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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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THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Wednesday, November 22 7 pm

Please remember that there will not be a worship service on Thanksgiving.

Give thanks to the LORD for He is good;
 His love endures forever. Psalm 107:1

Advent by Candlelight

"My Soul in Stillness Waits"

Sunday, November 26 at 1 pm

hosted by the Lutheran Girl Pioneers



All the girls and ladies, all ages, of Peace Lutheran Church, and their friends and family, are invited to join us in the fellowship hall for this ladies-only event. Spend a few hours preparing your hearts for the coming of our Savior! The Girl Pioneers will present the program, "My Soul in Stillness Waits," filled with God's Word and music, and then we will enjoy fellowship and desserts.

RSVP by November 19 to Christine
 at 920-787-3856 or 920-765-2147.

"But as for me, I watch in hope for the LORD,
 I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me."
 Micah 7:7



A Word of Thanks

God grant that we follow His Word to praise and thank our dear Lord for His precious blood, which He so freely offered for us. And may God keep us from the terrible vice of ingratitude and the forgetfulness of His blessings. (What Luther Says, p. 1354)

Are you having trouble coming up with a list of reasons to offer your thanks to God as you see the Thanksgiving holiday rapidly approaching? It is very easy for us to take things for granted. It can be very difficult for us to be truly thankful. Complaints about what we have or what we do not have flow easily from our lips. Since we are still trapped in our sinful flesh and we are surrounded by a society with an entitlement mentality, we may fall into the temptation of simply expecting the regular and daily blessings we have grown accustomed to enjoy in this life to just keep coming.

But who's to say that everything we have today will remain in our possession tomorrow?

The Lord may allow natural disasters, illness, fire, identity theft or some other devastation to rip from our hands, homes, bank accounts, and lives what we are tempted to greedily call "MINE!" Then what? Will we grumble against God, or respond in faith like Job, saying, "**The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away, may the name of the LORD be praised**" (Job 1:21)? Will we finally remember that "**the earth is the LORD's and everything in it**" (Psalm 24:1)? What will it take to remind us that the LORD is the one who opens His hand to "**satisfy the desires of every living thing**" (Psalm 145:16)? How can we be reminded that we are recipients of God's blessings and merely caretakers or stewards of what rightfully belongs to Him?

We dare not approach the Almighty with a "You owe me" mentality, unless we truly want Him to pay us what our sins deserve. Our discontent, ingratitude, thanklessness, greed and many other sins earn God's eternal wrath and punishment.

For us there would quite literally be "hell to pay" if Jesus hadn't paid our debt to His righteous Father, and if the Holy Spirit hadn't brought us to faith in Jesus through the Word and Baptism. Which is why we rejoice that the blood of our precious Lord was freely offered for us on the altar called Calvary. Right there in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for us sinners is where our thanks begins. In Jesus' wounds we find healing for our sin-wounded souls. In His dying and rising we find forgiveness and the certainty of eternal life in heaven. Could there be any greater reason to give thanks? I should say not!

So we write our "thank you notes" to the Lord in our joyful and confident faith, trusting in His promises and care. And our thank you is displayed in our daily meditation in His Word. We express our thanks with humble service and willing obedience to our God. Our gratitude is shown in hearts that are content with His blessings and generous in our offerings. We show our appreciation to the Lord when we remember that He is the source of every good and perfect gift.

So beginning with the gift of our Savior, His Word and our Christian faith, we reflect on the many heavenly and earthly blessings our Lord graciously and generously pours into our lives. We celebrate this year God's grace in the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation that His Word and Sacraments continue to be readily accessible to us for the strengthening of our faith and guidance in Christ-like living. Looking over the wealth of blessings He gives to our bodies and souls, and realizing that we do not deserve anything good from our heavenly Father, we can speak to Him a daily word of thanks from the bottom of our hearts (and not only at meal times):

**Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
His mercy endures forever.**
(Psalm 118:1)

Pastor Roger Riedel

A Short Story



Sing for Joy to the Lord

**Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**

Psalm 95:1-2



Let us sing
for joy to
the Lord!



The Rock of
Salvation
rescued us!



We have
found joy in
singing
together.

Many of us like to sing. Even if we are hesitant to sing publicly, when we are alone in the car or at home, often we sing along when we hear our favorite songs.

We love to sing for a lot of reasons—joy, love, sorrow, even fear sometimes.

Our best reason to sing is given in the Bible verse: "**Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**"

We live in changing times. Change means uncertainty. Culture, the future, security, economy, jobs, politics, family—these are life's experiences that bring us more change that we are sometimes comfortable with. In this sea of change, we can always depend on the unchanging Rock of our salvation.

Salvation is the Bible's word for God rescuing us from the consequences we should receive for all of our sins. We don't give God the respect he is worthy of. We second guess how God deals with us and this world. We don't give God the love he deserves. He comes in second or third or four hundred fortieth on our love list. Our actions and attitude pile up a boatload of trouble for us. God should reject and punish us.

But instead of dishing out what we deserve, the Rock of our salvation rescued us. In his great love, God chose to rescue us by sending his Son to suffer sin's consequences for us. God will never punish us for our sins because he already punished Jesus for them. God's choices and actions are unchangeable history. Our Rock of salvation will not shift his position or change his mind. He has rescued us from our sins. This fact will outlast the universe!

So we sing to the Rock of our salvation. We sing for joy because God has forgiven us. We sing songs about his sure promises to chase away our fears and heal our wounded hearts. We sing to express our love to God who will never stop loving us.

Go ahead and sing to the Rock of our salvation. If you aren't sure what to sing, or would like company singing to the Lord, come and worship with us. We have found real comfort and genuine joy in singing together the praises of our Lord.





Connecting College Students with Churches



WELS Campus Ministry is introducing a new student management system. It is now live for pastors and college students.

With this new system, pastors and churches can now manage student lists online. This includes viewing, sorting, editing, adding, and deleting student profiles as well as managing a student's free subscription to *Forward in Christ* and *Meditations*.

For college students, the form is available at wels.net/campus-ministry. The new form will enable students to easily manage their campus ministry profiles, including updating addresses, expected graduation date, subscription preferences, and more. Students will need an e-mail address to register and will be given a pin number for their personal log-in. By registering, students will also be able to stay in contact with their campus pastor.

Currently, about 460 WELS pastors serve one or more campuses, and nearly 6,000 students are signed up with WELS Campus Ministry.

WELS Campus Ministry Chairman Rev. Charlie Van-nieuwenhoven says, "The only way for our pastors to know the WELS students who are attending the university they serve is if their name is submitted with WELS Campus Ministry. This information allows the pastor not only to know which WELS students are attending the university he serves, but it gives him the information he needs to make contact with the student to invite them to worship or any other activities and to share with the student what's happening with the campus ministry."

Learn more at wels.net/campus-ministry.

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!

WELS Military Services

The WELS Military Services Committee provides spiritual services to WELS members and others who serve in the United States Armed Forces, including those in the National Guard and the Reserves.

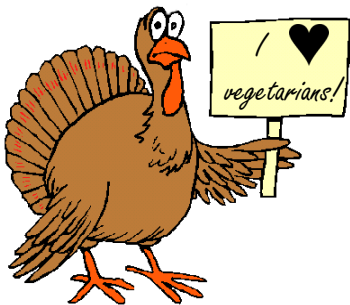
The committee carries out its mission through a ministry-by-mail program, a full-time civilian chaplain in Europe, and a national civilian chaplain and liaison to the military. As WELS' national civilian chaplain and liaison to the military, Pastor Paul Ziemer maintains regular contact with many WELS troops and their families. He coordinates training conferences for WELS military contact pastors and orients and mentors new military contact pastors. When military clearance and funding permit, he supervises periodic chaplain trips to the Middle East or other areas of hostility.

One hundred twenty-two WELS pastors who live near military installations in the continental U.S. and select nations overseas stand ready to serve our military personnel and their families as part-time WELS civilian chaplains.

We send free copies of *Meditations*, a printed monthly worship service, and taped audio and/or video worship services to military personnel and civilians on our mailing list.

Send the names and addresses of those serving in the military or living in Europe to:

Commission on Special Ministries
N16W23377 Stone Ridge Drive, Waukesha, WI 53188.



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.



Church News

Thanksgiving Food Drive

October 15– November 12



The Lutheran Pioneers are once again collecting food for a Thanksgiving Food Drive. Please drop off food in the box below the back table in the fellowship hall.

We will make up boxes and deliver them the week of November 13 to needy families from our church and community. ***If you would like to help deliver the boxes during the week of November 13, please talk to Pastor.***

If you know of any family that could benefit from a Thanksgiving Dinner box, please let Pastor Riedel know. All names will be held in the strictest of confidences.

Thank you! Your Peace Lutheran Pioneers

We will be accepting the following food items:

Please place these items in the freezer in the fellowship hall:

Whole Chickens	Hams	Butter
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All these items can go in the box below the table in the fellowship hall:

Canned pumpkin	Jell-O	Pudding mixes
Condensed milk	Sugar	Brown sugar
Flour	Marshmallows	Stuffing
Instant potatoes	Canned yams	Cream soups
Raisins	Seasonings and spices	
Cornbread mix	Biscuit mixes	Broth/bullion

From November 5-12, you can donate fresh items and put them in the refrigerator in the fellowship hall. We will accept:

Carrots	Celery	Onions	Eggs
Potatoes	Oranges	Apples	

***I will sing to the LORD,
because He has dealt bountifully with me.***

Psalm 13:6

**Any food that isn't given during our deliveries
will be put into the Peace Pantry.**



Advent by Candlelight Table Hostesses Needed

The Girl Pioneers are still looking for table hostesses for Advent by Candlelight on Sunday, November 26. We are looking for ladies to decorate and set a round table, and make a dessert for that table. Tables seat six.

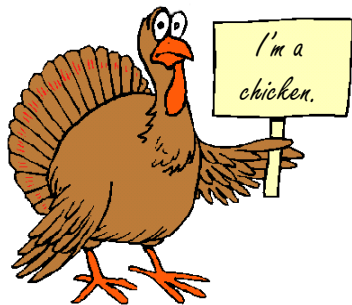
Your table can be fancy, rustic, playful, or anything in between. The only thing to remember is that there will be girls at our event, so don't bring anything that you wouldn't want around children. If you are interested or have questions, please call Christine at 920-787-3856 or 920-765-2147.

Pioneers Bowling Outing

On Sunday, October 15, the Pioneers went to Dogger's Bowling Alley and spent the afternoon bowling. Twenty five Pioneers, parents, and friends joined us. We enjoyed pizza and soda, as well.



Pictured: Rebecca, Emily R, Emily B, Sam R, Shyann, Fiona, Kali, Susan, Mary, Aubrey, Caydan, Jackson, Joey, Ian, Wade, Rachel, Grant and TJ.



Gone Fishin'



Joey, TJ, Grant, Jackson, Rachel, and Pastor

The Buckaroos & Sunbeams (Pioneers ages Kindergarten-2nd grade) took a trip out to Camp Phillip to go fishing on Sept. 24. Some had never been fishing before, and some were old pros. Fun was had by all.



Church News

Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Join us for a birthday
party for Jesus!

Saturday, December 2

11:30 am- 2:30 pm

Peace Lutheran Church
335 W. Prairie Street,
Wautoma

*Kids ages 4K and up are invited to our
Christmas for Kids event!*

Lunch is included. Bring a friend!

*Call Christine at 920-787-3856 for more
information.*



Want to help at this event?
See the back table in the fellowship hall
for sign up sheets.

Midweek Advent Meals Sign Up



There is a sign up sheet on
the back table for hosting
midweek advent meals on
Thursdays, November 30,
December 7, 14, & 21 from 5-

6:30 pm. Get together with your committee,
group, or friends and make, serve and clean
up a meal prior to the Midweek Advent Wor-
ship services at 7 pm. We generally serve 50-
75 people.

What a great way to serve our congregation!
Please see Christine in the office for more
information.



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.

Financial Report

SAME OLD STORY!!!! With only two months left in
this year, once again we find ourselves behind
budgeted income (- \$8000).

Last year we made our budget because we received
a \$10,000 offering and many of our budgeted items
came in below budget. We can't depend on that
happening this year.

May the Lord guide our offerings these next two
months!!

Bart Bartel

Financial Secretary



News About Our Church Family

Sunday School Corner

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

Your children are learning so much about God's Word! They
are growing in their faith and the Sunday School staff is so
glad they get to see the spiritual growth of each one of
them.

If your children have not attended Sunday School yet, that's
okay! They can jump in right where their class is!

Soon you will receive a letter about the Sunday School
Christmas service. Please read it through and return the
form to your child's teacher. Rehearsals for this service will
be Saturday mornings and during Sunday School during
December. Dates and times will be included in your letter.
Please talk with Mrs. Riedel with any concerns.

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 en-
hance what was taught at Sunday School. In addition to the
flyer, your child may bring home a craft they made or work-
sheets they completed in class.

November Lessons

Date	Lesson
11/5	Quail & Manna
11/12	The Giving of the Law
11/19	The Golden Calf
11/26	The Birth of Jesus



Sunday School
MAKES A DIFFERENCE

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 edu-
cation of the children in your lives. Visit classrooms, encour-
age 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!

Updates Needed!

Please notify the church office of any address, phone number, or email changes by January 7,
2018. You can call the office at 920-787-3856, email at peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com or
drop off a copy of your current information at the office on Sundays, or during office hours
during the week.

Thank you for helping us have an up-to-date and correct Member Directory!



Birthdays

- 11/1 Zachary Kubasta
- 11/5 Scott Hill
- 11/6 Darlene Travers
Greg Hinz
- 11/7 Mary McKay
- 11/8 Del Meyer
- 11/13 Rachel Riedel
- 11/16 Kent Schneider
- 11/19 Anita Mischka
- 11/20 Jim Schroeder
- 11/22 Sharon Westphal

Anniversaries

- 11/7 Larry & Doreen Walton



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.

Church Office Hours

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 8 am- 2 pm

The church office is also open at other times during the week.

Please call ahead to see if the office is staffed.

The church office will be closed

December 22- January 1.

