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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 @ 6:30 pm

Pioneers every last Sunday @ 11:30 am



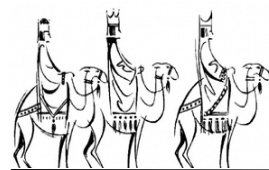
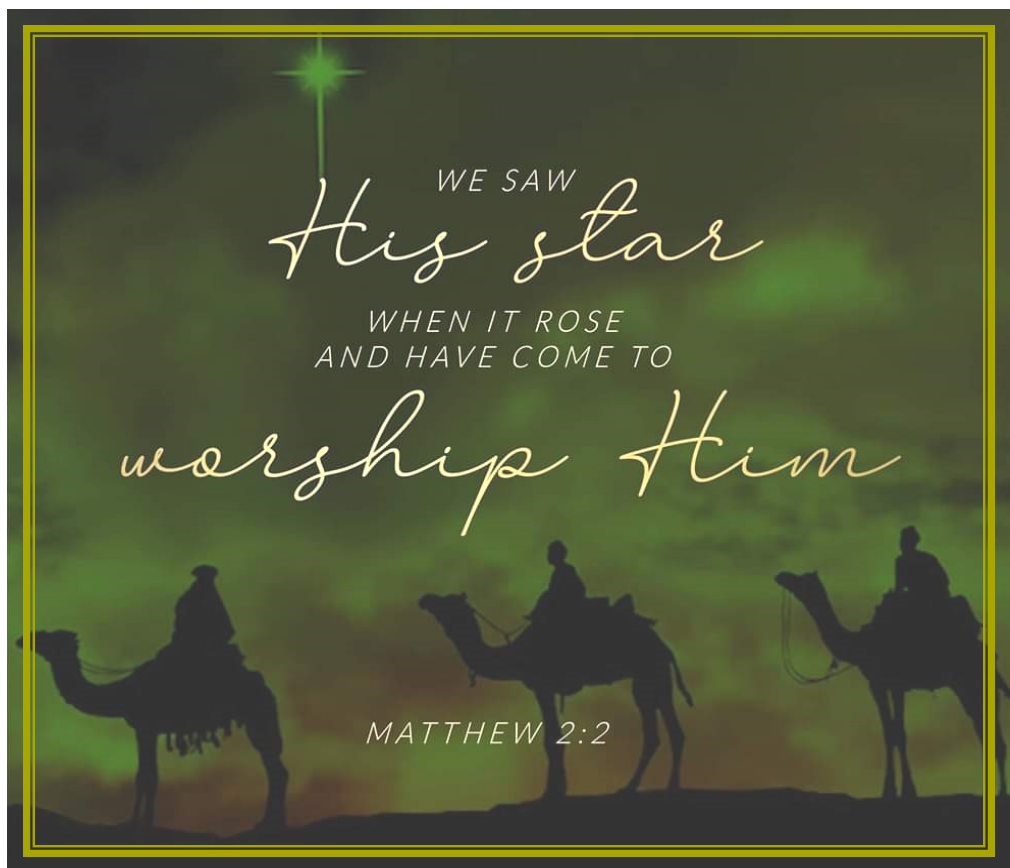
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The Visit of the Wise Men

Matthew 2:1-15

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, when Herod was king, Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, ²“Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was alarmed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴He gathered together all the people’s chief priests and experts in the law. He asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, because this was written through the prophet:

⁶You, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are certainly not least among the rulers of Judah: because out of you will come a ruler, who will shepherd my people, Israel.”

⁷Then Herod secretly summoned the Wise Men and found out from them exactly when the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you find him, report to me, so that I may also go and worship him.”



⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. Then the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them, until it stood still over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced with overwhelming joy. ¹¹After they went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²Since they had been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

¹³After the Wise Men were gone, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to Joseph in a dream. He said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, because Herod will search for the child in order to kill him.”

¹⁴Joseph got up, took the child and his mother during the night, and left for Egypt. ¹⁵He stayed there until the death of Herod. This happened to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”



From our Pastor

Get dressed for the New Year!

Therefore, as God's elect, holy and loved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with one another and forgive each other if anyone has a complaint against anyone else. Forgive, just as Christ forgave you.

And, in addition to all these things, put on love, which ties things together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ control your hearts, to which you were also called, in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God. And everything you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:12-17)



You all know the saying, "The clothes make the man." The theory goes like this: if you want to be a better bowler, wear a bowling shirt; if you want to get that new job, you wear a business suit to your interview. It used to be a tradition that couples would dress up in fancy clothes to go to a New Year's Eve party.

Did you know that you wear two sets of clothes each day? The physical clothes you wear don't have a lot to do with your life as a Christian. But the other set, your spiritual clothes, does. As we celebrate a new year— a new decade- God wants to make sure you are dressed in your spiritual New Year's best. That's why he tells us in Colossians: **Get dressed for the New Year with gentleness and with love!**

Get dressed for the New Year with gentleness!

On our own, we could not dress ourselves spiritually. If we tried, it looked like we found our clothes in the bottom of the heap at the city dump. Our sinful spiritual clothes were made from the rags of doubt. They were torn by fighting and harsh words. If we could look at ourselves in the mirror today and see ourselves in our spiritual clothes before God got a hold on our hearts, we would break the mirror. People would run from us. Our wardrobe of sin would look anything but gentle.

But our clothes don't look like that any more. When God chose us as his children, he gave us a fashion makeover. **"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."** Our new wardrobe is totally different. God sent Jesus to dress us in new clothes. He did that to prepare us for something far better than a new year: A new life with him as our Savior! Jesus removed the soiled garments of our sins. All of them are washed by his perfect life and innocent blood. He replaced the rags of doubt with the sure hope of peace between God and men. Our clothes ripped by sin are exchanged for new clothing, the gentleness only the Holy Spirit can work in our hearts. The mud stains of our sins are gone, replaced with gentleness given by Jesus.



If the clothes make the person, then how do we make our gentleness plain to others? We find the answer in the other four words of that list. **"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."** Being a compassionate person means that we feel deep affection for other people. That affection then shows itself as we model the gentleness of our Savior to others. We want to help them wherever and whenever we can. The kindness in our hearts seeks to live itself out through words and actions. Who do you know that could use a word of encouragement this week? When we live our kindness, people can see the gentleness Jesus gave us. In humility we count others better than ourselves. We are willing to put our needs last to serve others with Jesus' gentleness.



News You Can Use

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



Summer camp registrations go live at noon on Saturday, Nov 30th, for a gift that can impact your child for the rest of your child's life!

Register online at:
campphillip.com/registration



Save the Dates!

Location: University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Date: June 23-26, 2020

More information coming soon!



Men of His Word Conference

Saturday, February 8, 2020

Best Western Convention Center, Oshkosh

When we're younger, we have hopes and dreams and plans for the future. Sometimes those plans for come to reality; often they do not. Even our best laid plans fail. Because of sin in and all around us, life doesn't work out the way we often hope. There is only one who has perfect 20/20 vision for our future: your almighty, loving Savior God who promised, "I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11). Join us to learn more about GOD'S 20/20 VISION FOR YOUR FUTURE, both your future on earth and in heaven.

Whether you attend for the keynote speaker, the relevant, thought-provoking breakout sessions, or the worship experience with 700 other men, God's Word will speak to you.

Additional details and online registration are available at www.menofhisword.org for the first 700 men. The registration fee is \$50 for adults and \$25 for youth – these rates increase to \$60 and \$30 respectively after January 19th.

Please join us for a day of fellowship in God's Word that you will not soon forget!



PROVERBS 17:17

Pathways to Christ Retreat March 13-15, 2020

Sisters in Christ, please join us for the Pathways to Christ Retreat at LaSure's Hall in Oshkosh. Friday evening will consist of a guided round-table discussion and Bible study on friendship followed by *Thirsty Soul* – Praise Band. On Saturday our three speakers will focus on our friendship with Jesus and on our calling as Christ's disciples. *His Witness* will then share their gift of music with us. On Sunday there is a Bible Study and then worship. Additional information, along with registration forms, can be found on our website: pathwaystochrist.org. If you don't have internet access, your church office can provide you with a brochure.



News About Our Church Family

Sunday School Corner

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

Thank you to our Sunday School staff and students (and their families!) for all the hard work to ensure our Children's Christmas Service in December was a success. By God's grace, we were able to tell members and guests all about Jesus' birth!

We don't have Sunday School on Sunday, December 22 or 29, but are back on Sunday, January 5.

Date	Topic
January 5	Birth of John & Jesus announced
January 12	Birth of John the Baptist
January 19	Birth of Jesus
January 26	The Wise Men
February 2	The flight to Egypt

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)
MAKES A DIFFERENCE Sunday School Superintendent

Updates Needed!

Please notify the church office of any address, phone number, or email changes or updates by January 5, 2020. You can call the office at 920-787-3856, email at peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com or drop off a copy of your current information at the office on Sundays, or during office hours during the week. Thank you for helping us have an up-to-date and correct Member Directory!



Birthdays

- 1/1 Dayna Lemke
- 1/8 Jonah Siegel
- 1/10 Boone Welty
- 1/16 John Hannemann
Lana Sluga
- 1/19 Joshua Wedde
- 1/20 Daniel Baranyk
- 1/21 Jack Snyder
Carlyle Schmidt
- 1/22 Ahnsharee Klusmeyer
- 1/25 Char Vanier



Anniversaries

- 1/20 Ken & Marie Kasper (31)



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.

Knitters & Crocheters

Due to hectic holiday schedules, we will not meet again until January 11 at 2 pm. See Linda Welty (715-927-2455) for more information.



Cards in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, January 2 1 pm

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

But where do we get the motivation to be gentle? Through Jesus, you, too, can **“forgive as the Lord forgave you.”** We find the motivation to do that in the love of our heavenly tailor Jesus, who sewed together the garment of our salvation with his death on the cross. On Easter morning, God the Father stamped it perfectly complete when he raised Jesus from the dead. Then he presented that garment to you and said, “It’s all yours. Enjoy it.” This new year, wear your gentleness on your sleeve to serve your Savior.

On a normal Wisconsin January day, you need a coat when you step outside. If as Christians we wear a garment made of gentleness and all those other things, then the overcoat, the piece that ties the ensemble together, is love. So **get dressed for the New Year with love!**

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Love ties the whole ensemble together. **“And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”** In our old wardrobe, a love like that had no place. Jesus gave us a new kind of love to wear instead. He cast out our love of self to make his love our favorite new piece of clothing. Jesus showed us such amazing love by dying to give us new life as God’s children. Our heavenly Father loved us enough to send his only Son to die for us. **“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!”**

The love of a Christian is that same love reflected to others. It shows itself to everyone, regardless of class or position. There is never a person to whom we say, “Oh, I would never want to be caught helping you.” God forbid we ever think of our church as a museum for perfect people. This is a war hospital to treat those wounded by sin with the only medicine that can save their souls—the gospel of Jesus in Word and Sacrament. When the weary come to us freezing from the cold of sin, we wrap the coat of God’s love around them and welcome them inside God’s house to find healing at the cross.

But what does God use to make our coat of love? He weaves it from the peace Jesus came to bring. **“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.”** Before Jesus paid for our sins, we never had the peace of God in us. His words of victory from the cross, **“It is finished,”** called to us, “You have been made right with God. The rebellion that sin brought into the world has been crushed by Jesus. You are at peace.” That is a true show of love. Jesus gave himself for you to free you from sin, death and the power of the devil. That is the love Jesus wants you to reflect to others.

Jesus gave us the most powerful motivation in the world to show our love to others: he opened heaven to us! With Jesus we cannot help but show others the same love we have heard and seen with the eyes of faith on the pages of Scripture. The Bible is the greatest love story ever told. Christ loved his Church so much that he was willing to take on human flesh to die for the sins of people who weren’t even born yet or had long since died. Here in worship, we express our love for the Savior as he expresses that love for us. Jesus gave you that new coat of love at your baptism. He patches and mends it through Holy Communion. And he gives you the strength to keep on wearing it until you meet him face-to-face in heaven.



This New Year’s, make a resolution to get dressed right this year. Eagerly wear your clothing of salvation. Sit at the feet of your Tailor Jesus and rejoice as you see him sew those garments for you. When you feel the urge to cast off his clothes and put the rags of sin on again, don’t do it! Pray to Jesus to give you the strength to cling to your new clothes in the face of the world, the devil and your own sinful nature. If your new garment starts to get a little dirty, drag your sinful self back to the laundry mat of your baptism. There you can be confident that your sins are washed away by Jesus and you have clean new garments of salvation to wear day after day.

In 2020, stay close to Jesus. He gave you the garments of salvation, and he will keep you in those clothes throughout this year and your life. This New Year’s, get dressed for the New Year with the gentleness and love of Christ, knowing that you are saved by him. Amen.

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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	Honey	Ketchup
Mustard	Pickles/Olives	Applesauce
Canned Fruit	Dried Fruit	Oatmeal
Cereal	Granola bars	Pancake mix
Syrup	Baking mix	Cake mix/frosting
Sugar (1#)	Flour (1#)	Coffee/tea
Powdered creamer	Salt & pepper	
Oil	Non-stick cooking spray	
Canned: veggies, tomatoes, beans	Soup	
Broth/bullion	Pasta/noodles	Pasta sauces
Mac & cheese	Rice & pasta sides	
Canned: tuna and chicken	Instant potatoes	
Gravy mix	Instant rice	Hamburger helper
Tuna Helper	Nuts/trail mix	Crackers
Shelf-stable summer sausage		
Shelf-stable drinks/juices	Small packages of treats	

Frozen food such as:

Butter or margarine Hamburger (or other easy-to-use meats) Loaves of bread

Personal care items such as:

Feminine hygiene products Toilet paper
Baby wipes & diapers Baby care items
Body wash Shampoo

Cleaning supplies such as:

Dish soap Laundry detergent/softener Cleaners
Paper towels

Please no bar soap and no expired foods.



Advent by Candlelight

What a beautiful afternoon we had on December 8! We had almost 40 members and guests in attendance at this year's Advent by Candlelight.

Thank you to our table hostesses:

Barb Bartel & Carol Mietzel, Heather Tews, Karin Hetcher, Jan Schroeder, Rebecca Bohn, and Christine Bohn.

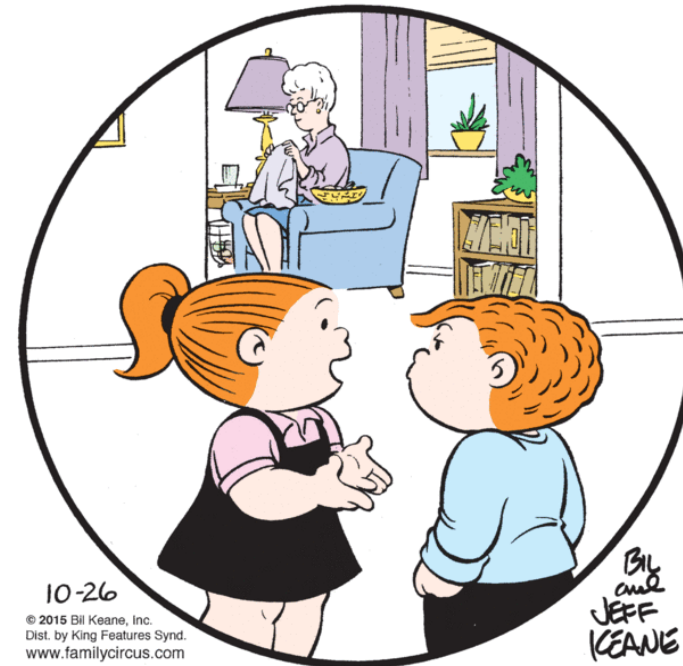
Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's program so meaningful: the Girl Pioneers, Barb Bartel, Bernice Baranyk and her daughter Carmell, Linda Welty, Jean Bartel, and Kevin Bohn.



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.

Don Nelson (787-5035) Council President



Pine Car Derby



The annual Pioneers Pine Car Derby will be on Sunday, February 23 with races starting at 1 pm. Come support your Pioneers and cheer on the cars!

If you would like to enter the open class, please speak to Kevin or Christine Bohn to receive a pine car and rules. Anyone can enter the Open Class—Pioneers' family members and any member of the congregation! See Kevin with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE: Our LGP will be hosting the LGP District Derby on Sunday, March 29 at 1 pm. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the races!

Pioneers' Christmas Party

The Pioneers had a Christmas party on Sunday, December 15. After enjoying lunch together, they played Minute-to-Win-It games, like hook the candy cane and snowball toss, decorated ugly sweater cookies, and had a gift exchange. Fun was had by all!

