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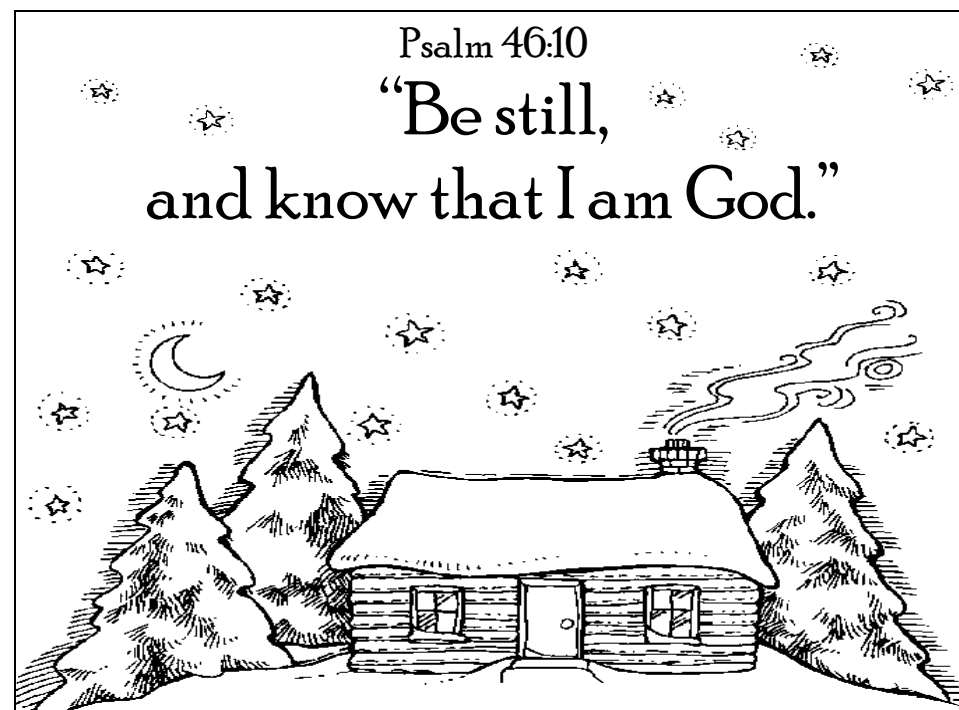
**Worship** every Sunday @ 9 am  
every Thursday @ 7 pm  
**Bible Study** Sundays @ 8 am  
Tuesdays @ 9 am  
Thursdays @ 9 am & 7:45 pm  
**Sunday School** Sundays @ 10:15 am  
**Pioneers** 2nd & last Sunday @ 1 pm



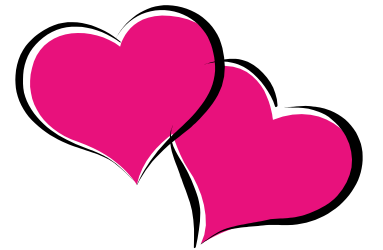
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*Messenger of Peace* serves the Peace Ev.  
Lutheran Church family with information  
about people and events that are part of  
the Peace ministry and with articles that  
encourage Christian living.

**Articles**  
Please forward information and articles  
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Sunday of each month. Put in the office  
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## 2017 Annual Report



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### Lent & Easter Schedule

**Ash Wednesday**

**Wednesday, February 14**

Worship with Holy Communion at 12 pm & 7 pm (same service)

No Worship on Thursday, February 15

**Midweek Lenten Services**

**Thursdays, February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22**

Dinner 5-6:30 pm

*The entire family is invited to come for a free dinner & fellowship prior to worship*

Worship 7 pm

**Palm Sunday**

**Sunday, March 25**

Worship 9 am

**Easter for Kids**

**TBA**

**Maundy Thursday**

**Thursday, March 29**

Worship with Holy Communion 12 pm & 7 pm (same service)

**Good Friday**

**Friday, March 30**

Good Friday Worship 12 pm

Tenebrae Worship 7 pm

**Easter**

**Sunday, April 1**

Sunrise Worship 7 am

Easter Breakfast 8 am

Easter Song Service 9 am



**Voters' Meeting**

**Sunday, February 4 at 10:15 am**

# Safety and Security Plan

for Peace Lutheran Church

335 W. Prairie Street, Wautoma, WI 54982

Are you worried or concerned ?  
Worried Christians can fall into doubt and despair.  
Concerned Christians are led to action.

We are joined together with a common bond called faith. Faith in the Lord Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins and the salvation of our souls. Faith which relies on the Almighty God to provide us with safety and security to body and soul. Faith which looks forward to the eternal life won for us by our living Savior.

Faith comes from hearing the Good News about Jesus (Romans 10:17). And faith clings to Jesus' promise: **“I am with you always, even to the end of the age”** (Matthew 28:20). Furthermore, faith trusts God's promise that all things will work out for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:28). So when Jesus says, **“I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore, be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves,”** (Matthew 10:16) He urges us to put Spirit-guided wisdom into practice when faced with the challenges and opportunities of daily life, and trust that He will bless us.

We have been given a generalized safety and security template. This has outlined an Emergency Plan for Faith Based Organizations. It begins with three simple categories of possible emergency scenarios that we could face.

1. Medical Emergencies
2. Natural Disasters
3. Disruptive Attendee/Intruder

This Occupant Emergency Plan (OEP) is designed to guide Peace Lutheran Church members through various incidents. Every scenario cannot be predicted; therefore, it is necessary to have a response plan that can be quickly adapted to events as they unfold.

The plan designates areas of responsibility and defines administrative framework necessary to respond to incidents. The overall Church response needs to be quick, professional, supportive, and meet the changing demands of the situation.

These potential emergency scenarios were discussed at the last Church Council meeting. It was agreed that the most probable emergency that Peace Lutheran will face is a medical emergency. They have occurred in the past and will probably occur again. Therefore let's prepare for it.

An Ad Hoc Committee was commissioned and I was asked to be the Chairman. I bring to the table no expertise in any of the categories other than common sense. We have members who do have background in these categories and they were asked to develop a “living” plan to address the emergency situations. These plans will be reviewed by the Church Council and presented to the next Voters' Assembly. As always, every member of Peace Lutheran Church will have an opportunity to add their input.

**“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”** Isaiah 41:10

Robert Lang (414-313-0662)  
Ad Hoc Safety and Security Committee

## A Short Story



### Forgiveness through Jesus

God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ,  
not counting people's sins against them.

2 Corinthians 5:19

February holds the day that often makes or breaks relationships: Valentine's Day! It's a day of engagement rings, flowers, dinners, and the hope for returned affections. For all the happiness of Valentine's Day, it's also bittersweet. For every happy or newly-engaged or blissfully married couple, you can find someone who is sadly alone, someone who longs to be loved, someone going through a devastating break-up. No wonder the game is, “He loves me... He loves me not.”

Imagine if the pressure of Valentine's Day was off. Imagine there was no doubt about how that special someone felt about you. Imagine that person did what the Bible says, **“Love keeps no record of wrongs.”**

We have to imagine, because our experience is that human love is conditional. It is usually based on how people look, or what they have, or how they treat us. As a result, we are led to think that God is the same. We think that He loves us if we're lovable. We assume that He loves us if we show our love to Him. The truth is, God loves us not because of who we are or what we do. The Bible clearly describes God's amazing love by what He has done for us: **“God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them.”**

Honestly, we have to admit that there are all kinds of sins on our record before God. Our attempts at love throughout life—failures, breakups, lies, adulteries, divorces—all are an astonishing record of wrong. God ought to oppose us. But in amazing love, God doesn't count our sins against us. That means that He doesn't keep a record of all our actions, thoughts and words that violate His holy will.

**God doesn't keep a record of our sins because of Jesus.** God took all our sins, the sins of everyone, and charged them to His Son. In our place, Jesus willingly and lovingly suffered the punishment of death that we and all people deserved. This is the great love that God has for us... for you! Through Jesus Christ, our relationship with God is restored and by faith in Jesus we will enjoy the blessing of His love forever.

In our relationship with God, it's not “He loves me... He loves me not.” In Christ, it is always, “He loves me... He loves me... He loves me.”



## Involving Children in Worship

I love having kids in church both as a dad and a pastor. I love it when kids recite the Creed putting emphasis on different words than I do. It helps me think about what I'm saying. I love it when they smile back at me during the Aaronic Blessing. It shows me how they're receiving it in faith. Here are three suggestions to help everybody in the family make the most of worshiping together.

### 1. Sit with or near others who are close to your kids.

*Even though my parents had seven of us, they never handed us off to others. We always sat with them. They wanted us to see them worship, but not only them. They made sure I saw grandpa worship. I remember that one Sunday still today. I looked down the pew and saw my grandpa praying the Lord's Prayer too. I remember the sincerity on his face and the words that were obviously so familiar to him. And I remember getting back to praying like I've never gotten back to it before.*

### 2. Strategically teach your kids the liturgy.

*There is nothing I love better than watching my 4-year-old speak the response to the words, "This is the Gospel of our Lord." I love seeing that she knows what it is and better yet knows why it is. We taught her as a 3-year-old, "Jesus taught us everything we need to know and he saved us so when we hear from him we get all excited." Pick some low-hanging liturgical fruit like that for your younger ones. If you have a 5-year-old, help her nail the Creeds. If you have a 12-year-old, show him some profound theological connections. Ask him to think about why we sing about the Lamb of God right before the Lord's Supper.*

### 3. Receive the Word in faith before your kids.

*Most weeks the pastor is going to say, "I forgive you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Receive that in faith and joy as the best news you've heard all week. Even consider leaning over on occasion to whisper into your daughter's ear, "I really needed that today." And she'll get it. Dust off the sermon, too, on the ride home. Tell the kids why it mattered to you so much. Then ask them what mattered to them in it. You might just see your kids' ears perk up a bit more next Sunday.*

Written by Jonathan Bourman

<http://forwardinchrist.net/involving-children-in-worship/>

## Men of His Word Conference

Saturday, February 24, 2018

Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Conference Center, Oshkosh

### GET OUT OF THE BOAT!

- \* A day spent worshiping God and bonding with our Christian brothers
- \* Pastor Jared Oldenburg (Eternal Rock Lutheran Church in Castle Rock, Colorado) will be the keynote speaker.
- \* Koine' will lead us in song worship.
- \* 19 heart-hitting, soul-searching sessions based on God's Word
- \* Continental breakfast and buffet lunch
- \* Same flexible schedule as last year with multiple/staggered lunch times

### Improved/Updated website and online registration:

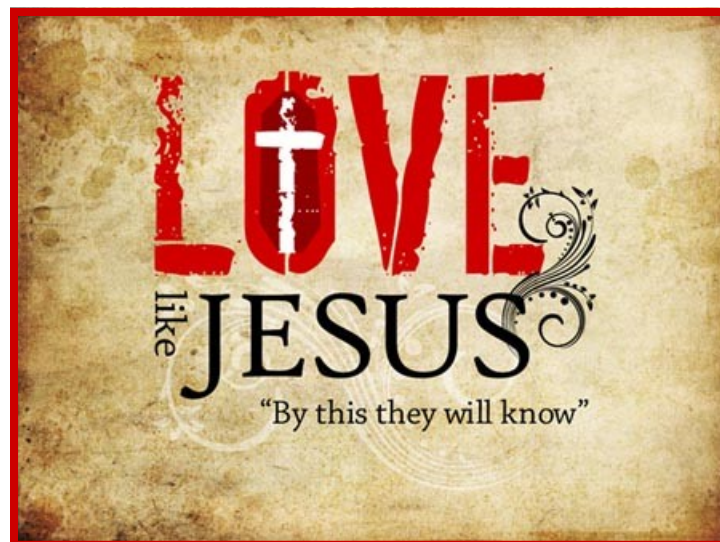
Registration is OPEN and space is limited to the first 650 registrants.

Early-Bird Registration (by Sunday, February 11) is \$50 (\$25 for youth).

Regular Registration (after Sunday, February 11) is \$60 (\$30 for youth).

Registration closes on Sunday, February 18, 2018.

Group Registrations: new method to designate groups online



## Committee & Group Members

### 2018 Church Council

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### Church Secretary

Christine Bohn

### Organists

Jean Bartel

Verona Kloehn

Donna Kuenn

Beth Riedel

### Treasurer

Harold Stechmesser

Karin Hetcher, Assistant

### Audit Committee

Russ Nero

Robert Wedell

### Budget Committee

Nathan Klusmeyer

Rodney Nelson

Trent Nelson

### Finance Committee

Rodney Nelson, Chairman

Mary McKay, Asst. Fin. Secretary

Robert Wedell, Officer

Bernice Baranyk, Counter

Dallas Krueger, Counter

M/M Rodney Nelson, Counters

M/M Don Timmermann, Counters

Beverly Walker, Counter

M/M Watson Woodruff, Counters

### Board of Elders

James Schroeder, Chairman

Pastor Roger Riedel

DuWayne Bartel

Roger Jansen

James Lichtenberg

Allen Treichel

Watson Woodruff

### Lay Altar Assistants

Nathan Klusmeyer

Robert Lang

James Lichtenberg

James Schroeder

Richard Vollrath

Robert Wedell

### Worship Committee

Pastor Roger Riedel

Marilynn Chesbrough, Chairperson

Bernice Baranyk, Altar care

Jean Bartel, Organist

Verona Kloehn, Organist

Megan Kubasta

Donna Kuenn, Organist

Beth Riedel, Organist; Sunday School

Jim Schroeder, Elders'

### Worship Elders

DuWayne Bartel

Thomas Kuenn

James Lichtenberg

Neal Roebke

James Schroeder

Richard Vollrath

Robert Wedell

### Hymn Boards

Samuel Riedel

### Education- Communication

### Committee

Thomas Welty, Chairman

Pastor Roger Riedel

### Computer Music

Samuel Riedel, HymnSoft Operator

Richard Vollrath, HymnSoft Operator

### Confirmation

Nathan Klusmeyer, Level 1 teacher

Pastor Roger Riedel, Level 2 teacher

Thomas Welty

### JAM Session

Pastor Roger Riedel

Thomas Welty

### Library Committee/Historian

Emily Bohn, Librarian

Emily Riedel, Librarian

Thomas Welty

Pastor Roger Riedel



### Pioneers

Christine Bohn, Caravan Counselor

Kevin Bohn, Trainmaster

Ahnsharee Klusmeyer, Leader

Beth Riedel, Sunbeams Leader

Pastor Roger Riedel, Leader & Chaplain

Thomas Welty

### Sunday School

Pastor Roger Riedel

Vacant, Superintendent

Beth Riedel, Music; 2/3 yr old

Emily Bohn, assistant

Susan Riedel, assistant

Emily Riedel, 4K/5K

Rebecca Bohn, 4K/5K

Jan Schroeder, 1/2/3 grades

Christine Bohn, 4/5/6 grades

Thomas Welty

### Sound System

Kevin Bohn

Megan Kubasta

Samuel Riedel

Richard Vollrath

Thomas Welty

### Building & Grounds Committee

Robert Lang, Chairman

Terry Proctor, Chairman

Kevin Bohn, Maintenance

Daniel Baranyk, Groundskeeper

Thomas Kuenn, Groundskeeper

### Outreach Committee

Michael Purtee, Chairman

Pastor Roger Riedel

### Mornings with Mommy

No names submitted.

### Peace Pantry

Emily Riedel

Mary Riedel

### Stewardship Committee

Terry Proctor, Chairman

Pastor Roger Riedel

### Circle of Peace Ladies' Group

Donna McKay, President

Jan Schroeder, Vice-President

Barb Bartel, Treasurer

Jean Bartel, Secretary

Pastor Roger Riedel

### Altar Care Committee

Mary McKay

Bernice Baranyk

Verona Kloehn

### Card Counter

Jennie Sigourney

### LWMS

Marilynn Chesbrough, Reporter

### Vacant

Choir, Long-Range Planning, Men's Club 3



January– December 2017

## NEW MEMBERS

Brian and Tina Bock from Trinity, Redgranite  
 Bob Boelk from St. Luke, Oakfield  
 Kathi Dexter from St Peters, Mayville  
 Steve and Dawn Kohler from Peace, Hartford

## CONFIRMATIONS

Susan E. Riedel  
 Betty Miller, Adult Confirmation  
 Robin Rudolph (Fiona), Adult Confirmation  
 Chastin Siegel, Adult Confirmation  
 Sara Siegel, Adult Confirmation  
 Tim Sina, Adult Confirmation  
 Larry & Doreen Walton, Adult Confirmation

## BAPTISMS

Emma Grace Larsen-Anderson  
 Born 2/12/2017; Baptized 6/4/2017  
 Riley Ann Larsen-Anderson  
 Born 2/12/2017; Baptized 6/4/2017  
 Haven Winter McKayla Henning (not a member)  
 Born 4/7/2017; Baptized 9/17/2017  
 Bailey Emma Colleen Henning (not a member)  
 Born 5/17/2017; Baptized 9/17/2017  
 Lakota Nathaniel Scott Henning (not a member)  
 Born 11/20/2008; Baptized 9/17/2017  
 Hannah Emily Ann Henning (not a member)  
 Born 11/20/2008; Baptized 9/17/2017  
 Avah Jadedeeanna Vanier  
 Born 7/24/2017; Baptized 10/1/2017

## Membership Statistics

### Worship Service Attendance

|                          | 2017     | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
|--------------------------|----------|------|------|------|------|
| Sunday                   | 5537     | 5636 | 5878 | 6065 | 6496 |
| Thursday                 | 1474     | 929  | 879  | 1323 | 930  |
| Total                    | 7011     | 6565 | 6757 | 7388 | 7426 |
| Average                  | 135      | 126  | 130  | 142  | 143  |
| Special services average | (597) 60 | 54   | 61   | 70   | 67   |

### Bible Class Attendance

Average weekly attendance 47

### Membership

|                             | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Total Membership            | 244  | 246  | 260  | 267  | 290  |
| Communicant Membership      | 213  | 215  | 224  | 235  | 247  |
| Sunday School (2yo-6th grd) | 24   | 26   | 26   | 28   | 30   |

### Communion

|                         |      |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------|------|--|--|--|--|
| Total members received  | 2424 | (2016: 2328; 2015: 2523; 2014: 2447; 2013: 2140) |  |  |  |
| Avg. per communion week | 93   | (2016: 93; 2015: 97; 2014: 94; 2013: 89)         |  |  |  |

## WEDDINGS

Jonah Siegel and Chastin Kierner 1/1/2017

## BURIALS

Margaretha L. Walker  
 Born 3/25/1917; Died 1/6/2017; Burial 1/12/2017  
 Carol B. Greathouse  
 Born 2/12/1928; Died 1/30/2017; Burial 2/7/2017  
 Joyce Wilcox  
 Born 12/29/1929; Died 6/6/2017; Burial 6/13/2017  
 Robert Chesbrough  
 Born 7/9/1934; Died 6/28/2017; Burial 7/1/2017  
 Clair Mueller  
 Born 3/18/1923; Died 8/17/2017; Burial 8/25/2017  
 Verna M. Bursack  
 Born 3/27/1927; Died 8/22/2017; Burial 9/2/2017

## TRANSFERS OUT

Lynn & Patti Anderson to Good Shepherd, Beaver Dam  
 Jim & Rae Ann Bower to St Paul's, Franklin  
 Ellen Hetcher to Immanuel, Findlay, OH  
 Wes Hetcher to Living Shepherd, Laramie, WY  
 Herb & Virginia Vogel to Immanuel, Johnson Creek

## RELEASED

Erin Gumz (Andrew Jones), Released by request  
 Scott Hill  
 Roger Odegard, Released by request



# Church News

## Midweek Lenten Dinners

Our midweek Lenten Dinners will be on Thursdays, February 22, March 1, 8, 15, and 22. If you are interested in hosting a midweek meal, please use the sign up sheet on the back table in the fellowship hall.

Please see Christine Bohn (920-787-3856) with any questions about our midweek meals. And, even if you don't host, your entire family is invited to join us on those evenings from 5- 6:30 pm for a free meal and great fellowship prior to our midweek Lenten worship services.

## Thank You!

Thank you members of Peace, chairmen of committees, presidents of groups, and everyone who contributed articles and information to this year's Annual Report. **Thank you!**

## EASTER BREAKFAST

Does your group/committee want to host Easter breakfast? Do you want information before committing? If you answered yes to either question, please call Christine in the office at 920-787-3856 for more details.

## Is Your Family Involved?



It's never to late to join in on the fun we have here at church with our various youth groups!

**Sunday School** every Sunday at 10:15 am  
 Classes for ages 2 years old– 6th grade  
 Contact: Pastor Riedel 920.765.2883

### Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers

2nd & last Sundays at 1 pm  
 The Pioneers is a youth ministry, open to ages Kindergarten and up, that serves to teach life and leadership skills, and to nurture Christian friendships that last into eternity.  
 Contact: Christine Bohn 920.765.2147

**JAM Session** 3rd Sunday at 10:15 am  
 7th-12th graders are invited to join us in Pastor's office for Bible study and fellowship.  
 Contact: Pastor Riedel 920.765.2883



## Anniversaries

2/26 Steve & Heather Jansen (18)



## Birthdays

2/1 Donna McKay  
 2/3 Gloria Raatz  
 2/5 Carson Sigourney  
 2/7 Emily Bohn  
 2/8 Nathan Klusmeyer  
 2/10 Colleen Zahn  
 2/11 Woody Woodruff  
 2/12 Jean Lemke  
 2/14 Michelle Wedde  
 2/19 Jackie Putskey  
 2/20 Jan Schroeder  
 2/22 Bev Walker  
 2/24 John Benz  
 2/26 Bob Wedell



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



## Pine Car Derby



Sunday, February 26, 2018 at 1 pm

Cheer on your favorite car or get your own Pine Car and enter the Open Class of the Pioneers 2017 Pine Car Derby!  
 Join the fun as we race our way to victory!

Appetizers & Pine Car Registrations 12:30-1 pm  
 If you wish, you can bring an app-to-pass  
 Races start promptly at 1 pm

Please see Kevin Bohn (920-765-2146) to get a car if you'd like to enter the Open Class.

The Open Class is open to anyone, any age, who isn't a Pioneer. The cost to enter the Open Class is \$5 to cover the cost of the car.

2018 Budget

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| PASTORS SALARY                 | \$ 45,016.00 |
| MILEAGE ALLOWANCE              | \$ 2,500.00  |
| HOUSING ALLOWANCE              | \$ 675.00    |
| ORGANIST                       | \$ 2,700.00  |
| OFFICE SECRETARY               | \$ 16,871.40 |
| CUSTODIANS                     | \$ 3,500.00  |
| MAINTANCE WAGES                | \$ 3,000.00  |
| TREASRE/FINANCIAL SECRETARY    | \$ 1,100.00  |
| EMPLOYER SICIAL SECURITY TAX   | \$ 5,450.00  |
| HEALTH INSURANCE               | \$ 26,640.00 |
| PENSION                        | \$ 3,504.00  |
| GUEST PASTORT/ORGANIST         | \$ 1,500.00  |
| ELECTRICITY                    | \$ 5,000.00  |
| HEAT                           | \$ 5,000.00  |
| WATER & SEWER                  | \$ 3,500.00  |
| TEIEPHONE/INTERNET             | \$ 1,300.00  |
| BLDG & GRDS                    | \$ 10,000.00 |
| INSURANCE (BLDG, LIAB, WC)     | \$ 5,400.00  |
| LOCAL MISSIONS                 |              |
| COMMUNICATION/ED BUDGET        | \$ 4,500.00  |
| PIONEERS BUDGET                | \$ 4,000.00  |
| OUTREACH COMMITEE BUDGET       | \$ 1,000.00  |
| STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE BUDGET   | 100.00       |
| KITCHEN SUPPLIES BUDGET        | \$ 800.00    |
| WORSHIP COMMITTEE BUDGET       | \$ 260.00    |
| CIRCLE OF PEACE BUDGET         | \$ 500.00    |
| FINANCIAL SECRETARY BUDGET     | 425.00       |
| OFFICE BUDGET                  | \$ 5,000.00  |
| TREASURER BUDGET               | \$ 470.00    |
| SCHOOL TUTITION                | \$ 16,000.00 |
| MISSIONS                       | \$ 20,000.00 |
| CAMP PHILLIP                   | \$ 1,800.00  |
| NORTHLAND LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL | \$ 0.00      |
| LWMS DUES                      | \$ 75.00     |
| PEACE IMPROVEMENT FUND         | \$ 2,400.00  |
| LOAN PAYMENTS                  | \$ 2,400.00  |
| MISC.                          | \$ 616.30    |

Church President’s Report

What is the one thing every member of Peace can do for their church and for their soul? Come to a service once a week– Sunday at 9 am or Thursday at 7 pm.  
God Bless, Donald Nelson (920-787-5035) *Peace Lutheran Church Council President*

Board of Elders Annual Report

*Please see page 3 for a complete list of the Board of Elders membership.*  
In 2017 our Board of Elders was made up of Bart Bartel, Jim Bower, Roger Jansen, Jim Lichtenberg, Jim Schroeder, Allen Treichel and Woody Woodruff. Jim and Rae Ann Bower moved away mid-2017 so Jim was no longer available to serve. We are thankful that Jim Lichtenberg agreed to take Jim Bower’s place on the Board.  
Elders concern themselves with the total spiritual life of the congregation. 2017 continued to be an active year for our Board of Elders. Help was provided to Pastor Riedel in scheduling and coordinating our worship services. Thanks to many of you who volunteered to serve as Worship Elders, Greeters, Ushers, Organists, Lay Altar Assistants, Sound Technicians, and Computer Technicians. Shut-ins were visited and served by Pastor and other volunteers. Thanks to the efforts of Kevin Bohn, we now have a much-improved sound system. Most of our worship services are now recorded and copied to DVD’s for distribution to shut-ins. Pastor Tom Klusmeyer is now making sermons available on our church web site. Thanks to all of you who took time to visit and comfort our shut-ins. Thanks also to those who routinely transport members who are not able to drive themselves.  
Working with Pastor to restore inactive members continued to be a major effort in 2017 and will continue to be in 2018. I urge each of you to personally and lovingly encourage our fellow members, who have strayed from hearing God’s Word, to return and worship with us. A visit, phone call, or note from you means so much more to a straying person than a contact from Pastor Riedel and the Board of Elders. Think about it. Is there anything more important than a person’s eternal soul? After numerous contacts and visits are made, we thank our Lord that some of our straying members have returned to wor-ship again with us. Sadly, some will not be interested in returning to worship with us and will be removed from our mem-ber-ship roll; yet we continue to pray for their return.  
We have many opportunities to serve our LORD. People are the engine of our church. Our members each contribute in their own way and are appreciated for everything they do. If there is an area in which you would be interested in serving, please let me know. We particularly need more Worship Elders and sound technicians. Training is provided.  
In His service, Jim Schroeder (920-787-4311) *Chairman, Board of Elders*

Bible Studies

**Bible Information Class (BIC)**  
*This is an overview of basic Bible doctrine. It is designed for those who wish to join our congregation, but is also great for any-one who wishes to “beef up” on their knowledge of the basic teachings of Scripture.*  
**Sundays**  
*Sundays we meet in the “chapel room” at 8 am. All ages at all levels of Bible knowledge are invited. We also meet on the fourth Sunday of each month at 10:15 am. While open to anyone, this Bible study is geared towards Sunday School parents.*  
**Tuesday & Thursday**  
*Our Tuesday morning study meets in the “chapel room” at 9 am. Thursday morning class meets at the Lakeshore Restaurant from 9-10:30 am. Men and women of all ages and Bible knowledge are welcome.*  
**Confirmation**  
*Level 1 Confirmation is a brief study of the Old & New Testaments. The class is an overview of the Bible’s history. Level 1 is for first year Confirmation students.*  
*Level 2 Confirmation is our “traditional catechism class.” We study the chief parts of the Bible as outlined in Luther’s Cate-chism. Level 2 is for 2nd and 3rd year students.*  
**JAM Session**  
*JAM meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 10:15 am in Pastor’s office and is for our 7th-12th graders.*  
**Sunday School**  
*Sunday School is where you’ll find the younger sect of our congregation. We offer classes for all children, 2 years old through 6th grade on Sunday mornings, September– May, at 10:15 am.*  
**For more information on any of the Bible Classes offered at Peace, or for current topics, please talk to Pastor.**



## Committees

### Audit Committee

We have reviewed the records of the treasurer, financial secretary, and Pioneers and found them to be in good order.

Russ Nero (920-787-4598)

Robert Wedell (715-228-3957)

*Audit Committee*

### Building & Grounds Committee

There are never any slow periods for the Building and Grounds Committee here at Peace.

*A list of committee members is on page three.*

There are many volunteers that show up for Arbor Day, Advent season decoration, and routine church cleaning parties. We appreciate everyone's help; after all, it is OUR church.

Some of the major projects completed in the past year have been:

- \* Keeping our parking lot safe from winter's snow & ice
- \* Several repairs to the kitchen and kitchen plumbing
- \* Arbor Day tree removal and landscape projects
- \* Adding decorative planters to our grounds and planting flowers
- \* An update and major modification to the boiler system
- \* The beginnings of a new and enhanced jungle gym funded by the Sunday School
- \* The motors in two air conditioning units were replaced
- \* Replacing of a broken window divider between the classrooms and the kitchen
- \* Support for the Advent season decoration committee to beautify our church for Christmas

There are also many other projects that are in the planning stages or on the back burner waiting for funding or support. We will have to address the parking lot resurfacing in the very near future. There are nagging roof leaks due to ice dams that need attention. We need to get an electrician and high-lift equipment rented to replace a parking lot light. We need to submit a Safety and Security Plan. The church entrances lock and key control needs to be resolved. And lastly, resolve every minor repair that is expected, yet inevitable.

If you feel that you could contribute to the Building and Grounds Committee, help is always welcome. We are often reminded that we have been blest with Time, Talents, and Treasures. It is rewarding to me to see how many and how much of your Time, Talents, and Treasures are freely given to maintain and beautify OUR church.

Prayerfully submitted,

Bob Lang (414-313-0662)

Terry Proctor (920-420-8190)

*Maintenance Committee Co-Chairmen*

### Education-Communication Comm.

There are seventeen groups or activities that are included in the Education-Communication Committee. Several have their own reports. Bible Studies, JAM Session, Pioneers, Library, and Sunday School represent a large part of the activities of this Committee.

Our church website at is an interesting place to get information about Peace. Visit it at [www.wautoma-peace.lutheran.org](http://www.wautoma-peace.lutheran.org) and tell us what you think!

We provide members with the Forward in Christ, My Devotions, and Meditations. The monthly viewing of the WELS Connection is also part of our effort to keep members informed.

It is important that each of us members of Peace take an active part in the church and encourage others as well, so we are all growing in our faith.

*A list of our committee members is on page three.*

Tom Welty (715-927-0550)

*Education-Communication Committee Chair*

### Finance Committee

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU to all our members for their generous gifts throughout the year.

*Please see page three for a list of our committee members and offering counters.*

With the new year, we welcome a new Financial Secretary, Rod Nelson. Thank you to the members of Peace for allowing me to serve you in this capacity the past few years.

May the Lord guide us in our giving throughout 2018.

DuWayne Bartel (920-787-7488)

*Outgoing Financial Secretary*

### Outreach Committee

We had a busy year with the Outreach Committee!

We walked the Christmas parade route in Wautoma and handed out flyers! Christmas for Kids was a smaller group this past year, but we did have two visitors! We had a booth at the County Fair- thanks to all our volunteers! At Easter for Kids, we served almost 20 children. We assisted the Pioneers with their booth at Blue Ribbon Kids' Day.

We look forward in 2018 to serving our community and our church!

Mike Purtee (920-647-0108)

*Outreach Committee Chairman*

## Financial Reports

### 2017 Committee Budgets

| COMMITTEE               | BUDGET   | ACTUAL   |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| COMMUNICATION-EDUCATION | 4,800.00 | 3,612.34 |
| PIONEERS                | 4,200.00 | 4,200.00 |
| OUTREACH                | 1,500.00 | 921.32   |
| STEWARDSHIP             | 100.00   | 0.00     |
| KITCHEN SUPPLIES        | 800.00   | 409.98   |
| WORSHIP COMMITTEE       | 200.00   | 260.00   |
| CIRCLE OF PEACE         | 500.00   | 393.72   |
| FINANCIAL SECRETARY     | 425.00   | 387.97   |
| OFFICE                  | 4,300.00 | 3,745.90 |
| TREASURER               | 300.00   | 351.90   |
| BUILDING & GROUNDS      | 6,300.00 | 7,830.29 |



2017 4th Quarter Financial Statement

|   |            |                   |
|---|------------|-------------------|
| <b>BEGINNING BALANCE January 1, 2017 (checking acct)</b>  |            | <b>44,099.79</b>  |
| <b>RECEIPTS</b>   |            |                   |
| General Fund  | 192,126.51 |                   |
| Gifts   | 13,392.85  |                   |
| Checking Acct. Interest                                   | 171.65     |                   |
| Reimbursements  | 1,411.11   |                   |
| Memorials   | 5,795.00   |                   |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                     |            | <b>212,897.12</b> |
| <b>TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS</b>                              |            | <b>256,996.91</b> |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                                       |            |                   |
| Pastors Salary  | 43,716.00  |                   |
| Mileage Allowance   | 2,130.91   |                   |
| Housing Equity  | 655.00     |                   |
| Organist  | 1,703.96   |                   |
| Office Secretary  | 14,231.17  |                   |
| Custodians  | 3,001.38   |                   |
| Maintenance Wages   | 1,255.97   |                   |
| Treasurer/Financial Secretary                             | 1,015.84   |                   |
| Social Security & Withholding Tax                         | 7,713.89   |                   |
| Health Insurance  | 26,640.00  |                   |
| Pension   | 3,504.00   |                   |
| Guest Pastor/Organist                                     | 1,669.40   |                   |
| Electric  | 4,040.84   |                   |
| Heat  | 5,168.70   |                   |
| Water & Sewer   | 2,951.29   |                   |
| Telephone/Internet  | 1,302.48   |                   |
| Bldg. & Grds.   | 7,830.29   |                   |
| Insurance (BLDG,LIAB,WC)                                  | 5,678.00   |                   |
| Local Missions  |            |                   |
| Comm./Ed Budget   | 3,612.34   |                   |
| Pioneers Budget   | 4,200.00   |                   |
| Outreach Budget   | 921.32     |                   |
| Stewardship Budget  | .00        |                   |
| Kitchen Supplies Budget                                   | 409.98     |                   |
| Worship Comm. Budget                                      | 260.00     |                   |
| Circle of Peace Budget                                    | 393.72     |                   |
| Financial Secretary Budget                                | 387.97     |                   |
| Office Budget   | 3,745.90   |                   |
| Treasurer Budget  | 351.90     |                   |
| Tuition   | 20,935.67  |                   |
| Synod Missions  | 22,000.00  |                   |
| Camp Phillip  | 2,550.00   |                   |
| Northland Lutheran  | 1,795.25   |                   |
| LWMS dues   | 75.00      |                   |
| Peace Improvement Fund                                    | .00        |                   |
| Loan Payments   | 2,400.00   |                   |
| Misc./Other   | -37.62     |                   |
| Non-Budget Expenditures                                   | 20,164.33  |                   |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>                                 |            | <b>218,374.88</b> |
| <b>ENDING BALANCE – December 31, 2017 (checking acct)</b> |            | <b>38,622.03</b>  |
| Funds Balance in the checking acct                        | 34,552.11  |                   |
| <b>Total usable funds</b>                                 |            | <b>4,069.92</b>   |



Worship Committee

The Worship Committee was created with the purpose of assisting the Pastor with planning of the worship services. There is a lot of thought and planning that goes into every service conducted in our church.

Pastor Riedel leads the planning with input from the committee. Pastor first presents the readings for a service, including Old Testament and Gospel, along with the sermon text before choosing hymns, special music, and other additions which may be appropriate.

We usually meet monthly but sometimes more time is needed in planning at certain times of the year and an extra meeting is necessary. This usually occurs during Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. *Please see page three for a list of our members.*

A member of the Elders Committee may also attend if a concern arises that this committee needs to address.

If any member has any concerns or input regarding our service planning, please feel comfortable speaking with any of the members of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilynn Chesbrough (920-787-2519)  
*Worship Committee Chairperson*

**Altar Care**

The main duties of the Altar Care committee are to change the paraments and banners at the appropriate times, fill oil candles weekly, and take care of the flowers and plants used on the altar. During the holiday seasons, we make sure the various plants get put on the altar and around the church. We also do the cleaning of the altar such as cleaning the glass on the altar and making sure the altar is dusted.

*Please see page three for a list of our members.*

If this job sounds interesting to you and you feel like you would like to help, we are always looking for new faces and helpers.

This committee is overseen by the Circle of Peace.  
Mary McKay (920-787-3167)  
*Altar Care Committee Chairwoman*

Card Counter

The Card Counter is a part of the Circle of Peace and supports their mission work through two main ways – collection of education labels and sale of greeting cards and seasonal items.

Education labels include Box Tops for Education, Kids Caps & Cash (milk tops), and Campbell’s Labels for Education. The labels are then given to area Lutheran schools. Take a moment to inspect food boxes that you purchase- you may be surprised to find how many products have these labels on there! Just cut them out and bring them in – every label and milk top adds up! The box to drop them off is located on the left-hand side of the counter.

The greeting cards stocked year-round include:

- Birthday (individual or box set) in a variety of styles for men and women, child and teen
- Get Well
- Thinking of You
- Sympathy (individual or box set)
- Wedding/Anniversary
- Baptism
- New baby

In addition to the year-round cards, specialty cards are sold to celebrate Church and holiday events, including Easter, Confirmation, Graduation, Mother’s & Father’s Day, Reformation, Thanksgiving and Christmas. The cards are competitively-priced and lower than most stores! In the display counter are items also for sale – many handmade by members of Circle of Peace. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, please let one of the ushers or Jennifer know so they can assist in getting the item(s) for you.

One significant change that occurred in 2017 was Joyce Woodruff stepping down as chairperson after serving for 20 years. Jennifer Sigourney volunteered and is now the chairperson. Joyce has continued to lend support and direction to provide a smooth transition.

Thank you to all who have supported the Circle of Peace through your patronage of the Card Counter.  
Jennifer Sigourney (715-228-3579)  
*Card Counter Manager*





## Church Library

We have added lots of new material to our library including DVDs, magazines, and books.

We subscribe to the magazine “Answers” which offers a Biblical worldview on creation and science issues. Be sure to check it out– it’s so interesting! In 2018, we hope to add more new material to our library and plan on attending WELS-CLO conferences in the fall and the spring.

We are interested in what you want! If there is a book, DVD, or CD that you would like to have in our library, please let either Emily know your suggestion! We look forward to serving you and the Church Library in 2018!

Emily Bohn (920-765-2146)

Emily Riedel (920-787-7078)

*Librarians*

## Circle of Peace

What is the Circle of Peace? We are a women’s group made up of women from Peace!

*Please see page three for a list of our officers.*

We meet the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9 am. We assist with funeral meals and taking care of the altar (candles, flowers, banners, cleaning). We also donate to many ministries, including Camp Phillip and Friends of China.

We enjoy a trip every year to different places. We have had a trip or two on the Chief Paddle Boat in King. We also have a luncheon every year for all the women of the congregation, hosted by Jan Schroeder. Our annual Christmas party is also for all the women of the congregation, where we enjoy a brunch, games, songs, and each other’s company. We also make up treat bags to hand out to the children after the Sunday School Christmas Service.

We would love to have all the women of Peace to consider this group! Come join us!

Donna McKay (920-787-7424)

*Circle of Peace President*

## JAM Session

JAM (Jesus And Me) Session is a youth group for all teens, 7th grade –12th grade. We meet on the third Sunday of each month at 10:15 am in Pastor’s office for Bible study and fellowship.

JAM Session is led by Pastor Riedel.

## Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers

With each year that passes, I am amazed at how the Pioneers has touched the lives of not only the families and the youth who participate, but mine as well. Twelve years ago, I stood up in front of a group of ten kids and stuttered my way through our very first meeting. How time has calmed my nerves, and given us, as leaders, opportunities to share our lives with these kids in ways I never imagined!

The Lutheran Pioneers and Lutheran Girl Pioneers, national organizations, affiliated with WELS, but completely self-sufficient (no synod money goes to either the Boy or Girl Pioneers), were started over 60 years ago, in response to the Scouting movement. People in the WELS wanted to give our youth someplace to experience a group like the Scouts without the underlying doctrinal errors found in the Scouts.

The Lutheran Boy Pioneers is based in Watertown and the National Office for the Lutheran Girl Pioneers is not only located in Wautoma, it’s run by our own Caravan Counselor, Christine Bohn, who serves the National LGP as the Executive Director. There are over 800 girls and 500 boys internationally involved with Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers.

I would like to thank the members of our congregation for supporting us and knowing the importance of the Pioneers ministry. It gives the kids a sense of belonging here. It gives them the hope of faith and the fun of being with other Christians.

Beth Riedel is our Sunbeams/Buckaroo leader, Christine Bohn is our Girl Pioneers leader, Kevin Bohn is the Trainmaster, Pastor Riedel is our Chaplain and also helps lead the Boy Pioneers, and Ahnsharee Klusmeyer assists wherever needed.

Looking back, we see the fun we’ve had; looking forward, we see unlimited possibilities!

If you or someone you know would like to help at meetings, or if there is a child in your life, ages Kindergarten and up, who would like to join Pioneers, please give us a call!

Your Pioneers leaders,

Kevin & Christine Bohn (920-765-2147)

Pastor & Beth Riedel (920-787-7078)

Ahnsharee Klusmeyer (920-539-3560)



## LWMS

*(Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society)*

Peace congregation is a member of the Wolf River Circuit of LWMS.

LWMS was formed to support our missionaries in whatever way we can to encourage them and let them know they are not alone whether it be Home missions or World missions. The “Befriend A Mission” arm assigns several missionaries to each congregation of our Circuit to especially “Befriend”. We, of course, remember all our missionaries every day as they carry out the task the Lord has given them to do in order to bring souls to Jesus, their Savior. This past year we especially prayed for the Redeemer congregation, a new mission, in Edna, TX. They now have Pastor Adam Glaeske and the mission is thriving. We thank God for his goodness! We also pray for Pastor Mark Henrich of Hope Lutheran Church in Toronto, Ontario Canada. This congregation also is blessed with member workers and God’s grace. Our World Mission pastor is Dr. Ernst Wendland of Lusaka, Zambia. Dr. Wendland is Instructor at Lusaka Lutheran Seminary. The Wolf River Circuit hosts two rallies every year, one in the spring and one in the fall.

Our spring rally was held at Zion Church of Readfield. Pastor Jim Roecker presided. Pastor Roecker conducts the student campus ministry of UW-Stevens Point at the “second arm” location of Divine Word Lutheran Church of Plover. This location is known as “The Word”. The average attendance at their Thursday evening Bible study is around 30+ . On Thursday evening, the members of Divine Word in Plover provide a home cooked meal for the students, followed by their weekly Bible study. Our fall rally was held at Immanuel Church in Greenville. Six ladies from Peace attended. Our presentation for the day was provided by Prof. Duncan, who is WELS Friendly Counselor to Pakistan. Almost everything done in Pakistan must be done “undercover”. A Christian doctor, Dr. Jordan (now residing in the United States and probably will never be able to go back to Pakistan for safety reasons) is our main Christian influence there. He is a highly respected medical doctor of the Muslim people because of his medical wonders done there and that is probably why he is alive today. He attends our WELS Seminary in Mequon, WI.

Thank you again, members of Peace, for your generous contributions to LWMS. We hope the pink envelopes in your envelope box are convenient and helpful in making an offering.

The Annual Convention of LWMS will be held in Green Bay, WI the last weekend of June, 2018.

In His Service, Marilynn Chesbrough (920-787-2519)

*LWMS Reporter*

## Peace Pantry

The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. (Psalm 145:15,16)

The Peace Pantry is located in the Fellowship Hall. It is a well-stocked cupboard filled with everyday items that may be taken anonymously whenever anyone is in need of something. It is opened to everyone in our community and there is no fee. The Peace Pantry is supported solely by free-will offerings and donations. We are very grateful to all of the wonderful people who have donated many items to the Peace Pantry. Your kind actions are greatly appreciated.

If you or someone you know is in need, please make use of our pantry.

Emily Rose Riedel (920-787-7078)

*Manger of Peace Pantry*

Mary Riedel, *assistant*

## Sunday School

We have classes for 2 years old- 6th grade (7 & 8 graders that are in confirmation can assist Sunday School teachers or join the upper grades class) and meet each Sunday, September through May.

*Please see page three for a list of our staff.*

We use the Christ-Light curriculum specifically designed for Sunday School use. The teachers and students enjoy this resource, which differs from Lutheran day schools- no more do we hear: “We did that in school!”

Sunday School is an extension of your family! We are here to assist families in their job of teaching and preparing these young Christians for life.

If you ever have questions or issues about anything that your child is learning, please contact us! We encourage you to visit your child’s class, to talk to your child’s teacher and be as involved as possible! The Sunday School staff would like to thank everyone who supports this ministry financially, with prayers, and with service.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining our Sunday School staff as a teacher, substitute teacher or Sunday School superintendant, please talk with any Sunday School teacher, pastor or myself.

Tom Welty (715-927-0550)

*Education-Communication Committee Chair*