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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



My conscience is captive  
 to the Word of God.  
 (Martin Luther)



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

October 2017

# Messenger of Peace



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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.*

## Reformation 500 Events at Peace

*Join us as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation!  
 These events are for the whole family, all ages welcome!*

### Reformation Walk

**Saturday, October 14 at 1 pm**

Join us for a tour of Germany in 1517, without having to leave Wautoma! Meet young Martin Luther as he nails his 95 theses to the church door, buy an indulgence, find out how Katie Luther escaped her life as a nun, visit with a pretzel maker and so much more! Make your reservation (although not required, but then you won't have to wait!) by calling the church office at 787-3856. Tours start every 15 minutes, beginning at 1 pm; last tour begins at 3 pm.

### Reformation Sunday

**Sunday, October 29 at 9 am**

Join us for a special Reformation service, followed by a potluck lunch! Bring your best German dish to share! Invite a friend!

### Reformation Day Worship

**Tuesday, October 31 at 7 pm**

Join us for a special Reformation Day worship service at 7 pm, followed by refreshments in the fellowship hall.

## Old-Fashioned Harvest Fair & Pie Auction

**Saturday, October 7 at 1 pm**

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

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.*





### A Mighty Fortress

***God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea...***

***The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*** (Psalm 46:1-2a,7 NIV1984)

Psalm 46 was the inspiration for the words of Martin Luther's hymn, ***“A mighty fortress is our God, a trusty shield and weapon...”*** It was published about 490 years ago, approximately 10 years after Luther had written and posted his 95 theses. At this time in his life, between 1527 and 1529, the reformer continued to battle with fellow theologians for the clear and correct proclamation of God's Word and an accurate administration of the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

At least five years before this, in September of 1522, Luther had quickly finished his translation of the Greek Scriptures into German. In 6 months, while hiding at the Wartburg Castle, he had completed a version of the New Testament of the Bible which could be read and studied by the common folk of Germany in their own language!

Just one year before this, Martin Luther stood before Charles V, king of the Holy Roman Empire. Emperor Charles had ordered Luther to recant, or take back, his writings and teachings in which Luther had opposed various doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church because they did not agree with God's Word. But Luther would not recant. On April 18, 1521, he replied to his accusers, *“Unless I am refuted and convicted by testimonies of the Scriptures or by clear arguments (since I believe neither the Pope nor the Councils alone; it being evident that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am conquered by the Holy Scriptures quoted by me, and my conscience is bound in the Word of God: I can not and will not recant any thing, since it is unsafe and dangerous to do any thing against the conscience. Here I stand! I cannot do otherwise. God help me! Amen.”*

Four years before his trial before the emperor, 500 years ago, on October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the community bulletin board of his day, the wooden door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Anyone could pause to read Luther's statements regarding the sale of indulgences. The Roman Catholic Church was selling little slips of paper and promising to its customers that the purchase of these documents would get them or their loved ones just a little closer to God. But Luther learned from the Bible and clearly proclaimed that sinners are rescued from guilt & eternal hellfire – not by their own work or merit, and certainly not by purchasing an indulgence from Johann Tetzel – sinners are released from sin, death, and the power of the devil only through the life and death of Jesus Christ.

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted his 95 statements against indulgences, in an effort to publicly discuss the teachings of the church, and humbly submit to the Word of God. A return to the Bible was required. A reformation of the church was needed.

Five hundred years later, here we stand, fearlessly grounded in God's Word. Human tradition is not the basis for our theology. The declarations of sinful humanity do not shape our belief about the salvation of our eternal souls. We are saved from sin and hell by God's grace through faith in the Lord Jesus (Ephesians 2:8-9). We trust in one name for the forgiveness of our sins and for the certainty of an eternal home of peace with the Lord in heaven: Jesus is the only name given to us by which we are saved (Acts 4:12).

God is our refuge and strength. Trusting in Him for the salvation of our souls we have no reason to fear, in this life or ever. What a mighty fortress! Believing in our Savior Jesus Christ and building our eternal future on the unshakable foundation of His unchanging Word, we sing confidently and joyfully of our home in heaven with Him: Our victory is won; the kingdom's ours forever!

Next to faith, this is the highest art— to be content with the calling in which God has placed you. -Martin Luther

## A Short Story



### Holy Communion

**The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”** 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Often we have a hard time believing that we are loved. Men and women who have a keen awareness of their flaws will wonder if anyone can really love them. So we have a need to not only hear that we are loved, but also to receive tangible assurance of that love.

If we need that assurance from our fellow human beings, how much more do we need that assurance in our relationship to God?

God knows us so well. He knows how we feel. He knows what we need. Not only does he tell us in his Word that he loves us, he also gives us personal assurance of that love.

How does he do that? He does so in what Christians call *Holy Communion* or *The Lord's Supper*. In this special meal Jesus gives us bread that isn't just bread. He tells us, ***“This is my body.”*** He also gives us wine to drink that isn't just wine. He says, ***“This is my blood.”***

Now before anyone gets grossed out, this isn't some kind of weird cannibalism. It's bread and wine that looks, smells, and tastes like bread and wine. Yet, in a way that we can't perceive or comprehend, Jesus tells us that with the bread and wine, his body and blood are really present in this Supper.

Here's why this is such a great gift. You may think, “I know that Jesus forgives all those other people out there, but I'm not really sure that he can forgive me.” In Holy Communion, Jesus comes to you personally and says, “I love you. Your sins are all forgiven. You want proof? Here's the price I paid for you on the cross. This is my body which was sacrificed for you. This is my blood which I shed for you.”

Whenever we receive the Lord's Supper, we remember Jesus' saving, self-sacrificing love for us, and we personally receive not only assurance of that love, but we also receive his forgiveness.

Is it not wonderful news to believe that salvation lies outside ourselves? -Martin Luther



## Celebrate the Reformation!

Check [www.wels.net/events](http://www.wels.net/events)  
for up-to-date information!



### NPH Reformation Event: 500 Minutes with Luther

Saturday, September 30 9 am– 4 pm  
Northwest Publishing House, 1250 N113th St,  
Milwaukee

Join us at NPH Books & Gifts for speakers, activities  
for the kids, free lunch, and save \$10 when you spend  
\$50! Free admission.

Call 800-662-6022 for more 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 Historical Institute

From Federation to Merger: The Birth of the  
Wisconsin Synod as We Know It Today

October 22, 2017 3:00 pm

at the Center for Mission and Ministry

N16W23377 Stone Ridge Drive in Waukesha

Presented by Professor John Brenner from

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

In 1892 the Wisconsin Synod, Minnesota Synod, and Michigan  
Synod formed a federation to carry out ministerial education,  
mission work, and other activities more efficiently. The fed-  
eration was a logical development. The three synods were in  
geographical proximity; their early pastors came from the  
same mission houses and mission societies in Europe; and  
each had a similar theological development, moving from a  
weak Lutheranism to a strong confessional Lutheran position.  
In 1917 these three synods together with the Nebraska Synod  
merged to form the Wisconsin Synod with the basic synodical  
structure that we know today.

We will look at the eventful twenty-five years from the estab-  
lishment of the federation to the final merger with an eye to  
understanding our synodical roots and learning lessons from a  
sometimes-tumultuous history.

For more information about the WELS Historical Institute, or to  
find out how to become a member, please visit  
[www.welshistory.org](http://www.welshistory.org) or e-mail [welshistory@gmail.com](mailto:welshistory@gmail.com).

## Bethany Lutheran College Fall Get-Away Weekend

Thursday, October 26– Saturday, October 28

Bethany Lutheran College (ELS), Makato, MN, invites  
juniors and seniors to spend a FREE weekend on our  
campus, learning about the Bethany experience by  
attending chapel, visiting with faculty, and touring  
campus.

To register, visit [blc.edu/getaway](http://blc.edu/getaway) by October 20.

You will be asked to pay a \$40 deposit that will be  
returned to you when arrive.

For more information, call the admissions office  
at 1-800-944-3066.

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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).



## Church News

## LWMS Collection



LWMS is collecting NEW  
underwear, socks and t-shirts/  
undershirts for children,  
infants through age 18, to be de-  
livered to **Mission to the**

**Children** in Mexico.

The collection box is in the fellowship hall.

**Donate now through October 15th.**

See Marilyn Chesbrough with questions.

## Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Fall Rally 35th Anniversary

**“Be Strong and Very Courageous”**

**When:** Saturday, October 21

**Time:** Registration begins at 8:15 am

Opening Devotion at 8:45 am

**Where:** Immanuel Lutheran Church

W7265 School Road, Greenville

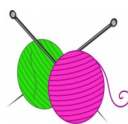
Childcare will be available!

If you are planning on attending,  
please sign up on the sign up sheet on the  
back table in the fellowship hall.

We will carpool from church,  
leaving Peace at 7:20 am.

## Knitters & Crocheters

Or those who'd love to learn!



Join us on the 2nd & 4th Saturday of  
each month, 2-4 pm.

Please call Linda if you are available to  
attend.

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.

Save the Date!

## Advent by Candlelight

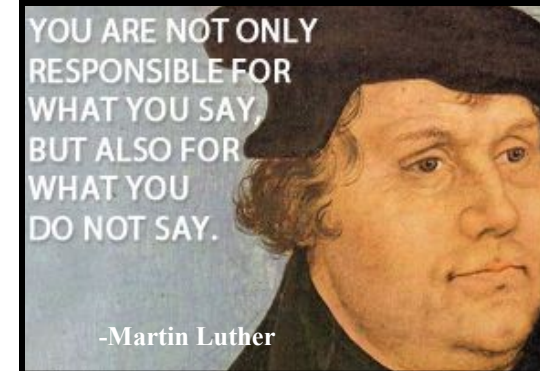
*“My Soul in Stillness Waits”*

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!*

**Rsvp the number attending to Christine  
at 787-3856 by November 19.**

**Hostess Opportunities:** Do you enjoy decorating?  
Volunteer to be a table hostess and we will reserve a ta-  
ble 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, contact Christine at  
920-787-3856.







## Church News



### Reformation Walk



**Saturday, October 14**

**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 so that you do not have to wait! Walk-ins welcome, but you may have to wait.

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!

Invite your friends and neighbors!

#### We need your help!

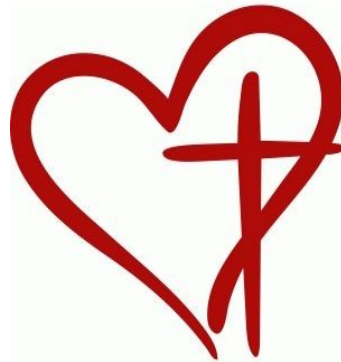
We are looking for actors to lead each station as guests wander through and learn all about Luther's reformation! We are also looking for people to help before this event and a clean up crew. If you are interested in helping, please see Christine in the office or see the sign up sheet on the back table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

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

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

**Q: What do birds and Martin Luther have in common?**

**A: A diet of worms!**



God doesn't love us because of our worth. We are of worth because God loves us.

(Martin Luther)

### Luther's Seal Craft



Looking for a fun, easy craft to do with the kids or grandkids to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation?

Here is a simple Luther's Seal craft that you can make in just a few minutes!

Materials Needed (to make one):

- Blue construction paper
- Red construction paper
- Black marker
- White paper doily
- Gold glitter glue
- Glue
- Scissors

What To Do:

1. Cut a circle out of the blue construction paper, a little larger than the paper doily.
2. Glue the doily onto the blue circle.
3. Cut out a heart shape, smaller than the doily, from the red construction paper.
4. Using your black marker, draw a cross in the center of your heart.
5. Glue the heart onto the center of your doily.
6. With your glitter glue, line the outside of your blue circle with a gold ring.
7. Let dry.



## News About Our Church Family

### Sunday School Corner

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

Classes have begun and we're all settling back into our "school" routine. Have you asked your child what we're learning about? Have you seen worksheets and crafts? Teachers spend about an hour each week preparing for their lesson, and then about an hour and a half each Sunday in their rooms– setting up, teaching the lesson and doing activities, and then cleaning up after the students are gone. Even if there is just one student in class, we will teach!

Be sure to thank a Sunday School teacher! They volunteer their time to make sure that the little lambs of our congregation get fed God's Word each Sunday.

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.

October Lessons	
Date	Lesson
10/1	God Calls Moses
10/8	The Plagues
10/15	The Passover
10/22	Crossing the Red Sea
10/29	Reformation 500
11/5	Quail & Manna



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!



### Birthdays

- 10/1 Linda Welty
- 10/12 Judy Benz
- 10/21 Trent Nelson
- 10/23 Evelyn O'Brien
- Larry Anderson
- 10/30 Tom Fendler



### Anniversaries

- 10/1 Nate & Jennie Sigourney (12)
- 10/4 Joe & Sue Siegel (31)



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).

**Phone Update**

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*The fewer the words, the better the prayer. (Martin Luther)*