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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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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

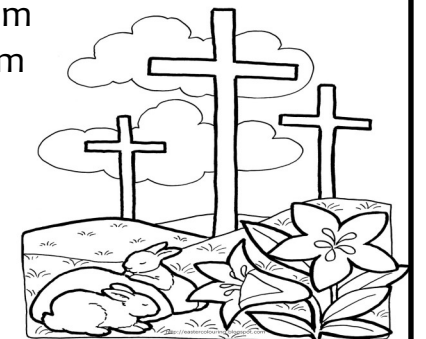
Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 14
 Worship 9 am

Easter for Kids
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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



Save the Date
Vacation Bible School
July 15-17, 2019
 Blast off to the Space Station
 Salvation to learn all about God's
 plan for each of us.
More information coming soon!



We'll need lots of volunteers,
 so please prayerfully consider
 helping out!





From our Pastor

Over time, certain proverbial phrases have become so ingrained into our collective consciousness, that even if we don't know its origin or intended meaning, we may still say it.

"A penny saved is a penny earned" was never actually spoken or written by Ben Franklin in those precise words. We use it to encourage people to save for the future when it may be more needed, than being spent in the moment of "want", vs. "need". What he really said was: "A penny saved is worth two pennies", putting the emphasis on financial compounding of interest over time. His intent was to foster the use of banks in the early days of the republic. It really was foreign banks that financed the American Revolution, now we needed to establish our own institutions so that we wouldn't have to rely on other countries.

A biblical phrase I overhear, which I doubt the speakers know its origin or meaning, is: "Don't judge or you will be judged!" They may have a vague idea that it may have come from the Bible, but what they want is to be left alone—"don't judge me!" When, in fact, Jesus was encouraging us to judge ourselves, to look closely at our own behavior and thinking to see if it matches the Word and will of God. The phrase isn't outward minded, it's inward directed. With careful examination of the Scriptures, we can ascertain its true meaning, and gain the benefit of listening to it.

We will have the opportunity, in the upcoming Lenten season, to review many familiar biblical phrases. We'll be looking at "Three Words of Truth" statements made by various individuals around the time of Jesus' arrest and crucifixion. Even those individuals may not have known, in the moment that they spoke the words, how important they would be in God's eternal plan, nor how much meaning they have to us today. Pilate's question, for example, "What is truth?" brings us to the eternal truth of God that decreed Jesus' death for us. Pilate was merely being sarcastic and cynical in the face of a jealous attack on a clearly innocent man. Truth was being trampled on in the rush to have Jesus done away with. But Christ's death for all humankind is God's truth for us to know, to be comforted by, and to share.

In the upcoming Lenten services hosted by Peace Evangelical Lutheran, "Three Words of Truth" will form the basis of each service and sermon. Peace Lutheran will again be sharing pulpits with Trinity Evangelical Lutheran of Redgranite during the season. The biblical phrases to be examined (and the preachers for the services) are:

March 6	Love One Another	Pastor Greg Sluke
March 13	Is It I?	Pastor Joel Suckow
March 20	Watch and Pray	Pastor Tom Klusmeyer
March 27	I Am He	Pastor Tom Klusmeyer
April 3	What Is Truth?	Pastor Greg Sluke
April 10	Take Him Away	Pastor Tom Klusmeyer
April 18	Take and Eat; Take and Drink	Pastor Joel Suckow
April 19	It Is Finished!	Pastor Joel Suckow
April 21	He Has Risen!	Pastor Joel Suckow

The Ash Wednesday service with Holy Communion, will be celebrated at both 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm. These two services will be the same. The remaining mid-week services of Lent will be celebrated at Peace on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. On Good Friday, we will have services at both 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm. The Good Friday services will be different at each time. Easter Sunday we will gather for a Sunrise service at 7:00 am and an Easter Song service at 9:00. These services likewise will be different from one another.

You are cordially invited to any and all special worship opportunities. A dinner will be served at 5:00-6:30 pm the first six weeks. Please join us for refreshment of the body—and refreshment of the soul!

Pastor Joel Suckow



A Short Story

I Need More GOOD NEWS



Indeed, we live in frazzled and frustrated times. Just turn on the nightly news. So frequently we are given reports of events that have devastated property and lives; are told about individuals that have deviated from law and order; and hear of other stories that dampen our spirits. On a regular basis, most of the news is not good news, and a depressed sigh first finds solace in the silence of a turned-off television.

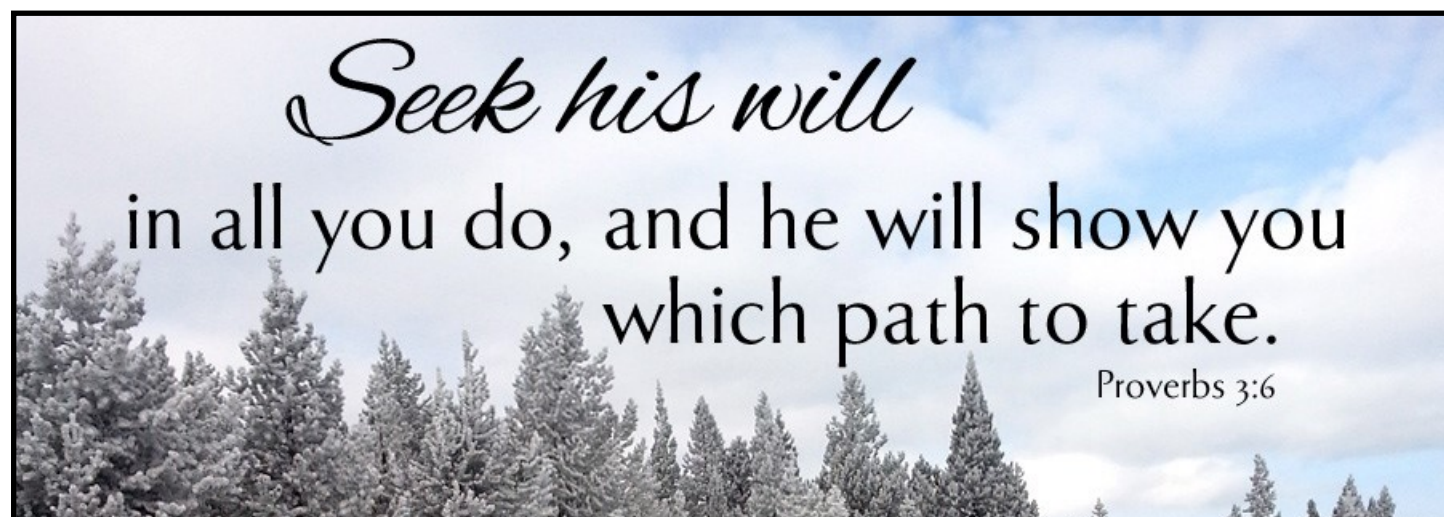
Turns out, though, that we don't have to turn on a TV to know that. We don't even need to be near it. As our consciences rerun the past, we see where our own deviations have had a devastating impact. As a direct result, our spirits are dampened and depressed. Even life-long Christians feel the sting of past sins as their consciences cry a guilty testimony. That's the "news" we know by nature. That's God's Law on sinful hearts, and that's why stricken hearts crave more good news.



The calm to the craving is not attained by turning off; we get it by tuning in. The answer is not in blocking out God's Word or dulling our consciences by making poor excuses. The solution is still found in what God's good news says to every individual—even to you. The calm, promise, and solution remains the message of the gospel! Hearts are calmed at the message of Christ for us! And it's in that message the apostle Paul, a very real sinner, would have sinners still take comfort and confidence. As he lifted Timothy's eyes and heart to the grace of the cross, so he lifts ours:

***"Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance:
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst."
(1 Timothy 1:15)***

Craving more good news? Forgiven sinner, tune in to the Savior who carried your every sin! See him in his Word! Redeemed believer, tune in to the gospel—God's good news that quiets sin's accusations! Hear that saving message! Beloved child of God, tune in to the trustworthy message of the Bible and let your heart sigh with thanksgiving. Jesus came to save sinners. Jesus came to save you! That's the good news! Crave it. Enjoy it. And stay tuned in!





News You Can Use

News from Synod and national & local news that affects lives of Christians.

Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers National Pine Car Derby

Saturday, April 27

West Lutheran High School
Plymouth, MN

Registration begins at 10 am
Races begin at 12 pm
Canteen open all day!
Come cheer on racers to victory!



Make a weekend out of it— a block of rooms has been saved at Comfort Inn with a special rate of \$105 per room. Call 763-559-1222; be sure to tell them you're with the Lutheran Girl Pioneers Pine Car Derby to get the special rate!

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/Waupaca areas at LCFS's satellite offices located at St. John's Lutheran Church, 168 Mound St, Berlin and Calvary Lutheran Church, E1887 King Rd, Waupaca.

Julie is a Licensed Professional Counselor with a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology from Marquette University. 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.



Faith Is...

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1

Faith. A seemingly simple word, but as we all know it is not as simple as it seems. How would you define the word faith? Maybe the words "child-like faith" enter your mind. Webster's dictionary defines faith as "complete trust or confidence in someone or something without proof." Is this definition similar to your definition? While this is certainly what many people mean when they speak of "faith," let's look at what the Bible teaches about faith.

Hebrews 11 is considered the greatest chapter in the Bible on faith. Therefore, it's fitting that the author of Hebrews begins the chapter with a simple and concise description of faith. Hebrews 11:1 reads, "**Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.**"

A Christian's faith is not a blind leap. Nor is it a feeling that everything will work out just fine. Faith is so much more! Faith is a certainty of all of God's promises. We all have the solid confidence that Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross, and was raised on the third day. We were not eye witnesses to the crucifixion and resurrection, yet we trust that it happened, and the promise of forgiveness was fulfilled.

Faith also gives us the hope of things yet to come, meaning Jesus' second coming and the fulfillment of God's promises to us. The hope of life eternal in heaven is a sure thing! Faith allows us to hope with the sure confidence that Jesus is preparing a room in heaven for us and one day will come again to bring us to heaven.

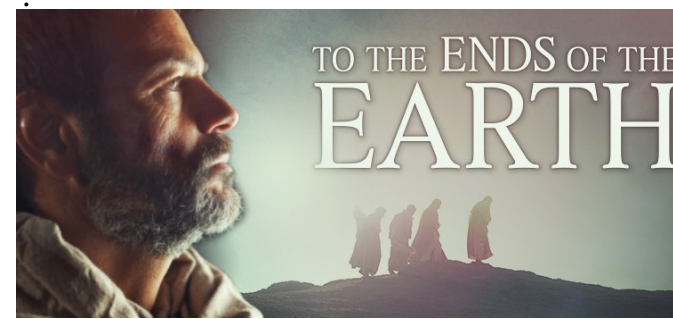
Faith, a solid confidence in God's past and present promises! When life gets heavy and worries begin to set-in, we have comfort knowing with all certainty that God is with us! We eagerly live a life rooted in faith and hope for all to see.

Prayer:

Faith is a living power from heaven that grasps the promise God has given. A trust that cannot be overthrown, fixed heartily on Christ alone. Amen.
Christian Worship 404:1



Church News



The new WELS movie "To the Ends of the Earth" is now available for our members for free! Please take one off the table in the fellowship hall. Thanks to a generous gift, we were able to purchase these movies at a discounted price and are able to offer them to our membership free of charge!

Pioneers News

On Sunday, January 27, the Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers celebrated Valentine's Day a little early! After lunch, we colored Valentine's to send to our shut-ins, military members, and some church volunteers. Then we made crafts, played games, exchanged Valentines, and closed our meeting with a chocolate fondue party. Even the older boys, who aren't fond of Valentine's Day (and made sure we knew it, too!), had a great time!

Pioneers is an open group— you don't have to be a member of Peace to join. We meet the last Sunday of each month from 11:30 am-2:30 pm. If you know of any child, ages Kindergarten and up, who would like to join Pioneers, please see any leader!
Kevin & Christine Bohn 920-765-2146



Junior leader Becca, Ben, Kali, TJ, Fiona,
Junior Leader Emily, Jackson, Grant, Kenzie

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 urgent need of:

Shampoo Body Wash Mouthwash
Feminine hygiene products Household cleaners
Laundry detergent

We could also use:

Toilet paper Paper towels Teas
Coffee Coffee filters Microwave popcorn
Taco seasoning Taco shells Instant rice
Spaghetti sauce Canned fruits Tuna
Canned chicken Tuna/Hamburger Helper
Jelly/Jam Snacks Cereal
Pancake mix Syrup Condiments
Salt/Pepper Spices Cake/Brownie mix
Frosting

We have plenty of canned vegetables, toothbrushes, and toothpaste!

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

Knitters & Crocheters

The Peace Knitters and Crocheters will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 2 pm.

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



Circle of Peace's Chinese Meal: Success!

On February 13, our Circle of Peace held a Chinese dinner for the congregation and community.

About 50 people, including 12 non-members, enjoyed a meal of sweet-and-sour cashew chicken, red pork, beef stir fry, eggrolls, Chinese salad, fruit, and Chinese donuts. The delicious food was prepared by our members.

Proceeds from donated money will be designated for mission work in China. Hannah Klusmeyer talked about her time in China. Pastor Tom Klusmeyer showed a video describing some of the work being done there.



News About Our Church Family

Sunday School Corner

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


I remember as a child learning that "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." Essentially, we trade the fierce winter storms for the milder days of spring. It's kind of like life. We face many storms, as Satan is constantly trying to turn us to his side. But we have a lamb, Jesus, who is always protecting us from him and those trials. Regular attendance at church and Sunday School help our children to remember that He is with us, through all our darkest days. And when we join Him in heaven, it will be better than any of our days here on earth.

In March and April, the children look forward to sharing God's word with the congregation by singing during our Sunday services. Watch for more information regarding dates from your teachers.

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!

March Lessons

Date	Lesson
March 3	The Road to Emmaus
March 10	Easter Evening
March 17	Doubting Thomas
March 24	Jesus Appears in Galilee
March 31	Jesus' Ascension
April 7	The Gift of the Holy Spirit

 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 involved! Please feel free to contact Pastor Suchow, your child's teacher or me if you have any questions or comments regarding Sunday School. We all feel that it is a great blessing to be able to share our Savior's love with your family!
Karin Hetcher (920-787-9232)
Sunday School Superintendent

Midweek Lenten Meals

Thursdays, March 14, 21, 28, April 4, & 11
5-6:30 pm

The sign up sheet for midweek meals is out on the back table in the fellowship hall. If you or your group (or several families) is interested in hosting a dinner, please sign up soon! Call Christine in the office (920-787-3856) for more information.



The entire family is invited to come for a free dinner & fellowship prior to worship on each Thursday during Lent.

Blue Ribbon Kids' Day

Saturday, April 6
8:30 am- 12:30 pm

Parkside Middle School, Wautoma

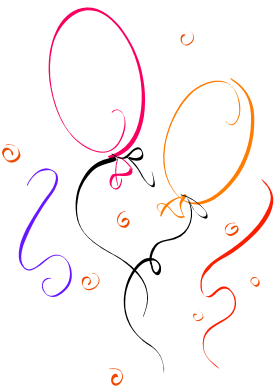


The Pioneers will once again have a booth at Blue Ribbon Kids' Day this year. If you would like to help at our booth, handing out church brochures, helping children make a simple craft, and talking to people about the Pioneers and Peace in general, please call Christine at 920-787-3856. We are scheduling in one hour blocks, so you will still have time to visit all the booths if you would like to. Even if you can't volunteer, bring your children and grandchildren to this FREE family-friendly event and learn more about all the services available to families in our county.



Birthdays

- 3/7 Marie Kasper
Rebecca Bohn
- 3/8 LeRoy Wangerin
- 3/9 Joyce Woodruff
- 3/11 TJ Klusmeyer
- 3/13 Jean Bartel
- 3/15 Clifford Bliske
- 3/16 Judy Nelson
- 3/19 Violet Wangerin
- 3/21 Thurman Matney
- 3/23 Meg Kubasta
Kevin Bohn
- 3/25 Phyllis Dassow
- 3/26 Dorothy Sullivan
- 3/30 Don Timmermann



Anniversaries

- 3/3 Russ & Mary Ann Nero (46)
Robin & Jeff Rudolph (24)



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.

