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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



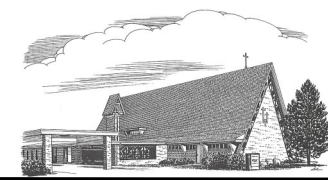
Messenger of Peace is a publication of:
Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Wautoma, WI.

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.

Email it to:

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Messenger of Peace

April 2019

*He is not here;
he has Risen!*
Luke 24:6

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Arbor Day

Saturday, April 27 at 9 am



All ages and abilities are encouraged
to join us as we spruce up the church
and church property after a hard winter! Lunch is provided!
Please see Bob Lang or Jan Schroeder
for more information.

Lent & Easter Schedule

Midweek Lenten Services, Thursdays, April 4 & 11

Dinner 5-6:30 pm; Worship 7 pm

Palm Sunday, April 14

Worship 9 am

Maundy Thursday, April 18

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

Good Friday, April 19

Good Friday Worship 12 pm

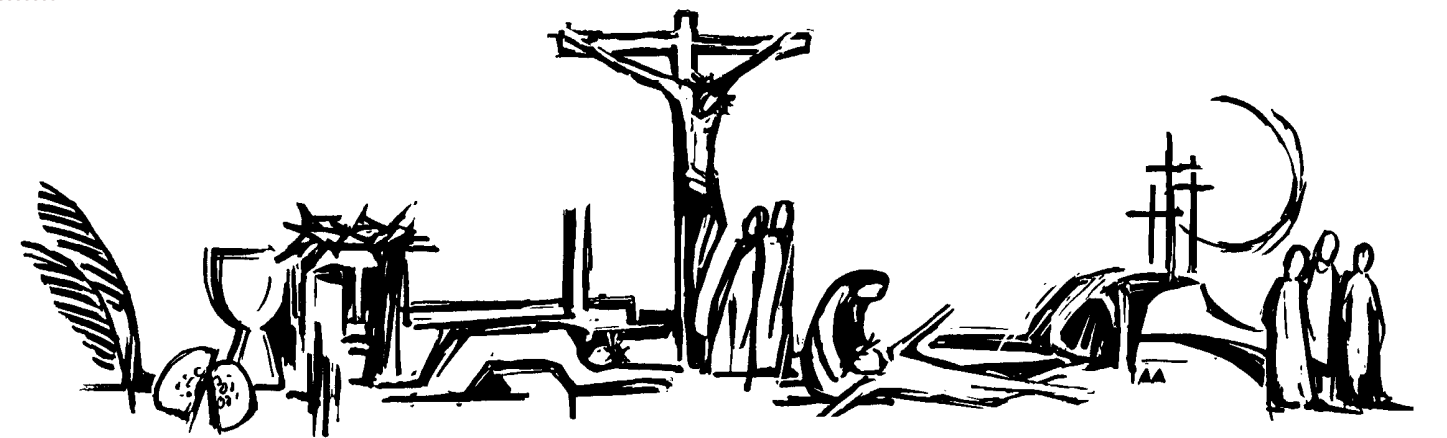
Tenebrae Worship 7 pm

Easter Sunday, April 21

Sunrise Worship 7 am

Easter Breakfast 8 am

Easter Song Service 9 am



Easter Focus

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance... Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”). Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her. (John 20:1,11-18)

“Just look straight ahead and keep pedaling.” These are words we told all our children at the beginning stages of riding a bike. We knew what would happen when they didn’t heed that advice. When they looked down or allowed something to distract them, they lost their focus. Hands quivered. Handle bars wavered until finally they fell.

One Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene lost her focus. She had been a follower of Jesus since the early part of his public ministry. She listened to his words, turned from her sin, and professed her faith. Mary certainly was eager to be a part of Jesus’ life, and more importantly, have him be a part of hers. But then one fateful day, he was taken from her as his broken, beaten body was taken from the cross and sealed shut in a dark tomb. Imagine her grief. Mary’s world was being torn apart. Her friend, her Savior, was dead and buried. He was gone, but Mary showed she still cared for him and went to the tomb on the third day after Jesus’ death to put some spices on his body.

The Gospel of John tells us how the next minutes transpired... how Mary lost her focus. Even after Jesus had told his followers repeatedly that he had to die and rise from the dead, she couldn’t see beyond her grief and despair. John and Peter were different. They ran to see what Mary saw – an empty tomb. But they saw and believed and went back home to tell the others. Not Mary. She stayed at the tomb, crying, even weeping. She was absolutely overcome with grief. Then she saw Jesus. Maybe her eyes were blurry from tears or maybe Jesus had prevented Mary from recognizing him initially. We don’t know why she doesn’t know it’s him, but she definitely lost her focus enough to momentarily forget that Jesus promised to rise from the dead. She didn’t keep her eyes and her heart focused on Jesus and the words he had spoken to her many times over the past few years.

Oh, and how I lose focus too! I have my eyes and heart on Jesus when his blessings are vivid in my life. I hear and believe his promises spoken to me by faithful Christians and read with my own eyes. I profess my faith with my church family and when I encourage others. But then an unexpected illness comes, an unfulfilled desire or a financial hardship, and I lose my focus. I, like Mary, can’t see beyond my own grief and despair. And so I try to find my own cure, a new gratification, my own solution. I lose sight of Jesus and his good and perfect will and instead turn to self. I forget his promises. I quiver. I shake. I waver. Just like a young child on a bike. Until finally, all on my own, I fall. I succumb to the tempter’s tactics to distract me and take my eyes and mind off of Jesus, my Savior.

But remember how Jesus gained Mary’s focus again. He said her name, “Mary,” and immediately she knew this was her Savior Jesus in the flesh. Her eyes could now see Jesus and her heart was re-focused on his words to her. Jesus brought her focus back where it needed to be – on him and his promises. He told her to “Go and tell.” With renewed joy and a clear focus, she went back to tell the others what she had seen and heard.

And so it is with you. It is all too easy to allow the stresses and trials of this world to take your focus off Jesus. But then Jesus calls you to repentance for the unnecessary grief and despair, for doubting his promises, and gives us his full and free forgiveness. He calls out your name through his Word that you read privately or is spoken by your husband, a friend or your children, and once again you can see Jesus – the true focus of this life and the life eternal to come. Our Savior’s resurrection gives us the assurance of a life forever with him.

Prayer: Oh, Lord, my God, your promises are ever-sure! Keep my focus on you, no matter what tries to pull me away, until you call me to your side in heaven. Amen.

Written by Paula Sulzle; reviewed by Professor-emeritus Joel Gerlach



A Short Story

I Need More... STRENGTH

After several attempts of twisting and tapping, the lid just wouldn’t budge. “Honey, can you open this for me?” Her teenage son is eager to flex his muscles. He opens the jar and hands it back to his mother.



Life is sometimes like that jar, isn’t it? Sometimes we just don’t have the strength we need to tackle what’s in front of us. Not the strength it takes to move a piano or change a flat tire, but the strength we need to raise our children or stay married to someone who is difficult to live with. We need the strength it takes to go to work and deal with people who are rude, inconsiderate, and lazy, or to walk to the mailbox that contains bills we’ll have difficulty paying.

I need more strength!

“Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth... He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak... Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint” (Isaiah 40:28-31).



What should we do when we need more strength? Hand that jar over to the LORD. He has all the strength we need and so much more. After all, he is the One who created the earth and everything in it. More than that, this strong, wise, loving God came to earth in the person of Jesus Christ. The all-powerful God came in human weakness to rescue us from sin and death. He was condemned and crucified. Weakness, right? No! Strength! Jesus used his strength to remain on that cross until every last sin of ours had been paid for. His empty tomb proves it. ***“Jesus was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead”*** (Romans 1:4). Death has been defeated! The guilt of sin before God has been removed! By trusting in Jesus, life in heaven is waiting for us.



Need more strength? The One who created the earth has it. The One who died and rose for you has it. He is the One who gives us the strength to face each day with fresh confidence. Find that strength in his Word. And then be ready to soar. Be ready to soar on eagles’ wings with renewed strength and through every challenge of life! Be ready to soar on eagles’ wings to the home that Jesus has prepared for you in heaven!





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.

WELS Women's Ministry Conference

July 18-20, 2019

Luther Prep School
Watertown, WI

*You also, like living stones, are being
built into a spiritual house.*

1 Peter 2:4-5

Join Christian sisters from across the synod to be nurtured, encouraged, and equipped to live our your calling exactly where God has placed you.

- * Biblical presentations
- * Practical applications
- * Focused discussions
- * Strategies leading to Christian witness
- * Idea & resource networking
- * Information on service opportunities
- * Personal ministry coaching

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
wels.net/wmconference

\$100 student rate (until May 30)
\$130 early bird (until April 30)
\$150 regular (until June 30)

WELS Ed * Tech * Lead Summit

June 25-27, 2019

Kalahari Resort
Wisc. Dells, WI

WELS Education, Technology, and Leadership Summit: Reach higher in your congregations, classrooms, and communities. Inspirational speakers, uplifting worship, fellowship, networking, and 80+ presentation options to explore practical tools and best practices in the areas of education, technology, and leadership.

MORE INFORMATION IS FOUND ONLINE AT:
welsedtechlead.com

\$325 early bird (until May 1)
\$375 regular (until May 31)
\$175 (one day pass)



Church News

Pioneers News

Pine Car Derby 2019

We had to postpone our derby from February 24 to March 3 due to weather. Even with the change of date, the derby was well-attended and super fun! Our speed winners were:

1. Conner
2. Jackson
3. Rebecca
4. Emily

The fan favorite car was Conner's. His car was the green alligator.



Divine Call Accepted

Dear Members of Peace,

On Saturday, March 23, 2019, I accepted the solemn call that you have extended to me to serve you as your pastor. Looking to the Lord, who has called me, for strength and wisdom through his Word, I joyfully look forward to serving at Peace.

Installation plans will be made in consultation with the vacancy pastor and the circuit pastor. I will be contacting you within the next week or two with a tentative date for the installation service. If the date is agreeable to you and if moving arrangements can be made on schedule, we can proceed with the planning.

May our mutual prayer be that the Lord bring me safely into your midst and bless our labors together in his vineyard.

In His Service with You,
Pastor Steven R. Tews



Pastor Steven & Heather Tews,
Violet, Rose, Matthew & Samuel

LWMS Spring Rally

Saturday, April 27 8:15 am

Emanuel Lutheran, New London

**Sign up sheet is on the back table in the
fellowship hall.**

"One generation tells of Your works to another."

Psalm 145:4



Church News

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 talk-

ing 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.

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.

Save the Dates

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, April 7

Arbor Day Church Clean Up

Saturday, April 27 at 9 am

Pioneers Day Camp

Saturday, June 29 10 am-4 pm

Christian Education Week

Monday, July 15–

Wednesday, July 17 5-8 pm

Church Picnic

Sunday, July 21

Worship at 10 am Picnic to follow



—Coffee— Tea— Juice— Served when?

There are some members of Peace who like these drinks served each Sunday before the 9 am Worship service. That way, Pastor, ushers, Bible class members, greeters, and early arrivals would have something to enjoy as they do their duties and have fellowship.



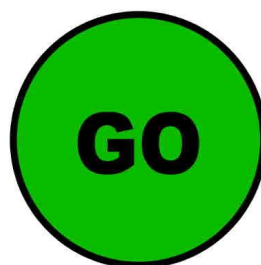
I spoke with Pastor Suckow. He said, "If you can find someone to take charge... Wonderful!" My next visit was with our church custodian, Tom Jones. His reply? "I

have no problem with this. The membership of Peace are great. When they have a doings, they always leave the rooms neat." I told him that people would be walking around with these drinks. He said, "It's okay."

Donna McKay, president of the ladies' group the Circle of Peace, talked to her ladies and it was decided that because the Circle's members are involved as organists, Sunday School teachers, greeters, and as participants in Sunday morning Bible class, they were too busy on Sundays to be in charge.

Then I was asked to take charge. I'm sorry; I just celebrated my 81st birthday and have decided not to take on any more new duties.

Before church coffee was brought up a few years ago, but it didn't happen because no one wanted to be the leader. Let's change that! It wouldn't be a difficult job: set it up and leave it. People could serve themselves. Then after church, you would clean it up. That would literally be it.



Let's start something new!
Bernice Baranyk
920-787-0318

You have the green light! Go for it! Start a new fellowship opportunity! Ask me any questions; I will help you in the beginning if you're not sure how to use the coffee maker or how to order things.



News About Our Church Family

Sunday School Corner

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

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!

April/May Lessons

Date	Lesson
April 7	The Gift of the Holy Spirit
April 14	Healing the Lame Man
April 21	No class! Happy Easter!
April 28	Persecutions help spread the Gospel
May 5	Saul's Conversion
May 12	Last Day of 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 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

Address Updates

Col. Lisa Bartel

908 NE Dove Lane
Lawton, OK 73507

Sandra Klamm

G Co 232nd Medral BN
Bldg 1350
Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234

Confirmation

Sunday, April 7, 2019

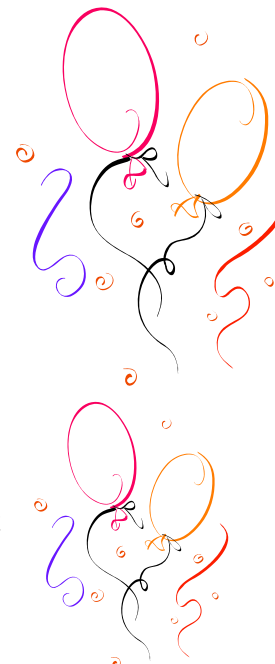
Kaliska Beth Klusmeyer

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 (NIV2011)



Birthdays

- 4/1 Bernice Baranyk
Ryan Peterson
- 4/2 Teri Jo Fendler
- 4/4 Cindy Roebke
Steve Jansen
- 4/6 Emily McLeod
- 4/10 Hannah Klusmeyer
Jackson Wedell
- 4/13 Bailey Blader-Lucht
- 4/15 Pat Campbell
Nancy Klusmeyer
- 4/16 Brooke Blader-Lucht
- 4/27 Darlene Jansen
- 4/28 Rebecka Richards
Ian Proctor
- 4/29 Kathi Dexter



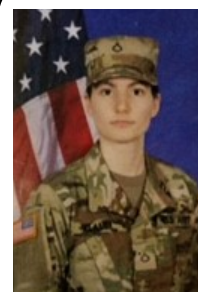
Anniversaries

- 4/4 Everett & Judy Schulz (49)
- 4/8 Richard & Christine Anderson (47)
- 4/22 Roger & Darlene Jansen (52)
- 4/25 Harry & Jeanette Thom (66)



If we missed your birthday or anniversary, that means the church does not have it. Please drop off dates at the church office, call 787.3856 or email peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Sandra Klamm for completing the Army National Guard basic training at Fort Sill in Oklahoma. Sandra is now going to Texas. She will be back in Green Bay to continue her education at UW-GB in August.

Her goal is to become a surgeon.

You can send cards and letters of encouragement and congratulations to:

PFC Sandra Klamm
G Co 232nd Medral BN , Bldg 1350
Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234