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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 Tuesdays @ 9 am Thursdays @ 8 pm

Catechism Wednesdays @ 6 pm

Pioneers every last Sunday @ 11:30 am



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November 2019

Annual Voters' Meeting

Sunday, November 4

10:15 am

Veteran's Day Coffee Hour Sunday, November 10 at 10:15 am

Please join us immediately after the worship service for a special coffee hour honoring

> our veterans. Hosted by the Peace Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers



Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. -John 15:13

The church office will be closed: Thursday, November 14 & Friday, November 15 Thursday, November 28 & Friday, November 29 Please call Christine at 920-765-2147 if you need office assistance during those days.



This is what I mean: The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. The one who sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will overflow in every good work. ⁹ As it is written: He scattered; he gave to the poor. His righteousness remains forever.

¹⁰ And he who provides seed to the sower and bread for food will provide and multiply your seed for sowing, and will increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be made rich in every way so that you may be generous in every way, which produces thanksgiving to God through us.

¹² To be sure, the administration of this service is not only making up for what is lacking among the saints, but it is also overflowing in many prayers of thanksgiving to God. ¹³ By proving yourselves in this service, many people are glorifying God, as they see the obedience shown in your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity shown in your sharing with them and all people. ¹⁴ At the same time as they pray for you, they also express their longing for you, because of the extraordinary measure of God's grace given to you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (EHV)

Thanksgetting Day???

Look at all the ads for Black Friday. How many of them promise a free gift of some kind? But then we read the conditions. We hear things like \$15 in free Kohl's cash with a \$50 purchase. Other stores promise \$7.99 small appliances with a mail-in rebate. Some say buy-one-get-one free when they should really say half-off an item. It seems like nothing is ever given to us with no strings attached.

Have you ever found yourself doing something nice for someone with selfish motives? I'll help you do this, but only because I know you will probably give me something in return. I don't mind helping out at a special event, but I will tend to choose the ones where volunteers get a free meal or shirt or something like that. Doing things for others with some kind of string attached is not real generosity. It is a mask we wear to try to make selfish stingy hearts feel better.

Today we can be thankful God's gift to us of his Son Jesus does not have any strings attached. That gift really is indescribable. In selfless generosity, God the Father freely gave up his beloved Son to pay for our pretended generosity. The love of Christ completely poured itself out on the cross to forgive all of our sins. The Father allowed this to happen that his gift to us of Jesus might result in more souls in heaven. By the forgiveness of Jesus won for us, our hearts are transformed. We no longer harbor desires of phony generosity with something in it for us in our hearts. The confession of Christ we make is simply a passing on of that invaluable and indescribable gift to others. By sharing him with others, we are truly generous.

And that generosity leads to generosity in other parts of our lives. We do not give to others or the church because we want to get something for ourselves in return. We give because Christ's forgiving love has been given to us. The more generous we are, the more we will be fulfilled by what we do. The more we try to get something out of our generosity, the less Christian joy we will find in helping others. This is not Thanksgetting Day but Thanksgiving Day. We offer our gratitude to God first and foremost for what he has done for us in Christ. Then we praise the Father for his gracious physical blessings. We do all of this cheerfully and not under compulsion. We are not trying to get anything from God with our thanks. We are expressing gratitude for his grace in our lives and contentment with what we have.

No matter what our lives look like to the world, we are rich in Christ. Through him and the sharing of him with others, even more people will be led to offer their thanksgiving to God for his salvation. Give thanks for the indescribable gift of Jesus!

Pastor Steven Tews



Outreach Corner

Be Part of C19

This is the goal: to share the gospel with one million souls prior to and on Christmas Eve. A recent survey found that 80% of unchurched adults would seriously consider accepting an invitation, extended by a friend, to attend a Christmas Eve service.

Who can you invite to an Advent or Christmas services? Think of those around you- neighbors, friends, co-workers, or family. Everyone needs to know the love and peace of Jesus. Who can you invite? C19 seeks to encourage every member of our WELS family to share Jesus with their loved ones.

For more information, go to welscongregationalservices.net/c19.

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WELS Organizations

Each month, we'll explore an organization affiliated with the WELS. Pray for these organizations, donate to them as your heart so moves you, and encourage those who lead them.

WLCFS– Christian Family Solutions

CHRISTIAN FAMILY Mission: Healing and helping peo-SOLUTIONS ple in need through the ministry of WISCONSIN LUTHERAN CHILD & FAMILY SERVICE. INC. Jesus Christ

Services offered, such as: senior services, mental health outpatient and intensive outpatient programs for children, adolescents, and adults, telehealth program

WLCFS-Christian Family Solutions

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We must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. (John F. Kennedy)





Sunday School Corner

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

You child will soon bring home their Christmas service program. Please help them memorize their parts and the music they will sing.

Our annual Children's Christmas Service is on Sunday, December 22 at 9 am, so mark those calendars! See any teacher or myself for more information about i the Children's Christmas Service.

Date	Торіс
November 3	Isaac & Rebekah
November 10	Jacob Deceives Isaac
November 17	Jacob's Flight & Vision
November 24	Christmas Service Rehearsal
December 1	Christmas Service Rehearsal

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. Sunday School Karin Hetcher (920-240-6201)

CE Sunday School Superintendent



Birthdays

- Zachary Kubasta 11/1
- 11/6 **Darlene Travers** Greg Hintz
- Mary McKay 11/7
- 11/8 Delmar Meyer
- Jim Schroeder 11/20
- 11/22 Sharon Westphal
- 11/30 Violet Tews

Anniversaries

Larry & Doreen Walton 11/7

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



Church News

Peace Pantry Update

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 Snacks Nuts/Trail mix Canned fruit 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 Canned veggies Canned tomatoes 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 bar soap and no expired foods.

THANK YOU!!



One secret of life is that all that is really worth doing is what we do for others. (Lewis Carroll)

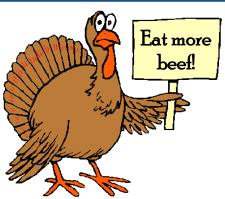
Let our lives be full of both thanks and giving.



A Celebration of Advent in Lessons & Songs

An Advent by Candlelight event hosted by the Peace Lutheran Girl Pioneers Sunday, December 8, 2019 1 pm Ladies of all ages are invited to our annual Advent by Candlelight event held in the fellowship hall. Space is limited so reserve your seat today! Invite a friend to join you as we come together to celebrate the coming of lesus!

Please RSVP to Christine (920-787-3856) by November 25.





Pioneers News

On September 29, we had our first meeting of the 2019/2020 school year, with 14 kids in attendance. We ate walking tacos, played games, flew paper airplanes, explored our handbooks, and had lots of fun! We meet the last Sunday of each month at 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. It doesn't cost anything to join and lunch is included! Our next meeting is October 27. You don't have to be a member of Peace to join the Pioneers. Talk to any leader for more information.



Jonathan K., Ben S., TJ K., Anna K., Kalisaka K. Grant K., Jackson W., Mackenzie S., Ian P., Wade P. Sam T., Matthew T., Rose T. Missing: Emily B. Your Pioneer Leaders: Kevin & Christine Bohn 920-765-2147 Ahnsharee Klusmeyer 920-539-3560 Rebecca Bohn 920-765-2144



Nominees for the Church Council

The Annual Voters' Meeting will be on Sunday, November 3 at 10:15 am. The nominees for the Church Council are: Fred Bohlmann Harold Stechmesser (incumbent treasurer) Mike Purtee (incumbent)

Please see Don Nelson, church president, with any questions or concerns.

Organists/Pianists Needed



Last year we had four organists. Now we have two. Our service schedule is a lot for two people. If anyone feels they can play piano or organ for the services, please contact myself, pastor, or the organists.

Thank You, Don Nelson (787-5035)

Thank You to **My Friends at Peace!**

So many of you brightened my after-surgery days with phone calls, prayers, get-well wishes, beautiful cards and notes, and last, but not least, delicious food (you made Don's days much easier in the kitchen!). My surgeries went well an the inhome therapy is a great help.

Thank you for your displays of Christian love and kindness.

Helen Timmeramnn

Thank you!

Knitters & Crocheters

The Peace Knitters and Crocheters will meet on November 9 & 30 at 2 pm. Please see Linda Welty (715-927-2455) for more information.



Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 7

Join us for an afternoon of fun card games. Popcorn & drinks provided.



Thanksgiving Food Drive Sponsored by the Peace Lutheran Pioneers October 27- November 17

We are looking for non-perishable foods like:

stuffing mix, canned veggies, pumpkin, soups, cranberry sauce, pie filling, pie crust mix, baking supplies such as sugar, flour, and chocolate chips, salad dressings, canned broth, and the week of November 8-15, we'll accept FROZEN whole chickens or small FROZEN turkeys and hardy produce such as potatoes, onions, sweet potatoes, carrots, cabbage, apples, and oranges.

If you know of anyone (in our congregation or community) who could use a Thanksgiving food box, please speak to Christine (920-787-3856). All names given will be kept in strict confidence. Boxes will be delivered November 19-20.

Look for the box in the fellowship hall to put your donations in!

Frozen turkeys and chicken can be put in the freezer in the fellowship hall.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE KEVIN OR CHRISTINE BOHN.

On October 13, the Pioneers hosted an outing to Flyte's Corn Maze. It was brisk (it only snowed for a little while!) but everyone had a great time! We started at church for lunch- Kevin's chili hit the spot! Then we made our way out to Flyte's for a corn maze, a hay maze, a small petting zoo, pumpkin launching and more! Thanks to everyone who came out and thanks to the Pioneers for organizing such a fun day!



It is not joy that makes us grateful. It is gratitude that makes us joyful. (Davide Steindl-Rast)

"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever." Ps 107:1

Corn Maze Outing

Give thanks to the LORD... make his deeds known among the peoples. (Psalm 105:1)