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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.

**Articles:** Please forward information and articles to Christine in the office by the 3rd Sunday of each month.

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# Messenger of Peace



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## Advent and Christmas Worship & Events

Advent by Candlelight  
Sunday, December 2 1 pm

Midweek Advent Services  
Thursdays, December 6, 13, 20  
*Dinner 5-6:30 pm; Worship 7 pm*

Christmas for Kids TBA

Circle of Peace Bake Sale  
Sunday, December 16  
Bring your own container to fill with  
Christmas goodies!  
*All proceeds benefit the missions of the  
Circle of Peace*

Sunday School Christmas Service  
Sunday, December 23 9 am  
*No Sunday School Dec. 23 and 30*

Christmas Eve Worship  
Monday, December 24 7 pm

Christmas Day Worship  
Tuesday, December 25 9 am

## 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. Invite a friend to join you as we come together to celebrate Jesus' birth!

Please RSVP to Christine at 787-3856.

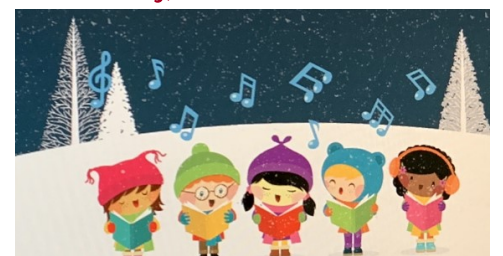


## Sunday School Christmas Service Rehearsal Schedule

Sundays, December 2, 9, & 16  
10:15-11:15 am  
Saturday, December 22  
9-11 am



Sunday School Christmas Service  
Sunday, December 23 9 am



## A Great and Mighty Wonder

There's no question that Christianity contains a number of paradoxes—facts which seem contradictory, but which are both true nonetheless. For example: How can God inhabit the entire universe (in Catechism we call it Omnipresence), yet be personally with us with his whole being (Matthew 28:20)? These paradoxes are why we call it “faith”. We believe what God tells us in his word, even if we can't fully figure it out with our limited human minds. These are the Wonders of God!

The Christmas season presents us with perhaps a greater percentage of them—these paradoxes, these wonders of God. The hymn “A Great and Mighty Wonder” begins with reporting a few of them.

**“A virgin bears an infant.”** Even Mary herself asked about that one. It is so out of likelihood that a human woman could bear a child without the involvement of a man in the process, that it is impossible. The angel's response? **“For nothing is impossible with God,”** (Luke 1:37).

**“Who veils his deity.”** How can Christ be eternal God when he's born with all the characteristics of a human: having a birthday (a beginning), needing parents' protection, wetting his diapers, growing in size and skills as any other child? Not only is it not impossible, but in fact it's necessary for our salvation. He must be human in order to trade himself for us humans. He must be God in order to trade himself for ALL of us. He is eternal God, hiding (veiling) his greatness in human form, for our benefit (Philippians 2:6-8).

**“The Word becomes incarnate and yet remains on high.”** While living in human flesh, Jesus did not temporarily stop being God. While he may have hidden his God-ness most of the time, it surfaces unmistakably in the miracles: healings, walking on water, his face transfigured with pure heavenly glory, rising from the dead (Romans 1:3,4).

Following the hymn's lead, we might go on to speak of other Christmas paradoxes. The King of all being born in such humble circumstances as an animal shelter—a stable—when by all rights he should have premium neo-natal care by the finest doctors in the best hospital. The owner of the universe wrapped in strips of cloths as if he were the poorest of the poor (not even a decent baby blanket, how much could that have cost?). Suffering the pain of circumcision when he was the one person never in need of being connected through this rite to the Father (HIS Father). The Redeemer of all the human race, being redeemed himself by a pair of doves (Luke 2:24). Honored by noblemen from a foreign country (Matthew 3) rather than by his own people.

Wonder at it we will. They are Great and Mighty Wonders. But every aspect of Christmas is part of God's plan for our salvation. One small child's life of redeeming us begins in the darkness of the stable and carries on through the darkness of the tomb. God doesn't challenge us to figure it out, God calls us to believe. Let's follow Mary's example and **“treasure up all these things”** in our hearts. Ponder the wonders, but most of all, believe them.

Pastor Joel Suckow



### Confession of Faith

***If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.***

Romans 10:9

Did you ever wonder what made the early Christians willing to confess their faith in Jesus even when it brought persecution and death? Some Christians in the first century were stoned to death. Others were crucified. Still others were thrown to the lions. Yet they died praising Jesus, confessing him as their Lord and Savior.

In the centuries that followed, believers in Jesus continued preaching and teaching about him even at the threat of physical harm. One such man was Martin Luther who lived in Germany back in the 1500s. Luther boldly preached and taught about Jesus and became one of the most prolific writers about the Christian faith who has ever lived. When the authorities pressured him to take back what he had written, Luther firmly replied, “Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen!” As a result, he was labeled an outlaw and it was open season for anyone who wanted to take his life.

How could Luther and many other Christians confess their faith so boldly even at the threat of physical harm and death? Because they knew that something much better was waiting for them after this life. They knew that Jesus died for their sins and rose from the dead. Jesus' resurrection meant that God accepted his sacrifice for their sins and they too would rise to live forever in heaven.

Christians still have this hope today. We know this life is temporary. Nothing in this life is going to last. It will all eventually decay and perish. But those who trust in Jesus and confess him as their Lord and Savior will enjoy a perfect life with him that will never end. This changes the perspective and priorities of believers in Jesus. Confident in their eternal salvation through Jesus, Christians confess their faith in the Lord Jesus even to the point of death.

**Come worship together this Christmas season and learn more about what confessing Christians throughout the ages have been willing to die for. Jesus is your Savior who came into this world to die and rise again so that you might live with him forever.**



**The shepherds went and worshipped the baby, then went and told everyone they knew what they had heard and seen!**

Luke 2:15-17

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”<sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.<sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.





An angel came to shepherds in a field nearby and told them about the birth of the Savior. The angel told them where to find Jesus.

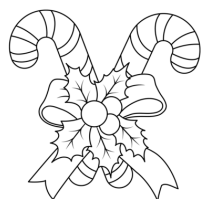
Luke 2:8-12

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."



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Angel  
Baby  
Bethlehem  
Cattle  
Donkey  
Jesus  
Joseph



Manger  
Mary  
Nativity  
Presents  
Shepherd  
Stable  
Star

## 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](http://www.lcfswi.org).



## Church News



Mary and Joseph traveled far for the census ordered by Caesar Augustus.

Luke 2:1-5

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

## Thank You!

Thank you to all our volunteer church cleaners for all your hard work all year long! Rod and Judy Nelson; Don and Helen Timmermann; Jim and Karen Mosier; Jan Schroeder; Bob and Nancy Lang; Pastor and Verona Kloehn; the Bohns; Bob and LuAnn Sittig; Donna Kuenn; Sue Ratzburg; Pam Leifer. Thanks as well to our church custodian, Tom Jones. You all do a marvelous job keeping our church neat and clean!

## 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 upon us, we are getting more visitors, so please keep donating! And, please feel free to visit the Pantry if you or anyone you know is in need of any of our items.

### 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	Microwave popcorn
Rice Sides	Pasta Sides	Taco seasoning
Taco shells	Black Beans	Kidney beans
Instant potatoes and instant rice		
Canned tomatoes	Spaghetti sauce	
Soups	Canned fruits	Tuna
Canned chicken	Tuna or Hamburger Helper	
Jelly/Jam	Snacks	Pancake mix
Syrup	Condiments	Salt/Pepper
Spices	Cake/Brownie mix	Frosting

We also have a little room in the freezers, so if you wish to donate any type of frozen meat (small packages, 1-2# each), frozen veggies & fruit, or butter, we are accepting those items now.



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





# Church News

## WELCOME!

A big welcome to Sara Siegel, our new 4K/5K Sunday School teacher!

There is no doubt that many of us know her. She and her family were members of Peace for many years. Sara herself was confirmed as a teenager here.

As a young lady, Sara has come and gone to Peace for many years. Then when her godson Ty Berius was born, she made a promise that she has kept– to learn more about her Savior so she could be a positive influence in Ty’s life.

In keeping with that promise that she made to herself and Ty, she decided to return to Peace. She attended a Bible Information Class and once again became a member.

Sara could be seen each week in church with Baby Ty in her arms. Four years later, you can still see them, although Sara no longer sits in the back pews, but right up front so Ty can see what’s going on. Sara attended Fox Valley Tech School, graduating with a 3.9 GPA as an early education teacher. She works at Little Sprouts Day Care Center in Redgranite. She became the 4K/5K Sunday School teacher here at Peace in September. Both positions have made her very happy.

She is a firm believer in a “continued routine” teacher, so unless an emergency arises, you will find her each Sunday morning waiting happily to serve our little lambs that are four and five years old. She has a small class this year and welcomes all the children—regardless of ability– to her classroom.

## Knitters & Crocheters

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

## Pioneer News



The Pioneers were very busy in November! At their October meeting, they planned for and made favors for a special Coffee Hour on November 11, in honor of our veterans. They made baked goods, served coffee hour after church and even decorated the tables in the fellowship hall! Thank you to all of those Peace members who have served or are serving in the armed forces!

At our meeting in November on the 25th, the boys will be learning a new skill (and making Christmas gifts for parents) and the girls will be rehearsing for their Advent by Candlelight program. Speaking of which– all the ladies (all ages!) are invited to join us for this annual event! Get your heart ready for the Christmas season.

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.



There were so many people in town, there was no place for Mary & Joseph to stay. A kind man let them stay in his stable. Mary gave birth to Jesus and laid him in a feeding trough.

Luke 2:6-7

And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.



# News About Our Church Family



## 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 Christmas 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”!

Your child will soon receive his or her parts for the service. Please help your child memorize their part. We will work on it during rehearsals, but it is vital for them to have help at home. Practice saying their parts clearly and in a loud (but not shouting!) voice.

Please try to have your child attend each rehearsal. We will be rehearsing on each Sunday in December and on Saturday, December 22 from 9-11 am.

On December 23, please have your child come to the back Sunday School room by 8:45 am. We will walk into church together and sit together for the entire service.

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
December 2	Christmas Service Rehearsal
December 9	Christmas Service Rehearsal
December 16	Christmas Service Rehearsal
Saturday, Dec. 22	9-11am Christmas Service Rehearsal
December 23	9 am Christmas Service
December 23 & 30	No Sunday School



**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

12/5	Kenneth Doubek
12/8	Joe Siegel
12/11	Bob Boelk Neal Roebke
12/12	Pastor Russell Kloehn
12/13	Karen Klamm Sandra Klamm
12/18	Delores Bliske Mindy Hintz Grant Klusmeyer
12/19	Jim Lichtenberg
12/23	Phyllis Schmidt Everett Schulz Tom Jones
12/24	Dawn Wedell Karin Hetcher
12/25	Jesus Christine Bohn
12/26	Gene Wedde
12/27	Russ Nero Mackenie Sigourney
12/28	Jim Mosier

## Anniversaries

12/30	Rod & Judy Nelson (61)
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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 [peaceclutheranwautoma@gmail.com](mailto:peaceclutheranwautoma@gmail.com).

