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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



Jesus said to her,

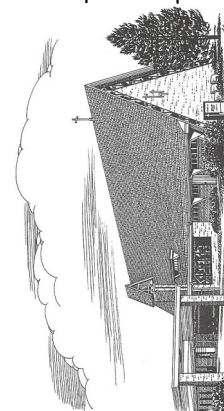
“I am the
resurrection
and the life.

Whoever believes
in Me, though he die,
yet shall he live,
and everyone
who lives and
believes in Me
shall never die.”

John 11:25-26

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Messenger of Peace



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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 re-
sources 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!*



Lutheran Boy and Girl Pioneers National Pine Car Derby

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greenville, WI

Saturday, April 21

Races begin around 12 pm

Come cheer on our local Pioneers that will be in the race!

Concessions available all day!



Dates to Remember

Easter

Sunday, April 1

Sunrise Worship 7 am

Easter Breakfast 8 am

Hosted by:

the Circle of Peace & the Confirmation students' families
Song Service 9 am

Blue Ribbon Kids' Day

Saturday, April 7 8:30 am– 12:30 pm

At Parkside Middle School, Wautoma

Spring Clean Up Day

Saturday, April 21 9 am

Jobs inside church and out, for all ages. Rain
date is April 28.



Ascension

Thursday, May 10

Worship at 7 pm

Ice Cream Social following the service

Mother's Day

The Last Day of Sunday School

Sunday, May 13



Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 20

Worship 9 am

Reception 10:15 am

We Won't Get Fooled Again!

With Easter falling on April Fool’s Day this year, a lot of people are suggesting the many pranks and fun people could pull. For example, someone suggests wrapping grapes in colored foil to resemble chocolate eggs and then put them in your kid’s lunch. Big-time laughs, right? Someone else offered the idea of having children hunt for Easter eggs that were never hidden in the first place. I know: classic fun! While there are all sorts of suggestions around that poke fun at the bad timing of Easter this year (memes and blogs and all that sort), there was one statement that made me grumpy. It said: “Be calm and believe nothing; it’s April Fool’s Day.”

I’m sure there are some of you thinking, “What’s the big deal, Pastor? It’s just a Pinterest post.” And you’d be right to a degree, I suppose. It’s just one more person’s misguided, yet Constitutionally-protected free speech. And I know there are all sorts of Bible passages that speak to the contrary. Such as: Psalm 14:1 ***The fool says in his heart, ‘there is no god.’*** And then St. Paul teaches in 1 Corinthians 1:18 ***the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing.***

It’s hard to keep calm, though, when so many people still do not know the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There’s a hymn verse that strikes a “chord” with me: **“Let none hear you idly saying, ‘There is nothing I can do,’ while the multitudes are dying, and the Master calls for you”** #573 (Christian Worship).

I know. I know. The sin-nature in us whispers: “Keep calm! It’s not that big of a deal!” I’ve heard that wretched Old Adam breathe those words to me. “I mean we all come to church. We all put our time in, right? We’re all doing our duty holding down the fort until Jesus returns. Keep calm!” Does that apply to our passion for the Gospel? That’s what our sinful hearts, this world, and Satan want us to believe. There’s enough other stuff to get excited about. There’s our kid’s schooling and sports schedules. There’s our own personal interests, hobbies, and activities. “Somebody else will do the ‘work of the kingdom.’ I’ve got my own life to deal with.” So, keep calm.

Have you ever been fooled into that thought pattern? Worship will always be there. One day, I’ll have time to really study the Bible. One of these days I’ll talk to that new neighbor. I know. “Pastor, Keep calm! What’s the big deal?”

Keep calm? Well, I can’t. And I won’t! Keep calm? Not when my own house is my God-given responsibility to nurture in the faith! Calm down? Not when the spiritual health of this congregation is under my pastoral care! Not when I believe with all my heart that Jesus Christ is our Savior and King! Not when I see sin and Satan victimizing the people I love and have been called to serve with the Gospel! Keep calm? I can’t! I won’t! Keep calm? The Gospel will always be there? Sure, until the day we wake up and it’s not! No, we I can’t keep calm. I don’t want to be fooled again by the dull lie of complacency!

And that is also my prayer for you, too! May St. Paul’s words inspire each of us, as he reminds us all, that we are compelled to speak because the ***“love of Christ compels me!”*** (2 Corinthians 5:14). Let us call on the Holy Spirit to pour Gospel-concrete in our spines. Pray that your Savior equips you with a steel-minded resolution to not let the ***deceptive philosophies*** of this world (Colossians 2:8), the ***cares of this life***, (Mark 4:19), or the ***temptations of the flesh*** (1 John 2:16) close in on you. I’m not going to keep calm; not as long as we are called to fight the “good fight” (1 Timothy 6:12).

And your Savior loves you too much to let that happen. He came into this world to redeem you for Himself. He has gifted you with the insight of faith and has imparted salvation to you. And so, I close with the rest of St. Paul’s inspired truth in 1 Corinthians 1:18 ***“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”*** Rely on the power of the Gospel. Get involved in your church family. Worship regularly. Take time to be devoted to His Word, at church, and at home. Don’t keep calm! Let’s not give up meeting together (Hebrews 10:25). Instead, let us keep spurring one another on toward love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24). Focus on Jesus Christ: the Way, the Truth, and the Life. (John 14:6).

And, well, be calm! Okay. Yes, let’s be calm. Calm in the forgiveness of sins; calm with a clean heart and conscience before God; calm and secure in the hope of eternal salvation. Yes, we can be calm in the truth of the Gospel. But that’s also why we want to share it. ***The peace of Christ which transcends all understanding which guards our hearts and minds*** (Philippians 4:7) – that is the good news of the Gospel. And that’s worth getting fired up to share! So, I guess we are to ask the Holy Spirit to help us to be **calmly compelled**. That way we won’t get side-tracked, discouraged, beat-down, or burned out. Most of all, we won’t get fooled again!

A fellow “fool” for Christ,
Pastor Edward Frey

Pastor Frey is calmly compelled to lead the saints of Messiah Lutheran Church in Nampa, Idaho, to the foolishness of the Gospel, which is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes. We thank him for permitting us to share his Easter newsletter article.

A Short Story

Easter is All About You! “Because I live, you also will live.” John 14:19



“Happy Holidays!” Sound out of place in April? It doesn’t have to. This month marks arguably the most important holiday of the year ... Easter.

Why? Because Easter is ALL ABOUT YOU! But isn’t Easter about Jesus? Yes, Easter is not so much about colored eggs, candy baskets and bunny rabbits. It is about Jesus. But Easter is also about YOU!

At Easter we celebrate that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. This miraculous event is certainly reason for celebration, especially since Jesus had to suffer so much and have his life cut so short. But Easter is much more than that. Knowing the significance of Easter is a matter of life and death!

You see, Jesus could have chosen not to die. He had the power to stop his murderers. He had the power to walk away from his cross and from all who cried out **“Crucify him!”** He had the power to leave this earth and go back up to heaven where he came from. But Jesus willingly chose to live as one of us, but he never sinned, not even once. He was determined to suffer and to die. Why would anyone leave the eternal bliss of heaven for that? Because Easter is all about you!

He looked down from heaven, saw sinful mankind, and chose to love us anyway. We have not loved God perfectly with our whole heart and soul, mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbor perfectly as ourselves. For that, God should have made us pay with our lives for our sins against him. Instead, he sent his sinless Son who took our sins on himself; Jesus suffered and died in our place.

Here’s the best part: he rose from the dead! And because he conquered death, Jesus promises that we too shall conquer death! Yes, we will still have to endure the physical experience of death. But just like Jesus, our Savior, we too will rise from the dead, and through faith in him, join him in heaven.

That’s how Easter is all about you. Jesus said, **“Because I live, you also will live.”** Trusting in him as your Savior from sin, he assures you that you will rise from the dead and live forever.





News You Can Use

News from Synod and national & local news that affects lives of Christians.

Free Community Presentation:

Suicide and Self-Harm

Tuesday, April 10 7:30 pm

St John's Lutheran School

313 E Montello St, Montello

St. John's Lutheran School in Montello is taking a proactive step to address the very prevalent issues of suicide and self-harm among teens.

Elizabeth Robinson, Licensed Professional Counselor from Christian Family Solutions in Germantown, WI, will be offering a free presentation regarding suicide and self-harm at St. John's on Tuesday, April 10, at 7:30 pm. Presentation topics will include risk factors and warning signs, tips for parents and adults to help teens who are struggling, formulating safety plans, and helpful resources. Time will also be allowed at the end of the presentation for questions and answers.

This presentation is ideal for parents, teachers, ministry leaders, law enforcement, and anyone who works with teens. Elizabeth Robinson has 10 years of experience providing individual, group, and family therapy to children and adolescents with a focus on depression, anxiety, suicidal ideation, and self-harm. To learn more about Elizabeth, please visit www.ChristianFamilySolutions.org.

If you have questions about the presentation, please call the school at (608) 297-2866 or e-mail info@stjohnsmontello.org.

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Messenger of Peace is a publication of:

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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.

Need A Gift?

Looking for a gift that is both meaningful and useful? Look no further than the gifts available through Northwestern Publishing House, the publishing house of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

There are books and gifts to give to recent confirmands such as the updated Luther's Catechism (#CG7701500, \$19.99), The Lutheran Study Bible (#CG012251, \$59.99), or a Wooden Plaque that will strengthen a confirmand's hope for the future using encouraging words from the Bible (Journey Stacked Wood Plaque, #CG2303618, \$15.99).

There's wedding and anniversary devotionals such as "Stronger Together" (#CG0604201, \$4.99), which is a 30-day devotional that will guide husband and wife in their prayer and service to God.

Don't forget Mom in May—there's plenty of Mother's Day gifts as well, from an Eternity Cross Necklace (#CG2002878, \$25.99) to "One Minute Prayers for Moms" devotional (#CG0604191, \$12.99).

NPH has gifts to fit any budget! Shop NPH at www.nph.net, call 800-662-6022 or visit the store located at 1250 N113th St, Milwaukee.

Lutheran Pioneers Boundary Waters Voyageur Trip June 9 - 15, 2018

We will meet in Wausau and head for Tofte, Minnesota. Please Note: Due to the growing popularity of this trip, we will be limiting the size of it to the first 40 people who have registered and paid their minimum \$100 deposit.

Cost: \$200.00

"Parent/child" deal: For any father/son/mother/daughter combination (or grandfather/grandson, etc.), where one of them is a first-time voyageur, cost will be \$200 for parent, and \$100 for each child that comes along.

For more information, contact Jeff Kneser at kneser@msn.com or 715-409-0388



Church News



Pioneers' Pine Car Derby

Sunday, March 11



Winners Circle

Buckaroo/Sunbeams (Pioneers Kindergarten-2nd grade)

Craft

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| 1st place | Rachel Riedel |
| 2nd place | Jackson Wedell |
| 3rd place | Joey Riedel |
| 4th place | Grant Klusmeyer |

Speed

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| 1st place | Rachel Riedel |
| 2nd place | Jackson Wedell |
| 3rd place | Joey Riedel |
| 4th place | Grant Klusmeyer |

Lutheran Pioneers/Lutheran Girl Pioneers (Pioneers 3rd grade and up)

Craft

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| 1st place | Mary Riedel |
| 2nd place | Fiona Rudolph |
| 3rd place | Susan Riedel |
| 4th place | TJ Klusmeyer (tie) Emily Riedel (tie) Sam Riedel (tie) |
| 5th place | Kaliska Klusmeyer |

Speed

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|-----------|-------------------|
| 1st place | Fiona Rudolph |
| 2nd place | Sam Riedel |
| 3rd place | Susan Riedel |
| 4th place | Mary Riedel |
| 5th place | Emily Riedel |
| 6th place | TJ Klusmeyer |
| 7th place | Kaliska Klusmeyer |

Open Class (anyone who isn't a Pioneer)

Crowd Favorite for Craft

Beth Riedel

Speed

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| 1st place | Terry Proctor | 2nd place | Wade Proctor |
| 3rd place | Beth Riedel | 4th place | Ian Proctor |
| 5th place | Pastor Riedel | 6th place | Preston DeBolt |
| 7th place | Connor Jazdzewski | 8th place | Karen Beyer |
| 9th place | Harley DeBolt | 10th place | Clara Beyer |
| 11th place | Sparrow DeBolt | | |

Thank you to everyone who came to our annual Pine Car Derby! With a crowd around 50, with lots of visitors, and 22 cars entered all together, we all had a fantastic afternoon! Congratulations to all our racers!

Good luck to Fiona Rudolph and Rachel Riedel, advancing to the National Race for speed, and to Mary Riedel, advancing to the National Race for craft. The National Derby is on April 21 at Immanuel, Greenville. Join us to see cars from all over the U.S. compete!



Front row: Connor, Jackson, Ian, Joey, Wade, Rachel
2nd row: Susan, Mary, Emily, Harley, Fiona, Sparrow, Preston
Back row: Sam, Joshua, Clara, Karen, Terry



Church News

LWMS Spring Rally Saturday, April 14 Grace, New London

Registration 8:15 am

Lunch following; child care available.

Please use the sign up sheet on the back table in the fellowship hall if you are planning on attending.

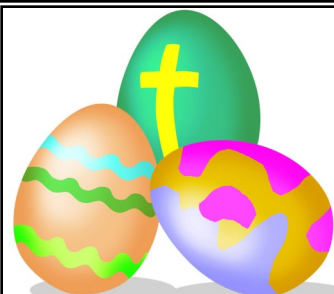
*Finally, brothers, pray for us
that the message of the Lord may spread
rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you.*
(1 Thessalonians 3:1)

Spring Flowers Needed



If you would like to donate cut flowers or a plant to adorn the altar for Easter Sunday, please bring your flower or plant to the church kitchen by Saturday, March 31. Any type of flower/plant is welcome (lilies, tulips, daffodils, etc)! Please speak with Donna McKay if you have any questions.

*He is not here;
he has Risen!*
Luke 24:6



Easter for Kids Sunday, March 18



Through the Easter lesson, crafts, and games, the children who attended Easter for Kids learned why we celebrate Easter and why it's so important! We ended our day together with an Easter egg hunt, with each child finding filled plastic eggs with the exception of one egg that was intentionally left empty—to remind them the BEST Easter treat is that Jesus' tomb was empty on that first Easter morning, proving Jesus' power over death and giving us life eternal with Him!



Mrs. Schroeder leading the lesson in the church library.



Fiona
Carson, Hunter, Rayanne
Wade, Ian, Kenzie
Missing: Jaiven & Fletcher

Thank you to our hard-working, always dependable staff: Rebecca Bohn, Bernice Baranyk, Terry Proctor, Jan Schroeder, Donna McKay, Emily Bohn, and Kevin Bohn.

Thank you to everyone who donated items to Easter for Kids.

Thank you to all the kids who came!



News About Our Church Family

Sunday School Corner

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

Happy Easter! He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

We don't have Sunday School class on Easter Sunday, April 1, but will resume regular classes on April 8. Our April lessons will focus on Holy Week, from Jesus on trial before Pilate all the way through Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene. May 13 will be our last class of the school year! We will play games, have a pizza party and celebrate all we learned this year.

| Date | Lesson |
|----------|---------------------------------|
| April 1 | No Sunday School— Happy Easter! |
| April 8 | Jesus Before Pilate |
| April 15 | Jesus' Dying Words |
| April 22 | Jesus' Enemies Deny |
| April 29 | Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene |
| May 6 | The Gift of the Holy Spirit |
| May 13 | Last day of Sunday School! |



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!



There is a time for every season under heaven...



Birthdays

- 4/1 Bernice Baranyk
Ryan Peterson
- 4/2 Teri Jo Fendler
- 4/4 Cindy Roebke
Steve Jansen
- 4/6 Emily McLeod
- 4/10 Hannah Klusmeyer
Jackson Wedell
- 4/13 Bailey Blader-Lucht
- 4/15 Pat Campbell
Nancy Klusmeyer
- 4/16 Brooke Blader-Lucht
- 4/27 Darlene Jansen
- 4/28 Rebecka Richards
Ian Proctor
- 4/29 Kathi Dexter

Anniversaries

- 4/4 Ev & Judy Schulz (48)
- 4/8 Richard & Chris Anderson (46)
- 4/22 Roger & Darlene Jansen (51)
- 4/25 Harry & Jeanette Thom (65)



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.

Joke of the Day



A woman arrived home from an evening church service when she was startled to see an intruder trying to steal her valuables! She yelled, "STOP! Acts 2:38!" (Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven.)

The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman called the police and explained the situation and what she had said. The police arrived and as the officer cuffed the man to take him in he asked, "Why did just stand there? All that lady did was yell Scripture at you."
"Scripture? She said she had an axe and two 38s!"