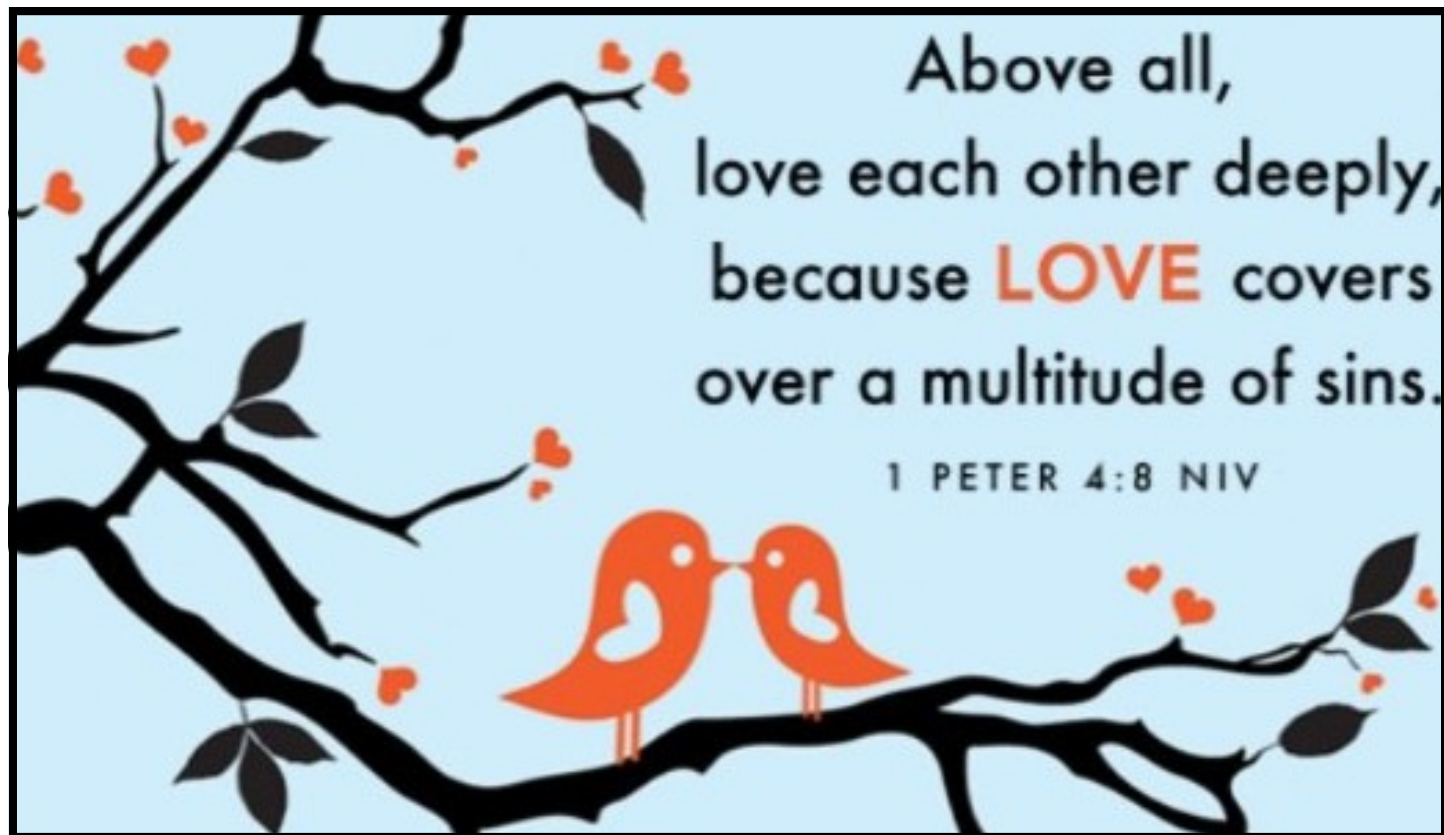




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Worship every Sunday @ 9 am
 every Thursday @ 7 pm
Sunday School every Sunday @ 10:15 am
Bible Study Sundays @ 8 am
 Tuesdays @ 9 am
 Thursdays @ 9 am & 8 pm
 Fourth Sunday @ 10:30 am
JAM Session every third Sunday at 10:30 am
Confirmation Level 1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



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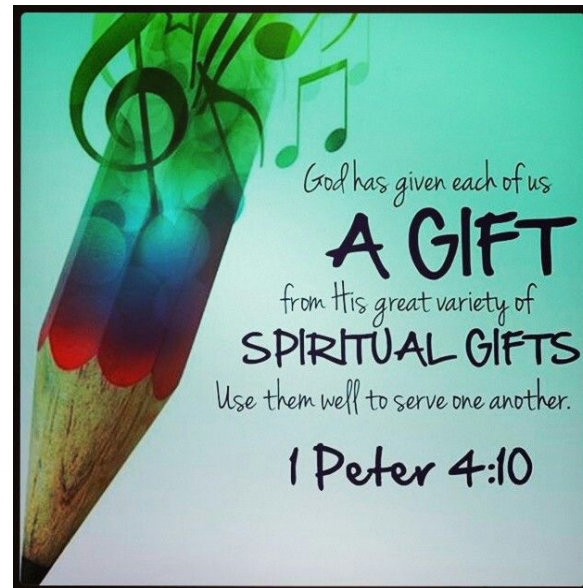
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Can't Make it to Church?

Tune into "Time of Grace", a TV worship service, led by WELS Pastor Mark Jeske from St. Mark's, Milwaukee.

Local stations include:

WGBA NBC 26 Sundays at 6:30 am
 WACY 32 Sundays at 7:30 am
 WSAW CBS 7 Sundays at 10 am



Lent & Easter Schedule

Midweek Lenten Services

Thursdays, 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

Easter for Kids

Sunday, March 18
 See page 3 for more information!

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 25
 Worship 9 am

Maundy Thursday

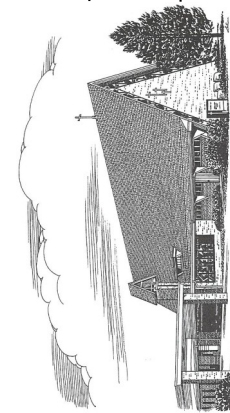
Thursday, March 29
 Worship with Holy Communion 12 pm & 7 pm
 (same service)

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
 Co-hosted by the Circle of Peace & the Confirmation class families
 Easter Song Service 9 am



Our Great High Priest

“A picture is worth a thousand words,” they say, and I tend to agree.

I think back to many photos I have taken over the years...and I am transported in my mind to steam trains, national parks, monumental moments in our family history, and great holiday memories. The picture on my laptop catapults me back to the forest, the mountains and the ocean of Washington state, when my parents, their children, and all twelve of their grandchildren enjoyed a brief hiatus together last summer.

There is a picture that comes to mind during this Lenten season - that of a high priest. You may remember the work of the Old Testament priests from your study of Bible history. These men had a very special role as the Israelites' worship leaders, bringing prayers and incense and sacrifices before the true and living God. And the high priest was exactly what his name portrays – the leader of all the priests.



Marking him as the chief or high priest, the man who served in this position in Israelite history wore some special garments. To begin with, like all the other priests, the high priest wore a white linen robe. On top of that was a blue robe, or ephod, sewn with two stones at the shoulders – stones engraved with the names of the tribes of Israel. The bottom hem of the ephod was decorated with colorfully stitched pomegranates with golden bells attached in between them. A breastplate which was covered with 12 separate stones, each one engraved with a name of one of the twelve tribes of Israel, was tied on to the high priest's chest. A sash was tied around his waist and a beautifully stitched apron. And finally, the high priest wore on his head a special hat or turban which bore a gold plate inscribed with the message “holy to Yahweh”. What a remarkable picture! The high priest represented God before the people, and in turn represented the people before God.

This picture of the high priest, with all its beauty and symbolism, is where we focus our attention this Lenten season. Our theme for midweek worship this year is “Jesus, our great High Priest.” We contrast the sinful high priests and all the sacrifices they brought before the Lord again and again to the perfect High Priest and the one-time sacrifice He made on the altar of the cross. Only Jesus, who served both as priest and sacrifice, could wash away the guilt of our sin and restore peace between unholy sinners and our righteous God. Only Jesus, could forgive all sins of all people of all time, and open the doors of eternal paradise to all who rely on Him for the salvation of their souls. Only Jesus could make perfect intercession for us and appease the wrath of the almighty Father in heaven.



And that is what He has accomplished. Atonement, the restoration of our relationship with the Lord which was broken by sinful rebellion. Salvation, the rescue of us sinners condemned to eternal suffering and death. Peace, the comfort that is ours through Jesus' sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection from the grave. Joy, the confidence that Jesus is walking with us, praying for us, and preparing us for endless happiness in His heavenly kingdom. Gratitude, our response of willing service to Jesus, who loves and saved us all.

In closing, consider the words of Isaac Watts, whose hymn assists us in our worship of the Lord Jesus, our great High Priest.

1. Jesus, my great High Priest, Offered His blood and died; My guilty conscience seeks No sacrifice beside. His pow'rful blood did once atone, And now it pleads before the throne.
2. To Christ, my substitute, Will I commit my cause; He answers and fulfills His Father's broken laws. Behold my soul at freedom set – My Jesus paid the dreadful debt!
3. My advocate appears For my defense on high; A gracious Father hears And lays His thunder by. Not all that hell or sin can say Shall turn His heart, His love, away.
4. Should all the hosts of death And pow'rs of hell unknown; Put their most dreadful forms Of rage and mischief on, I shall be safe, for Christ displays Superior pow'r and guardian grace.

A Short Story

This article is written by Pastor Aaron Weber, who is a national pastoral advisor for the Lutheran Girl Pioneers and who serves at Zion, South Milwaukee.

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“And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” (Hebrews 12:1b-3)

I remember dark nights of worshipping during Lent in my home church as a young boy. During the reading of the passion history and the sermon, the lights were dimmed reminding me of the dark time that Jesus went through when he suffered and gave his life for us. For me, that was quite a while ago but I still have not forgotten how the preacher was so good at reminding me that I was the reason that Jesus, the innocent one, was treated like a common criminal. Every lashing of the whip, every beating of the rod, every spit in the face, every insult, was not his, but mine. Sometimes it is hard to be reminded that our sins nailed our Savior to the cross; however it is a message that we need to constantly focus on if we are to appreciate Jesus' love and work for us. Even though in the middle of the sermon, I felt damned and lost and hopeless, by the end of the sermon the pastor always reminded me that no matter how great my own sins, Jesus took them on himself so that I would never have to deal with what I deserve.

Do you and your family attend Lenten services at your church? Busy schedules often get in the way, but I would encourage you to take some time to focus on the passion of Jesus' love and sacrifice for you these next few weeks that lead up to Easter. Easter becomes even more meaningful after we have followed our Lord to dark Gethsemane and to Calvary's cross. Lent may seem like a sad and somber time of year but we come to appreciate our salvation all the more when we see how much it cost!

The words above from Hebrews are some of the words that many of our WELS churches will be meditating on during this season which remind us that Jesus is our Great High Priest. As such, Jesus went through every human struggle that we have and yet was without sin. He persevered through every hardship and kept his heart focused on the glory ahead.

As you grow up and become adults, life won't always be easy for you. People may pick on you for one reason or another or not want to be your friend. You may struggle with a brother or sister who finds pleasure in making your life harder. Homework is a struggle for some young people who have to work extra hard to pass certain subjects in school. The list could go on and on for young girls. Remember as you deal with struggles of this life, you have a High Priest who has been here and knows what is like to have trials and temptations. Since he has been in your shoes, call out to him for help and he will hear you. Remember the walk he took to Golgotha and his example of perseverance in hard times will help you. More importantly his work for you in going to the cross will be a reminder, that because of him, you can start over each day and leave the sins of yesterday behind you. May the Lord bless your journey to Good Friday and Easter Sunday and may his love for you get you through life's struggles. He is always with you!

Prayer: Dear Lord, help me to follow you to the cross again this year. Remind me that no matter what challenges I have in this life you know what it is like and suffered for me. Thank you for all that you have done and keep leading me to your heavenly kingdom. Amen.

Lutheran Boy and Girl Pioneers National Activities 2018

The Boy & Girl Pioneers, who are separate organizations at the National level, are very busy! Their respective boards spend countless hours planning not only activities like summer camp and pine car derbies, they also develop program materials. They also hold conventions where leaders, and those interested in LP/LGP, can attend workshops, business meetings, and enjoy fellowship with others who work within this vital WELS/ELS ministry. For more information about the Boy Pioneers ministry, email Loren at office@lutheranpioneers.org. For more information about the Girl Pioneers ministry, email Christine at girlpioneers@gmail.com.

Lutheran Boy and Girl Pioneers National Pine Car Derby

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greenville, WI

Saturday, April 21

Races begin around 12 pm

Concessions available all day! Come cheer on your favorite car!!

Boy Pioneers Convention 2018

Saturday, July 14

Pineridge Campground, Waldo WI

This event isn't just open to Pioneers leaders— anyone with an interest can join us!

On Saturday evening, there will be a banquet and entertainment!

To register, visit: www.lutherapioneers.org/about/annual-activities/convention

Boy Pioneers Adventure Camp

for Boys grades 4 and up

July 22 to 28, 2018

Cost: \$150 Location: Pine Ridge Campground in Waldo, WI

Questions? email Activities@LutheranPioneers.org

Girl Pioneers International Camp

The Lutheran Girl Pioneers invites girls ages 8-15 to join us at the LGP International Camp, held July 29– August 4, 2018. We have many classes to choose from canoeing to Zumba, from crocheting to archery. There's also nightly campfires, daily devotions, and so much more! LGP Camp is held at Camp Bird, Crivitz, Wisconsin. You don't have to be a member of the Lutheran Girl Pioneers to come! Girls from all over the US and Canada have joined us. Watch for registrations in March!

For more information, email LGPcamp@gmail.com.

LGP serves the girls in the ELS and WELS. For more information about LGP, email girlpioneers@gmail.com.

Lutheran Girl Pioneers International Convention

Saturday, October 6, 2018

St Paul's, Franklin, Wisconsin

Hosted by the Rainbow District

Workshops, networking, fellowship, worship– activities for girls, too! Registrations begins in March!

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 3rd Sunday of each month. Email it to: peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com.

Easter for Kids

When? Sunday, March 18

At? 11:30 am– 2:30 pm

Where? Peace Lutheran Church
335 W Prairie St, Wautoma

Who? Kids ages 4K and up

Why? Come learn about why we
celebrate Easter & play
games, make crafts and have
lots of fun!!



*Kids, ages 4K and up are invited to join the fun as we celebrate Easter!
Learn about why we celebrate this holiday, make crafts, play games, and so much more!
Lunch is included and this event is free!*

Want more information? Call Christine at 920-787-3856.

HELPERS NEEDED!

See the back table in the fellowship hall or call Christine at 787-3856 for more information.



Blue Ribbon Kids' Day

Saturday, April 7

8:30 am– 12:30 pm

Parkside Middle School,
16th Ave, Wautoma



The Blue Ribbon symbolizes the commitment of individuals, groups, and organizations to protect children from harm and to support families.

Blue Ribbon Kids' Day celebrates and supports Waushara County families by providing information about area resources and a morning filled with free family fun. Be sure to stop by the Peace Pioneers booth!

If you would like to help out at the Peace Pioneers' booth, please call Christine at 920-765-2147. We will be scheduling in one hour blocks, so that you will still have lots of time to visit all the booths and attractions!

An Overdue Thank You!

Thank you from the Outreach Committee to all the volunteers who worked our booth at the Fair last August. I look forward to working with all of you—and maybe some new faces, too!— at this year's fair!

Winners for the prizes that were being given away at our booth include:

- Peggy Templen– pizza
- Chris Harmsen— afghan
- Sue Prochnow— afghan
- Eric Momsen— bike rack

Serving in Christ,
Mike Purtee
Outreach Chairman

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. (Ro 8:13)



Pioneers Learn Pie Making Skills

The Pioneers made homemade apple pies on Sunday, January 14. The girls and boys learned how to make homemade pie crust and apple pie filling, and made mini pies in a muffin tin. The Pioneers learned that making homemade crust and filling isn't all that hard!

The pies cooked in 20 minutes, so everyone got to enjoy the fruits of their labor at the end of the meeting!

Are You Listening?

After the school shooting in Florida on Valentine's Day, a number of debates have reemerged about guns, mental health, parental responsibility, government, prayer, teachers, sin, evil—and all the other topics related to this horrific event.

I have watched my friends debate some of these issues on Facebook and had multiple conversations with the people too. Everyone agrees that seeing teenagers murdered in their school is tragic, but not everyone agrees on how to help address these issues.

You know what else I've seen? That while everyone is talking, not many seem to be listening. We have our own opinions—based on our experiences—and we want everyone else to think the same way as we do. So we do a lot of talking.

This is a good time to take a deep breath and remember the wise advice from Proverbs 18:13: **“To answer before listening—that is folly and shame.”** When someone differs from you on the topic of guns or parental responsibility or mental health, do you answer quickly, trying to sway their views? Or do you listen—really listen—first? Do you pause, think about what they are saying, see it from their point of view, and then reply with respect?

Answering with respect means you pay attention to the words you choose and speak in love. Get rid of hurtful sarcasm and use genuine kindness. Don't judge people's intentions, but take their words in the kindest possible way. Put aside your ego and admit you might have some areas where you don't know it all. Let your speech change the tone of the conversation.

After you're done listening, be sure to act in your community. Honestly, I can't personally do much for the victims in Florida. (That sounds callous, but it's the truth.) Yet I can make sure to be a light in my community. I can let the teens in my sphere of influence know they have a safe place to talk or I can work to help people with mental health issues. Maybe you choose to be active in government. Still others decide to mentor young parents. And many do pray, because God tells us that righteous people's prayers are powerful. (And you are righteous because of Jesus, so your personal prayers are powerful!)

Whatever way you choose to engage in discussion and action at this point in history, remember that this will affect your ability to witness to your faith at this point in history. By listening with gentleness and respect, then replying with gentleness and respect, you can share the hope you have even when—especially when—tragedy happens.

Written by Linda Buxa, a writer and editor with three teenagers, so teen-related news items are close to her heart.

Her book, Parenting by Prayer, helps parents pray for themselves while they raise their children of all ages.

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Meditations Donations

The collection of old Meditations is being suspended. We were sending them to the prison in Waupaca County, but they are no longer accepting them. We have no other “outlet” for distributing these booklets, so we will not be collecting them in the box in the fellowship hall anymore.

If you know of a place where we could donate them, please let me know.

Marilynn Chesbrough



Sunday School Corner

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

We begin March starting our Spring curriculum! That means that we are in the final leg of our school year! Even if your child has missed a lot of classes, they can jump in where we are! It's never too late to join in!

We begin our March studies hearing about Jesus' work on earth and end learning about Palm Sunday. Remember that we don't have Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 1.

Date	Lesson
March 4	The Parable of the Rich Man & Lazarus
March 11	Jesus Raises Lazarus
March 18	Mary Honors Jesus
March 25	Palm Sunday
April 1	No Sunday School— Happy Easter!



Sunday School
MAKES A DIFFERENCE

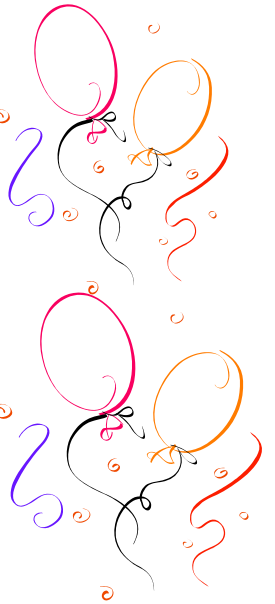
Sunday School is an extension of the family. We are here to assist families in their job of teaching and preparing young Christians for life. We consider it a privilege to serve the families of our congregation and urge each of you to take an active role in the Christian education of the children in 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!



Birthdays

- 3/7 Marie Kasper
Rebecca Bohn
- 3/8 LeRoy Wangerin
- 3/9 Joyce Woodruff
- 3/11 TJ Klusmeyer
- 3/13 Jean Bartel
- 3/15 Clifford Bliske
- 3/16 Judy Nelson
- 3/18 Joey Riedel
- 3/19 Violet Wangerin
- 3/21 Thurman Matney
- 3/22 Susan Riedel
- 3/23 Megan Kubasta
Kevin Bohn
- 3/25 Phyllis Dassow
- 3/26 Dorothy Sullivan
- 3/30 Don Timmermann



Anniversaries

- 3/3 Russ & Mary Ann Nero (45)



Creamy Mushroom Soup

Ingredients:

- 4 T butter
- 1 1/2 pounds sliced mushrooms
- Salt & pepper to taste
- 1 diced onion
- 2 stalks thinly sliced celery
- 4 cloves minced garlic
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- 3 T flour
- 4 3/4 cups chicken or vegetable stock
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 2 tsp balsamic vinegar



*Heat 2 T butter in a pot over medium-high heat. When melted, add 1/3 of the mushrooms. Cook them until dark golden brown, stirring occasionally, about 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper, then remove and set them aside.

*In the same pot, melt 2 T butter. Reduce the heat to medium and add the rest of the mushrooms, along with the onion, celery, and thyme. Cook, stirring frequently, until vegetables are soft, about 5 to 6 minutes.

*Sprinkle the vegetables with the flour and stir to combine. Season with salt and pepper and stir constantly for 3 minutes, allowing the flour to cook. Slowly add 3/4 c of stock, stirring while you add. Allow it to heat and bubble up for a couple of minutes, then slowly pour in the rest. Keep stirring to remove lumps.

*Bring to a simmer and cook for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove it from the heat and let it cool for 20 minutes. Transfer to a blender (make sure it is just warm or cool at this stage--blending hot soup is dangerous!) and puree until mushrooms are mostly broken up into small barley-sized bits. Transfer the soup back to the pot, add the cream, and heat it to a simmer. Add balsamic, then taste and adjust seasonings.

*Serve warm with reserved mushrooms on top and crusty chunks of warm bread.