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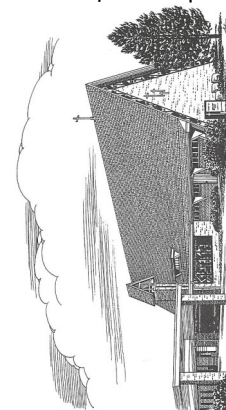
Messenger of Peace is a publication of:
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Wautoma, WI.

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Welcome to Our Vacancy Pastor,
Pastor Joel Suckow & wife Ellen!
Pastor Suckow graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1984 and has served as a parish pastor and as a teacher at Northland Lutheran High School. Pastor Suckow lives in Mosinee.

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jsuckow3@gmail.com
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715-302-4736.

Pastor & Family's Farwell Farewell Potluck Sunday, July 15





Thanking God For You

I know that it's not Thanksgiving (it's still only summertime), but we Christians know that thanksgiving is a part of our daily routine. We have so many reasons to turn to God with joy and thanks in our hearts and on our lips!

A major part of my reason to thank God is you.

Ten years ago, as my family and I were leaving Nebraska for Wautoma, several folks said, "As you move from here, what a blessing it will be for you to meet a new group of people who belong to the family of Christ." And they were correct. Wherever we go we meet Christians we hadn't met before, and we make friends with more people we'll know in this life and with whom we'll enjoy eternal peace in the life to come.

I suppose I sound a little like a pastor from a few years back who expressed his joy over a different group of Christians. The apostle Paul praised God for the believers in Corinth because they were members of God's family through faith in Jesus Christ.

You can read Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 1:4 (EHV): ***"I always thank my God for you because of the grace of God given to you in Christ Jesus."***

Paul thanked God for his Christian brothers and sisters in Corinth. They, like Paul, had received God's grace, or love that is undeserved. The Corinthians had a terribly wicked past. There was no reason for the Lord to reach out to them in love. But the Holy Spirit worked through the Gospel to bring the Corinthians to believe in Jesus as their Savior from sin. They learned of Jesus' perfect life of obedience and His innocent sufferings and death on the cross. And in faith, they clung to the sacrifice of the Lamb of God for their soul's salvation and eternal home in heaven.

Paul used the fact of God's love for sinners to encourage the Corinthians to live for the Lord, to love Him because He first loved us (1 John 4:19). Pastor Paul preached the Gospel news of forgiveness and eternal life to prompt the Christians in Corinth to flee from their former life of wickedness and lead a God-pleasing life. And that is what they did... with a little cheer leading and a lot of preaching and teaching from their faithful pastor.

God's grace poured out on us is the reason for my thanks today. Like the Corinthians, we are by nature wicked, not deserving of even the least of God's grace. Though we are imperfect apart from Christ, in Him we find full and free forgiveness. Jesus died to cleanse us all from our sins. His love for us motivates us to praise Him in thought, word, attitude, and action.

I thank God for the nearly 10 years that we have enjoyed numerous Sunday and Thursday services together, as well as many other special opportunities for worship. We have studied God's message of Law and Gospel in the Word, which has exposed our sins and revealed our Savior. We remembered our baptisms, when the Spirit first worked saving faith in Jesus in our sinful little hearts. We have dined on the Lord's Supper, that mysterious meal in which we actually receive Jesus' body and blood with the unleavened bread and grape wine for the forgiveness of our sins. We have built up caring, Christian relationships through a variety of fellowship activities. Together we have received God's grace.

I thank God for all of you, my brothers and sisters of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, who with me have received a rich measure of God's grace in Christ Jesus. And I pray for His constant outpouring of His undeserved love on all of us, until we meet again.

Pastor Roger Riedel



Can God Take My Guilt Away?

***God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us,
so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.***

2 Corinthians 5:21



"I wish I could take it all away," Mom whispered to her suffering five-year-old son. He had the flu for a couple of days now, and Mom's heart was broken. As he lay in his bed suffering from the chills and a fever, there wasn't much Mom could do except give him some children's flu medicine and just be there for him. Mom felt helpless and wished she could take it all away from him. She even wished she could have the flu instead of her son.

When children are sick, the love of Mom and Dad really starts to shine through. In a heartbeat, parents go to extra lengths to make sure their kids are feeling as comfortable as possible. If you're a parent, you've been there. You make sure their pillow is extra fluffy. You bring their favorite juice box. You provide their favorite movie to watch. And any time you hear them call, you quickly respond with, "What can I do for you?" The love of Mom and Dad goes so far that if they could take the sickness away, even become sick instead of their child, they would. But they can't, and it hurts.

Has there ever been a time when you wished you could take it all away? Not just a sickness of a child, but something you did that you really regret? Maybe it was something you did to end a close relationship with a friend. Maybe you said something to a family member that you wish you could take back. Maybe it was something that only you know about, but it haunts you each day.

It's at moments like those that God's love really starts to shine through. He knows your sin, your guilt, your regrets. But he doesn't just wish he could take them away. He did take them away. He forgave them all! He took your sin and guilt away when he put them on his only Son. He loves you so much that he had his only Son, Jesus, die for your sin so that you wouldn't have to. God forgave your guilt and now considers you right with him because of what Jesus did for you.

Wish your guilt and regrets could be taken away? They were. In their place he gives you forgiveness and eternal life. Now that's a love that shines through!



New WELS App

We are announcing the launch of a brand new version of WELS Mobile! There are a number of changes, including the name. We've dropped the "mobile", so now it's just called the WELS App. It also no longer can be found in the Apple, Google or Amazon stores. In their place, the WELS App is available at <https://wels.app>.

The WELS App is mobile friendly but is technically called a "progressive web app" or PWA. Without getting too technical, PWAs give you all the features of a store app, but can be updated more frequently and offer similar experiences on any device. They get progressively better as your device (and it's browser) gets more capabilities. We are excited about offering great new features in the WELS App like favoriting content, sharing, and more content.

Some have asked "why the change?" There were two major reasons:

1.The synod has limited technical resources to maintain mobile applications that are offered in the traditional Apple/Google app stores. It requires deep technical knowledge of both platforms and testing on many, many different phones. We spent more time trying to insure the apps worked on all your devices than offering new features. Maintaining only one app will allow us to push out new features quickly.

2.A second benefit is that the new app can run safely and consistently on many more devices/platforms. Because it is simply a website, it can run on older and newer devices on many different systems (Amazon, Apple, Google, etc.). This will allow more people to take advantage of great Bible-based content.

In the very near future there will be many new features, including: bookmarks, notifications, user configurable text size and color, offline access to devotional and yearbook content, and availability as an app on the Windows Store. Thanks for giving the WELS App a try. Tell others. Enjoy the experience and the beautiful messages it carries.



Powerful Tools FOR Caregivers

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is an educational program designed to help family caregivers take care of themselves while caring for a relative or friend. You will benefit from this class whether you are helping a parent, spouse, or friend. Participants will learn to:

- Reduce stress
- Improve self-confidence
- Better communicate feelings
- Increase their ability to make tough decisions
- Locate helpful resources

Class meets for 90 minutes once per week for six weeks.

Dates: Wednesdays, Sept. 12 – Oct. 17, 2018

Time: 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Location: Peace Lutheran Church
335 W. Prairie St., Wautoma

Cost: FREE *pre-registration required

Space is limited!

Call 920-294-4100 to register.

Need respite? Inquire at time of registration.



Lutheran Girl Pioneers International Convention

October 6, 2018 Franklin, Wisconsin

Join us for our bi-annual convention 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. 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 karen.martinez@wels.net.**



Church News

Pioneers Friends & Family Day

Sunday, August 12 at 11 am

at the home of Jim & Jan Schroeder

Everyone is invited to join us out at the Schroeder's on Silver Lake for an afternoon of fun in the sun! Swimming, a boat ride, and a yummy cook-out are all on the schedule for our day! Swimming is not required- there are plenty of us who enjoy just hanging out on the deck!

Pioneers will supply brats and burgers (and all the toppings). Bring a dish-to-pass.

All ages, singles and families, are invited out!

Please RSVP to Christine at 920-765-2147.



Advent by Candlelight

Sunday, December 2, 2018 1 pm

Ladies of all ages of Peace,

The Lutheran Girl Pioneers are hosting Advent by Candlelight this year, but we need your help!

We are searching for:

Bible verse readers

A pianist

Women for a small choir to sing one hymn

Table hostesses



The Bible readers, the pianist, and the choir will meet once to rehearse. Table hostesses would decorate and set one table for five guests, plus yourself.

If you are interested in any of these, please see Christine (920-765-2147) as soon as possible.

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 (we only have three!!)

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!

To the Members of the Circle of Peace & Ladies of Peace Lutheran Church



Mary McKay and Bernice Baranyk are no longer able to continue on the Altar Care Committee. Mary is also stepping down from doing Altar Flowers.

If you feel this is something you would be interested in, please call Mary at 787-3167 or Bernice at 787-0318. Training will be provided.

All that is needed is a joyful heart and will to serve the Lord! We need your help!

Save the Dates!



Portraits for our new church pictorial will be taken on September 26-29.

Watch for more information soon!

Please see Terry Proctor with any questions.



Church News

Why Lutheran Pioneers?

"Why should my child be a Pioneer? We're so busy!"

The Peace Pioneers strive to be a group that not only has tons of fun (which we do!), but instills a love for our Savior and teaches our youth how to show that love in every aspect of their lives.

When Pioneers began, I'm pretty sure that the majority of this congregation believed that the Pioneers wouldn't last. Maybe I even believed that (but just a little!). But then, after the first meeting, and the second, something was happening. These kids wanted to come to Pioneers. It was no longer their parents encouraging them to come, it was them.

Now I see friendships that may not be as strong (or at all), if not for Pioneers. I see older Pioneers taking a genuine interest in younger Pioneers. I see adult leaders hugging Pioneers that they may not have gotten the chance to know. I see Pioneers talking easily about Christ to each other and to their non-Pioneer friends. I see love for each other. I feel love. And that is exactly what I had hoped for when we started this ministry. I wanted children and families to feel like they belong here- 'cause they do!

Ask any Pioneer why they come back every year. Ask leaders why they work hard all year. It's all about love. Jesus' love for each of us and our response to that. Please consider registering your child, aged Kindergarten-high school. We have children of all ages! The Pioneers is an open ministry which means we encourage our Pioneers to invite their unchurched friends. If you know anyone who isn't a member of Peace, but would benefit from the Pioneers, please see Christine. Pioneers reaches families easily because of our "fun," and then keeps them because the kids make friends, the parents trust the leaders, and everyone hungers for the same truth- the truth that is expressed at EVERY Pioneers meeting and outing- the truth of Jesus. All Sunday school students families, ages 5K and up, will be receiving a letter along with a registration form soon! If you don't receive one, or need extras for friends, let any Pioneers leader know.

Our schedule for this year will be different than previous years. We will be meeting once a month on the last Sunday. We will have lunch together at 11:30 am; our meeting will follow. We will be done at 2:30 pm.

Our first meeting will be on

Sunday, September 30 11:30 am- 2:30 pm.

For more information about the Pioneers ministry, please contact any Pioneers leader:

Kevin & Christine Bohn 920-765-2146; 920-765-2147
Ahnsharee Klusmeyer 920-539-3560

God's Great Gifts

A Christian Education Day for all ages

Sunday, July 8



Bev, Barb, Diana, Hannah, Ahnsharee, Beth, Sam, Terry
Bernice, Kali, Donna M., TJ, Susan, Mary, Robin, Fiona
Ian, Wade, Rachel, Joey, Pastor, Grant



News About Our Church Family

Sunday School Corner

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

Save the date for the first day of Sunday School: Sunday, September 9 at 10:15-11:15 am.

Our Sunday School staff this year:

2/3 year old	Open
4K/5K	Miss Sara Siegel
1/2/3 grades	Mrs. Jan Schroeder
4 & up	Mrs. Christine Bohn
Music	Open
Superintendent	Open

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." Sunday School really does matter!



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 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 Music
2/3 year old teacher
Sunday School Substitute Teacher

Contact Updates and Corrections

Please let the church office know of any phone number, email, or address updates and corrections no later than September 16.



Birthdays

8/3	Randy Wilcox
8/4	Linda Stechmesser
8/11	Eryn Lemke
8/12	Helen Timmermann
8/16	Terry Proctor
8/17	Dale Ast
8/26	Ruth Bartforth
	Pastor Tom Klusmeyer
	Emily Rose Riedel
8/30	Suzie Frohman



Anniversaries

8/5	Pr. Russell & Verona Kleohn (51)
	Jason & Betsey Welty (18)
	Greg & Mindy Hintz (12)
8/17	Russell & Deanna Eichsteadt (16)
8/18	Tom & Donna Kuenn (27)
	Tom & Megan Kubasta (22)
8/22	Brendan & Tanya Rooney (3)
8/25	Don & Helen Timmermann (61)
8/28	Woody & Joyce Woodruff (64)



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.

Don't Miss Church



Out of Town? Vacationing somewhere new? You can find a church near where ever you travel! You can call the church office, tell us what town you'll be

near and we'll be able to find you a place to worship!

Or, visit yearbookwels.net/unitsearch and enter the information requested.