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**Worship** every Sunday @ 9 am  
 every Thursday @ 7 pm  
**Sunday School** every Sunday @ 10:15 am  
**Bible Study** Sundays @ 8 am  
 Tuesdays @ 9 am  
 Thursdays @ 9 am & 8 pm  
 Fourth Sunday @ 10:30 am  
**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



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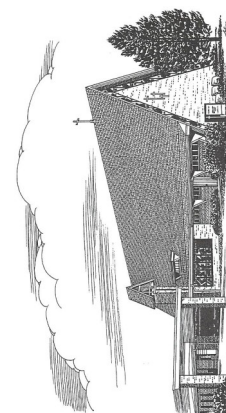
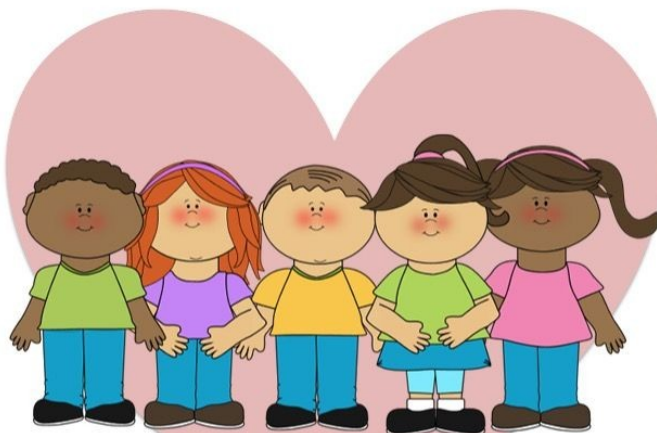


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1 Timothy 4:12  
 Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.



# Messenger of Peace

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## New Bible Study Opportunity

Join us for a new Bible Study opportunity on the fourth Sunday of each month at 10:30 am.

Parents: This is a great chance to participate in a Bible study while your kids are in Sunday School!

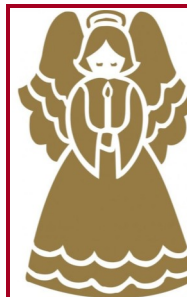
**Our first study will take place in on Sunday, September 24.** Please meet in the back pews of the sanctuary. See Pastor Riedel for more information or with any questions.

## Old-Fashioned Harvest Fair & Pie Auction Saturday, October 7 at 1 pm

Everyone is invited to join the Pioneers at our annual Harvest Fair and Pie Auction! Watch for details about the craft fair coming soon!

If you would like to donate a homemade pie, or other bakery item, please see Beth Riedel.

All money raised at the Pie Auction will go to Comfort Ministries, a ministry within the WELS that provides quilts and journals at no charge to ladies battling cancer.



**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.





### Charlottesville: the Evil Angels of Our Nature

**“No man stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child.”**

Can you believe the bitter irony that those words were printed on a bumper sticker of the Toyota Tundra that James Fields Jr. allegedly used to mow down pedestrians in Charlottesville? Dozens of people among the counter-protesters were injured, some badly, and 32-yr.-old Heather Heyer was killed. Fields, an Ohio resident, was charged with second-degree murder and multiple counts of malicious wounding. He is 20 years old.

What do you make of last week’s chaos in Charlottesville, a sweet city built around the university whose campus center was designed by Thomas Jefferson himself? If you had any convictions that America was outgrowing its vicious racism of the past, those ideas turned out to be illusions. It had been my hope that white supremacists were a tiny, harmless, lunatic fringe in 21st-century America. Well, they are doing their best to show that they're not tiny, they’re not harmless, and they don’t want to operate on the fringe. Writer Jon Meacham says that racism is perennially latent in America. He’s right. According to the *Washington Times*, “Unite the Right” organizer Jason Kessler tweeted that Ms. Heyer got what she deserved. “It’s payback time. She was a fat, disgusting Communist.”

One of the issues is the level of community acceptance of Confederate statuary honoring Southern war heroes. There are thousands all over the South. One by one they are being removed from public places and moved to museums or private locations. It is a sign of the craziness that not only are Confederate statues being defaced but a bust of Lincoln was set on fire in Chicago’s Englewood neighborhood as well. There are still statues in public places of Confederate general Nathan Bedford Forrest, who after the war joined the newly formed Ku Klux Klan and became its first grand wizard. The Klan’s numbers and presence in America have been cyclical. After a rapid rise in the post-Civil War years, it faded back quite a bit, only to experience a resurgence in the anti-immigrant emotion after WWI. Thousands marched in white-hooded parades not only in the South but all over the North as well.

Violence breeds violence. The “Unite the Right” people argued that what they were doing was “freedom of speech,” but in fact they came to rumble. So did the counter-protesters. Time magazine has a two-page photograph of counter-protesters, perhaps inspired by previous violent *antifa* activism, dressed for battle in helmets, face-covering bandannas, and heavy sticks. One of them was beating a protester.

Here are a few final thoughts:

1. Racism is sin, nasty sin. Anybody who doubts the Bible’s doctrine of original sin should rethink his or her position. We shouldn’t assume that people will outgrow racism any more than they can or will outgrow lying or stealing or committing adultery.
2. Our world is getting steadily more tribal. Large groups that bring together dissimilar people are fraying. We need to acknowledge\* the sinister power of gut-level appeals to one’s tribe, coupled with fear and resentment of others.
3. The claims of far-right groups to be Christian are absurd and should be strenuously disavowed by any serious Biblical Christian. There is nothing in Scripture that elevates white people above any other racial or ethnic group. In fact, what Scripture does say is that many different races and tribes will gather together in love, unity, and worship around the throne of Jesus Christ (Revelation 7:9). What Scripture does say is, **“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God”** (Romans 15:7).
4. If you are a white person, do not let anybody in your family or among your friends get away with racist remarks or jokes. If you are a non-white person, please work really hard to control your anger and put away thoughts of violent revenge and retaliation. Let God repay.
5. Please pray for our country. Right now.

## A Short Story



### Living with Real Purpose

***We are God’s workmanship,  
created in Christ Jesus to do good works,  
which God prepared in advance for us to do.***

*Ephesians 2:10*

Your life matters. You are living for a reason. Your life has purpose. Without purpose, life is boring and meaningless; there is little sense of life’s significance and value. Having a life filled with purpose is not just for the super-successful and highly important. God doesn’t just look after famous people who have accomplished great feats or individuals who have been placed in high positions of leadership. He cares for everyone. From the macro- to the micro-level, he declared his love for the world. There is no doubt, he loves you and gives your life real purpose. He does all this, not because you are deserving, but purely by his grace.

God demonstrated his grace when he saved you through your Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus’ perfect life counts for you. He suffered and died as your substitute. His rising from the grave means that you will also rise from the dead. And since he has saved you for all eternity—the greater thing—does he not also have great purpose for you in this life, the lesser thing? Yes! What is more, God says that he has created you to do what he has already planned for you. With every task and responsibility, God has given your life purpose.

There is purpose in the mother who cares for her newborn and the father who teaches his son to double-knot his shoelaces. There is purpose in children who obey, just as there is purpose for the soldier who follows orders, the citizen who respects leaders, and the employee who goes to work.

Even your average day has purpose, for God has equipped and called you for each task of life. He does not intend life to be mundane mediocrity. Life is not meant to be compartmentalized into significant and insignificant pieces. Instead, God wants you to see his purpose for you as the fiber seamlessly woven through fabric of every facet of your life.

You have important purpose in life. Primarily, it is to know God’s love for you through Jesus. Motivated by his grace, you can willingly follow his lead through life and lovingly serve the people he brings into your life. That’s living with real purpose!





## Celebrate the Reformation!



The following is a list of some  
Reformation events happening in Wisconsin.  
Check [www.wels.net/events](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:rwlehmann@sbcglobal.net) for more  
information.

## WELS Christian Aid and Relief

You fed Jesus today! You brought him medicine and sup-  
plies in a time of crisis. You even helped rebuild his home  
after a tornado. Now you may wonder, "When did I feed  
Jesus? When did I help rebuild his home?"

Jesus said, "Whatever you did for one of the least of  
these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

In this life we get to serve as God's hands, helping peo-  
ple in need and reflecting his love through our words  
and actions. But it's even better than that! When we act  
in his name to help others, Jesus says we are actually  
serving him. He doesn't need our help, but hurting peo-  
ple do, so he encourages us to show our love and grati-  
tude to him by expressing love and kindness to others.  
This is also the mission of WELS Christian Aid and Relief.  
On behalf of WELS members like you, we provide finan-  
cial assistance, food, medicine, and supplies to people  
suffering from natural disasters and extreme medical  
financial difficulties. We also support humanitarian aid  
projects in our home and world mission fields.

This year these projects totaled \$327,000, and included:

- Providing fresh water wells in India, Malawi, Zambia, and Nepal
- Medical equipment and supplies for health clinics in Pakistan, India, Nepal, & Thailand, and the Central Africa Medical Mission
- Food, clothing, and medicine for people in Russia, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Albania, Mexico, and Indonesia
- Midwife training in Pakistan and sewing classes in Nepal
- Teaching English to youth in Vietnam
- Providing support and encouragement for orphans, widows, widowers, and prisoners in Nigeria
- Welcome packets to new legal immigrants through home mis-  
sion congregations

Our missionaries look for ways to use humanitarian aid  
as a bridge to proclaim the gospel. Please consider  
a gift to improve the earthly and spiritual lives of others.  
Our ministry is funded entirely by special gifts from peo-  
ple like you. Remember, whatever you do for people in  
need, you are doing for Jesus!

In Christ,  
Pastor Robert Hein

To donate or to find out more information about this  
ministry, visit:  
[www.wels.net/serving-others/christian-aid-relief/](http://www.wels.net/serving-others/christian-aid-relief/)



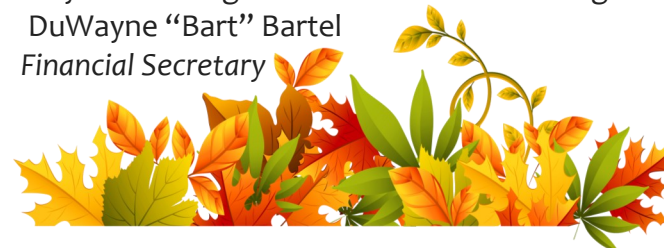
## FINANCIAL REPORT

After 8 months, we are \$6,500 behind  
budgeted offerings needed to meet our  
Expenses. Let's not wait until the last 2 months  
to try to meet the budget. **LET'S START  
NOW!!!!!!**

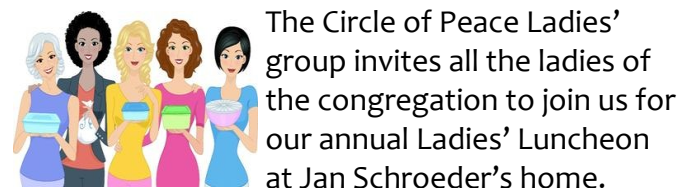
May the LORD guide all of us in our offerings.

DuWayne "Bart" Bartel

Financial Secretary



## Ladies' Luncheon Saturday, September 16



The Circle of Peace Ladies'  
group invites all the ladies of  
the congregation to join us for  
our annual Ladies' Luncheon  
at Jan Schroeder's home.

Please see Donna McKay with any questions.

## A Return to Grace: Luther's Life & Legacy



The new movie "A Return to  
Grace" will be shown at the  
Montello Theater, Montello, on  
Tuesday, September 12 and  
Wednesday, September 13 at 7 pm.  
This is a must-see for any Lutheran  
and a chance to share the message  
about our Lutheran heritage with others. Invite  
friends and neighbors.

Make your reservations for either Tuesday or  
Wednesday by calling St John's, Montello at  
608-297-2866 or emailing  
[scsecretary@stjohnsmontello.org](mailto:scsecretary@stjohnsmontello.org).  
The cost is \$5 per person (cash or check made  
out to St John's Ev Lutheran Church) and will be  
collected at the theater.  
Concessions will also be sold.

## Knitters & Crocheters

Or those who'd love to learn!  
Join us on the 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month, 2-4  
pm, beginning again on September 9.  
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.

Annual Peace Lutheran Pioneers

## Chili Dinner

Saturday, October 21  
5-7 PM

Come & enjoy all-u-can-eat  
homemade chili & cornbread,  
sandwiches and desserts.

If you would like to donate any food items to  
the chili dinner, please see the sign up sheet on  
the back table in the fellowship hall, or talk to  
Christine in the church office.



Suggested Donation: \$5 per person  
All proceeds go to the  
Peace Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers.



God is pure light,  
undimmed by darkness  
of any kind.

1 John 1:5

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](mailto:peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com).



**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

### I Said a Prayer for You Today

I said a prayer for you today  
And I knew God must have heard.  
I felt the answer in my heart  
Although He spoke no word.

I didn’t ask for wealth or fame  
(I knew He wouldn’t mind).  
I asked Him to send treasures  
Of a far more lasting kind!

I asked that He’d be with you  
At the start of each new day,  
To grant you health and blessings  
And friends to share your way.

I asked for happiness for you  
In all things great and small  
But it was for His loving care  
I prayed for most of all.

*Submitted by Darlene Travers*

**Be A Good Steward!**  
*Use the last spoonful of that jam that’s in your fridge using this simple and tasty vinaigrette recipe!*  
To an almost empty jar of apricot, raspberry or strawberry jam, add:  
1/4 c lemon juice (or wine vinegar)  
1 tsp Dijon mustard (or grainy mustard)  
1/4 tsp salt  
1/4 tsp pepper  
1/2 c olive or vegetable oil  
Put the cover back on the jar and shake to combine.  
Store in the fridge; use within a week.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”  
Jeremiah 29:11

## Sunday School Corner

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

Did you receive your Sunday School registration letter, along with our yearly schedule? If no, it will be in your mailbox soon!


Sunday School begins Sunday, September 10 at 10:15 am!

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.

September Lessons	
Date	Lesson
9/10	Adam & Eve
9/17	The Fall & the Promise
9/24	Moses’ Birth
10/1	God Calls Moses

**Teachers**  
2-3 year old preschool      Beth Riedel (920-787-7078)  
4K/5K      Emily Riedel (920-787-7078)  
                 Rebecca Bohn (920-765-2147)  
1/2/3 grades      Jan Schroeder (920-787-4331)  
4/5/6 grades      Christine Bohn (920-765-2147)  
Assistants      Emily Bohn (920-765-2147)  
                 Susan Riedel (920-787-7078)  
Education Committee Chair      Tom Welty (715-927-0550)



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!

Welcome to Our New Members!	Kathi Dexter 920-557-1337
	Betty Miller 920-787-4466
	Robin Rudolph & Fiona, W50685 Cty Rd F, Neshkoro, WI 54960
	Tim Sina
	Larry & Doreen Walton, W7099 N Oakwood Circle, Neshkoro, WI 54960 920-647-0682




## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

9/1 Karen Mosier  
9/2 Jim Bower  
9/8 Ardell Schwersenska  
Nancy Lang  
Allen Raatz  
9/11 Tim Quinn  
9/12 Tom Kuenn  
9/13 Jerry Kraus  
9/15 Harold Stechmesser  
9/20 Tom Welty  
9/21 Leana Pankau  
Judith Schneider  
9/23 Kaliska Klusmeyer  
9/26 Clara Beyer  
9/28 Bob O’Brien  
Flo Bettin  
9/29 Mike Grunert  
Jean Doubek

### Anniversaries

9/3 Jeffery & Debra Raatz (12)  
9/4 Jim & Pat Lichtenberg (46)  
9/10 Harry & Leana Pankau (68)  
9/11 Ole & Patti Anderson (24)  
9/14 Kent & Judith Schneider (60)  
9/16 Colleen & Mike Zahn (11)  
9/17 Tom & Teri Jo Fendler (29)  
9/20 Tim & Nancy Quinn (37)  
9/24 DuWayne & Jean Bartel (57)  
Bob & Nancy Lang (34)



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](mailto:peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com).