death and resurrection are taught every year. For a complete schedule of lessons, please see your child's teacher.

Each Sunday your child will bring home a student flyer- which tells you about the lesson we learned and gives some ideas for you to use at home during the week that will enhance what was taught at Sunday School. In addition to the flyer, your child may bring home a craft they made or worksheets they completed in class.

Some classes give memory work as a way of enforcing a key point that your student learned in class. Please help them with their memory work during the week.

The Sunday School staff hopes that your summer has been full of fun and we are looking forward to classes beginning in September!

First day of Sunday School will be on Sunday, Sept. 10!

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

8/3 Randy Wilcox
 8/4 Linda Stechmesser
 8/11 Eryn Lemke
 8/12 Helen Timmermann
 8/15 Wes Hetcher
 8/16 Terry Proctor
 8/17 Dale Ast
 8/26 Ruth Bartforth
 Pastor Tom Klusmeyer
 Emily Rose Riedel
 8/30 Susie Frohman

Anniversaries

8/5 Pastor Russell & Verona Kloehn (50)
 Jason & Betsey Welty (17)
 Greg & Mindy Hintz (11)
 8/17 Russell & Deanna Eichsteadt (15)
 8/18 Tom & Donna Kuenn (26)
 Megan & Tom Kubasta (21)
 8/22 Brendan & Tonya Rooney (2)
 8/25 Don & Helen Timmermann (60)
 8/27 Dan & Michelle Lemke (23)
 8/28 Watson & Joyce Woodruff (63)



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.

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!