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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



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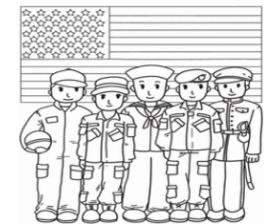


Thanksgiving Worship
Wednesday, November 21
7 pm
No worship service on Thanksgiving day

Annual Voters' Meeting
Sunday, November 4
10:15 am

Harvest Fest & Pie Auction
Saturday, November 10
10 am
Hosted by the Circle of Peace

Veteran's Day Coffee Hour
Sunday, November 11 at 10:15 am
 Please join us immediately after the worship service for a special coffee hour honoring our veterans.
 Hosted by the Peace Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers



Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. -John 15:13

Advent by Candlelight

"To the Ends of the Earth"

Sunday, December 2, 2018 1 pm



Ladies of all ages are invited to our annual Advent by Candlelight event held in the fellowship hall. Space is limited so reserve your seat today! Invite a friend to join you as we come together to celebrate Jesus' birth!
 Please RSVP to Christine by November 25.

We are still looking for table hostesses! You would decorate and set one table for five guests, plus yourself and bring a dessert to share. Please see Christine (920-765-2147) as soon as possible.



Most Things You Learned About the First Thanksgiving are Wrong...

The first thanksgiving held on American soil was not celebrated in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1621.

It was 1541 by the Spaniards in Texas.

Turkey was probably not served as part of the meal.

Writings of the time indicate there were plenty of wild turkeys in the area, but the meat of choice was duck. (Sadly, nor was there any pie since wheat for flour had not begun to be cultivated, nor lard in quantity enough for crust making.)

Thanksgiving was not a one-day event or single meal.

It was a three-day celebration that included feasting and games.

It was not in November.

It was held in September at the latest. (And there were no football games.)

It was not initially an event celebrated by Pilgrims and Native Americans together.

The pilgrims did not invite any Native Americans to attend. The natives probably heard the commotion of some of the games and invited themselves (though they did bring venison as their contribution to the feast).

It was not an annual celebration.

It may have been sporadically held up until the early 1800's when New Englander's began celebrating the harvest regularly.

It was not a regular official holiday or American celebration in the 1800's either.

Though George Washington proclaimed a national celebration in 1789, it did not continue.

President Lincoln declared the next national day of Thanksgiving in 1863 as a memorial for the victories of the North in the Civil War. Those in the South naturally did not participate.

Various later presidents did continue to proclaim such a day of Thanksgiving, but it was 1941 before it was finally established as a federal holiday (no longer needing a presidential proclamation).

And it was deemed the fourth Thursday of November even when there are five Thursdays in November (as there are this year) to ensure a longer Christmas shopping season!

But at least one thing is right...

It was intended as a harvest festival with the particular purpose of thanking God for his blessings.

Certainly, it was not a new idea with us, the Americans, and not even first a European celebration. The Psalmist (Ps. 104) rejoices:

10 He makes springs flow into streams that run between the mountains. 11 They give water to every wild animal. The wild donkeys quench their thirst. 12 The birds of the sky live by the streams. From among the branches they send out their song. 13 He waters the mountains from his upper chambers. The earth is filled with the fruit he produces. 14 He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants that people use to produce food from the earth.

He was, and is, worthy of our praise for all these good things.

So even if it has become a mere way-station for most on their headlong rush towards Christmas presents, we will continue to celebrate our God's graciousness. Join us for the Wednesday, November 21, 7:00 pm worship service of thanksgiving and praise.

Pastor Joel Suckow



Hallelujah!

**Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His love endures forever.**

Psalm 118:1



Oil flowed into the Gulf of Mexico like water over Niagara Falls. Anarchists revolted at a meeting of the world's leaders and set police cruisers on fire. "God is good? He has enduring love? Show me."

Children are born with birth defects. Convenience store clerks are shot. The economy is uncertain. Unemployment threatens the stability of millions of families. People still die. I am lonely. "God is good? He has enduring love? Show me."

Has anyone, or anything, ever let you down? Plenty of times. Has your love ever gone unreturned? You've stopped counting. Many times you've probably wondered where to turn; you've asked, "Who can I trust?"

This psalm calls out to you, to me. It's an "Hallelujah" psalm, meaning "Praise the LORD!" Long ago, God's people sang the words of this psalm toward the end of their Passover meal. That special occasion was a time for the people to remember how God rescued their nation from slavery in Egypt; it was a picture of God's rescue of all people from their slavery to sin. The Passover meal was a way that God showed each generation how much he truly loved them.

Would disaster continue to interrupt their lives? Would prosperity be withheld? Would earthly death continue to pick away at their loved ones? Yes, yes, and yes. Yet the people sang out praise and thanks to their merciful God for deliverance from all these trials of life. . . and more: "**Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved**" (Ephesians 2:4,5).

It is the custom in North America to gather this time of year to celebrate Thanksgiving. Whether you are with family, friends, or celebrating alone, take the time to give thanks to our Savior God for his mercy and deliverance from death through Jesus. Jesus shows us that God is good. Jesus proves that his love for us endures forever.



Our Treasure: The Gospel

The gospel moves us to live as disciples of Jesus.

Trapped. Nine days in absolute darkness. Twelve boys and their soccer coach sat with little hope in a deep cave in remote Thailand. They were lost. It looked like the flood waters would rise even more. Time was running out. All they could do was wait and hope that help was on the way. When a British diver emerged from the water into their darkness, he shined a small flashlight on the group and asked if they were okay. He said that help was coming. The light was blinding. But that light gave hope. That light meant rescue and life.

Our Rescue

It's a story that easily reminds us of our gospel rescue. **"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned"** (Isaiah 9:2). This prophecy made so many years ago by God was fulfilled. Jesus was the light that dawned. He rose up out of the waters of death and shined the light of his life onto a dying world. This rescue cost him his life. But his perfect life was exactly what he came to give. He actually lived as a sacrifice that God would accept. He conquered death to give life and hope to a dying people. Jesus said about himself, **"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life"** (John 8:12). Everyone who follows the light of Jesus will walk in darkness no more. They have been rescued and given the light that leads to life.

This is your rescue too. Jesus' light rescued you from certain death as his light shined on you through the waters of your baptism. Jesus says to you by faith, "Follow me, I know the way to light and life." As a follower of Jesus, his light has shined on you and in you and changed everything. Not only has it changed where you are going, but it also has changed who you are until you get there.

We Become Light

In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, he described the change in us with these words: **"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven"** (Matthew 5:14-16).

Jesus has completed his work here on earth. When Jesus ascended, his work of rescuing us was done. Jesus turned over the task of proclaiming the gospel of his complete victory to those who remained here on earth. Notice what Jesus says to his followers, **"YOU are the light of the world."** When Jesus shines his light on you, you become a light to others. You have been chosen to be his light shining on a dying world.

You Are Light

Jesus accomplishes his work through missionaries, pastors, and teachers. That work needs our support, our time, and our prayers. But Jesus also accomplishes his work through the daily activities of his followers. You are in someone's story. Jesus says, **"You ARE the light of the world."** We need reminders to be who we are. You are the light of the world when you live your life as a Christian, whether you are a child playing in Little League or a parent on the bleachers, whether you are a senior in high school or a senior citizen in a nursing home, whether you have a house full of kids or are an empty nester, whether you are a recent convert or a lifelong Christian. It may be in a conversation that stands up for the truth or a gentle deed that puts that truth into action. Your life is Jesus' sermon to the world, letting **"your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."**

Stay close to Jesus. Be in his Word. Jesus will fill you with the light he expects to shine through you. The results may be observable or it may remain hidden. But all Jesus requires of you in life is to be a light in this world of darkness. Who knows what rescue Jesus is going to accomplish through you? When Jesus returns, you will see it all clearly, and you will hear his voice announce to you, **"Well done, good and faithful servant! . . . Come and share you master's happiness!"** (Matthew 25:23).

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<https://wels.net/our-treasure-the-gospel-part-6/>



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.

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| 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.

Peace Pantry Update



Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Peace Pantry! The Pantry is a free community pantry that is available to anyone in need. With the cooler months coming up, we anticipate an uptick in visitors, so please keep donating!

The Pantry is in need of:

Shampoo	Body Wash	Mouthwash
Feminine hygiene products		
Household cleaners	Laundry detergent	
Toilet paper	Paper towels	
Teas	Coffee	Coffee filters
Pie fillings	Puddings	Popcorn
Rice Sides	Pasta Sides	Taco seasoning
Taco shells	Beans	Instant potatoes
Instant rice	Spaghetti sauce	Soups
Canned fruits	Canned chicken	Tuna
Tuna Helper	Hamburger Helper	Jelly

Remember that Thanksgiving is coming up, so feel free to donate things like canned yams, cranberry sauce, and spices. Also, we do have a little freezer space and room for several frozen chickens and butter.

Thank you to the Peace Pioneers for donating the proceeds of their bake sale to the pantry! Please see Christine in the office for more information.

**Come Lord Jesus, be our guest
and let these gifts to us be blest.**

Amen.





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.

Mental Health Services in Central Wisconsin

Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin (LCFS) is pleased to announce Julie Decker, MS, LPC has joined its staff to provide mental health counseling services to residents of the greater Berlin and Waupaca areas at LCFS's satellite offices located at St. John's Lutheran Church, 168 Mound Street in Berlin and Calvary Lutheran Church, E1887 King Road in Waupaca.

Julie is a Licensed Professional Counselor with a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology from Marquette University. She has over 27 years of experiences with special expertise helping clients of all ages with PTSD, ADHD, ODD, Reactive Attachment Disorder, anxiety, depression, grieving, relationship issues, stress management, chronic pain, and learning challenges. Her extensive work background includes settings including Children's Service Society, Catalpa health, Rawhide Boys Ranch, Chaps Academy, UW Oshkosh Counseling Center, Center for Family Healing, and True Life Ministries. She utilizes a variety of techniques to provide personalized care for each individual including cognitive therapy, behavior therapy, trauma recovery, equine and animal assisted therapy, play therapy, and relaxation techniques.

Julie is currently accepting new clients. Call (715) 524-4840 or (toll free) 888-867-4840 to learn more or schedule an appointment. Or find us online at www.lcfswi.org.



Pioneer News

The Pioneers met on Sunday, September 30. We begin every meeting with a devotion led by Pastor. The Girl Pioneers received their brand new handbooks at this meeting! We played cornhole (under the carport- it was raining!) and painted pumpkins to take home. The Pioneers held a Bake Sale on October 14. We raised almost \$170 and all that money was donated to the Peace Pantry. The Pantry is going to use that money to purchase foods for Thanksgiving, including frozen chickens that we will be able to offer to our Pantry visitors. The Boy & Girl Pioneers meet the last Sunday of each month, from 11:30 am -2:30 pm. Lunch is provided. Pioneers is open to all youth, ages Kindergarten through high school. If you know someone who would like to join Pioneers, please see Christine (920-765-2147). You do not have to be a member of Peace to join.



Sunday School Corner

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

The Sunday School staff is busy preparing for our annual children's worship service, which will be on Sunday, December 23 at 9 am. You will soon be getting a letter home about rehearsal dates. We've already been practicing the hymns in the Sunday School- ask your child to sing "Go Tell It on the Mountain"!

The Sunday School staff welcomes Karin Hetcher as our new Superintendent! We are excited to have her join us- she has been a Sunday School teacher in the past, so she already knows what our needs are!

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
November 4	Ahab & Jezebel
November 11	Jonah
November 18	Three Men in the Furnace
November 25	Simeon & Anna
December 2	Christmas Service Rehearsal



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

- 11/1 Zachary Kubasta
- 11/6 Darlene Travers
- Greg Hintz
- 11/7 Mary McKay
- 11/8 Del Meyer
- 11/19 Anita Mischka
- 11/20 Jim Schroeder
- 11/22 Sharon Westphal



Anniversaries

- 11/7 Larry & Doreen Walton



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.



Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Knitters & Crocheters

The Peace Knitters and Crocheters will meet the second and fourth Saturdays in November 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.