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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 @ 8:15 am
Thursdays @ 9 am & 8 pm

Confirmation Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm

Pioneers every last Sunday @ 11:30 am



Messenger of Peace is a publication of:
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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.

Rejoice in the Lord always.
Do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything, by prayer and
petition, with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God.

And the peace of God,
which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4a, 6-7

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Children
are
A gift
FROM THE
Lord.
THEY are
A reward
from Him.
Psalm 127:3



Mark Your Calendars!

Level 2 Confirmation Begins
Wednesday, September 5 (6:30– 8 pm)

Bible Class Begins
Thursday, September 6 (9 am & 7:45 pm)
Sunday, September 9 (8:15 am)

Sunday School Begins
Sunday, September 9 (10:15-11:15 am)

Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers Begins
Sunday, September 30 (11:30 am-2:30 pm)



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, see Christine (920-765-2147) as soon as possible.



...our candidate may have already answered our call.



Did we not pray for the Lord's guidance seriously enough?



We still each possess the message of Christ to save those souls.

And Now We Wait...

As I initially write this only two days after the August 5 call meeting, I realize that by the time this comes before you, our candidate may have already answered our call. We may already know that we have a new pastor coming to join us soon. If we are so blessed, he's not going to be here next week—it may take several months to tie up loose ends where he is, make moving arrangements, pack, etc. Or we may already know that we must go back into the process of calling and wait even longer.

Why must we wait?

First, the calling process is not a simple hire/fire arrangement (is even a simple hire/fire arrangement all that simple?). A man called to serve a ministry usually is holding two calls: ours and the one he is serving. Both are great places to serve the Lord. Understand this correctly, but a pastor cannot make the wrong choice—it's service in God's kingdom either way. It still isn't an easy choice. So, it takes some time.

But if a pastor declines our call, did we make the wrong choice? We trusted the Lord to guide us in the selection. Did we not pray for the Lord's guidance seriously enough? Or did we ignore His voice? Did we let our personal preferences overcome the Lord's better choice for us? Did we "set our sights too high" and ask a gifted person to downscale to serve our humble little congregation? Sure, any of those are possible.

But it's more likely that our Lord has reasons for our waiting that have nothing to do with that. Remember the woman who had to ask Jesus multiple times to heal her daughter (Matthew 15)? He teaches her (and us!) persistent patience. Remember the man who asked for money but got healing instead (Acts 3)? The Lord teaches us to look for what is best. Remember how Paul never did get the answer he was looking for (II Corinthians 12)? The Lord teaches us to rely ever more fully on His grace.

What will we gain from waiting?

Could be any of the above, or any of many other spiritual growth opportunities that the Lord will lead us through. Understand this correctly, but a congregation can never have a bad vacancy.

And now we wait. But let's not sit still.

Souls still need saving here in Wautoma and surrounding areas. We still each possess the message of Christ to save those souls. Our congregation still has members who face trials and suffering. We still possess the compassion of Christ and the means to help those members. Peace Evangelical Lutheran could still make a larger imprint on the Wautoma community. We will seek ways to make our presence known. Our own souls still need feeding with the Word of the Lord. Services continue. Children still need to be led to their Lord and Savior. Our hands will guide them in our Sunday School and Confirmation classes. Members and non-members alike still need petitions presented at the throne of the Almighty God. Our knees will develop those prayer calluses. Even the mundane of parsonage painting, and paying the bills, and cleaning the church, and counting the offerings, and service on the Altar Guild continue.

Sure, we'll wait. But we won't sit still.

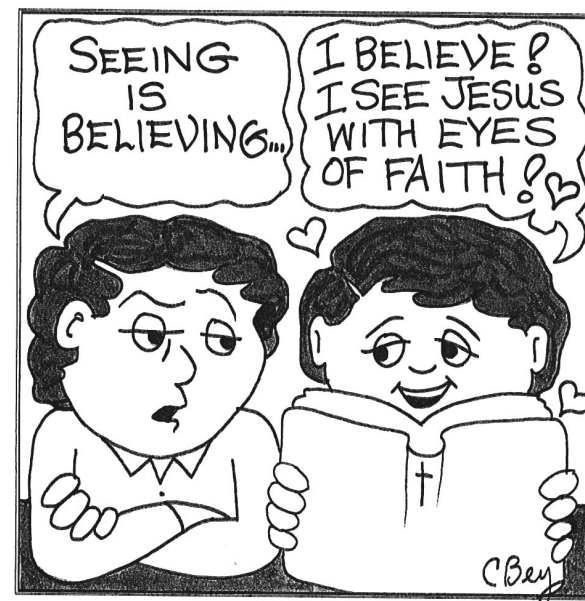
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Sure and Certain of the Unseen

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:1



It is amazing that with only a few clicks on a computer, we can dramatically alter photos. Such capabilities have led us to be a bit more wary. We find ourselves saying, "Unless I see it with my own eyes, how can I believe that it hasn't been touched up? I'll believe it when I see it."

Often this cynical attitude can touch our spiritual life. How can I believe that God loves me and knows what is going on in my life considering all troubles and disappointments I have to deal with?

It doesn't take much for us to see where one of Jesus' own disciples was coming from when he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it" (John 20:25). I'll believe it when I see it.

That is in stark contrast to what we read in the Bible, **"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."** How can we be sure and certain of things we can't see, can't prove?

Think of a father and child playing the game where the father stands behind the child and tells him to fall backwards. The child, unable to see his father, still trusts that he is there and is certain that his father won't let him hit the ground. The child leans back and falls, fully convinced that his father will keep his word and catch him, because his father has always proved trustworthy.

"Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Though we did not see the creation or the crucifixion, though we were not present to witness the Savior rising from the Easter tomb, though we have not heard his actual voice forgiving our sins and promising his return, we believe.

How can we be so sure and certain? God's word is true and trustworthy. Our forgiveness is certain because Jesus did die and rise from the dead. God's love for us today and every day is sure. Every promise our Father has made about our eternal future, he will keep.

Faith is sure and certain of unseen things simply because it takes God at his word.



As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:17



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.

Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors Fall Convention October 10-12 in Elkhart Lake, WI

Each year the OWLS host a fall convention with the purpose of getting members together to be spiritually enriched, have fun, meet new people, and renew old acquaintances. Over the years the OWLS have shown their love for their Savior through the support of the European Civilian Chaplaincy offerings and scholarships for Martin Luther College students.

Most congregations minister to their 'over 55' members in some way. The OWLS Board would now like to invite these "Senior groups" to come and enjoy the many blessings the OWLS have been experiencing at the annual Convention.

The 2018 convention is being held at the beautiful Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake. The Osthoff Resort is an impressive building complex overlooking pools and gardens surrounded by woods with the lake in the distance. This gorgeous venue is too nice to be kept as an OWLS secret.

Elkhart Lake is also the home of the famous Road America racetrack. The board has arranged a tour of the Road America facility.

Christian fellowship is one of the many blessings the Lord gives to His children. Now the goal is to attract younger seniors to enjoy with us this beautiful part of Wisconsin just a little northwest of Sheboygan.

For more information, or to register, visit: www.csm.welsrc.net/download-csm/owl-s-convention-2018/

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.**

(Jesus said,) "See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven

always see the face of
My Father in heaven."

Matthew 18:10



Church News

Pioneers Friends & Family Day

Sunday, August 12 at 11 am

The weather was perfect for a day on the lake! There was great food– thanks to Kevin to manning the grill– and great fellowship, as well! Thank you to everyone who attended! And a special thank you to Jim & Jan Schroeder for hosting us!



Jim, Kevin, Christine,
Karin, Emily, & Becca

Robin, Betty, &
Ahnsharee



The cool girls' table:
Emily, Becca, Robin,
& Kali

Look at all that food!



Jan & Karin

Loading up
their plates.



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!



(Jesus says,) "And whoever welcomes a little child like this in My name welcomes Me."
Matthew 18:5

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

Bible Class on

The Book of Romans

Why does God speak so harshly sometimes?

Broken promises?

Why do bad things happen to good people?

Why do good things happen to bad people?



Why can't I seem to get my life in order?

Isn't the church full of hypocrites?

Who is Jesus?

What does God want from me?

Why do Christians disagree about stuff?

Once saved, always saved?

What is happening when my life isn't going so well?

Why should I care about anything?

What can we know about the "end of time"?

The Book of Romans has answers!

Class sessions will be:

Thursday Morning (9 am) at the church

Thursday Evening after the service

Sunday Morning before the service (8:15 am)

Coming in September!

Each week (Thursday # 1, Thursday # 2, Sunday) the topic will be the same at all sessions. If you miss one time, you could come a different session that week to make it up.

All are invited!

Bring a friend!



News About Our Church Family

Sunday School Corner

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

The first day of Sunday School will be

Sunday, September 9 at 10:15-11:15 am.

All families should have received a letter with a registration form and the year's schedule of lessons. Please return that registration form to any Sunday School teacher as soon as possible. If you didn't receive that letter, please see Christine (920-787-3856).

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!

September Lessons

Date	Lesson (Bible reference)
Sept. 9	Creation (Genesis 1:1-2:3)
Sept. 16	The Fall (Genesis 3)
Sept. 23	Cain & Abel (Genesis 4:1-16, 25-26)
Sept. 30	Hannah & Samuel (1 Samuel 1; 2; 3)
Oct. 7	David & Goliath (1 Samuel 16; 17:1-52)



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 as Sunday School Superintendant, please see Tom Welty or any member of the Sunday School staff.



Birthdays

- 9/1 Karen Mosier
- 9/8 Ardell Schwersenska
- Nancy Lang
- Allen Raatz
- 9/11 Tim Quinn
- 9/12 Tom Kuenn
- 9/13 Gerald Kraus
- 9/15 Harold Stechmesser
- 9/20 Tom Welty
- 9/21 Leana Pankau
- 9/23 Kaliska Klusmeyer
- 9/26 Clara Beyer
- 9/28 Bob O'Brien
- Flo Bettin
- 9/29 Mike Grunert
- Jean Doubek



Anniversaries

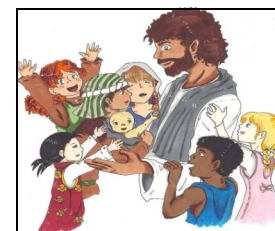
- 9/3 Jeffery & Debra Raatz (13)
- 9/4 Jim & Pat Lichtenberg (47)
- 9/10 Harry & Leana Pankau (69)
- 9/17 Tom & Teri Jo Fendler (30)
- 9/20 Tim & Nancy Quinn (38)
- 9/24 DuWayne & Jean Bartel (58)
- 9/24 Bob & Nancy Lang (35)



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.

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.



(Jesus said,) "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Mark 10:14