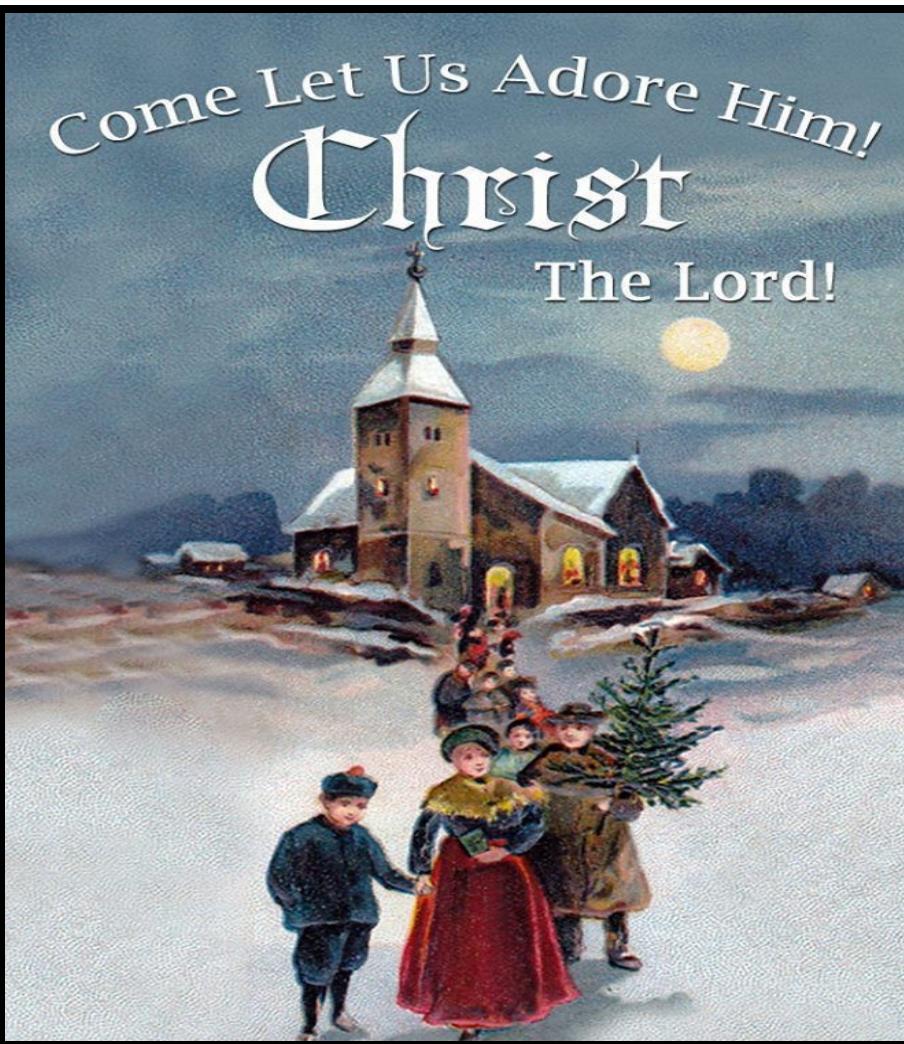




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every Thursday @ 7 pm
Sunday School every Sunday @ 10:15 am
Bible Study Sundays @ 8 am
Tuesdays @ 9 am
Thursdays @ 9 am & 8 pm
Fourth Sunday @ 10:30 am
JAM Session every third Sunday at 10:30 am
Confirmation Level 1 Wednesdays @ 6 pm
Level 2 Wednesdays @ 6 pm
Pioneers every second & last Sunday @ 1 pm



Messenger of Peace

December 2017

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Advent and Christmas Schedule

Midweek Advent Worship
Thursdays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 & 21
Dinner 5-6:30 pm; Worship 7 pm

Children's Christmas Service Rehearsal
Saturday, Dec. 2 9-11:30 am
Sundays, Dec. 3, 10, 17 10:15-11:30 am

Happy Birthday Jesus! Party
Saturday, December 2 11:30 am-2:30 pm

Circle of Peace Bake Sale
Sunday, December 3

Circle of Peace Ladies' Christmas Party
Saturday, December 9 10:30 am

Children's Christmas Service
Sunday, December 24 9 am

Christmas Eve Worship
Sunday, December 24 7 pm

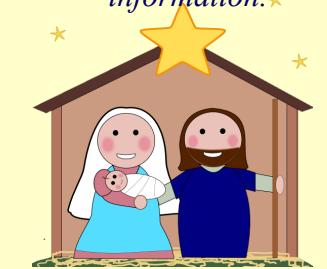
Christmas Day Worship
Monday, December 25 9 am

New Year's Eve Worship
Sunday, December 31 9 am

The church office will be closed
December 22-January 1.

Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Join us for a
birthday party for Jesus!
Sat., 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.*



Ladies' Christmas Party

Hosted by the Circle of Peace
Saturday, December 9 10:30 am

All ladies of the congregation are invited to join the Circle of Peace for their annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 9. If you wish, you can bring a dish-to-pass for the brunch.

Instead of exchanging gifts this year, we will be making a donation to mission (yet to be determined).

Please contact Donna McKay
with any questions.

Happy New Year!

Okay. I get it. You might be thinking that I'm a bit confused; that my greeting is a month ahead of schedule. It's only December. So, why 'happy new year'?

Well, dear reader, did you notice the color that adorns the front of our church this week? We celebrated the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation on October 31st. The church was decorated in red, reminding us of the Holy Spirit's work through the Word and Sacraments. The red was changed to white as we celebrated Christ the King Sunday. White portrays for us the purity of Christ, our Savior. And through faith in our Savior-King we are forgiven of our sins; we are pure and holy, too, in the eyes of our heavenly Father.

Now, and for the next few weeks, you see a different color on the altar. Blue. The color blue turns our eyes and attention upward – to the sky. The blue of Advent encourages us to look forward to the celebration of Jesus' first coming as a humble baby in Bethlehem and to look upward in anticipation of Jesus' second coming in glory on the Judgment Day.

To answer your question, Advent is the beginning of a new Church Year. Thus my greeting: Happy New Year!

With the blue of Advent and the theme of Jesus' coming, we begin another year in church during which we observe the life and work of our Savior. The Church Year starts with the announcement of Jesus' birth and takes us to His birthday celebration at Christmas. Epiphany follows, at which time we see Jesus revealing Himself as God's promised Messiah sent to rescue us sinners. Lent is next, which displays for us the pinnacle of the Lord's love and service for us, as He offers Himself up as the sacrifice to pay for our sin and guilt. Lent is followed by Easter, our triumphant celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. We rejoice in His victory over sin, Satan, and the grave, assured of a heavenly home through faith in our living Savior. Next comes the season of Pentecost, which highlights the work of the Holy Spirit through the Means of Grace (Word & Sacraments), motivating joyful God-pleasing living in us and all Christians.

With Advent, the Church Year begins anew. With a new year focusing on God's grace to us in Christ Jesus, we look backwards in thanksgiving for the many blessings we enjoyed in church throughout the previous Church Year, now drawn to a close. Every time we gathered in God's house, we took the opportunity to confess our sins and cried out in mercy to the Lord. We heard each week the Law and the Gospel from the Bible – the Law which shows our sins; the Gospel which shows us our Savior – which built us up in our Christian faith. And throughout the year we feasted on the miraculous meal of the Lord's Supper, remembering Jesus' death and rejoicing in the forgiveness He gives us with the bread and wine with His body and blood. And we were regularly reminded of our Baptism, where the Lord first brought us into His family of believers.

What a year of blessings! And the new Church Year will yield the same spiritual blessings – forgiveness of sins, new life, and salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord – as we study a different series of Bible passages.

The psalmist wrote: *How blessed is the man who delights in the teaching of the LORD and meditates on it day and night* (paraphrase of Psalm 1:1-2). We begin the new Church Year in God's Word, and look forward to another year of God's blessings. As you join me and your fellow believers in worship and Bible study, you will have a Happy New Year, dear Christian!

Pastor Roger Riedel



A Short Story



*Key Truths
OF THE BIBLE*



Confession of Faith

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9

Did you ever wonder what made the early Christians willing to confess their faith in Jesus even when it brought persecution and death? Some Christians in the first century were stoned to death. Others were crucified. Still others were thrown to the lions. Yet they died praising Jesus, confessing him as their Lord and Savior.

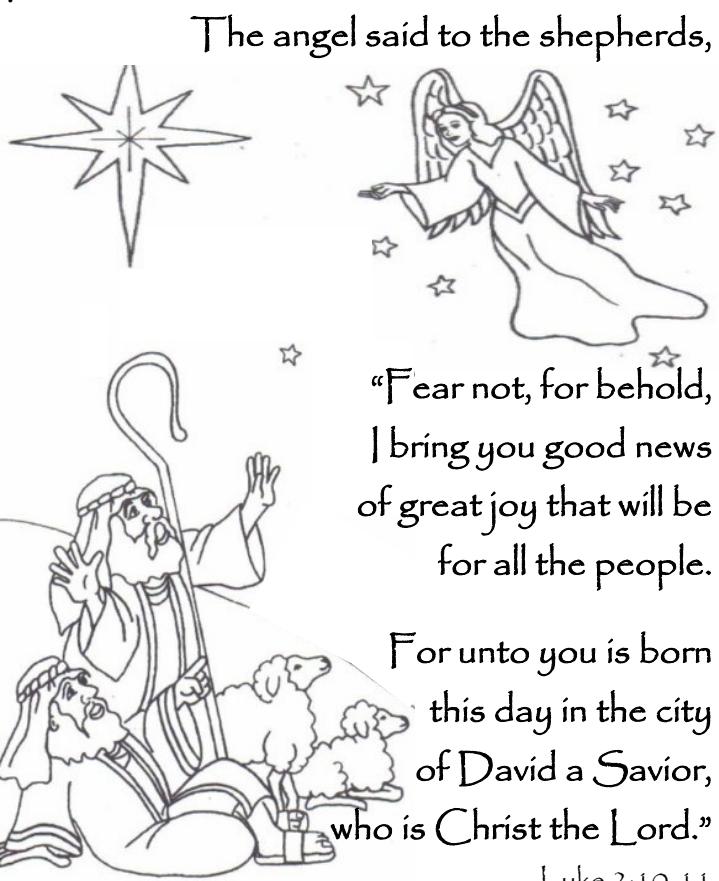
In the centuries that followed, believers in Jesus continued preaching and teaching about Him even at the threat of physical harm. One such man was Martin Luther who lived in Germany back in the 1500's. Luther boldly preached and taught about Jesus and became one of the most prolific writers about the Christian faith who has ever lived. When the authorities pressured him to take back what he had written, Luther firmly replied, "Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen!" As a result, he was labeled an outlaw and it was open season for anyone who wanted to take his life.

How could Luther and many other Christians confess their faith so boldly even at the threat of physical harm and death? Because they knew that something much better was waiting for them after this life. They knew that Jesus died for their sins and rose from the dead. Jesus' resurrection meant that God accepted His sacrifice for their sins and they too would rise to live forever in heaven.

Christians still have this hope today. We know this life is temporary. Nothing in this life is going to last. It will all eventually decay and perish. But those who trust in Jesus and confess Him as their Lord and Savior will enjoy a perfect life with Him that will never end. This changes the perspective and priorities of believers in Jesus. Confident in their eternal salvation through Jesus, Christians confess their faith in the Lord Jesus even to the point of death.

Come worship and learn more about what confessing Christians throughout the ages have been willing to die for. Jesus is your Savior who came into this world to die and rise again so that you might live with Him forever.





The angel said to the shepherds,
“Fear not, for behold,
I bring you good news
of great joy that will be
for all the people.”

For unto you is born
this day in the city
of David a Savior,
who is Christ the Lord.”

Luke 2:10-11

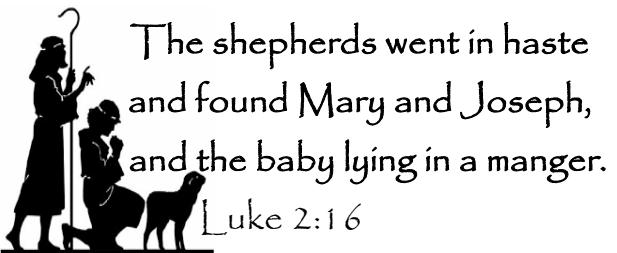
Save the date!

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!

Watch for more information coming soon!



The shepherds went in haste
and found Mary and Joseph,
and the baby lying in a manger.

Luke 2:16

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Advent by Candlelight

Advent by Candlelight, hosted by the Girl Pioneers, was held on Sunday, November 26 at 1 pm. The girls presented a program entitled “My Soul in Stillness Waits,” where we heard from four women in the Bible. These women told us of their struggles and about how God sustained them. The program also had moving music, from classic Christmas hymns such as “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” to more modern music like “Breath of Heaven.” The program was closed with the lights dimmed and by candlelight we sang “Silent Night.” Then everyone enjoyed homemade desserts and punch.

Thank you to our table hostesses Barb Bartel & Carol Mietzel, Emily Bohn & Susan Riedel, Karin Hetcher, Hannah Klusmeyer & Kaliska Klusmeyer, Jan Schroeder & Doreen Walton & Marilyn Chesbrough, Lou Ann Sittig, and Joyce Woodruff.

Thank you to our Girl Pioneers and Junior Leaders for hosting, organizing and leading the program.



Several of our beautifully decorated tables. We had ten tables decorated.



Emily Rose, Susan, Emily B, Rebecca, Shyann, Fiona, Sierra, Kaliska, Mary, and Rachel

During “Silent Night,” we turn down all the lights.
It was absolutely beautiful.



Merry Christmas
from the Lutheran Pioneers!

LWMS WOLF RIVER CIRCUIT FALL RALLY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greenville
Theme: Be Strong and Very Courageous

Six ladies from Peace attended this Rally. After the opening devotion by Pastor John Qualmann, we heard a presentation by Prof. Duncan, who is WELS Friendly Counselor to Pakistan. The presentation was awesome. Our God is a marvelous protector of His people. The Christian influence to the people of Pakistan must be done “undercover.” Although Dr. Jordan is not in Pakistan (and he probably will never be able to return) he is the Christian influence we need to spread the Word of God in that Country. Dr. Jordan is highly respected by the Muslim people because of his medical wonders done there and that is probably why he is still alive today. A Bible study was led by Pastor Peter Kesting, our pastoral advisor from Zion Lutheran Church in Readfield. A prayer was then led by Pastor Kesting for our Be-friend a Missionary Pastors assigned to the Wolf River Circuit. The ladies from the Paperland Circuit of LWMS gave a short presentation and invitation to the Annual LWMS Convention which will be held in June 2018 at the KI Center in Green Bay, WI. This would probably be the closest a convention will ever be held for members of our Circuit, including Peace. There are a lot of details that will be forthcoming. We closed the Rally with the blessing and a hymn. A delicious luncheon followed, served by members of Immanuel.

The Spring Rally will be hosted by Grace Lutheran Church of Sugar Bush and Messiah Lutheran Church of Shiocton probably in April 2018. All ladies are really encouraged to attend these rallies. Much mission work is brought to light in detail. It is so interesting.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilynn Chesbrough, Reporter

Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

Luke 2:4-5



Church News

Remember our Shut-Ins, Called Workers, and Military Members this Season

Merry Christmas Please remember these families in your prayers and with cards and notes of encouragement.

Military families:

Lt. Col. Lisa Bartel
4201 Wilton Woods Lane, Alexandria, VA 22310

Robyn & Ed Blader
W8694 Cypress Ave, Wautoma, WI 54982

BJ & Marily Mitchell
N630 15th Lane, Wautoma, WI 54982

Shut-Ins:
Bob Keihl
668 Cummings Road, Wautoma, WI 54982

Harry & Leana Pankau
W6611 Woodhaven Circle, Wautoma, WI 54982

Ryan Peterson
1520 Michael Court, Wisc Rapids, WI 54494

Kim & Gloria Runge
133 E Mt Morris Ave, Wautoma, WI 54982

Ardell Schwersenska
N3024 Cty Rd B, Hancock, WI 54943

LeRoy & Violet Wangerin
668 Cummings Rd #203, Wautoma, WI 54982

Randy Wilcox
425 Summit St #127, Wild Rose, WI 54984

Called workers & families:

Pastor Russell & Verona Kloehn
W6764 S Silver Lake Rd, Wautoma, WI 54982

Ahnsharee & Nathan Klusmeyer
W10088 Buttercup Ave, Wautoma, WI 54982

Pastor & Nancy Klusmeyer
W9944 Buttercup Ave, Wautoma, WI 54982

Donna & Tom Kuenn
N5810 18th Drive, Montello, WI 53949

Pastor Roger & Beth Riedel
329 W Prairie St, Wautoma, WI 54982

Sy Vanissaveth
W10090 Buttercup Ave, Wautoma, WI 54982

Financial Report

In the old western movies there was a BAD guy named BLACK BART. He was always asking people to give up their money! Well, this Bart is again asking you to give up your money.

With only 4 weeks left in this year, we are again behind budgeted offerings by \$12,000.

PLEASE, PLEASE help with your offerings.

May GOD guide us all,
Bart Bartel

Thanksgiving Food Drive



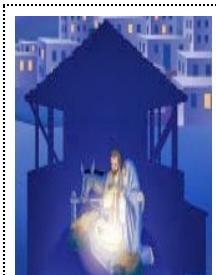
We received 3 turkeys, 2 chickens, and a ham! The boxes were delivered the week of November 13–in time to thaw that turkey! Thank you to everyone who donated groceries and money.

I will sing to the LORD, because He has dealt bountifully with me. Psalm 13:6

Circle of Peace Bake Sale



The Circle of Peace's Christmas bake sale will be on Sunday, December 3, before and after service. Bring a container to take home your goodies! Money raised at our bake sale goes to missions. See Donna McKay for more info.



She gave birth to her firstborn son & wrapped him in swaddling clothes & laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.
Luke 2:7



News About Our Church Family

Sunday School Corner

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

You should have received a letter about the Sunday School Christmas service. Please read it through and return the form to your child's teacher if you have not done so. Please talk with Mrs. Riedel with any concerns.

We will not have Sunday School on Sunday, December 24 or Sunday, December 31. We will start classes again on Jan. 7.

Children's Service Rehearsal Schedule

Saturdays, December 2 9-11:30 am

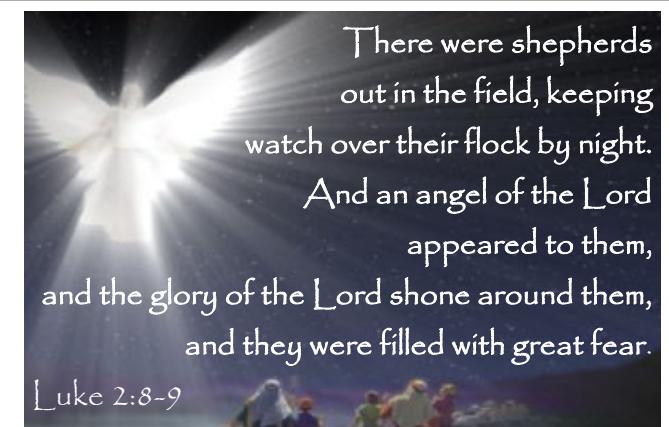
Sundays, December 3, 10, & 17 10:15-11:30 am



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 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!



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 & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 12/5 Kenneth Doubek
- 12/8 Joe Siegel
- 12/11 Neal Roebke
- 12/12 Pastor Russell Kloehn
- 12/13 Beth Riedel
- Karen Beyer
- Sandra Klamm
- 12/18 Delores Bliske
- Mindy Hintz
- Grant Klusmeyer
- 12/19 Jim Lichtenberg
- 12/23 Phyllis Schmidt
- Everett Schulz
- Tom Jones
- Christine Anderson
- Dawn Wedell
- Karin Hetcher
- 12/25 Jesus
- Christine Bohn
- 12/26 Gene Wedde
- 12/27 Russ Nero
- Mackenzie Sigourney
- 12/28 Jim Mosier



Anniversaries

- 12/30 Rod & Judy Nelson (60)



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.

