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Church Schedule

Worship every Sunday @ 9 am
every Thursday @ 7 pm

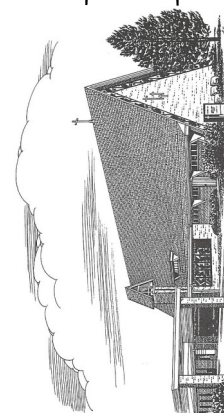
Sunday School every Sunday @ 10:15 am

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

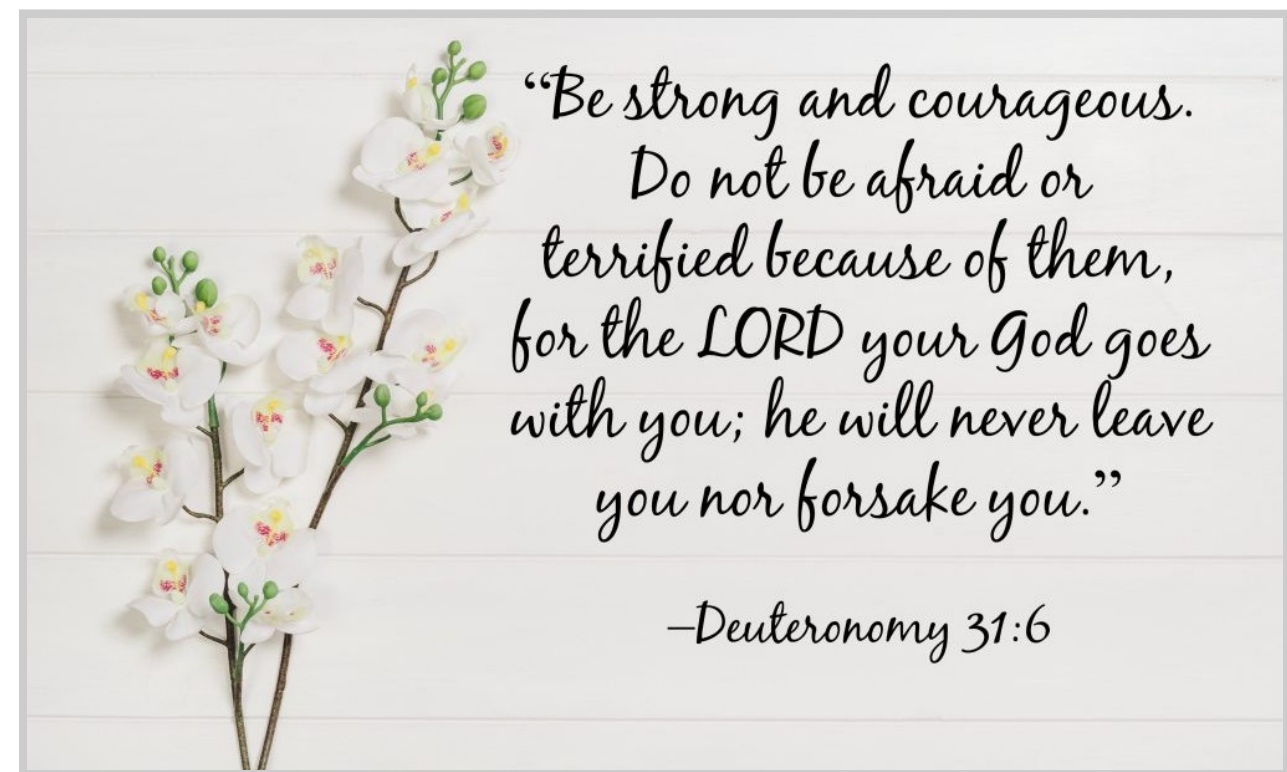


Messenger of Peace

May 2018

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Dates to Remember

Spring Clean Up

Saturday, May 5 9 am

Jobs for all ages and abilities, inside and out.
Talk to Bob Lang with any questions.

LWMS Spring Rally

Saturday, May 5

Grace, Sugarbush

Voters' Meeting

Sunday, May 6 10:30 am

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

A Little Spur

What comes to mind when you hear the word “spur”? Maybe you think of that awful bone growth that you had surgically removed. Train buffs may think of a short line off a railroad's mainline – often referred to as a spur. Cowboys and Christians may be reminded of a little device that is used to get an animal – or a person – moving.

As you read this, we're nearing the end of April or just sneaking into May. The end of the school year is rapidly approaching – just a few more exams. Confirmation class is almost done – just a bit more cramming for a few of you before the examination/confirmation service. Perhaps you've almost finished a big project – just a couple small details left. Maybe you're nearing retirement – just a few more weeks left on the job. Or you might be seeing what appear to be the last few days of your earthly life – just a short while until the Lord calls you home. The end is in sight, and we could all use a little motivation to stay focused.

Our lives are full of tiny, little goals and great, big goals; milestones along the path of this earthly life. But no goal is as great as the Day – that final day on earth – when we will see Jesus and faith will become sight!

Maybe you need a little extra kick-in-the-pants motivation to stay focused on the most important things in life. As we see various chapters in our lives coming to a close, it is important for our Christian faith and our daily service in God's family that we never stop spending time in the Scriptures. It would be easy to say, “School's over, confirmation class is done (or “I'm confirmed!”), Sunday School is finished...I'm going to take a vacation this summer!” Rest is good for the mind and body, but I pray that we don't give up attending church or meditating on God's Word during the summer months. If we fail to take rest for our souls, we can grow weak in our faith. When we let down our guard, the devil – that roaring, prowling lion – sees us as easy prey. If we let our connection to Jesus and His Word get a little dusty, it is easier for us to fall into temptation.

On the other hand, when Christians gather together around the Word, many good things happen. We love and are loved. We are inspired to live our faith in Jesus and inspire others to do the same. We are encouraging others and being encouraged to prepare every day for our Savior's return. We are spurring each other and being spurred to actively grow in our faith and live each day to the glory of God.

Listen to the guidance of Hebrews 10:24-25 (EHV): **Let us also consider carefully how to spur each other on to love and good works. Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have the habit of doing. Rather, let us encourage each another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.**

A cowboy wears spurs for a reason – to get a sluggish horse moving. We Christians have each other – to keep (or get) ourselves moving in the Word and in expressing our faith in Jesus through a life of love and service to the Lord and our fellowman.

Continue to take care of your soul this summer. Stay spiritually focused. We need the daily reminder of our Savior from sin and our sure hope of eternal life through Jesus. Take time out of each week for worship and Bible study this summer. Feed your faith and find rest for your soul with fellow Christians in God's house. Together we will continue to spur one another on to Christian love and service, keeping Jesus as our primary focus during these summer months, right up until the Day we are ushered home to heaven.

Pastor Roger Riedel

A Short Story

What More Could We Want?

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

Psalm 23:1



John D. Rockefeller was one of the richest men in the world. An interviewer once asked him, “How much money is enough?” Rockefeller replied, “Just a little bit more.”

How many times have we told ourselves that if we had “just a little bit more” we would be happy? A higher paying job. A larger home. An earlier retirement. Better health. Successful children.

But what happens when those wants are met? Are people truly happy? And what happens when those wants aren't met? When you find yourself unemployed. When in rough times your savings are depleted. When plans for better housing or earlier retirement have to be put on hold. When your health takes a turn for the worse or your children struggle in school. Where do you turn? Turn to Jesus and remember, ***“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.”***

We might not have everything we want in life, but Jesus, our Good Shepherd, has truly given us everything we need. He's given us his word. He's given us his promises. He assures us that our sins are forgiven and eternal life in heaven is ours through his death and resurrection.

He promises to provide for all of our physical and spiritual needs richly and abundantly here on earth until he takes us to the glorious home that he has prepared for us in heaven. There through our Savior, you and I will experience the fulfillment of his promise, ***“You will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand”*** (Psalm 16:11).

Not long after his death, someone came up to the accountant of John D. Rockefeller and said, “We know Rockefeller was a very wealthy man. How much did he leave?” Without a moment's hesitation, the accountant answered, “Everything!” A man who seemed to have it all was forced to leave it all behind in the end. The only things that will go with us from this life to the next are the spiritual treasures that belong to us through faith in Jesus.

What do we want out of life? What we need the most has already been fully and freely supplied by Jesus, our Good Shepherd. So, what more could we want? What more could we need?





News You Can Use

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

Lutheran Boy 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

Lutheran Boy Pioneers Adventure Camp

For boys in grades 4 & up
July 22-28, 2018

At Pine Ridge, Waldo, Wisconsin

Cost: \$150

Questions?

Email: activities@lutheranpioneers.org

Lutheran Girl Pioneers National Camp

For girls in grades 3 & up
July 29- August 4, 2018

At Camp Bird, Crivitz, Wisconsin

We have many classes to choose, nightly campfires, daily devotions, and so much more!

Questions?

Email: LGPcamp@gmail.com

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55th Annual LWMS Convention June 21-24, 2018

The 55th Annual Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Convention will be held June 21-24, 2018 in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the KI Convention Center, 333 Main St., Green Bay. Join us for a weekend of worship, workshops, speakers, displays, fellowship, and fun.

Convention registration materials and details can be downloaded at:

[www.lwms.org/site/cpage.asp?](http://www.lwms.org/site/cpage.asp?cpage_id=180063805&sec_id=180014736)

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2018 WELS International Youth Rally June 26-29, 2018

**Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green, Ohio**

Meet WELS teens from across the country and around the world. Listen to speakers with a biblical perspective on timely teen topics. Gather information on colleges, ministries, and service opportunities. Experience lifting your voices in worship with 2,000 people.

The youth rally is targeted to youth who, as of the spring of 2018, are:

- * confirmed and completing eighth grade
- * graduating senior from high school
- * anywhere in between

Registration: \$370

For more information or to register, visit:
wels.net/event/wels-international-youth-rally-2018/

Lutheran Boy Pioneers National Convention

"GROWING IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD"
July 14, 2018

Pine Ridge Camp, Waldo, Wisconsin

Registration deadline: 7/5/2018

Register at: lutheranpioneers.org/about/annual-activities/convention/



Church News



Where
God guides,
He provides

ISAIAH 58:11



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped out at Blue Ribbon Kids' Day on Saturday, April 7 at Parkside Middle School: Beth & Susan Riedel, Robin & Fiona Rudolph, and Christine Bohn.

We made crafts, talked to lots of people about the Pioneers ministry, and handed out goodie bags that included information about Pioneers, the Peace Pantry, and the church. More than 150 people passed through our booth.

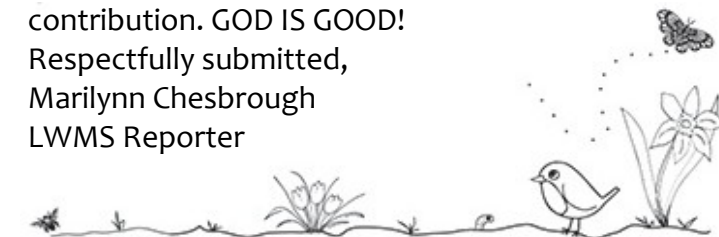
Many hours of planning and preparing, in addition to working the six hours at the booth, go into Blue Ribbon Kids' Day. This was the twelfth year that Peace has participated in Blue Ribbon Kids' Day. Our church was the only church represented at Blue Ribbon Kids' Day this year.



LWMS

Again I want to thank the members of Peace for their voluntary contribution to our Wolf River Circuit of LWMS. This contribution was sent in to the treasurer and will be used as a part of our Circuit's contribution to Multi-Language Publications which publishes the message of the Gospel in multi-languages and is invaluable to our mission field. Our congregation contributed \$475.15 to the Circuit contribution. GOD IS GOOD!

Respectfully submitted,
Marilynn Chesbrough
LWMS Reporter



Can You Help?

Due to a large number of health issues of our volunteers, we have a **drastic need** for more volunteers to help in the following positions:

Worship Elders

Ushers

Greeters

Sound Technicians

Church cleaners

No experience is necessary. Training will be provided.

Please contact Jim Schroeder (920) 787-4331 with any questions or to volunteer for any of these positions!

WELS Night with the Rafter's

Sunday, August 5 at 4:05 pm

Price: \$12

(includes your ticket, a hat, a hot dog and a soda)

Kids 5 and under are free

For more information, contact

Emily at

emily@raftersbaseball.com or

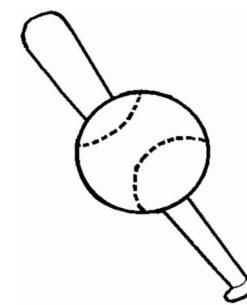
715-424-5400.

Witter Field

521 Lincoln Street

Wisconsin Rapids

715-424-5400 raftersbaseball.com





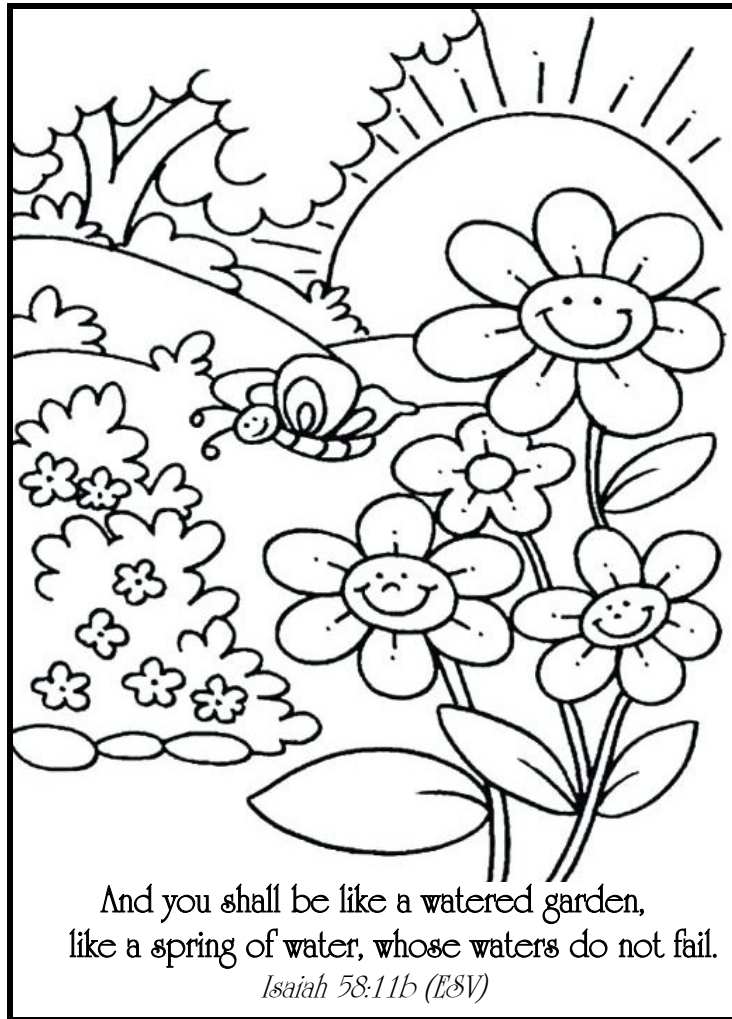
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"HEY HARRY!"

by Thomas Ebert



"Aren't you happy, Mom?
Spring is finally here!"



And you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

Isaiah 58:11b (ESV)

The Good Shepherd

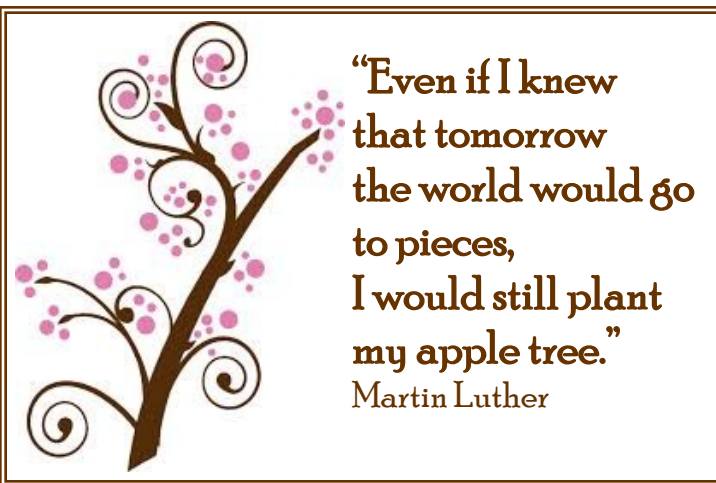
"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11 (NIV)

Based on John 10:11-18 (NIV)

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Pen	Cares	Runs	Scatters
Shepherd	Father	Hired	Attacks
Listen	Life	Hand	Sheep
Authority	Voice	Loves	Away

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**"Even if I knew
that tomorrow
the world would go
to pieces,
I would still plant
my apple tree."
Martin Luther**



News About Our Church Family

Sunday School Corner

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

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.

We've had such a fun year, learning all about the work of Jesus, and learning about each other as well! Take time this summer to relax, but please don't "take the summer off" from church! While more laid back, there are lots of opportunities for your family to connect with your church family! Did you know that your kids are welcome at Bible study? Come as a family to any of the weekly Bible studies! Church services each week are on Sundays at 9 am and Thursdays at 7 pm. Check the church calendar for other events throughout the summer.

Our lessons in May include the Gift of the Holy Spirit, where we will learn all about Pentecost.

Date	Lesson
May 6	The Gift of the Holy Spirit
May 13	Last day of Sunday School!

We would like to thank our Sunday School staff for all their hard work this year:

Beth Riedel 2/3 year old, Music, Christmas Service Director

Rebecca Bohn 4K/5K; **Emily Riedel** 4K/5K

Jan Schroeder 1-2-3 grade

Christine Bohn 4-5-6 grade

Emily Bohn, Assistant; **Susan Riedel**, Assistant



Emily and fellow teacher & bestie, Rebecca

And as this year closes, we want to wish a fond farewell to Emily Riedel, who has served our Sunday School ministry for the past five years, and will be attending Martin Luther College in the fall to study Early Childhood Education. Her dedication to the 4K/5K class, and Sunday School in general, has been an inspiration to many, and she will be sorely missed.



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.



Birthdays

5/3	Leonard McKay Fiona Rudolph
5/7	DuWayne Bartel Larry Walton
5/13	Nate Sigourney
5/14	Darryl Ast
5/15	Casey Wedde
5/17	Robin Rudolph
5/19	Wade Proctor
5/23	Dallas Krueger
5/24	Ray McTavish Pat Johnson Marion Treichel
5/28	Marilynn Chesbrough Verona Kloehn
5/31	Lisa Bartel

Anniversaries

5/20	Eugene & Michelle Wedde (23)
5/28	Eric & Rebecka Richards (7)



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.

WELS Night at Miller Park Friday, August 3 7:10 pm

\$5 T-shirts available: order at co-store.com/WELSnight

Discount pricing for tickets:

Field Outfield sections (12-131) \$21/ticket

Loge Outfield sections (228-232) \$17/ticket

Terrace Reserved sections (433-437) \$9/ticket

Seating will be together for all WELS members.

Visit wels.net/brewers2018 to order tickets.

