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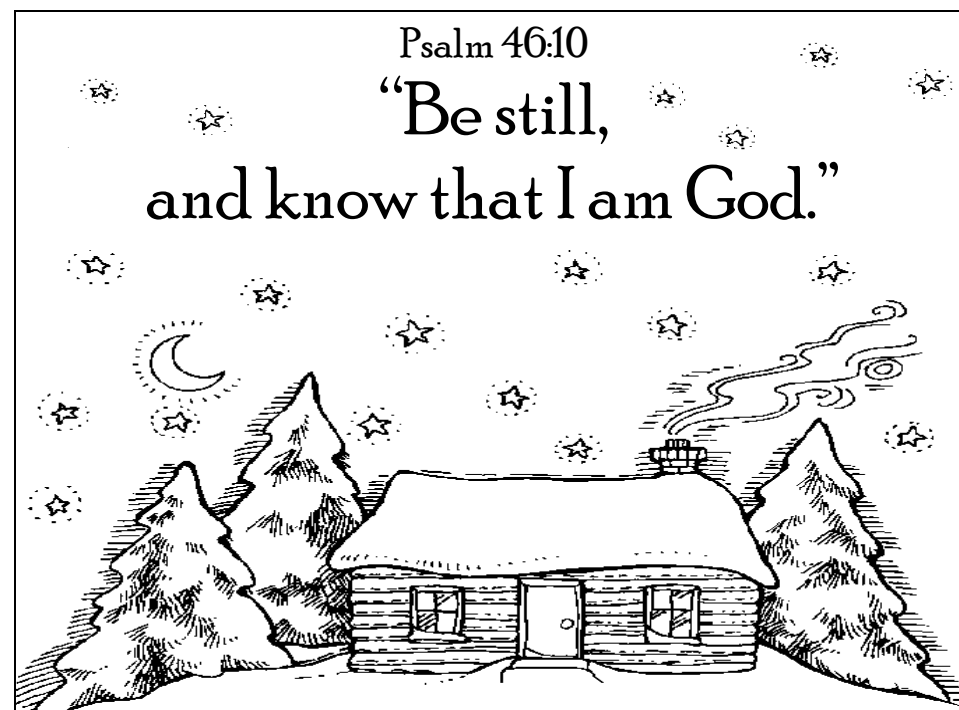
Worship every Sunday @ 9 am
every Thursday @ 7 pm
Bible Study Sundays @ 8 am
Thursdays @ 9 am & 7:45 pm
Sunday School Sundays @ 10:15 am
Pioneers last Sunday @ 11:30 am



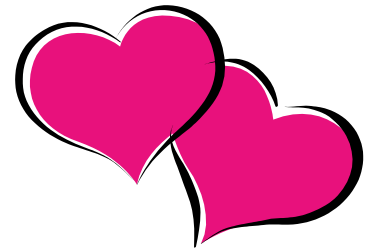
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Messenger of Peace serves the Peace Ev.
Lutheran Church family with information
about people and events that are part of
the Peace ministry and with articles that
encourage Christian living.

Articles
Please forward information and articles
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2018 Annual Report



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Lent & Easter Schedule

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 6

Worship with Holy Communion at 12 pm & 7 pm (same service)

No Worship on Thursday, March 7

Midweek Lenten Services

Thursdays, March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11

Dinner 5-6:30 pm

The entire family is invited to come for a free dinner & fellowship prior to worship

Worship 7 pm

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 14

Worship 9 am

Easter for Kids

TBA

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 18

Worship with Holy Communion 12 pm & 7 pm (same service)

Good Friday

Friday, April 19

Good Friday Worship 12 pm

Tenebrae Worship 7 pm

Easter

Sunday, April 21

Sunrise Worship 7 am

Easter Breakfast 8 am

Easter Song Service 9 am



Voters' Meeting

Sunday, February 3 at 10:15 am



From Our Pastor

Roses are red, Violets are blue,
Sugar is sweet, And so are you.

Thus, begins the “hopeless romantic” is his (or her) attempt to impress a sweetheart with the depth of their feelings for the other. Occasionally, we will break out in creative verse seeking to improve upon the classic. Perhaps we’ll go:

Roses are red, petunias are pink
You’re the best, I do think.

Of course, do you remember, how in grade school, we thought we were “so cool”, when we creatively reimagined the poem to insult, rather than share positive emotions:

Roses are red, violets are blue
Skunks really stink, and so do you!

Then again, our earliest elementary school stirrings towards those crushes that we thought to be love, couldn’t be expressed in “mushy” verse, but had to be creatively written in verses of care—disguised as insult:

Roses are red, violets are blue
Video games are cheaper, than dinner for two.

We just couldn’t quite get to the point to saying “I love you”, but we wanted the recipient of the poem to think that at least we were thinking about them. Dinner dates were out, but we could sit side by side on the couch and play video games together. That’s almost like being in love, right, without over-doing it? “Safe” love poetry!

How “safe” do we try to play it with our love for Jesus? Our classmates in grade school could not be allowed to think that we loved a “girl”. Do our peers today have a hard time discerning that Christ Jesus is our truest, deepest love?

Maybe back up a second: is he our truest, deepest love?

As some have pointed out, the extent of Jesus love is conveyed in the question and response: “How much do I love you? ‘I love you this much,’ said Jesus, then stretched out his arms on the cross and died.” Numerous times the Scriptures depict Christ’s love for the church as a devoted bridegroom’s fervent passion for his bride—one for whom he would sacrifice anything to display that love. And he did sacrifice everything for his bride.

Does our love for him match his for us? Not even close, no matter how much sincere love for Jesus is in our hearts. I would not question a Christian’s devotion to Jesus, I’m only saying that our sinful nature drags us back and prevents us from an unfiltered, true and deep love.

But if it’s there, how shall we tell him? Here’s the apostle John’s answer: **“This is how we have come to know love: Jesus laid down his life for us. And we also should lay down our lives for our brothers. Whoever has worldly wealth and sees his brother in need but closes his heart against him—how can God’s love remain in him? Dear children, let us love not only with word or with our tongue, but also in action and truth,”** (John 3:16-18). As we do good to others, we are demonstrating the same self-sacrificing love that Jesus shared with us. And Christ is pleased with the efforts. **“Just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me,”** (Matthew 25:40). Our brothers and sisters (of all humankind) are the vehicles for demonstrating our love to Jesus Christ.

Often, the Christmas season is highlighted as the time for us to demonstrate “good will toward men”. Charities receive their greatest influx of donations. Seemingly, efforts to live at peace with one another are at their highest. Volunteering hours surge upwards at Christmas. Maybe that ought to be true for Valentine’s Day. Love on the upswing.

No poetry required!

Lenten Worship Series

Pastors:
Tom Klusmeyer, Greg Sluke and Joel Suckow

Ash Wednesday
(March 6)

12:00 pm and 7:00 pm

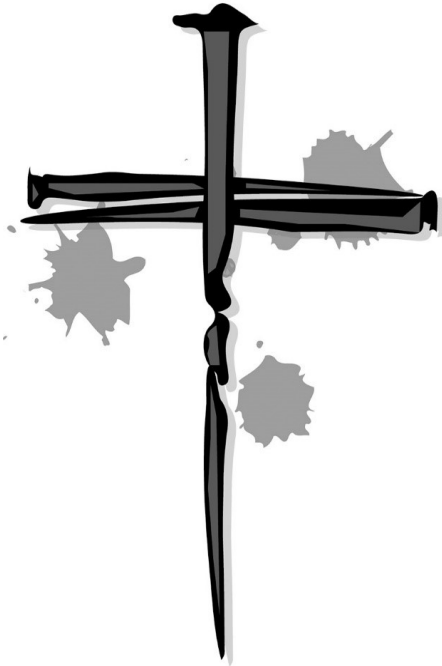
Thursdays in Lent
(Mar 14,21,28

Apr 4,11)

7:00 pm

(dinner served 5:00
to 6:30)

Three Words



of
TRUTH

Focus: Three-word
statements from the
Passion of Jesus

Example:
Take Him Away!

Maundy Thursday
12:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Good Friday
12:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Easter
Sunrise at 7:00 am
Song Service at 9:00 am

A Cooperative Effort

Trinity Lutheran,
Redgranite

Peace Lutheran,
Wautoma



Christmas at Peace



Sunday School kids



Advent by Candlelight



Jean playing for
Advent by Candlelight



The altar all decked out



The Peace Choir



Boy Pioneers making
Christmas gifts



Christmas services



Sy & Ahnsharee



Donna, Judy, & Bernice
hosting coffee hour



Committee & Group Members

2019 Church Council

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Church Secretary

Christine Bohn

Church Custodian

Tom Jones

Organists

Jean Bartel

Verona Kloehn

Donna Kuenn

Choir

Pastor Joel Suckow, Director

Jean Bartel, pianist

Treasurer

Harold Stechmesser

Karin Hetcher, Assistant

Audit Committee

Roger Jansen

Steven Kohler

Robert Wedell

Budget Committee

Trent Nelson

Russell Nero

Robert Wedell

Finance Committee

Robert Wedell, Chairman

Hannah Klusmeyer, Asst. Fin. Secretary

Bernice Baranyk, Counter

Jim Lichtenberg, Counter

M/M Rodney Nelson, Counters

M/M Don Timmermann, Counters

Beverly Walker, Counter

M/M Watson Woodruff, Counters

Board of Elders

James Schroeder, Chairman

DuWayne Bartel

Roger Jansen

James Lichtenberg

Allen Treichel

Watson Woodruff

Beverly Walker, Deaconess

Hymn Boards

Vacant

Lay Altar Assistants

Nathan Klusmeyer

Robert Lang

James Lichtenberg

James Schroeder

Robert Wedell

Worship Committee

Pastor Joel Suckow

Marilynn Chesbrough, Chairperson

Jean Bartel, Organist

Verona Kloehn, Organist

Megan Kubasta

Donna Kuenn, Organist

Jim Schroeder, Board of Elders'

Worship Elders

Robert Boelk

Thomas Kuenn

James Lichtenberg

Neal Roebke

James Schroeder

Joseph Siegel

Richard Vollrath

Robert Wedell

Education-Communication Committee

Thomas Welty, Chairman

Computer Music

Richard Vollrath, HymnSoft Operator

Confirmation

Nathan Klusmeyer, Level 1 teacher

Pastor Joel Suckow, Level 2 teacher

Thomas Welty

Library Committee/Historian

Emily Bohn, Librarian

Thomas Welty

Pioneers

Christine Bohn, Caravan Counselor

Kevin Bohn, Trainmaster

Ahnsharee Klusmeyer, Leader

Robin Rudolph, Leader

Rebecca Bohn, Junior Leader

Emily Bohn, Junior Leader

Pastor Joel Suckow, chaplain

Thomas Welty

Sunday School

Karin Hetcher, Superintendent

Sara Siegel, 4K/5K

Jan Schroeder, 1/2/3 grades

Christine Bohn, upper grades

Thomas Welty

Sound System

Kevin Bohn

TJ Klusmeyer

Megan Kubasta

Richard Vollrath

Thomas Welty

Webmaster

Pastor Tom Klusmeyer

Building & Grounds Committee

Robert Lang, Chairman

Kevin Bohn, Maintenance

Tom Jones, Custodian

Daniel Baranyk, Groundskeeper

Safety & Security Committee

Kenneth Kerl, Chairman

Kevin Bohn

Robert Lang

James Schroeder

Donald Nelson

Outreach Committee

Michael Purtee, Chairman

Peace Pantry

Christine Bohn

Stewardship Committee

Terry Proctor, Chairman

Circle of Peace Ladies' Group

Donna McKay, President

Altar Care Committee

Nathan and Ahnsharee Klusmeyer

Altar Flowers

Donna McKay

Card Counter

Jennie Sigourney

LWMS

Marilynn Chesbrough, Reporter

Vacant

JAM Session

Long-Range Planning

Men's Club

VBS Director

January—December 2018

NEW MEMBERS

Pamela Leifer, from Peace Hartford WI
Dr. Susan Ratzburg, from Bethlehem Menomonee Falls WI
Ray and Julie Tetzloff, from Grace Oshkosh WI
Wendy Winkelmann, from Immanuel Waupaca WI
John and Linda Hannemann, from Trinity Kaukauna WI
Pat Arenas, from Zion South Milwaukee WI

CONFIRMATIONS

Bailey A. Blader Lucht
Kaylee J. Lemke
Casey A. Wedde
Allan Metzger, adult confirmation

BAPTISMS

WEDDINGS

BURIALS

Judith Viola Schneider
Born 9/21/1939; Died 12/14/2017; Burial 1/9/2018
Robert Keihl
Born 1/14/1926; Died 7/25/2018; Burial 8/4/2018
at Peace, Hartford, WI
Raymond McTavish
Born 5/24/1928; Died 9/19/2018; Burial 9/23/2018
at Schmidt-Bartel, Wauwatosa, WI
Harry Pankau
Born 1/29/1925; Died 11/4/2018; Funeral 8/4/2018

TRANSFERS OUT

Colleen Zahn, transfer to Divine Word Plover WI
Kent Schneider, transfer to St. John's Burlington WI
Pastor Roger and Beth Riedel, Emily, Samuel, Susan, Mary,
Rachel, & Joseph, transfer to Grace Oronoco MN
Christine Trinrud, Nolan, Kailer & Ethan,
transfer to Trinity Redgranite WI
Beatrice Broehm, transfer to Bethany Appleton WI

RELEASED

Michelle Lemke

Membership Statistics

Worship Service Attendance

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Sunday	4998	5537	5636	5878	6065
Thursday	1554	1474	929	879	1323
Total	6552	7011	6565	6757	7388
Average	126	135	126	130	142
Special services average	61	60	54	61	70

Bible Class Attendance

Average weekly attendance	25
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Membership

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total Membership	235	244	246	260	267
Communicant Membership	208	213	215	224	235
Sunday School (4K-7th grd)	17	24	26	26	28

Communion

Total members received	2383	(2017: 2424; 2016: 2328; 2015: 2523; 2014: 2447)
Avg. per communion week	88	(2017: 93; 2016: 93; 2015: 97; 2014: 94)



Church News

Midweek Lenten Dinners

Our midweek Lenten Dinners will be on Thursdays, March 14, 21, 28, April 4, and 11. If you are interested in hosting a midweek meal, please use the sign up sheet on the back table in the fellowship hall. Please see Christine Bohn (920-787-3856) with any questions about our midweek meals. And even if you don't host, your entire family is invited to join us on those evenings from 5- 6:30 pm for a free meal and great fellowship prior to our midweek Lenten worship services.

Bring a friend or neighbor!

Thank You!

Thank you members of Peace, chairmen of committees, presidents of groups, and everyone who contributed articles and information to this year's Annual Report. **Thank you!**

ISO: Church Librarian

We are in search of one or several people to take over the church library. After six years, Emily Bohn is resigning from her position as Church Librarian. In the past six years, the Peace Church Library has hosted the WELS-Church Librarians' Organization's conference twice, had summer story hours for families, and has been featured on the WELS Kids' Connection.

Training will be provided.

The church librarian position requires only a few hours per month. You would re-shelve books, order new materials and weed out old or outdated materials, update the bulletin board, and keep the library dusted and neat.

Please see Christine in the office for more information or to volunteer to be the librarian!

EASTER BREAKFAST

Does your group/committee want to host Easter breakfast on Sunday, April 21? Do you want information before committing? If you answered yes to either question, please call Christine in the office at 920-787-3856 for more details.



Anniversaries

2/26 Steve & Heather Jansen (19)

Birthdays

2/1 Donna McKay
2/3 Gloria Raatz
2/5 Carson Sigourney
2/7 Emily Bohn
2/8 Nathan Klusmeyer
2/11 Woody Woodruff
2/12 Jean Lemke
Emma Anderson
Riley Anderson
2/14 Michelle Wedde
2/19 Jackie Putskey
2/20 Jan Schroeder
2/22 Bev Walker
2/24 John Benz
2/26 Bob Wedell



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

Pine Car Derby

Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 1 pm

Cheer on your favorite car or get your own Pine Car and enter the Open Class of the Pioneers 2019 Pine Car Derby!

Join the fun as we race our way to victory!

Appetizers & Pine Car Registrations 12:30-1 pm
If you wish, you can bring an app-to-pass
Races start promptly at 1 pm

Please see Kevin Bohn (920-765-2146) to get a car if you'd like to enter the Open Class.

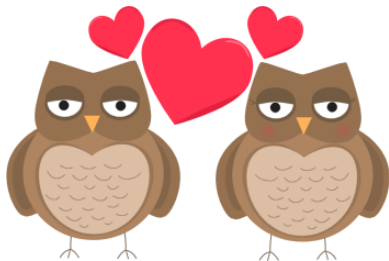
The Open Class is open to anyone, any age, who isn't a Pioneer. The cost to enter the Open Class is \$5 to cover the cost of the car.



Financial Reports

2019 Budget

Pastor’s Salary	\$44,000
Mileage Allowance	\$2500
Housing Allowance	\$675
Health Insurance	\$26,640
Pension	\$4000
Organist	\$2700
Office Secretary	\$19,968
Custodian	\$3500
Maintenance Wages	\$2000
Guest Pastor/Organist	\$1750
Employer Social Security	\$5700
Electricity	\$5000
Heat	\$5000
Water/Sewer	\$3000
Telephone/Internet	\$1375
Insurance (Bldg, liab, WC)	\$5400
Local Missions	
Building and Grounds Committee	\$10,000
Education-Communication Committee	\$5828
Pioneers	\$4000
Financial Secretary	\$425
Outreach Committee	\$1000
Stewardship Committee	\$100
Treasurer	\$300
Worship Committee	\$275
Church Office	\$5000
Circle of Peace	\$500
Kitchen Supplies	\$400
Camp Phillip	\$1800
Improvement Fund	\$2400
LWMS Dues	\$75
Missions	\$20,000
Northland LHS	\$0
School Tuition	\$16,000
Misc.	\$829



Total budget for 2019 \$200,000



Church President, Board of Elders, & Bible Classes

Church President’s Annual Report

Last year was challenging. We all pulled together and we landed on our feet. God blessed us. Thank you to all, for your hard work. With God’s help, let us make this year even better.
Donald Nelson (920-787-5035) *Peace Lutheran Church Council President*

Board of Elders Annual Report

Please see page 3 for a complete list of the Board of Elders membership.
Elders concern themselves with the total spiritual life of the congregation. 2018 continued to be an active year for our Board of Elders. Help was provided to Pastors Riedel and Suckow in scheduling and coordinating our worship services. Thanks to many of you who volunteer to serve as Worship Elders, Greeters, Ushers, Organists, Lay Altar Assistants, Sound Technicians, and Computer Technicians. Shut-ins were visited and served by our pastors and other volunteers. Thanks to all of you who took time to visit and comfort our shut-ins. Special thanks to Don Timmermann who continues to visit many of our shut-ins and bring them the Lord’s Supper. Our worship services are recorded and copied to DVD’s for distribution to shut-ins. Pastor Tom Klusmeyer is making sermons available on our church website. Thanks also to those who routinely transport members who are not able to drive themselves.
Working with Pastor to restore inactive members continued to be a major effort in 2018 and will continue to be in 2019. I urge each of you to personally and lovingly encourage our fellow members, who have strayed from hearing God’s Word, to return and worship with us. A visit, phone call, or note from you means so much more to a straying person than a contact from our pastor or a member of the Board of Elders. Think about it. Is there anything more important than a person’s eternal soul? After numerous contacts are made, we thank our Lord that some of our straying members do return to worship again with us. Sadly, some are not interested in returning to worship with us and are removed from our membership roll; yet we continue to pray for their return.
We have many opportunities to serve our LORD. People are the engine of our church. Our members each contribute in their own way and are appreciated for everything they do. If there is an area in which you would be interested in serving, please let me know. We particularly need more sound technicians. Training is provided.

In His service,


Jim Schroeder (920-787-4311) *Chairman, Board of Elders*

Bible Classes

Bible Information Class (BIC)
This is an overview of basic Bible doctrine. It is designed for those who wish to join our congregation, but is also great for anyone who wishes to “beef up” on their knowledge of the basic teachings of Scripture.
Sundays
Sundays we meet in the “chapel room” at 8 am. All ages at all levels of Bible knowledge are invited.
Thursday
Our Thursday morning study meets in the “chapel room” at 9 am. Men and women of all ages and Bible knowledge are welcome.
Confirmation
Level 1 Confirmation is a brief study of the Old & New Testaments. The class is an overview of the Bible’s history. Level 1 is for first year Confirmation students. We don’t have any Level 1 students for the 2018-19 school year.
Level 2 Confirmation is our “traditional catechism class.” We study the chief parts of the Bible as outlined in Luther’s Catechism. Level 2 is for 2nd and 3rd year students.
Sunday School
Sunday School is where you’ll find the younger sect of our congregation. We offer classes for all children, 4K through 7th grade on Sunday mornings, September– May, at 10:15 am.

For more information on any of the Bible Classes offered at Peace or for current topics, please talk to Pastor.

Audit Committee

We have reviewed the records of the treasurer, financial secretary, and Pioneers and found them to be in good order.
Roger Jansen, Steven Kohler, & Robert Wedell
Audit Committee

Building & Grounds Committee

The major focus for the Building & Grounds Committee for 2018 has been the upgrade and remodel of the parsonage. The Riedels left Peace in late July and the next few months were dedicated to preparing the parsonage for the next pastor and family. The work however was not only the effort of this committee but a church family effort. Many volunteer hours were spent cleaning, painting, removing carpet, upgrading fixtures, and adding electronic updates. We did this together.
Routine cleaning and maintenance was also done weekly throughout the year. Just like your personal household, things are breaking and need fixing all of the time. The snow needs to be shoveled, the grass cut, the carpets vacuumed, the tile mopped, and the windows washed.

A number of other projects have been completed. This included the construction and installation of a new banner cabinet. A rolling media stand was built to match the décor of our church. White boards have been added to one of the classrooms to replace the chalkboard. Our Arbor Day was postponed due to a late April snowstorm but when the sun did finally shine the gardening and beautification projects took off. Trees were trimmed and flowers were planted. Lastly, the boiler update project was completed. We are now reaping the rewards of an energy efficient heating system.
This is what the Building and Grounds Committee does behind the scenes. We do our best to keep everything working and looking as good as possible. We want to be proud of our church for God’s sake and so that visitors want to come back often to worship. Suggestions and constructive criticism is always welcome. Let’s utilize God’s grace and talents to show our neighbors and friends that Peace Lutheran Church is here to spread the Word.
Please see page three for a list of committee members.
Prayerfully submitted, Bob Lang (414-313-0662)
Building & Grounds Chairman

Education—Communication Committee

There are seventeen groups or activities that are included in the Education-Communication Committee. Several have their own reports. Bible Studies, Pioneers, Library, and Sunday School represent a large part of the activities of this Committee.
Our church website at is an interesting place to get information about Peace. Visit it at www.wautoma-peacelutheran.org and tell us what you think!
We provide members with the Forward in Christ, My Devotions, and Meditations. The monthly viewing of the WELS Connection and Kids’ Connection (in Sunday School) is also part of our effort to keep members informed.
Consider joining us for a Bible class. It is important that each of us members of Peace take an active part in the church and encourage others as well, so we are all growing in our faith.
A list of our committee members is on page three.
Tom Welty (715-927-0550)
Education-Communication Committee Chair

Finance Committee

No report submitted.
Robert Wedell (715-228-3957), *Financial Secretary*

Outreach Committee

No report submitted.
Mike Purtee (920-647-0108), *Outreach Chairman*



2018 4th Quarter Financial Statement

Beginning balance 1/1/2018	38622.03	
Receipts		
General Fund	199167.42	
Gifts	30120.00	
Chkg Acct Interest	334.35	
Reimbursements	377.56	
Memorials	1180.00	
Total Receipts	231179.33	
Total Available Funds	269801.36	
Expenditures		
Pastor’s Salary	40510.66	
Mileage Allow.	1678.06	
Housing Equity	675.00	
Organist	1953.28	
Office Secretary	14965.00	
Custodian	3253.02	
Maintenance Wages	1200.57	
Treasurer/Fin. Sec.	1015.84	
SS & withholding tax	6638.51	
Health insurance	16471.00	
Pension	2916.00	
Guest pastor	2698.00	
Electric	4508.09	
Heat	5520.87	
Water & Sewer	2484.97	
Telephone/internet	1696.19	
Blg & Grnds	22025.55	
Insurance (bldg., Liab, WC)	5093.00	
Local Missions		
EDU-Comm	4115.28	
Pioneers	4000.00	
Outreach	1079.25	
Stewardship	0.00	
Kitchen	577.17	
Worship Comm.	275.00	
Circle of Peace	272.41	
Fin. Sec.	377.58	
Office	5394.52	
Treasurer	254.78	
Tuition	15075.00	
Synod missions	25000.00	
Camp Phillip	2610.00	
Northland LHS	1200.00	
LWMS dues	0.00	
Improvement fund	0.00	
Loan payments	3649.84	
Misc/Other	2908.92	
Non-budget exp.	5540.86	
Total Expenditures	207634.22	
Ending balance 12/31/2018	62167.14	
Funds balance in checking account	41742.61	
Total Usable Funds	20424.53	

Funds Balance	
Pastor Education	92.62
JAM Session	482.32
Sunday School	279.22
Hymnals	20.30
Library	397.36
Choir	640.39
Hearing Devices	200.30
Pioneers	814.88
Organ Fund	1661.07
Student Assistance	1068.17
Playground	0.00
LWMS	0.00
Improvement Fund	7453.42
Website	20.00
VBS	101.00
Parking Lot	21988.08
Flowers	186.01
Tuition	500.00
Outreach	405.95
Shut In Ministry	222.68
Computer/Peripherals	239.89
Sound System	862.34
Coffee Hour	45.00
Altar Candle	149.61
Kitchen	1883.00
Tree Rings	50.00
Banners/Paraments	1100.00
MLC Scholarship	0.00
Banner Cabinet	0.00
Security System	662.00
AED	0.00
Carpeting	217.00
Total	41742.61

Loan Balance 0.00

Groups & Financial Reports

Sunday School

We have classes for 3 years old- 6th grade (7 & 8 graders that are in confirmation can assist Sunday School teachers or join the upper grades class) and meet each Sunday, September through May.

Please see page three for a list of our staff.

We use the Christ-Light curriculum specifically designed for Sunday Schools. The teachers and students enjoy this resource, which differs from Lutheran day schools- no more do we hear: “We did that in school!” We study New Testament lessons in the first half of the year and the Old Testament in the second half.

Sunday School is an extension of your family! We are here to assist families in their job of teaching and preparing these young Christians for life.

If you ever have questions or issues about anything that your child is learning, please contact us! We encourage you to visit your child’s class, to talk to your child’s teacher and be as involved as possible! The Sunday School staff would like to thank everyone who supports this ministry financially, with prayers, and with service.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining our Sunday School staff as a teacher, or substitute teacher, please talk with any Sunday School teacher, pastor or myself.

Karin Hetcher (920-787-9232), Sunday School Superintendent

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is held each summer for the youth of our church and community. We currently don’t have a VBS Coordinator. If you are interested in this position, please see Tom Welty (715-927-0550).



2018 Committee Budgets

COMMITTEE	BUDGET	ACTUAL
COMMUNICATION-EDUCATION	4,500.00	4,115.28
PIONEERS	4,000.00	4,000.00
OUTREACH	1,000.00	1079.25
STEWARDSHIP	100.00	0.00
KITCHEN SUPPLIES	800.00	577.17
WORSHIP COMMITTEE	260.00	275.00
CIRCLE OF PEACE	500.00	272.41
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	425.00	377.58
OFFICE	5,000.00	5,394.52
TREASURER	470.00	254.78
BUILDING & GROUNDS	10,00.00	22,025.55



Committees & Groups

Safety & Security Committee

Please see page three for a list of committee members.

The Safety & Security Committee was formed during the latter portion of 2017 in response to active shooter incidents at churches across the nation at the time. Almost immediately the committee realized they needed to address a number of safety and security topics at Peace. Topics of concern were:

1. Door security and key issuance
2. Emergency response plan for incidents and disasters
3. First aid kits
4. AED (automated external defibrillator)
5. Fire extinguishers
6. Security Cameras

The committee prioritized these issues and implemented solutions for the placement of first aid kits, fire extinguishers, and an AED before year’s end of 2017 or early 2018.

CPR and AED training were provided to 15 congregational members during 2018.

In May 2018 the congregation approved the first OEP (Occupant Emergency Plan) outlining responses to incidents and disasters. The next step for the OEP is to conduct congregational drills, with a Fire Drill being the first drill planned. A “drill” committee was formed (Ken Kerl, Kevin Bohn, Judy Nelson, and Bev Walker) to draft a fire drill procedure. It is planned to conduct a fire drill when the weather allows in early 2019.

Future goals for the safety & security committee: become more involved with safety and security decisions and recommendations.

The Safety & Security Committee invites anyone with a desire to be involved with the church’s safety and security to contact Ken Kerl or Don Nelson.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Kerl (608-697-3096)

Safety & Security Committee Chairman

Stewardship Committee

No report submitted.

Terry Proctor (920-420-8190), Stewardship Chairman



Worship Committee

The Worship Committee was created approximately 10 years ago for the purpose of assisting the pastor with planning worship services.

There is a lot of planning of the worship services. Pastor Suckow leads the planning and we add input from the committee. Pastor Suckow presents the reading for our Old and New Testaments, along with the planned sermon text before we make suggestions on hymns, special music, including Sunday school students and Boy and Girl Pioneers as appropriate. We usually meet monthly but it may be necessary to meet more often at times of the church year like during Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.

Please see page three for a list of committee members.

If any church member has any concerns or input regarding our service planning, please feel free to speak with any member of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilynn Chesbrough (920-787-2519)

Worship Committee Chairperson

Altar Care

The main duties of the Altar Care committee are to change the paraments and banners at the appropriate times, and fill the oil candles. We also do the cleaning of the altar such as cleaning the glass on the altar and making sure the altar is dusted.

Please see page three for a list of our members.

This committee is overseen by the Circle of Peace.

Nathan & Ahnsharee Klusmeyer (920-539-8553)

Altar Care Committee

Card Counter

The Card Counter supports the Circle of Peace’s mission work through two main ways – collection of education labels and sale of greeting cards and seasonal items.

Education labels include Box Tops for Education, Kids Caps & Cash (milk tops), and Campbell’s Labels for Education. The labels are then given to area Lutheran schools. Take a moment to inspect food boxes that you purchase- you may be surprised to find how many products have these labels on there! Just cut them out and bring them in – every label and milk top adds up! The box to drop them off is located on

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the left-hand side of the counter.

The greeting cards stocked year-round include:

- Birthday (individual or box set) in a variety of styles for men and women, child and teen
- Get Well
- Thinking of You
- Sympathy (individual or box set)
- Wedding/Anniversary
- Baptism
- New baby

In addition to the year-round cards, specialty cards are sold to celebrate Church and holiday events, including Easter, Confirmation, Graduation, Mother's & Father's Day, Reformation, Thanksgiving and Christmas. The cards are competitively-priced and lower than most stores! In the display counter are items also for sale – many handmade by members of Circle of Peace. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, please let one of the ushers or Jennifer know so they can assist in getting the item(s) for you.

The Card Counter is overseen by the Circle of Peace.

Jennifer Sigourney (715-228-3579)

Card Counter Manager

Church Library

We have added lots of new material to our library including DVDs, magazines, and books. We subscribe to the magazine "Answers" which offers a Biblical worldview on creation and science issues. Be sure to check it out– it's so interesting!

In 2019, we hope to add more new material to our library. We are searching for a new librarian. If you want more information on that, please see page 13.

We are interested in what you want! If there is a book, DVD, or CD that you would like to have in our library, please let Emily know your suggestion!

Emily Bohn (920-765-2146)

Librarian



Church Volunteer Cleaners

Peace is fortunate to have a number of volunteer cleaners to help our custodian Tom Jones. These families help clean church for Sunday worship: Steve & Dawn Kohler, Rod & Judy Nelson, Donna Kuenn, Pam Leifer, Sue Ratzburg, Don & Helen Timmermann, Jim & Karen Mosier, Jan Schroeder, Bob & Nancy Lang, Pastor & Verona Kloehn, Kevin & Christine Bohn, and Bob & Luann Sittig.

Once every three months volunteers are assigned a week to make sure our church is ready for Sunday worship. If you would like to volunteer, please call Jan Schroeder who coordinates the schedule.

Jan Schroeder (920-787-4331), Coordinator

Circle of Peace

This is a group of women from our congregation that meet the second Saturday of each month at 9 am.

Please see page three for a list of our officers.

We join in fellowship and consider how best to distribute money raised and donated to different needy missions. We also help with funeral meals and we visit shut-ins. This year we baked Christmas treats for shut-ins and those eighty years or older. We supply the blue Advent poinsettia. We donate the confirmation cake. We also do the goody bags for the Sunday School kids after the Children's Christmas service. We like to do a Lenten dinner and a coffee hour, if possible. We also have a Christmas party every year where we play games, eat, and have a good time.

We would love to have you join! Come for a visit!

Donna McKay (920-787-7424), President

Flower Altar Care

Our job is to help keep flowers on the altar, to help the Lord's house look beautiful for services. We decorate for Easter and the harvest table in the fall.

We encourage anyone who would like to put flowers on the altar to please do so-for birthdays, anniversaries, remembrances of loved ones, etc. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board next to Pastor's office. You do not have to order flowers from a florist. Many people have their own gardens and those flowers are welcome!

We would love to see more people do this!

This committee is overseen by the Circle of Peace.

Donna McKay (920-787-7424), Flower Altar Care

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JAM Session

JAM (Jesus And Me) Session is a youth group for teens, 7th grade –12th grade. We currently don't have a JAM Session leader. If you are interested in this position, please see Tom Welty (715-927-0550).

Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers

The Lutheran Pioneers and Lutheran Girl Pioneers are international organizations, affiliated with WELS, but completely self-sufficient (no synod money goes to either the Boy or Girl Pioneers). The Lutheran Boy Pioneers is based in Watertown and the National Office for the Lutheran Girl Pioneers is not only located in Wautoma, it's run by our own Caravan Counselor, Christine Bohn, who serves the National LGP as the Executive Director.

In 2018, the Pioneers cleaned the church kitchen, held our local Pine Car Derby (and sent two cars to the National Derby!), had a swim party, hosted a special Veteran's Day coffee hour, hosted Advent by Candlelight, learned how to woodburn and made Christmas gifts, and so much more! In 2019, be sure to watch for activities and events hosted by the Pioneers! Everyone is invited to any and all of our regular meetings or fun events!

I would like to thank the members of our congregation for supporting us and knowing the importance of the Pioneers ministry. It gives the kids a sense of belonging here. It gives them the hope of faith and the fun of being with other Christians.

Please see page three for a list of our leaders.

We have 11 kids in Pioneers for the 2018-19 year.

If you or someone you know would like to help at meetings, or if there is a child in your life, ages Kindergarten and up, who would like to join Pioneers, please give us a call!

Your Pioneers leaders,

Kevin & Christine Bohn (920-765-2147)

Ahnsharee Klusmeyer (920-539-3560)



LWMS

(Lutheran Women's Missionary Society)

Peace congregation is a member of the Wolf River Circuit of LWMS.

LWMS was formed to support our missionaries in whatever way we can to encourage them and let them know they are not alone whether it be Home missions or World missions.

The Wolf River Circuit hosts two rallies every year, one in the spring and one in the fall.

Thank you again, members of Peace, for your generous contributions to LWMS. We hope the pink envelopes in your envelope box are convenient and helpful in making an offering.

Peace Pantry

The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

(Psalm 145:15,16)



The Peace Pantry is located in the Fellowship Hall. It is a well-stocked cupboard filled with everyday items, such as canned goods, toiletries, and cleaning supplies, that may be taken anon-

ymously whenever anyone is in need of something. It is open to everyone in our community and there is no fee.

The Peace Pantry is supported solely by free-will offerings and donations. We are very grateful to all of the wonderful people who have donated many items to the Peace Pantry.

The Pantry is open during regular office hours, on Thursdays and Sundays before and after church, and by appointment.

We had around 100 visits to the Pantry in 2018.

We have school supplies available such as paper, notebooks, and crayons that people are able to take. We were also able to set up a Christmas table, offering free gifts for our visitors. Thank you for everyone who donated gifts, including handmade hats and mittens. We hope to do this in 2019, as well.

If you or someone you know is in need, please make use of our pantry.

Christine Bohn (920-765-2147)

Manger of Peace Pantry