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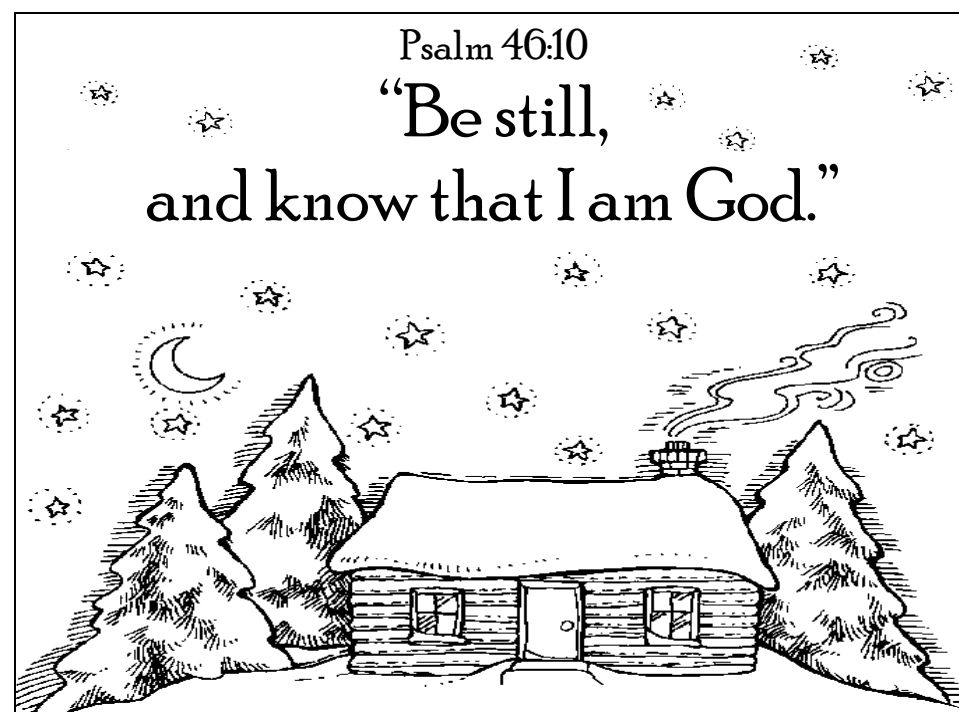
Worship every Sunday @ 9 am
every Thursday @ 7 pm
Bible Study Sundays @ 8 am
Tuesdays @ 9 am
Thursdays @ 7:45 pm
Sunday School Sundays @ 10:15 am
Pioneers last Sunday @ 11:30 am



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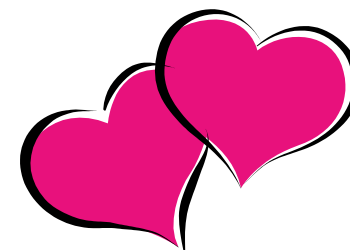
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Messenger of Peace serves the Peace Ev.
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the Peace ministry and with articles that
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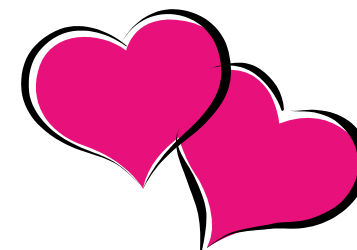


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February 2020



2019 Annual Report



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Lent & Easter Schedule

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 26

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

No Worship on Thursday, February 27

Midweek Lenten Services

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2

Dinner 5-6:30 pm

The entire family is invited to come for a free dinner & fellowship prior to worship

Worship 7 pm

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 5

Worship 9 am

Easter for Kids

TBA

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 9

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

Good Friday

Friday, April 10

Good Friday Worship 12 pm

Tenebrae Worship 7 pm

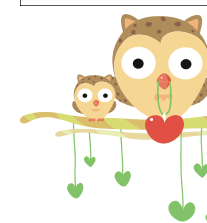
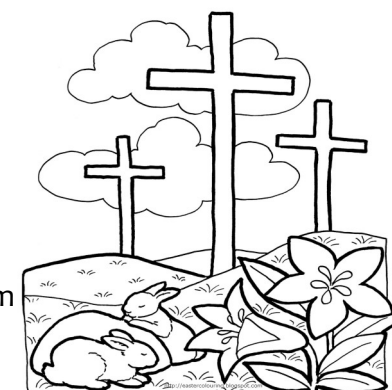
Easter

Sunday, April 12

Sunrise Worship w/ Communion 7 am

Easter Fellowship 8 am

Easter Song Service 9 am



Voters' Meeting

Sunday, February 2 at 10:15 am



From Our Pastor



A Festival Undisturbed

In the Lenten stillness the Holy Spirit in his Word and in hymns tells my heart that Jesus endured it all for me and took away my sins.



We still own Lent outright. Let me say that again, but less baldly: Lent remains one season in the festival half of the church year (Epiphany is another) that is virtually untouched by outside influences. To be sure, not every believer understands it perfectly or observes it faithfully or proclaims it accurately, but the emphasis of Lent remains, nevertheless, overwhelmingly Christian.

A Quiet Time

Secular songs have not intruded. Worldly customs have not invaded. Animated cartoons do not annually distort the reason for this season beyond recognition. Oh, yes, the world makes much of the bookends on either side of Lent. It revels in a pagan Mardi Gras and peddles a secularized Easter, but it leaves Lent alone. I have yet to hear Lenten elevator music or to see a Lenten reindeer or to read that Lenten retail sales are up (or down for that matter). I hope I never do.

I hope instead that Lent remains undisturbed by the world, safe in this “tween” time between (in my latitude at least) hard winter and warm spring. Let Lent lie quiet in the gray gap between white and green. Let her stay unpolluted by worldly interpretations and innovations.

Now please don’t misunderstand. I said “undisturbed,” not “unnoticed.” I don’t intend “quiet” to mean “not talked about.” By saying “unpolluted” I am not hanging a “Christians only” sign on Lent. I do not want to hide Lent or to hog it for myself. On the contrary, I wish I were better at sharing it with those who don’t know it as I do.

The Lent I know happens at a quiet time. It has room on the clock for thoughtful, careful contemplation, when—with apologies to accountants, tax attorneys, and fans of college basketball everywhere—things are less busy, not quite so hectic. Lent is snugly harbored in relative silence, moored in a stillness between the Christmas rush and summer’s dash to relax. Early or late or neither, Lent takes place in a relatively calm spot on the world’s bloated schedule of diversions. It opens up a niche for thoughtful meditation on the basics of my faith.

Of course, the world is not keeping the noise down out of remorse for what it has done to Christmas and Easter. It is just that Lent is a tough fit for stores and parades. The story of the tortured death of God’s Son for the sins of every soul does not bring in shoppers, and it rains on parades. It runs far past all human expectation of what God should be and of what he ought to do. This is not how God acts, says their—says my—sin-warped reason. And if that is indeed how he acts, that is still just too sad for sales or celebrations.

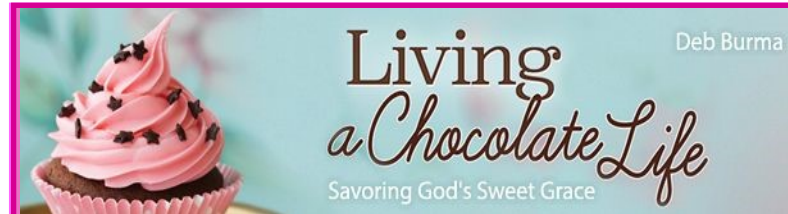
A Time to Listen and Ponder

So it’s a quiet time. We can think without distraction. Without distraction we can read and have read to us the story of Jesus’ passion. We can listen to what Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John record of the Savior’s suffering and death. We can be reminded that God’s Son willingly endured hell for the world that God so loved. In the Lenten stillness the Holy Spirit by his Word tells my heart that Jesus endured it all for me and took away my sins.

And in the quiet we hear the Lenten hymns so much better. We get to hear and sing and reflect on hymns that have no secular competition. The Lenten hymns, serious old friends who faithfully visit us every year, sing Scripture’s central truth, the story of how God saved us. They do it in a way that enhances our worship and redirects our attention to the Word. Their tunes grip us; their lyrics penetrate our cluttered brains. They focus our faith on its core.

Once heard, can you shake off—would you want to shake off—a phrase like “If for me he slays his Son, God must have compassion” (*Christian Worship* 98)?

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You’re Invited to a
Ladies’ Bible Class
Wednesdays, February 12
through April 1 at 1:30 pm

Are you ready for a treat? The eight chocolate-inspired lessons in this study focus on different aspects of life as a Christian woman, reminding you that you are wrapped in God’s love.

All ladies are invited and each session will last 45-60 minutes. Bring a friend!

Because this study follows the book “Living a Chocolate Life” by Deb Burma, everyone will receive a book (we will accept a \$10 donation to go to the cost of the books). Please sign up with Christine in the office by February 2 so we have enough books available (if you miss this deadline, we will have several extra books available).



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Imagine, and only by faith can you imagine, that this Father hands over his only Son, the perfect Son with whom he was “well pleased,” to the cruelest death—and that he does it for a world that hates him. What Father’s love could allow that? What Son’s love could go through with that? For my soul? “What wondrous love is this!” (*CW 120*) answers another hymn.

The hymns help me—they make me—watch again as a Lamb “goes uncomplaining forth” and “bears shame and stripes and wounds and death, anguish and mockery and says, ‘Willing all this I suffer’ ” (*CW 100*). Suddenly Isaiah’s prophetic poetry comes alive, fleshed out and fulfilled. Suddenly he speaks to me across 27 centuries. Now I see what he saw in a Savior “stricken, smitten, and afflicted” (*CW 127*).

Isaiah occupies my thoughts until another hymn broadens the perspective with details. My faith’s eyes turn toward the “sacred head now wounded” (*CW 105*). Now my heart views every feature of a battered Savior’s face, sees a head that for me was punched by professional soldiers and for me was pierced by needle thorns. I am vividly reminded again that for me Jesus, the Son of God, “himself has freely given to shame and blows and bitter death” (*CW 113*).

All through this quiet, nourishing, comforting season the unstoppable playback of Lenten anthems keeps spooling in my memory’s ear. They blessedly interrupt the thoughts that usually seem so important. They give new meaning to my workaday existence. They invigorate the routine of my ordinariness. The hymns gently force me to listen and to look again with renewed appreciation for the God who loved and saved me. The Word they contain restores my soul.

The world doesn’t make much of Lent. I don’t mind. I have seen what it’s done to some of our other precious seasons. Besides, I like—no, I need—the quiet.

“Jesus, I will ponder now.”



Christmas at Peace



From mid-week Advent worship services to Advent by Candlelight, from the Sunday School children's Christmas service to Christmas day worship, Peace Lutheran Church is hopping during the Advent and Christmas seasons!

Thank you to everyone who hosted meals and coffee hours, cleaned the church each week, practiced Bible passages with children, sang in choirs and small groups, came to Christmas gatherings, decorated (and then undecorated) the church, and invited family, friends, and neighbors to join you at services or events.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)



Committee & Group Members

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Michael Purtee, Outreach Comm.

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Christine Bohn

Church Custodian

Tom Jones

Organists

Jean Bartel

Treasurer

Harold Stechmesser

Karin Hetcher, Assistant

Audit Committee

Budget Committee

Roger Jansen

Nathan Klusmeyer

Trent Nelson

Harold Stechmesser

Finance Committee

Robert Wedell, Chairman

Hannah Klusmeyer, Asst. Fin. Secretary

Bernice Baranyk, Counter

Jim Lichtenberg, Counter

M/M Rodney Nelson, Counters

M/M Don Timmermann, Counters

Beverly Walker, Counter

M/M Watson Woodruff, Counters

Board of Elders

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DuWayne Bartel

Roger Jansen

James Lichtenberg

Everett Schulz

Watson Woodruff

Beverly Walker, Deaconess

Lay Altar Assistants

Nathan Klusmeyer

Robert Lang

James Lichtenberg

James Schroeder

Robert Wedell

Shut-In Ministry

Don Timmermann

Jim Schroeder

Worship Committee

Pastor Steven Tews

Marilynn Chesbrough, Chairperson

Jean Bartel, Organist

Megan Kubasta

Jim Schroeder, Board of Elders'

Worship Elders

Robert Boelk

James Lichtenberg

Neal Roebke

James Schroeder

Richard Vollrath

Robert Wedell

Education-- Communication Committee

Thomas Welty, Chairman

Computer Music

Richard Vollrath, HymnSoft Operator

Robin Rudolph, HymnSoft Operator

Allan Metzger, HymnSoft Operator

Confirmation

Pastor Steven Tews

Thomas Welty

Pioneers

Christine Bohn, Caravan Counselor

Kevin Bohn, Trainmaster

Ahnsharee Klusmeyer, Leader

Rebecca Bohn, Leader

Emily Bohn, Junior Leader

Kaliska Klusmeyer, Junior Leader

Pastor Steven Tews, chaplain

Thomas Welty

Sunday School

Karin Hetcher, Superintendent

Rebecca Bohn, 4K/5K

Christine Bohn, 1/2/3 grades

Jan Schroeder, upper grades

Thomas Welty

Sound System

Kevin Bohn

TJ Klusmeyer

Megan Kubasta

Robin Rudolph

Richard Vollrath

Thomas Welty

Webmaster

Pastor Tom Klusmeyer

Building & Grounds Committee

Fred Bohlmann, Chairman

Kevin Bohn, Maintenance

Tom Jones, Custodian

Safety & Security Committee

Kenneth Kerl, Chairman

Kevin Bohn

Robert Lang

James Schroeder

Pastor Tews

Safety & Security Drill Committee

Ken Kerl

Kevin Bohn

Judy Nelson

Beverly Walker

Outreach Committee

Michael Purtee, Chairman

Peace Pantry

Christine Bohn

Stewardship Committee

Robert Lang, Chairman

Circle of Peace Ladies' Group

Donna McKay, President

Altar Care Committee

Nathan and Ahnsharee Klusmeyer

Allan Metzger

Altar Flowers

Donna McKay

Card Counter

Jennie Sigourney

LWMS

Marilynn Chesbrough, Reporter

Vacant

Choir; Hymn Boards; JAM Session; Library

Committee; Long-Range Planning; Men's

Club; VBS Director

Ministrations

January—December 2019

NEW MEMBERS

Fred & Sheryl Bohlmann, transfer from Salem, Milwaukee
Pastor Steven & Heather Tews and Samuel, Matthew,
Rose & Violet, transfer from St. Peter's, Balaton, MN
Harold Potthast, transfer from Redeemer, Mandan, ND
Buchanan Potthast, transfer from Redeemer, Mandan, ND

CONFIRMATIONS

Kaliska B. Klusmeyer

BAPTISMS

Chelsi L. Eckert born 1/18/1992 baptized 6/23/2019
Kialah H. Eckert born 1/28/2013 baptized 6/23/2019
Justin L. Eckert born 2/19/2012 baptized 6/23/2019
Raylynn M. Eckert born 2/19/2012 baptized 6/23/2019
Destiny Williams born 5/16/2011 baptized 8/24/2019

WEDDINGS

BURIALS

LeRoy Wangerin
Born 3/8/1927; Died 1/30/2019; Burial 2/2/2019
Robert O'Brien
Born 9/28/2019; Died 3/14/2019; Burial 3/18/2019

TRANSFERS OUT

Leonard & Mary McKay, transfer to St. John's, Newberg, WI
Pastor Russel & Verona Kloehn,
transfer to St. Paul, Onalaska, WI
Evelyn O'Brien, transfer to St John's, Pigeon, MI
Harry & Jeanette Thom, transfer to St. Paul, Slinger, WI

RELEASED

Anita Mischka, released by request
Kim & Gloria Runge, released by request

Membership Statistics

Worship Service Attendance

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Sunday	4559	4998	5537	5636	5878
Thursday	1281	1474	929	879	1323
Special	687				
Total	6527	6552	7011	6565	6757
Average	126	126	135	126	130
Special services average	62	61	60	54	61

Bible Class Attendance

Average weekly attendance 17

Membership	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total Membership	237	235	244	246	260
Communicant Membership	205	208	213	215	224
Sunday School (3K-8th grd)	23	17	24	26	26

Holy Communion

Avg. per communion week 91 (2018:88; 2017: 93; 2016: 93; 2015: 97)



Church News

Midweek Lenten Dinners

Our midweek Lenten Dinners will be on Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, and April 2. If you are interested in hosting a midweek meal, please use the sign up sheet on the back table in the fellowship hall. Please see Christine Bohn (920-787-3856) with any questions about our midweek meals.

And even if you don't host, your entire family is invited to join us on those evenings from 5- 6:30 pm for a free meal and great fellowship prior to our midweek Lenten worship services.

Bring a friend or neighbor!

Blue Ribbon Kids' Day

**Saturday, April 4 8:30 am- 12:30 pm
at Parkside Middle School, Wautoma**

The Pioneers, in conjunction with the Outreach Committee, will have a booth at this free family event. If you would like to help out at the booth, see Christine in the office. We schedule in one hour blocks so you will have time to visit all the other booths!

Thank You!

Thank you members of Peace, chairmen of committees, presidents of groups, and everyone who contributed articles and information to this year's Annual Report. **Thank you!**

Knitters & Crocheters

We will meet February 8 & 22 at 2 pm. See Linda Welty (715-927-2455) for more information.

Cards in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 6 1 pm
Join us for an afternoon of fun card games.
Popcorn & drinks provided.



Anniversaries

2/26 Steve & Heather Jansen (20)



Birthdays

2/1 Donna McKay
2/2 Pastor Tews
2/3 Gloria Raatz
2/5 Carson Sigourney
2/7 Emily Bohn
2/8 Nathan Klusmeyer
2/11 Woody Woodruff
2/12 Jean Lemke
Emma Anderson
Riley Anderson
2/19 Jackie Putskey
2/20 Jan Schroeder
2/22 Bev Walker
2/24 John Benz
2/25 Sue Ratzburg
2/26 Bob Wedell



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

Pine Car Derby

Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 1 pm

Cheer on your favorite car or get your own Pine Car and enter the Open Class of the Pioneers 2020 Pine Car Derby!
Join the fun as we race our way to victory!

Appetizers & Pine Car Registrations 12:30-1 pm
If you wish, you can bring an app-to-pass
Races start promptly at 1 pm

Please see Kevin Bohn (920-765-2146) to get a car if you'd like to enter the Open Class.

The Open Class is open to anyone, any age, who isn't a Pioneer. The cost to enter the Open Class is \$5 to cover the cost of the car.



2019 4th Quarter Statement/Funds



Church President, Board of Elders, & Bible Classes

Church President's Annual Report

It has been my privilege to be president of your church council. With the work of the council and the congregation we accomplished a huge number of projects. This congregation can accomplish anything it sets its mind to. I personally appreciate everyone's help and work.

God Bless,
Donald Nelson (920-787-5035) *Peace Lutheran Church Outgoing Council President*

Board of Elders' Annual Report

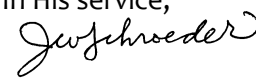
Please see page 3 for a complete list of the Board of Elders membership.

Elders concern themselves with the total spiritual life of the congregation. 2019 continued to be an active year for our Board of Elders. Help was provided to Pastors Suckow and Tews in scheduling and coordinating our worship services. Thanks to many of you who volunteered to serve as Worship Elders, Greeters, Ushers, Organists, Lay Altar Assistants, Sound Technicians and Computer Technicians.

Shut-ins were visited and served by our pastor and other volunteers. Thanks to all of you who took time to visit and comfort our shut-ins. Special thanks to Don Timmermann who continues to visit many of our shut-ins and bring them the Lord's Supper. Our worship services are recorded and copied to DVD's for distribution to shut-ins. Pastor Tom Klusmeyer is making sermons available on our church web site. Thanks also to those who routinely transport members who are not able to drive themselves.

Working with Pastor to restore inactive members continued to be a major effort in 2019 and will continue to be in 2020. I urge each of you to personally and lovingly encourage our fellow members, who have strayed from hearing God's Word, to return and worship with us. A visit, phone call or note from you means so much more to a straying person than a contact from Pastor Tews or a member of the Board of Elders. Think about it. Is there anything more important than a person's eternal soul? After numerous contacts are made, we thank our Lord that some of our straying members do return to worship again with us. Sadly, some are not interested in returning to worship with us and are removed from our membership roll; yet we continue to pray for their return.

We have many opportunities to serve our LORD. People are the engine of our church. Our members each contribute in their own way and are appreciated for everything they do. If there is an area in which you would be interested in serving, please let me know. We particularly need more Sound Technicians to learn Hymnsoft and Worship Elders. Training is provided.

In His service,

Jim Schroeder (920-787-4311) *Chairman, Board of Elders*

Bible Classes

Bible Information Class (BIC) This is an overview of basic Bible doctrine. It is designed for those who wish to join our congregation, but is also great for anyone who wishes to "beef up" on their knowledge of the basic teachings of Scripture.

Sunday Sundays we meet in the "chapel room" at 8 am. All ages at all levels of Bible knowledge are invited.

Tuesday Our Tuesday morning study meets in the "chapel room" at 9 am. Men and women of all ages and Bible knowledge are welcome.

Confirmation Level 1 Confirmation is a brief study of the Old & New Testaments. The class is an overview of the Bible's history. Level 1 is for first year Confirmation students.

Level 2 Confirmation is our "traditional catechism class." We study the chief parts of the Bible as outlined in Luther's Catechism. Level 2 is for 2nd and 3rd year students.

Sunday School Sunday School is where you'll find the children of our congregation. We offer classes for ages 4K through 8th grade on Sunday mornings, September– May, at 10:15 am.

For more information on any of the Bible Classes offered at Peace or for current topics, please talk to Pastor.



BEGINNING BALANCE –January 1, 2019 (checking acct)		62,167.14
RECEIPTS		
General Fund	209,614.49	
Gifts	36,646.69	
Checking Acct. Interest	1,582.89	
Reimbursements	415.51	
Memorials	720.00	
Total Receipts	.00	248,979.58
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS		311,146.72
EXPENDITURES		
Pastors Salary	35,712.50	
Mileage Allowance	1,729.68	
Housing Equity	.00	
Organist	2,202.61	
Office Secretary	18,178.04	
Custodians	3,553.19	
Maintenance Wages	2,719.73	
Treasurer/Financial Secretary	1,200.56	
Social Security & Withholding Tax	7,065.08	
Health Insurance	17,280.00	
Pension	2,136.00	
Guest Pastor/Organist	1,340.40	
Electric	5,002.05	
Heat	5,926.70	
Water & Sewer	2,485.50	
Telephone/Internet	3,170.80	
Bldg. & Grds.	59,677.20	
Insurance (BLDG,LIAB,WC)	5,430.00	
Local Missions		
Communication/Ed Budget	5,827.27	
Pioneers Budget	4,000.00	
Outreach Committee Budget	1,355.36	
Stewardship Committee Budget	.00	
Kitchen Supplies Budget	861.82	
Worship Committee Budget	292.90	
Circle of Peace Budget	394.96	
Financial Secretary Budget	384.68	
Office Budget	4,773.23	
Treasurer Budget	426.11	
Tuition	15,465.00	
Synod Missions	21,200.00	
Camp Phillip	2,460.00	
Northland Lutheran	.00	
LWMS dues	85.00	
Peace Improvement Fund	.00	
Loan Payments	.00	
Misc./Other	9,839.91	
Non-Budget Expenditures	8,093.42	
Total Expenditures		250,269.70
ENDING BALANCE – December 31, 2019 (checking acct)		60,877.02
Funds Balance in the checking acct	40,261.83	
Total Usable Funds		20,615.19

FUNDS BALANCE	
Pastor education	92.62
JAM Session	482.32
Sunday School	313.22
Hymnals	20.30
Library	397.36
Choir	531.90
Hearing Devices	200.30
Pioneers	704.58
Organ Fund	1,661.07
Student Assistance	1,068.17
LWMS	20.00
Improvement Fund	9,853.42
Website	20.00
Vacation Bible School	101.00
Parking Lot Fund	15,769.77
Flower Fund	226.01
Tuition Fund	500.00
Outreach	405.95
Shut In Ministry	174.66
Computer/Peripherals	239.89
Sound System	809.46
Coffee Hour	38.64
Altar Candle Fund	149.61
Kitchen Fund	3,283.00
Protective ring around trees	50.00
Banners/Parameters	1,100.00
Security System	662.00
Replace Carpeting	257.00
Men of His Word Conf	450.00
Bibles	20.00
Hot water tester	.00
Food Pantry Fund	659.58
Total	40,261.83

BOILER REPAIR BALANCE 950.00

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee for 2019 has not yet met. The Audit Committee Report will be in an upcoming edition of “The Messenger.”

Building & Grounds Committee

No report submitted.

Please see page three for a list of committee members.
Prayerfully submitted, Bob Lang (414-313-0662)
outgoing Building & Grounds Chairman

Education—Communication Committee

There are seventeen groups or activities that are included in the Education-Communication Committee. Several have their own reports. Bible Studies, Pioneers, Library, Sunday School, and the church’s Sound System represent a large part of the activities of this Committee.

Our church website at is an interesting place to get information about Peace. Visit it at www.wautoma-peace.lutheran.org and tell us what you think!

We provide members with the Forward in Christ, My Devotions, and Meditations. The monthly viewing of the WELS Connection and Kids’ Connection (in Sunday School) is also part of our effort to keep members informed.

Consider joining us for a Bible class. It is important that each of us members of Peace take an active part in the church and encourage others as well, so we are all growing in our faith.

A list of our committee members is on page three.

Tom Welty (715-927-0550)

Finance Committee

No report submitted.

Please see page three for a list of committee members.
Robert Wedell (715-228-3957), Financial Secretary

Outreach Committee

Hi Folks!

Last year has come and gone. Did you reach out to others with the help of our Lord? Even a small amount goes a long way– just a simple ‘Hello!’ to a stranger is a start.

In 2019, we co-hosted a booth with the Pioneers at Blue Ribbon Kid’s Day, hosted Easter for Kids and a Christmas for Kids events, and we had a booth at the county fair.

My thought for January: what you do makes a difference. You need to decide what kind of difference you want to make.

Mike Purtee (920-647-0108), Outreach Chairman



Safety & Security Committee

Please see page three for a list of committee members.

The Safety and Security Committee was not very active during 2019 for several reasons. With the installation of Pastor Tews and the future naming of a new president it will be a good time to rejuvenate the committee.

Since the inception of the committee and implementation of the Occupant Emergency Plan the congregation has yet to conduct a fire, weather or disruptive person drill. One of the top priorities for 2020 will be to conduct at least one drill. Another task for 2020 is to review and update the OEP.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ken Kerl (608-697-3096)

Safety & Security Committee Chairman

Stewardship Committee

No report submitted.

Terry Proctor
(920-420-8190), outgoing Stewardship Chairman

2019 Budget

REVENUES	2019	4 QTRS	ACTUAL
General Fund	200,000	200,000.00	209,614.49
Interest			1,582.89
Total Revenues	200,000	200,000.00	211,197.38
EXPENDITURES			
Pastors salary	44,000	44,000.00	35,712.50
Mileage Allowance	2,500	2,500.00	1,729.68
Housing Equity	675	675.00	.00
Organist	2,700	2,700.00	2,202.61
Office Secretary	19,968	19,968.00	18,178.04
Custodians	3,500	3,500.00	3,553.19
Maintenance Wages	2,000	2,000.00	2,719.73
Treasurer/Financial Secretary	1,300	1,300.00	1,200.56
Employer Social Security Tax	5,700	5,700.00	7,065.08
Health Insurance	26,640	26,640.00	17,280.00
Pension	4,000	4,000.00	2,136.00
Guest Pastor/Organist	1,750	1,750.00	1,340.40
Electricity	5,000	5,000.00	5,002.05
Heat	5,000	5,000.00	5,926.70
Water & Sewer	3,000	3,000.00	2,485.50
Telephone/Internet	1,375	1,375.00	3,170.80
Bldg. & Grds.	10,000	10,000.00	59,677.20
Insurance (BLDG,LIAB,WC)	5,400	5,400.00	5,430.00
Local Missions			
Communication/Ed Budget	5,828	5,828.00	5,827.27
Pioneers Budget	4,000	4,000.00	4,000.00
Outreach Committee Budget	1,000	1,000.00	1,355.36
Stewardship Committee Budget	100	100.00	.00
Kitchen Supplies Budget	400	400.00	861.82
Worship Committee Budget	275	275.00	292.90
Circle of Peace Budget	500	500.00	394.96
Financial Secretary Budget	425	425.00	384.68
Office Budget	5,000	5,000.00	4,773.23
Treasurer Budget	300	300.00	426.11
School Tuition	16,000	16,000.00	15,465.00
Missions	20,000	20,000.00	21,200.00
Camp Phillip	1,800	1,800.00	2,460.00
Northland Lutheran High School	0	.00	.00
LWMS dues	75	75.00	85.00
Peace Improvement Fund	2,400	2,400.00	2,400.00
Misc./Other	829	829.00	9,839.91
Total Expenditures:	203,440	203,440.00	244,576.28



Groups

Peace Pantry

The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. (Psalm 145:15,16)



The Peace Pantry is located in the Fellowship Hall. It is a well-stocked cupboard filled with everyday items, such as canned goods, toiletries, and cleaning supplies, that may be taken anonymously whenever anyone is in need of something. It is open to everyone in our community and there is no fee. The Peace Pantry is supported solely by free-will offerings and donations. We are very grateful to all of the wonderful people who have donated many items to the Peace Pantry. The Pantry is open during regular office hours, on Thursdays and Sundays before and after church, and by appointment.

If you or someone you know is in need, please make use of our pantry.
Christine Bohn (920-765-2147)
Manger of Peace Pantry

Sunday School

We are the “David” of Sunday School groups: we are small in stature but mighty in faith! We average between two and ten students attending each week. The students are eager to learn the Word of God and excited to share that knowledge with our congregation, family, and friends! Our teachers are faithful servants who lead our little lambs by word and example.
We have classes for 4 year olds through 8th grade and meet each Sunday, September through May.
Please see page three for a list of our staff.
We use the Christ-Light curriculum specifically designed for Sunday Schools. We study Old Testament lessons in the first half of the year and the New Testament in the second half.
Our 2019 Christmas service was entitled “Did You Know?” and included eleven of our Sunday School students. Thank you to Kevin Bohn (sound tech), Jean Bartel (music), the ladies’ choir, and Sy Vanissaveth (leading and playing guitar for the ladies’ choir). Thank you also to the families of our students to make sure the kids were all prepared... and boy, were they! They did a fantastic job telling the congregation the great new of our Savior’s birth!
We encourage you to you keep our Sunday School and youth programs in your prayers. Sunday School is an extension of your family! We are here to assist families in their job of teaching and preparing these young Christians for life. If you ever have questions or issues about anything that your child is learning, please contact us! We encourage you to visit your child’s class, to talk to your child’s teacher and be as involved as possible!
The Sunday School staff would like to thank everyone who supports this ministry financially, with prayers, and with service.
Karin Hetcher (920-787-9232), Sunday School Superintendent

Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School is held each summer for the youth of our church and community. In 2019, “Space Station Salvation” was held in July in the evening. With about 15 helpers and 16 kids attending, we had so much fun! We learned about Creation, Jesus’ birth, Jesus’ death and resurrection, and how we apply these things to our daily lives: Shine like stars!
The dates for VBS in 2020 have not been set yet, but we hope to have these for you soon! Watch the Messenger for updates!
We currently don’t have a VBS Coordinator for 2020. If you are interested in this position, please see Tom Welty (715-927-0550).



Committees & Groups

Worship Committee

Pastor Tews conducts the meeting of the Worship Committee which includes assisting Pastor in selecting congregation hymns for a service, including special music. In 2019, our organists were Jean Bartel, Donna Kuenn and Verona Kloehn.
The congregational hymns and special music always compliments the Bible readings or text of Pastor’s sermon.
Please see page three for a list of committee members.
If any church member has any concerns or input regarding our service planning, please feel free to speak with any member of the committee.
Respectfully submitted,
Marilynn Chesbrough (920-787-2519)
Worship Committee Chairperson

Altar Care

The main duties of the Altar Care committee are to change the paraments and banners at the appropriate times, and fill the oil candles. We also do the cleaning of the altar such as cleaning the glass on the altar and making sure the altar is dusted.
Please see page three for a list of our members.
This committee is overseen by the Circle of Peace.
Nathan & Ahnsharee Klusmeyer (920-539-8553)
Allan Metzger (262-443-9107)



Card Counter

The card counter is an extension of Circle of Peace to support mission work. Available at the card counter throughout the year are greeting cards for various occasions, including: Birthday (with options for men, women, teens and children), get well, thinking-of-you, thank you, sympathy, anniversary, wedding, baptism, and new baby.
These greeting cards are competitively priced at only 50 cents or less per card, and 100% of sales profit goes to Circle of Peace.
Church celebrations and holidays are also recognized and cards were available for the following times of year: Easter, Confirmation, Mother’s Day, Graduation, Reformation, Thanksgiving and Christmas. I want to thank the congregation for their continued support of Circle of Peace mission work through their purchases throughout the year.
In 2020 the plan is to continue offering greeting cards for all-occasion and special occasion while adjusting the inventory based on demands and availability. If you ever have suggestions or questions about the card counter, please talk with me or any member of Circle of Peace.
Thank you, Jennifer Sigourney (715-228-3579)
Card Counter Manager

Church Library

We are searching for a new librarian or librarians.
In the past years, the Peace Church Library has hosted the WELS-Church Librarians' Organization’s conferences, had summer story hours for families, and has been featured on the WELS Kids’ Connection.
The church librarian position requires only a few hours per month and any age can do it! You would re-shelve books, order new materials and weed out old or outdated materials, update the bulletin board, and keep the library dusted and neat.
Please see Christine in the office for more information or to volunteer to be the librarian!



Groups

Church Volunteer Cleaners

The volunteer cleaners of Peace Lutheran have been a tremendous help to our congregation. Tom Jones is our custodian, and the following couples help out on a weekly basis: Fred & Sheryl Bohlmann, Don & Helen Timmermann, Kevin & Christine Bohn, Steve and Dawn Kohler, Jim & Karen Mosier, Bob & Nancy Lang, Bob & Luann Sittig, Rod & Judy Nelson, Pam Leifer, Sue Ratzburg, and Jan Schroeder.

The responsibility means vacuuming the sanctuary and cleaning restrooms and preparing garbage for curbside pickup. Thank you for your service. **If you would like to volunteer, please call Jan Schroeder who coordinates the schedule.**

Jan Schroeder (920-787-4331), Coordinator



Circle of Peace

This is a group of women from our congregation that meet the second Saturday of each month at 9 am.

Please see page three for a list of our officers.

We join in fellowship and consider how best to distribute money raised and donated to different needy missions. We also help with funeral meals and we visit shut-ins. This year we baked Christmas treats for shut-ins and those eighty years or older. We supply the blue Advent poinsettia. We donate the confirmation cake. We also do the goody bags for the Sunday School kids after the Children's Christmas service. We like to do a Lenten or Advent dinner and a coffee hour, if possible. We also have a Christmas party every year where we play games, eat, and have a good time.

We would love to have you join! Come for a visit!

Donna McKay (920-787-7424), President

Flower Altar Care



Our job is to help keep flowers on the altar, to help the Lord's house look beautiful for services. We decorate for Easter and the harvest table in the fall.

We encourage anyone who would like to put flowers on the altar to please do so-for birth-days, anniversaries, remembrances of loved ones, etc. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board next to Pastor's office. You do not have to order flowers from a florist. Many people have their own gardens and those flowers are welcome!

We would love to see more people do this!

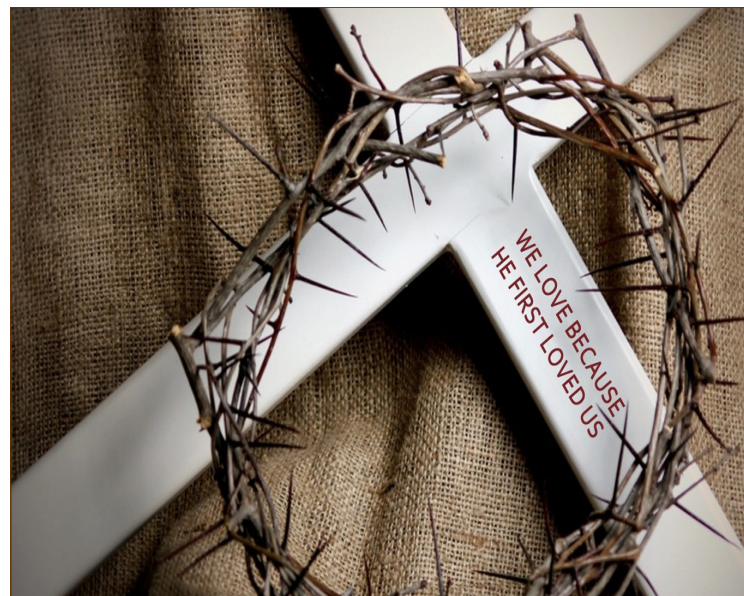
This committee is overseen by the Circle of Peace.

Donna McKay (920-787-7424), Flower Altar Care

JAM Session



JAM (Jesus And Me) Session is a youth group for teens, 7th grade –12th grade. We currently don't have a JAM Session leader. If you are interested in this position, please see Pastor Tews.



Groups

Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers

The Lutheran Pioneers and Lutheran Girl Pioneers are international organizations, affiliated with WELS, but completely self-sufficient (no synod money goes to either the Boy or Girl Pioneers). The Lutheran Boy Pioneers is based in Watertown and the National Office for the Lutheran Girl Pioneers is not only located in Wautoma, it's run by our own Caravan Counselor, Christine Bohn, who serves the National LGP as the Executive Director.

In 2019, the Pioneers cleaned the church kitchen, held our local Pine Car Derby, had a swim party, hosted a special Veteran's Day coffee hour, hosted Advent by Candlelight, made Christmas gifts, and so much more!

In 2020, be sure to watch for activities and events hosted by the Pioneers! Everyone is invited to any and all of our regular meetings or fun events!

I would like to thank the members of our congregation for supporting us and knowing the importance of the Pioneers ministry. It gives the kids a sense of belonging here. It gives them the hope of faith and the fun of being with other Christians.

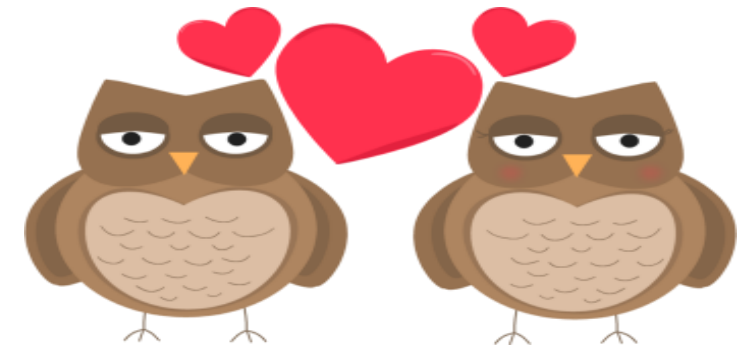
Please see page three for a list of our leaders.

We have 15 kids in Pioneers for the 2019-20 year.

If you or someone you know would like to help at meetings, or if there is a child in your life, ages Kindergarten and up, who would like to join Pioneers, please give us a call!

Your Pioneers leaders,

Kevin & Christine Bohn (920-765-2147)



LWMS

(Lutheran Women's Missionary Society)

The LWMS is an active organization in which members, usually as a congregation, help support the needs of a mission. Many times our whole Wolf River Circuit may be asked to help.

We support our missionaries in many ways. Each Circuit is assigned names of missionaries, which are called Befriend a Missionary (BAM) pastors and/or teachers. We support them by praying for them and their missions, sending greeting cards, and with monetary donations.

Our BAM missionaries for this year are David Kehl (Hong Kong, world missions), B. Jason Richards (Antigua & Barbuda, home missions), and Seth Haakenson (Waukegan IL, home missions). In December 2019, we sent a monetary donation to each of these missionaries.

We, as a circuit, prepare both a Spring and a Fall rally. Our Spring Rally will be at St. John's in Hortonville with Stephenville assisting. The Fall 2020 Rally will be held at Peace.

All members of Peace are automatically members of LWMS.

Thank you so much for supporting LWMS with the use of your pink envelope in our envelope boxes.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilynn Chesbrough (920-498-1070), Reporter

