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# I have found the one whom my soul loves. Song of Solomon 3:4



#### **Church Schedule**

**Worship** every Sunday @ 9 am every Thursday @ 7 pm

Bible Study Sundays @ 8 am Tuesdays @ 9 am Thursdays @ 9 am & 8 pm







Summer Means Vacation and Vacation Means Rest

Children's voices everywhere are rejoicing that the school year is over. Their excited conversation is filled with the topic of summer vacation. Meanwhile, parents and grandparents are wondering how they will keep their children busy during the summer months.

What will you include in your summer plans? Athletic activities, gardening, family outings, sleeping in late, golfing, fishing, projects around the house, a summer job? Are you planning a little vacation? Are you hoping for some time for rest and relaxation?



During this time of year when the weather is warm and people are talking about how they will spend their leisure time, please do not take a vacation from God's Word. Make sure you get some much needed spiritual rest at the feet of our Savior. Listen to Jesus' invitation in Matthew 11:28 (NIV):

> "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

In addition to our Thursday evening (7 pm) and Sunday morning (9 am) services, the following list includes some opportunities for you to grow in your faith. Consider taking advantage of weekly worship and some of these special ways to be assured of the forgiveness of your sins, to get to know your fellow Christians, and to enjoy spiritual rest. This summer I encourage you to take a little vacation with Jesus... in His Word... and you will find true rest for your souls.

Stephen Bautista & family (musical guests) Thursday, June 28 at 7 pm& Sunday, July 1 at 9 am Christian Education Day Sunday, July 8; Worship at 9 am; activities to follow Church picnic at Bird Creek Park Sunday, July 29; Worship at 10 am; picnic, fun, and fellowship to follow

Pastor Roger Riedel

# **Is God Up There?** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1



Take time to notice and to marvel at all God made—the colors of the sky, the light of the sun and stars, the mosaic of leaves outside your window, the beauty of the landscape within your view. Consider how God made you. Think of how your body works—your eyes and ears, your arms, legs, fingers and toes, your brain.

However, God did not make the world and then stand back as a disinterested observer far removed from it all. He is "up there" watching over it all. He continues to care for us by providing for all our needs.

Sadly, we often don't thank him for what he has done for us. We forget him. For that, God has every right to turn his back on us. Amazingly, he still cares for us. More than that, he came down to us and saved us from our wayward ways. He came down in love in the person of his Son, Jesus, and rescued us. Jesus lived the perfect life of thanks that we should live. On the cross, he died the death we should die for our sins. He promises a new and perfect world where all who believe in him will live forever in perfect joy.

Is God up there? Yes he is! God is not only up there, he is in every inch of his creation. He is closer to you than your own skin. Does God love and care for his creation? Oh, how he cares! He sent his Son, Jesus, and rescued the world he has made. Look at God's creation, and above all, look to Jesus and know that God is "up there" loving and caring for you.





In His Word, you will find true rest for your souls.

"God, if you are up there, please show yourself to me." Have you ever said that to God? Wouldn't it be great if God just came down and showed himself to us?

God does show himself. In the first line of the Bible, God reveals himself to us. He tells us that he made all things. He made the huge galaxies of the universe. He made the tiniest atoms. He made you and me. His creation demonstrates his power, creativity, wisdom, and tender concern for us. WELS Christ's Love, Our Calling. News from Synod and national & local news that affects lives of Christians.

### **Awake and Alive**

June 10, 2018 St. Paul's Muskego, Wisconsin Awake and Alive Summer Group is a one-day gathering, for 18-25 year olds with the purpose to encourage and equip a generation of young adults to grow in faith and to make known the faithfulness of God through all generations. **For more information: www.AwakeAlive.com** 

### 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/annualactivities/convention/

#### 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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#### Lutheran Girl Pioneers, Inc Request for National Council Candidates

Lutheran Girl Pioneers is seeking your help in finding women of faith to serve on the National Council to use their God-given talents for the advancement of our ministry. There are six open positions this year.

These positions require you to attend at least three meetings a year (meetings may mean travel, but meetings are generally conducted via teleconference), be in good standing within a WELS or ELS church, and be 18 or older. A working knowledge of Girl Pioneers is encouraged. If you or someone you know could serve in this capacity, please contact the Girl Pioneers National Office to request the required forms which are due no later than July 1, 2018.

Lutheran Girl Pioneers National Office: Call <u>608-781-5232</u> Email <u>girlpioneers@gmail.com</u> Or see Christine Bohn (920-765-2147)



Lutheran Girl Pioneers International Convention

#### October 6, 2018 Franklin, Wisconsin

Join us for our bi-annual convention on Sat., Oct. 6, 2018 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School in Franklin, WI. Girl Pioneer leaders, past leaders, future leaders, pastors, and anyone interested in the Girl Pioneer ministry or youth ministry in general are invited to attend! The cost is \$25 for the day and includes a continental breakfast, workshops, lunch, worship, and lots of great fellowship. High schoolers may attend the workshops. Girls in Grades 3-8 are invited to attend as well and will have their own activities, including craft sessions.

There is also a banquet on Saturday evening for an additional cost of \$20.

For more information, please contact Karen Martinez at 414-449-1401 or e-mail <u>karen.martinez@wels.net</u>.



### LWMS WOLF RIVER CIRCUIT SPRING RALLY

Saturday, May 2, 2018 Hosted by Grace, Sugar Bush and Messiah, Shiocton, WI Theme: May the Message Spread Rapidly and be Honored

Three ladies from Peace attended this Rally. After the opening devotion by Pastor Bradley Ragner, host pastor from Messiah, the presentation was heard and presented by Prof. E. Allen Sorum on the topic of Pastoral Studies Institute – Non-Traditional Students Prof. Sorum, of our Wis. Lutheran Seminary, leads the direction of nontraditional students in the preparation of pastors to their ethnic and local people in their countries when it is not possible or safe for traditional missionaries to go. These areas are primarily in Africa where the teachers and/or pastors would be likely to be heard and respected.

Pastor Qualmann presented a Bible Study for the attendees followed by a closing devotion by Pator Peter Kesting of Zion, Readfield.

The business meeting was called to order by President Patty Kueck. She briefly reviewed details of the past fall rally, and announcement of current business. The attendance for the rally was 101. The plate offering for the day was \$1,696.00. 75% of the plate offering will be forwarded to Prof. Sorum, 15% tagged to Multi-Publications and 10% to the Central International Office for expenses.

The fall rally will be held on Oct. 20, 2018 by St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church in East Bloomfield, rural Fremont . Please plan to be there. There is so much wonderful information on people and places of our mission work.

Respectfully submitted, Marilynn Chesbrough LWMS Reporter



# **Can You Help?**

Due to a large number of health issues of our volunteers, we have a <u>drastic need</u> 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 Rafters

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.

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#### **Don't Miss Church Because of Travel!**

Out of Town? Vacationing somewhere new? You can find a church near where ever you travel! You can call the church office or Pastor Riedel. Know what town you'll be near and we'll be able to find you a place to worship! Or, visit www.yearbookwels.net/unitsearch and enter the information requested.





#### What is Doctrine?

Is doctrine absolute truth?

Doctrine is defined as "something that is taught." In the context of the Bible, doctrine is what the Bible teaches about any number of subjects. Whatever the Bible's teaching may be, it is true; it is always true.

When it comes to what people teach from the Bible, there is true or sound doctrine, and there is false doctrine. That explains why we see in the Bible God giving instructions like these to those who minister on his behalf:

"Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers" (1 Timothy 4:16).

"For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to *hear"* (2 Timothy 4:3).

"He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it" (Titus 1:9).

"You, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine" (Titus 2:1).

For more topical questions and answers, visit www.wels.net/serving-you/wels-topical-qa/

#### **Congratulations Graduates 2018**

Emily Rose Riedel Northland Lutheran HS

#### **Congratulations Confirmands**



Bailey Ann Blader-Lucht (Proverbs 3:5-6) Kaylee Jean Lemke (Isaiah 41:10) Casey Allen Wedde (2 Peter 3:18)





# **Sunday School Corner**

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

May 13 was the last day of Sunday School for our year! We had a fun pizza and ice cream party, followed by games. Thanks to the all the parents and guardians who brought your children to Sunday School!

Why is Sunday School so important? Learning about Jesus begins at home with you! But, Sunday School can be an arm that you use to help you in training your children in the way of the Lord. The Bible lessons that we learn about in Sunday School will stay with your children through out their lives. Through each level of Sunday School, the lessons get more in-depth and "meatier."

Summer break isn't really a break for our Sunday School staff, who will be busy preparing for next year's classes. We will be cleaning our classrooms, printing and preparing lessons, meeting together to discuss the previous year and the upcoming year, and studying our lessons so that we are able to answer any questions that may arise during class. As your family takes a break from Sunday School, please don't take a break from church! There are many ways to stay connected to your church family this summer:

Worship

every Sunday at 9 am every Thursday at 7 pm Guest Musician Steven Bautista Thursday, June 28 & Sunday, July 1 Vacation Bible School Sunday, July 8 Church Picnic

> Sunday, July 29 at Bird Creek Park Worship at 10 am, picnic to follow



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 Sunday School 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 or anyone you know is interested in serving in the following positions, please see Tom Welty or any member of the Sunday School staff:

> Sunday School Superintendant Sunday School Substitute Teacher



#### **Birthdays**

- Doreen Walton 6/1 6/8 Melissa Wedell
- Sam Riedel
- 6/11 Kaylee Lemke
- Nancy Quinn 6/14
- Dan Lemke 6/21
- **Benjamin Sigourney** 6/22
- 6/23 Roger Jansen
- 6/25 Judy Schulz
- 6/26 Rod Nelson



#### Anniversaries

Nathan & Ahnsharee Klusmeyer (13) 6/3 Jim & Jan Schroeder (52) 6/4 John & Judy Benz (54) 6/6 Jack & Marilyn Snyder (58) 6/11 Kevin & Christine Bohn (21) 6/14 Jim & Karen Mosier (55) 6/15 6/16 Carlyle & Phyllis Schmidt (56) Pastor Tom & Nancy Klusmeyer (41) 6/17 6/19 LeRoy & Violet Wangerin (70) 6/21 Tom & Linda Welty (49) Don & Marleen Nelson (45) 6/22 Neal & Cindy Roebke (34) Dan & Bernice Baranyk (56) 6/23 6/26 Pastor Roger & Beth Riedel (19) 6/28 Robert & Evelyen O'Brien (66) Jeff & Marilyn Dehling (28) 6/29



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 Seating will be together for all WELS members. Visit wels.net/brewers2018 to order tickets.