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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
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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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.

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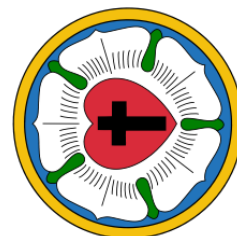


"I cannot and will not recant anything,
for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe.
Here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God.
Amen."

Martin Luther

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Sponsored by the Peace Lutheran Pioneers

Bake Sale

Sunday, October 14
before & after church

All proceeds benefit the Peace Pantry

If you wish to donate any baked goods for this bake sale, please bring your goods to the church kitchen on Sunday, October 14 by 8:15 am.



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.

Reformation 501?

Last year about this time, we Lutherans were all talking about a “really big deal”. Sometimes, the phrase “once-in-a-lifetime” is cheapened of its meaning by “Once-In-A-Lifetime!” car deals—that will be repeated a year later. Or a “once-in-a-lifetime” concert event—until that artist chooses a new tour schedule to promote a new album 15 months from now.

But this was a for real “once-in-a-lifetime” event, a centennial celebration of the posting of the 95 Theses by Martin Luther on October 31, 1517. REFORMATION 500! Except for perhaps a few 1-5 year olds, no one alive in 2017 will see the next centennial celebration of the Reformation. It only comes around every 100 years!

Pulling out all the stops, WELS Lutherans joined others around the world in marking this event in magnificent fashion. Perhaps you were able to attend the Northern Wisconsin District event held at the PAC in Appleton last year. I was present at the Western Wisconsin District celebration at the Dane County Coliseum in Madison. I can only speak for the one I was at, but it was awesome! 7,000 some fellow WELS members joining in worship and praise for God’s blessings to the Church on earth. A seventy-piece brass choir; a 200+ children’s choir; 400 high school voices; 600 or more adult singers—WOW!

Got any plans for the five hundred and FIRST celebration of the Reformation?

Me neither.

Well, that’s not literally true. In late October we will celebrate the Reformation on a local level here at Peace. It will focus on the usual themes of the Word of God, and courage in the face of opposition. We will be reminded of “the eternal gospel” (Revelation 14:6) that can never be squelched or defeated. We will probably even sing a pretty rousing rendition of “A Mighty Fortress”.

But the “once-in-a-lifetime” event will never be repeated by us.

Yet every one of us has a “once-in-a-lifetime” event to celebrate every day of our lives. At some point, through some means, God reached into your life and converted you to faith in his Son, Jesus Christ. It may have been in Baptism. It may have been a school friend or a teacher who taught you of Jesus. It may have been through years of patient encouragement from a devoted spouse. It may have been through an astounding event such as a unique Reformation celebration. But your personal conversion by the power of the Holy Spirit is as worthy of celebration as nearly any other event in history.

Because God thought of YOU when he formulated the plan of sending his Son to die for sin and to rise again. God thought of YOU when he sent prophets and apostles to testify to that Savior, and to write those words we commonly call the Holy Bible. God was concerned about YOU when the gospel was clouded (not just once or twice, but every time Satan can manage it) but HE brought it forward again.

God was seeking YOU when he put into motion the events that led you to read, or hear, or be taught the truth of God’s salvation in Christ. God thinks of strengthening YOU today, when you come to worship, or read devotions, or sing hymns, or...

One of the most humbling things for Martin Luther when the light of the gospel broke through into a sin-darkened heart and mind, was the realization that “he did this for ME”!?!
Yes, you!

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again, Rejoice!”

(Philippians 4:4)

Pastor Joel Suckow



Take Out the Trash!

Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7



If you were asked to write down your top-ten favorite places, it’s hard to imagine “a landfill” making anybody’s list. There’s nothing pretty about a landfill. There’s nothing attractive or inviting about a place where trash is piled high and deep. It’s no fun to be at a landfill; all you can do is watch the pile get bigger. And you certainly wouldn’t want to take home any souvenirs!

But in 1 Peter 5:7, God is inviting us (if it can be said this way) to treat him like a landfill. “Pile it up!” he says. “Keep it coming! I can take it! Cover me with it!”

What kind of trash is God asking us to cover him with? Anxiety. Worry about the future. Stress of the present. Burdens from the past. All the things that pile up and make life feel like an endless slog through a murky, mucky swamp. All the things that press hard and cause pain, on the inside and the outside.

God says, “Throw it all on me!” He wants to take away all those burdens. He wants to remove the guilt from the sins of the past. He wants to hold us up under the stress of the present. He wants to show us the way into the future.

But, as ugly as it sounds, he wants to do that by taking those burdens onto himself. In fact, he already has taken those burdens when Jesus Christ bore the sins of the whole world. He carried all of them when he died on the cross. He didn’t drop anybody’s burden of sin. He didn’t leave anybody’s out so that now they’re stuck carrying their own.

Do you know people who help others so much that they hardly have any time left for themselves? You can marvel at how much they give of themselves, how many burdens they carry for other people. But if you would ever ask them how they can possibly do so much to help others, the answer might come back so plainly, “I just love them.”

God’s attitude toward you is so full of love—so overflowing with love—that no matter how many of your burdens you pile on him, his love will still spill out for you through Jesus. So take out the trash! Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Family Summits

The school year is upon us. This brings newness to the air. New teachers, new schedules, new goals, and new expectations. So how do we, as parents, help set the stage for a successful school year? My husband, Tad, and I are a part of a parent coaching group where we learned about family summits. Basically a family summit is a family meeting. In this meeting we sit down and create space for each child to share a few basic, but important, things.

Here is the agenda for our meeting:

- 1. Prayer**—We invite the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to be present and active in our summit.
- 2. Ground rules**—We explain that this is a time to share and listen. When you aren't sharing, you are listening without judgment or interrupting.
- 3. Defining success**—Give time for each child to think about and write down what a successful school year means to him or her. Share with the family.
- 4. Self expectations**—Give time for each child to think about and write down his expectations for himself. Share with the family.
- 5. Family expectations**—Give time for each child to think about her expectations for your family. In our home our children didn't always realize the kinds of expectations they have for each other. Again, share with the family.
- 6. Mom and Dad time**—Tad and I share our ideas of success and our expectations. These include their answers.
- 7. Blessing**—Close with a blessing for our year.

So often we assume that our children's ideas are the same as ours. God is uniquely equipping our children to do the work he is putting in front of them. We want to cultivate a discernment that helps them see what that work is. I am humbled when their ideas come out because often, they see it more clearly than I do.

Having these conversations has been invaluable in our home. It gives us insight into their hearts. It helps us keep looking to our heavenly Father for guidance as we guide our children.

Jenni Schubring and her husband, Tad, have five children ranging in age from 8 to 16. They are also licensed foster parents.

Bethany Lutheran College

The Bethany Getaway Weekend

Bethany Lutheran College invites all high school juniors and seniors to join us for a FREE* weekend October 25-27, that's filled with fun and excitement! Your weekend begins with a coach bus trip to Bethany. While on campus, you'll:

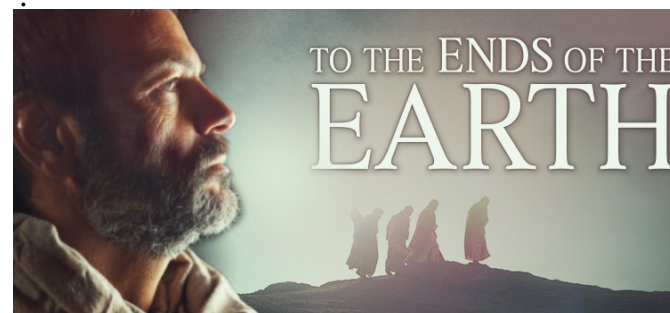
- Tour the campus
- Experience life in the residence halls
- Meet professors, coaches, and new friends

To reserve a seat, or obtain more information, please call Bethany's Admission Office at 800-944-3066 or email any questions to admissions@blc.edu.

Your reservation and \$40 deposit are by October 15. **Students will be asked for a \$40 deposit that will be returned when they arrive on the campus.*

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program Needs Help

CAP Services' Volunteer Tax Assistance Coordinator is looking for Intake Specialists, Interpreters, and Tax Preparers for the Waushara County Office, located in the CAP Sell building, 205 E Main St, Wautoma, for the upcoming 2019 tax season. Applicants will receive training in standards of conduct, intake procedures, and tax law as well as free basic tax filing in return for one 3-4 hour shift per week during the tax season. Visit www.capservices.org/vita for an application or call 920-647-0978.



New Bible Study Opportunity! Sharing the Story of Acts Chapter 16

We will briefly break into our study of the Book of Romans for this Evangelism emphasis. Each week we will study another character in the Biblical report of Paul's work in the city of Philippi.

This study will be based on the new evangelism video prepared by the WELS, titled "To The Ends Of The Earth". Because this is designed as an evangelism effort, it can be a part of training you to be a more comfortable witness of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We will kick off this study with the offer to all members to view the video in its entirety after the service on October 21, 2018. Viewing the video does not obligate you to participate in the Bible Class; you might just enjoy seeing a portion of the Bible put into movie form. Watch the words of Scripture come alive!

After viewing the entire movie, during our regularly scheduled Bible class times (Thursdays and Sundays), we will re-watch and discuss smaller portions of the video.

October 25 & 28	The Conversion of Paul
November 1 & 4	Lydia, first convert in Asia
November 7 & 11	The Slave Girl, saved from spirits by the Spirit
November 15 & 18	The Jailer, the man with a question
No classes Thanksgiving weekend!	
Nov 29 & Dec 2	Philippian Christians live for Christ

After this break into our "normal" routine, we will return to our study of the Book of Romans. Please see Pastor Suckow for more information.

From the Financial Secretary

Thank you, Peace congregation, for your financial offerings and active participation in our activities! We now have a new project— updating the parsonage.

Anyone interested in serving on the Money Counting team, please contact Hannah Klusmeyer (920-229-0505).

Nominees for the Church Council

The Annual Voters' Meeting will be on Sunday, November 4 at 10:15 am. There will be three open positions to fill.

The nominees for the Church Council are:

Kevin Bohn
Terry Proctor, incumbent
Jim Schroeder, incumbent
Larry Walton
Bob Wedell
Tom Welty, incumbent

Please see Don Nelson, church president, with any questions or concerns.



**Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would seek to overthrow your Son
And to destroy what he has done.**
(Martin Luther CW 203)



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!

Let your light shine so
people everywhere may
see your good actions
and praise God in
heaven because of it.
Matthew 5:16

Knitters & Crocheters

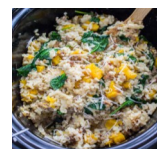
The Peace Knitters and Crocheters will meet the second and fourth Saturdays in October at 2 pm. Please call Linda if you are available to attend.

Bring a skein of yarn, worsted weight 4 ply (example: Red Heart Super Saver, Red Heart Soft, Caron, etc). Crocheters bring a size G, H, or I hook and knitters bring a size 8, 9 or 10 needles.

Please see Linda Welty (715-927-2455) for more information.

Recipe Corner

Slow Cooker Risotto w/ Butternut Squash & Sausage



Looking for a special, but easy week-night meal? Help the kids with homework while the slow cooker does the work!

Ingredients

3 c butternut squash, chopped into 1-inch pieces
1 pound mild Italian sausage
3 Tbl water
3 Tbl butter
1 medium onion chopped
1/2 c chicken broth
2 c arborio rice
4 1/2 c chicken broth
1 tsp salt
2 Tbl butter
3/4 c Parmesan cheese, plus extra for serving
3-4 c baby spinach
salt and pepper

Directions

1. Place chopped butternut squash in a 6 or 7 quart slow cooker. Cover and turn on high.
2. In a large skillet, crumble and brown the sausage with 3 T of water until cooked through.
3. Chop onion.
4. Remove sausage and put into the slow cooker.
5. Melt 3 T butter in the same skillet over medium heat (keep any drippings). Add onion and sauté until translucent.
6. Add 1/2 chicken broth and cook over medium until the liquid is reduced by half.
7. Add the rice and cook for another two minutes, until most of the broth had absorbed.
8. Add the chicken broth, salt and stir until warmed.
9. Pour the mixture into the slow cooker and stir. Cover and let cook on high for 30 minutes.
10. Stir, then let cook for another 30 minutes. Check to see if the risotto is tender. If needed, cook for another 15-20 minutes.
11. Add 2 T butter, 3/4 cup parmesan, and the spinach. Stir together and let rest until the spinach wilts.
12. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.
13. Top with extra parmesan.

www.iheartnaptime.net/slow-cooker-risotto-with-butternut-squash-and-sausage-recipe/



Sunday School Corner

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

Sunday School is in full-swing, but it's not too late to join us if you haven't yet! Coming back to Sunday School each fall is something all the kids look forward to: crafts, singing, and most importantly, learning about their Savior! Teachers are prepared and ready to serve the children!

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)
Oct. 7	David & Goliath (1 Samuel 16; 17:1-52)
Oct. 14	David's Kindness to Saul (1 Samuel 19-20, 22-26)
Oct. 21	David Sins & Repents (2 Samuel 11;12)
Oct. 28	Solomon's Wisdom (1 Kings 2-3, 5-6, 8, 10)
Nov. 4	Ahab & Jezebel (1 Kings 16-19)



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.

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.



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Birthdays

10/1 Linda Welty
10/12 Judy Benz
10/21 Trent Nelson
10/23 Evelyn O'Brien
Larry Anderson
10/30 Tom Fendler



Anniversaries

10/1 Nate & Jennie Sigourney (13)
10/4 Joe & Sue Siegel (32)



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.



Congratulations!

Peace member Robin Blader-Lucht was recently promoted to Brigadier General in the Wisconsin National Guard. Governor Scott Walker said on his Facebook page, "Honored to join the pinning ceremony for Brigadier General Robyn Blader, one of the Wisconsin National Guard's finest senior officers and outstanding leaders." Robyn is married to Ed, and they have two daughters, Brooke and Bailey.

