

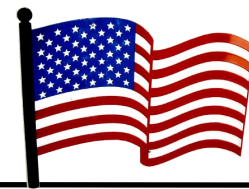


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Church Schedule

Worship every Sunday @ 9 am
 every Thursday @ 7 pm

Bible Study every Tuesday @ 9 am
 every Thursday @ 7:45 pm
 every Sunday @ 8 am



Messenger of Peace

July 2019

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Join us for Christian Education Week— a Vacation Bible School for all ages!

**At Peace Lutheran Church
 335 West Prairie Street, Wautoma**

**On Monday, July 15–
 Wednesday July 17 from 5-8 pm**

Contact Christine at 920-787-3856 to register or for more information!

**Free Family Fun!
 Dinner served each day, 5-5:30 pm!
 Ages 4K– adult!
 Invite your friends!**

Learn all about Jesus and His plan for you!

**Shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life.
 Philippians 2:15-16**

Church Picnic

Sunday, July 21, 2019

Bible Class at 9 am; Worship at 10 am

Picnic to follow worship

Please bring a dish-to-pass. Invite a friend or neighbor!

See Tom Welty with any questions.





As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you.
 And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith.
 (2 Thessalonians 3:1-2 NIV 11)

JESUS PROVIDES FREEDOM FOR OUR FAITH

On Independence Day in the United States, people overflow with thanks for the gifts of freedom we have. “Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,” are blessings few other countries in the world can equal. As Christians we celebrate especially the right to practice our faith freely. If the founding fathers had their way, all United States citizens would have lives without oppression or hardship. They would be free to do as they pleased, as long as that exercise of freedom does not cut off the freedom of another. Happiness and contentment are supposed to be central to the American experience.

All of these ideals are also key to the Christian experience. And all of them belong to us through the work of Jesus. Throughout history, God has worked his saving plan for the good of believers by using the events of world history, no matter the human motives behind them. A Roman census brought Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem for the birth of Christ. At the time the New Testament was written, the widespread use of Greek enabled the gospel to spread rapidly. During the Reformation, the invention of the printing press allowed for Martin Luther’s simple message of grace, faith and Scripture alone for salvation to be shared.

At all of those times in history, the Christian church faced strong opposition. The church is still under attack today. But just as he has throughout history, God still enables the message of the Lord Jesus to spread rapidly and be honored. God preserves and defends his church.

Celebrate the freedoms we have as Christians today. Jesus has forgiven our sins. He has crushed Satan. We have eternal life awaiting us in heaven. Through the providing hand of God, we have the freedom to hear that message as often as we want. God grant that freedom to us always!

Lord Jesus, thank you for the freedom you have won for us from sin, death and hell. Continue to preserve your church from evil attacks. Enable your message of salvation to spread and be honored. Amen.



The Purpose of the Bible

Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.
 Romans 15:4



Every book has a purpose. Whether it’s a cookbook, music book, history book, novel, science book, biography, or even a comic book, every book has a reason. So what is the purpose of the best-selling book in the world, the Bible?

The Bible imparts wisdom, and has been used in many lands during various ages as a key educational textbook. While this is useful, it is not the real purpose of the Bible.

The Bible proclaims the Creator’s natural law for his creatures. Guided by its directives, people can live productive and happy lives, caring about others. While this is very beneficial, it is not the real purpose of the Bible.

Many claim the Bible teaches us how to live according to God’s commands so we can gain his favor. This common misunderstanding is certainly not the purpose of the Bible. Rather, the Bible clearly proclaims and demonstrates that we cannot keep God’s commands to gain his favor for salvation.



God’s answer to this dilemma is the REAL purpose of the Bible. According to his eternal plan God sent his own perfect Son, Jesus, to live in obedience to all of God’s commands, and to suffer the punishment for our wrongs against God’s commands by his death on the cross. Jesus gained God’s favor for all of us!

The apostle Paul wrote, **“Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”**

Just before this verse, Paul quoted from what was written in the past, about a thousand years before Jesus was born: **“The insults of those who insult you fall on me”** (Psalm 69:9). Paul described how that Psalm verse speaks of Jesus Christ, who did not come to please himself, but came to do the Father’s will. In his suffering and death Jesus voluntarily bore all people’s hostility toward God.



This is the amazing purpose of the Bible. It points to Jesus Christ and describes in detail his work of salvation. It is God’s word. It is his eternal plan of salvation for sinners. This is what truly teaches us, encourages us, grants us endurance and hope! This is THE purpose of the Bible—to show sinners their salvation in Jesus Christ alone. So great is God’s love for us!



"For you have been called to live in freedom. Use your freedom to serve one another in love."
 Galatians 5:13





News You Can Use

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



Recipe Corner



Greek Chicken with Green Beans



Looking for a new take on chicken that won't take hours to prepare? Try this simple, to-the-table-in-thirty-minutes recipe.

Ingredients

- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts (6-8 oz each)
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 1/4 pounds green beans, trimmed
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes
- 3 cloves garlic, smashed
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for brushing and drizzling
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh dill
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese (2-3 oz)

- Cover one side of a grill with a large sheet of foil; fold up the edges to make a rimmed tray. Preheat the grill to medium high. Rub the chicken all over with the garlic powder and oregano; season generously with salt and pepper. Toss the green beans, tomatoes, garlic and olive oil in a large bowl; season with 1/2 teaspoon salt and a few grinds of pepper.
- Brush the grill grates with olive oil on the side without the foil tray. Place the chicken on the grates and grill, turning halfway through, until marked and cooked through, about 15 minutes. Remove to a plate. Meanwhile, spread the vegetable mixture on the foil tray and grill, stirring occasionally, until tender and charred in spots, 10 to 12 minutes. Transfer the vegetables to a bowl; add the vinegar and dill. Season with salt and pepper and toss.
- Divide the chicken and vegetables among plates. Top the vegetables with the cheese. Drizzle with more olive oil.

www.foodnetwork.com

Lutheran Boy Pioneers National Summer Activities

National Camp

Sunday, July 21– Saturday, July 27

Bike Adventure

August 2-4, 2019

Visit www.lutheranpioneers.org/about/annual-activities/ for more information.

Lutheran Girl Pioneers National Summer Camp

National Camp

July 28-August 3, 2019

Visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/Lutheran-Girl-Pioneers-351992718020/ to register!



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Church News

Peace Pantry Update



Can you help us re-stock our Pantry? Our cupboard is getting bare! Please put donations on the table next to the fridge in the fellowship hall. Please place anything that needs to be frozen in the freezer in the fellowship hall.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE PEACE PANTRY!

We need canned goods & non-perishables such as:

- Peanut Butter
- Condiments
- Dried herbs
- Spices
- Salt & Pepper
- Pickles
- Dried Fruit
- Canned fruit
- Snacks
- Nuts/Trail mix
- Granola bars
- Oatmeal
- Cereal
- Baking mixes
- Cake mixes
- Frosting
- Coffee & tea
- Drink mixes
- Pasta sauce
- Non-stick cooking spray
- Canned/boxed broth
- Soups
- Shelf-stable summer sausage
- Gravy mixes
- Canned tuna
- Canned chicken
- Rice-a-roni
- Pasta & rice sides
- Noodles & pasta
- Microwave popcorn
- Canned veggies
- Oil
- Hamburger Helper
- Tuna Helper
- Mac & cheese
- Small pkgs of treats
- Shelf-stable juices/drinks
- Crackers
- Instant potatoes
- Canned beans

Frozen food such as: butter or margarine, 1# packages of hamburger or other easy-to-use meats, veggies, fruits

Personal care items such as: feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, baby wipes & diapers, baby care items (like baby shampoo and lotion), body wash, shampoo

Cleaning supplies such as: dish soap, laundry detergent, fabric softener, paper towels

Please no canned corn, toothbrushes, or bar soap, and no expired foods.

THANK YOU!!



Who Would You Like Me to Visit?

Do you have a friend, family member, or neighbor who is in the hospital, is home-bound, has no church home, or doesn't attend their church? Please let Pastor Tews or Christine in the office know names and phone numbers of anyone who would benefit from a visit from Pastor.

Knitters & Crocheters

The Peace Knitters and Crocheters will be not be meeting during June, July, or August. We will start back up in September. Please see Linda Welty (715-927-2455) for more information.



Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV) Bibles are now available



The church is going to purchase 50 new Bibles, 30 to use in Bible classes and Sunday School and 20 available to give out to visitors, Bible Information Class members, and others who need a Bible. If you

would like to donate to the cost of these Bibles, you can put your donation into the offering plate, labeled "for new Bibles."

If you would like a copy of this Bible for your home, the cost is \$20 per Bible. Please see Pastor or Christine in the office to order your copy or with any questions.

This is the Bible translation we use in our bulletins.

Help! We Must Learn to Build Community

I just started serving my third church as a pastor. With each transition, some aspects are getting easier: I'm finding it easier to assimilate into the ministry and make decisions as a leader. But there's at least one aspect that seems to be getting harder for me with each move: *building community*.

In our previous location, we had incredible friends and neighbors. We shared life together—our joys and, more important, our suffering. We knew people inside and outside the Christian church who let us into their lives, and we let them into ours. But now we need to put in the work of building a new community here. We don't just want to find friends to meet our needs. We want to be good neighbors who serve others as well. Granted, this will take time. Community is built on love and trust, and that takes work.

Yet, there is one roadblock that's new this time around: powerful, captivating, isolating *technology*. Wherever I turn, people seem to be locked behind the soundproof walls of Bluetooth earbuds, dialed in on the latest podcast or YouTube video. And I'm no different. I'm wearing earbuds right now to lock out any outside distractions. Our world seems to be turning into Ernest Cline's dystopian novel *Ready Player One*, describing a future day when everyone has disconnected with the real world and is plugged into a virtual world. Previously, our culture had natural meeting points: a walk around the neighborhood, a workout in the gym, but now, no place is sacred. Technology has closed every open space, offering the promise of distracting entertainment or information at the expense of having a real human connection. The chains of technology are so powerful that it seems almost impossible to break through our self-made prisons of solitary confinement. I believe our socially disconnected lives are dangerous. Isolation is cancer for your soul. Here are 3 reasons we need to fight for community.

1. We were designed for community. It was the Lord God who said, **"It is not good for the man to be alone"** (Genesis 2:18). Adam lived in a perfect world, surrounded by friendly animals and even God himself. But that was not good enough. Adam needed another human being to survive and thrive.

2. We find peace in community. I know a pastor who struggled with an addiction to pornography that was destroying his ministry, his family, and his life. He tried every spiritual discipline he could think of. He went to church regularly, prayed a ton, and memorized large sections of Scripture. All his isolated efforts couldn't break his addictive chains. But then he told somebody. That person declared to him the forgiveness of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit began to dwell in him through community. James, Jesus' brother, said it this way: **"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed"** (James 5:16).

3. We grow in community. You might be able to find lots of information on Google and your latest podcast, but you won't necessarily find wisdom. Wisdom is found in personal admonition and accountability. Wisdom happens when a friend loves you enough to speak the hard truth about your spiritual blindness. The book of Proverbs is literally filled with this kind of advice. Here is just one example: **"Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm"** (Proverbs 13:20).

What are we supposed to do? Rosaria Champagne Butterfield in her book, *The Gospel Comes With a House Key*, says Christian hospitality is not a luxury but a necessary fruit of the gospel. We need to find tangible ways to love and connect with fellow Christians and our greater community. Here are some of the things my family and plans to do to create community: we will participate in a church small group; I will consciously not wear my earbuds when I'm working in the yard or walking around the neighborhood so that I'm ready for natural conversations; opening our home every Sunday afternoon for a communal meal (we are hoping to keep this as a standing invitation for anyone in our church and neighborhood).

These are our attempts to break through our isolated lives. What are you doing that seems to create real relationships and community? How are you being intentional to have human contact, accountability, and friendships? Think of ways that you can break through to your community!

Pastor Ben Sadler
Victory of the Lamb, Franklin, Wisconsin



Sunday School Corner

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

We have now entered Summer break for classes, but please don't take a vacation from church! There are still activities and events happening at church this summer—join us for as many as you can!

Thank you to the Sunday School staff for a great school year! The work of each Sunday School teacher goes beyond the one hour of teaching on Sunday morning. There is preparation for each lesson and teacher's meetings. There's Sunday School Christmas service preparation and rehearsals.

There are prayers for each one of our students, each little lamb we're blessed to serve.

Please speak with me, any Sunday School teacher, or Pastor for more information about Sunday School, to volunteer, or to donate to the Sunday School program.

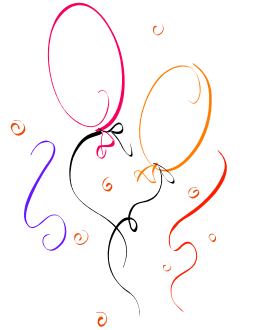
Karin Hetcher (920-787-9232)

Sunday School Superintendent



Birthdays

- 7/7 Donna Kuenn
- 7/9 Marilyn Snyder
Joshua Klamm
- 7/10 Richard Anderson
- 7/13 Harry Thom
- 7/21 Kenneth Kasper
- 7/24 Richard Vollrath
- 7/28 Allen Treichel
Bob Lang
- 7/30 Jeannette Thom



Anniversaries

- 7/10 Allen & Marion Treichel (64)
- 7/22 Bob & Dawn Wedell (41)
Isabel & Joe Breihan (24)
- 7/25 Harold & Linda Stechmesser (27)
- 7/31 Clifford & Delores Bliske (54)



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.

Baptisms

June 23, 2019



- Chelsi Eckert
- Kailah Eckert
- Justin Eckert
- Raylynn Eckert

God's blessings to all of you!

"May we think of freedom not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right."

Peter Marshall