



Pastor Steven Tews
335 W. Prairie Street
Wautoma, WI 54982
www.wautomapeaceelutheran.org
peaceelutheranwautoma@gmail.com
920.787.3856

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 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:
peaceelutheranwautoma@gmail.com.



Messenger of Peace

August 2019

In This Issue

	Page
"10 for 10" Coming to Peace.....	2
Church News	
Peace Pantry.....	3
Make Camp Run.....	3
Knitters & Crocheters.....	3
Vacation Bible School.....	4
Why Lutheran Pioneers?.....	5
Advent by Candlelight.....	5
Don't Miss Church!.....	5
Who Would You Like Me to Visit?...5	
August Calendar.....	Insert
Thank You.....	6
Our Church Family.....	7

Peace Lutheran Pioneers Leaders Meeting

Sunday, August 18 at 10:30 am

Anyone who would like to be– or wants more information about being– a leader, who is interested in how we plan the Pioneers year, and everyone else is invited to join us for our 2019-2020 planning meeting. We will create a rough outline of our year's meetings, agree on a budget, and review the Advent by Candlelight program.

Please call Christine at 920-765-2147 or Kevin at 920-765-2146 with any questions!

**First meeting of 2019-2020
will be on September 29th!**



Pioneers' Swim Party Sunday, August 4 11 am

Everyone is invited to join the Pioneers at the Schroeders' on Silver Lake at August 4. We will enjoy a cook-out and a day on the beautiful beach. Weather permitting, we will also be able to take a pontoon ride around Silver Lake. Pioneers will supply brats, hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, and drinks. Please bring a dish-to-pass.

**Please help us plan for food
by RSVP'ing by July 28 to
Christine at 920-787-3856.**



**Voter's Meeting
Sunday, August 4 at 10:15 am**



From our Pastor

“10 for 10” Coming To Peace This August

“All the church ever talks about is money!”

You’ve heard statements like that before. You may even have said something like that before. But I really don’t like to say or hear things like that. Why? First, because it’s simply not true. Second, the statement is misleading: God wants a lot more than our money! He wants us to love him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. If we could love God in that way, money would be a non-issue at Peace.

At Peace we are so blessed by the treasures God has moved our congregation to commit to our ministry here in Wautoma and around the world. We have **no** debt! Very few churches can say that. We own a sizable amount of land. And we have a community which is vastly unchurched. At times, we are afraid of debt or making significant financial investments in our ministry which may not be successful. Our campus has real needs which have a real impact on serving our community with Jesus. What can we do to further the kingdom of God with the treasures he entrusted to us? How can we build up our faith to boldly take risks, financial and otherwise, for the sake of getting as many souls as possible into heaven? In the ten weeks beginning on August 18, let’s find out.

Spoiler alert: You will hear biblical preaching on the stewardship of treasures this fall. Late in August, we will challenge our Peace family to increase the proportion of what they are giving for their weekly offerings for a period of ten weeks. Why? Our giving shows the Lord the honor, love, and gratitude we have for what Christ has done for us. Generous giving is one of the ways that faith-filled hearts respond to the riches of Christ. Giving is *an act of worship*. That’s the only reason we pass the plate during worship.

In the New Testament Church, giving is inspired by the gospel of Christ. Many Christians, free from compulsion, tithe as an exercise of their faith. Does God really have the ability to keep us safe, warm and well-fed without a portion of our income? To share an even greater amount of our income? Faith relishes the challenge. The Spirit is up to the task!

How is it possible to give—and to do so freely and joyfully? Christ’s love empowers his people to give generously. It flows freely from Christ **“who loved us and gave himself up for us”** (Ephesians 5:2). Our generous giving to God is a response to Christ’s willing sacrifice for us.

Finally, New Testament Christians have a holy Spirit-worked desire in their hearts for *proportionate giving*. The Apostle Paul said, **“...each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income”** (1 Corinthians 16:2). As New Testament Christians, proportionate giving is a practice to be engaged in freely rather than a requirement to be met legally. Some of us are already in that spiritual habit. Inspired by God’s grace, we may seek to give more, more often, more creatively. For others, truly proportionate giving will be a big step forward as well as a significant test of faith. For still others, because of life-issues known to God, proportionate giving might currently be unreachable. Then what about an extra percent, or two, or three? No matter where we find ourselves on the “giving spectrum,” this is true: Our trust in God’s goodness is well-placed! **“Now to Him Who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us to Him be glory in all the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen”** (Ephesians 3:20-21).

You will be receiving several devotional pieces and other items over the next few months as part of our **10 for 10 Stewardship Emphasis**. Receive them in the spirit they are offered: As an opportunity to grow in faith and in the grace of giving. Study them. Think about them. Pray through them. They will help keep our stewardship emphasis centered in Christ and the cross as we seek to avoid financial quick-fixes and gimmicks!

May the Lord of the Church richly bless our Peace family as we seek to excel in the grace of giving!

In Christ, Pastor Tews

Selfishness

- Hoarding
- Discontent
- Fear
- Sadness



Generosity

- + Sharing
- + Content
- + Peace
- + Joy



News About Our Church Family

Sunday School Corner

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

**Save the date for the first day of Sunday School:
Sunday, September 8 at 10:15-11:15 am.**

Our Sunday School staff this year:

- 4K/5K Miss Sara Siegel
- 1/2/3 grades Mrs. Jan Schroeder
- 4th grade & up Mrs. Christine Bohn
- Superintendent Mrs. Karin Hetcher

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!



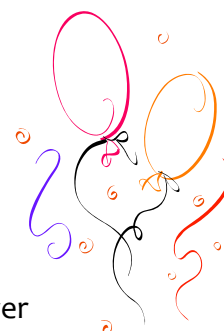
**Sunday School
MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

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. 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

- 8/3 Randy Wilcox
- 8/4 Linda Stechmesser
- 8/11 Eryn Lemke
- 8/12 Helen Timmermann
- 8/16 Terry Proctor
- 8/17 Dale Ast
- 8/26 Ruth Bartforth
- Pastor Tom Klusmeyer
- 8/30 Susie Frohman



Anniversaries

- 8/5 Greg & Mindy Hintz (13)
- Jason & Betsey Welty (19)
- Pr. Russell & Verona Kloehn (52)
- 8/17 Russell & Deanna Eichsteadt (17)
- 8/18 Tom & Megan Kubasta (23)
- Tom & Donna Kuenn (28)
- 8/22 Brendan & Tanya Rooney (4)
- 8/25 Don & Helen Timmermann (62)
- 8/28 Watson & Joyce Woodruff (65)



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.

Waushara County

Back to School

Bash

Saturday, August 10, 2019 | 8 - 11 am

There is a fee of \$2.00 per backpack full of school supplies
Proof of Waushara County residency and/or school child attends is required

Waushara County Courthouse Demo Room | 209 S. Ste Marie St., Wautoma, WI
For more information please contact (920) 787-6600 or (920) 787-6550 or angie.konieczki@co.waushara.wi.us



Thank you to everyone who has donated their time, talents, and treasures this past year! From prayers to participating in the various voters' and call meetings, to helping fund and completing repairs on the parsonage and now the church roof, and the countless other ways this membership has stepped up to complete needed projects– thank you!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

**You are all so appreciated!
Your Church Council**



Church News

Peace Pantry Update



Thank you to everyone who has donated recently! We went from a bare pantry to re-stocked very quickly! Items go quickly in our pantry, so please keep donating! 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/Jelly 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 Canned veggies Oil
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 toothbrushes or bar soap,
and no expired foods.**

THANK YOU!!



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.



Vacation Bible School Monday, July 15– Wednesday July 17

Our theme for VBS was "Space Station Salvation." We blasted off into the universe to learn all about creation, Jesus' birth, and Jesus' death and resurrection. Then we learned that because we know all of this, it's our turn to Shine and tell everyone we know about Jesus! We had a total of 16 kids and nine adults attend! Of those 16 kids, half were visitors! Thank you to everyone who helped at or with VBS in any way!!



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



Why Lutheran Pioneers?

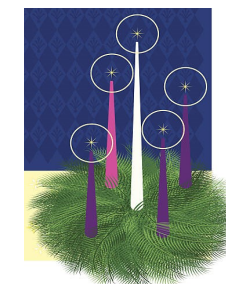
"Why should my child be a Pioneer? We're so busy!"
The Peace Pioneers strive to be a group that not only has tons of fun (which we do!), but instills a love for our Savior and teaches our youth how to show that love in every aspect of their lives. When Pioneers began, I'm pretty sure that the majority of this congregation believed that the Pioneers wouldn't last. Maybe I even believed that (but just a little!). But then, after the first meeting, and the second, something was happening. These kids wanted to come to Pioneers. It was no longer their parents encouraging them to come, it was them. Now I see friendships that may not be as strong (or at all), if not for Pioneers. I see older Pioneers taking a genuine interest in younger Pioneers. I see adult leaders hugging Pioneers that they may not have gotten the chance to know. I see Pioneers talking easily about Christ to each other and to their non-Pioneer friends. I see love for each other. I feel love. And that is exactly what I had hoped for when we started this ministry. I wanted children and families to feel like they belong here- 'cause they do! Ask any Pioneer why they come back every year. Ask leaders why they work hard all year. It's all about love. Jesus' love for each of us and our response to that. Please consider registering your child, aged Kindergarten-high school. We have children of all ages! The Pioneers is an open ministry which means we encourage our Pioneers to invite their unchurched friends. If you know anyone who isn't a member of Peace, but would benefit from the Pioneers, please see Christine. Pioneers reaches families easily because of our "fun," and then keeps them because the kids make friends, the parents trust the leaders, and everyone hungers for the same truth- the truth that is expressed at EVERY Pioneers meeting and outing- the truth of Jesus. All Sunday school students families, ages 5K and up, will be receiving a letter along with a registration form soon! If you don't receive one, or need extras for friends, let any Pioneers leader know. We will be meeting once a month on the last Sunday. We will have lunch together at 11:30 am; our meeting will follow. We will be done at 2:30 pm.

***Our first meeting will be on
Sunday, September 29 11:30 am– 2:30 pm.***

For more information about the Pioneers ministry, please contact any Pioneers leader:
Kevin & Christine Bohn 920-765-2146; 920-765-2147
Ahnsharee Klusmeyer 920-539-3560

Advent By Candlelight Sunday, December 8 1 pm

Dear Ladies of Peace,
The Peace Lutheran Girl Pioneers will once again be hosting a ladies-only Advent by Candlelight event this year, but we need your help! We are looking for:
A pianist
Table hostesses
Readers



The readers and the pianist will meet with the Girl Pioneers to rehearse on Sunday, November 24 at 1 pm (mandatory). The table hostesses would decorate and set a table for five guests, plus yourself (you don't need to fill your table).

If you are interested in any of these positions, please call Christine at 920-765-2147 as soon as possible. Even if you don't host a table, be sure to save the date to attend!

Don't Miss Church!



Out of town? Vacationing somewhere new? You can find a church near where ever you travel! You can call the church office, tell us what town you'll be near and we'll be able to

find you a place to worship!
Or, visit yearbookwels.net/unitsearch and enter the information requested.

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.