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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



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:

peacechurchwautoma@gmail.com.



Be joyful in *hope*,
Patient in *affliction*,
Faithful in *prayer*.

Romans 12:12



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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!

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!

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 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
Coffee Hour 8 am
Easter Song Service 9 am





Why Is Holy Week Worship So Important?

The week of worship beginning on Palm Sunday (April 5th this year) carries the name Holy Week with good reason. Within the special week fall remembrances of the most important teachings of the Bible: the institution of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, the Savior's crucifixion and death on Good Friday and, on Easter, his resurrection from the grave. A review of the background of these commemorations may help us gain a better appreciation for this holiest week of the year.

It was natural that Easter should become the most important day on the Christian calendar. For the first several centuries after Christ, it was the only important day of the week. A recalling of Jesus' suffering and death was part of the celebration, but the early Christian emphasis on the living Christ and his any-day-now return made the Savior's resurrection day more important than his death day.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday didn't become a part of congregational worship until about the 5th century. It was during that era that Christians began to travel again to the Holy Land and, while they were there, they naturally retraced Jesus' steps to the upper room and to Calvary. The procession (which are still a part of Holy Week observances in Jerusalem) made deep impressions on European pilgrims and the customs were soon carried to their homelands. It wasn't long before Maundy Thursday became the "birthday of the chalice" in Christian churches. The day probably took its name from the "new command" (Latin: *mandatum*) Jesus gave his apostles after he washed their feet. The Good Friday commemoration began with an austere *tenebrae* (darkness) service on Friday evening and the quiet, contemplative mood continued until late Saturday. It was just past midnight when the bells began to peel and the church began to celebrate the Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord.

In Luther's day the custom of reading the Passion episodes was also a part of Holy Week. The accounts of Matthew, Mark, and Luke were read on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; John's story was reserved for Good Friday. Customs have changed through the centuries as customs always do. What hasn't changed is the importance of Holy Week and the deep spiritual value it holds for believers. Let this holiest week of worship thrill you as it leads you to remember the holiest events of our holy faith.

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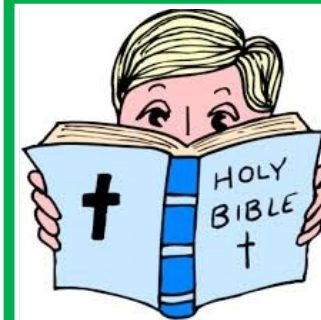


A Short Story

I Need More GOOD NEWS!



*Indeed we live in
frazzled and
frustrated times.*



*The calm to the crav-
ing is not attained by
turning off; we get it
by tuning in!*



*Jesus came to save sin-
ners. Jesus came to
save you!*

Indeed, we live in frazzled and frustrated times. Just turn on the nightly news. So frequently we are given reports of events that have devastated property and lives; are told about individuals that have deviated from law and order; and hear of other stories that dampen our spirits. On a regular basis, most of the news is not good news, and a depressed sigh first finds solace in the silence of a turned-off television.

Turns out, though, that we don't have to turn on a TV to know that. We don't even need to be near it. As our consciences rerun the past, we see where our own deviations have had a devastating impact. As a direct result, our spirits are dampened and depressed. Even life-long Christians feel the sting of past sins as their consciences cry a guilty testimony. That's the "news" we know by nature. That's God's Law on sinful hearts, and that's why stricken hearts crave more good news.

The calm to the craving is not attained by turning off; we get it by tuning in. The answer is not in blocking out God's Word or dulling our consciences by making poor excuses. The solution is still found in what God's good news says to every individual—even to you. The calm, promise, and solution remains the message of the gospel! Hearts are calmed at the message of Christ for us! And it's in that message the apostle Paul, a very real sinner, would have sinners still take comfort and confidence. As he lifted Timothy's eyes and heart to the grace of the cross, so he lifts ours: **"Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst"** (1 Timothy 1:15).

Craving more good news? Forgiven sinner, tune into the Savior who carried your every sin! See him in his Word! Redeemed believer, tune in to the gospel—God's good news that quiets sin's accusations! Hear that saving message! Beloved child of God, tune in to the trustworthy message of the Bible and let your heart sigh with thanksgiving. Jesus came to save sinners. Jesus came to save you! That's the good news! Crave it. Enjoy it. And stay tuned in!



News You Can Use

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

2020 WELS International Youth Rally

Vision 2020

June 23-26, 2020

Location: University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Registration Information at:

www.yfm.welsrc.net/download-yfm/international-youth-rally-2020/

Registration runs March 2-May 29

\$375 early-bird rate until April 30; \$395 May 1-May 29



Lutheran Boy Pioneers 2020 Movie Adventure Camp March 27-29, 2020

Boys will learn about film-making and cinematography—and they get to put what they learned into “ACTION!” Just 15 boys (4th grade and up) will have this exclusive opportunity. They will actually make a film and spend two nights in the studio.

Where? The movie studios of Salty Earth Pictures in Fort Atkinson.

Cost? The cost for this one of a kind experience is just \$95 and will include meals, lodging, a T-shirt, and a copy of the movie. *You must supply your own transportation.*

For more information or to register visit

www.lutheranpioneers.org/movie-adventure-camp/

Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers 2020 International Pine Car Derby

Saturday, April 18

at Lakeside Lutheran, Lake Mills, Wisconsin

Races start promptly at 12:30 pm



Lutheran Pioneers Boundary Waters Voyageur Trip June 13 - 19, 2020

Cost: \$200.00

For more information, contact: Jeff Kneser;
(email) kneser@msn.com, or 715-409-0388 or visit
www.lutheranpioneers.org/voyageur-canoe-trip/

Lutheran Boy Pioneers Family Adventure Days July 15-19, 2020

Pineridge Campground

W5132 County Road N Waldo, WI

Lutheran Pioneers is hosting an awesome fellowship event that you don't want to miss. Activities are planned for the whole family. Cost includes two meals a day!

Visit www.lutheranpioneers.org/family-adventure-days/ for more information or to register. Come one day or all four! You don't need to be a member of Pioneers to attend.

Lutheran Girl Pioneers 2020 International Camp

July 26– August 1, 2020

at Camp Bird Crivitz, Wisconsin

Who can go? Girls ages third graders and up

How much does it cost? LGP members \$200

For more information, email lgpcamp@gmail.com.

Lutheran Girl Pioneers 2020 International Convention

October 2-3, 2020

at St John's Lutheran Church & School

Watertown, Wisconsin

Registration opens Summer of 2020

PLANT YOUR ROOTS IN CHRIST AND LET HIM BE
THE FOUNDATION FOR YOUR LIFE.

BE STRONG IN YOUR FAITH, JUST AS YOU HAVE
BEEN TAUGHT. Colossians 2:7



Church News

Microphones and Additional Computer Needed



The FCC sold the bandwidth frequencies currently being used by our church wireless microphones to cell phone providers. We will not be allowed to use our existing wireless microphones after July 2020 and will be subject to being fined if we do so. Our microphones will be obsolete and cannot be modified to accommodate the new frequencies allowed. In addition, we need a third computer to be capable of both recording our worship service for shut-ins and playing Hymnsoft music when we have no organist to provide accompaniment for our worship service. Hymnsoft is routinely used for our Thursday night worship services. The cost is estimated to be about \$7,000 and is not covered by our approved budget. Any donations would be very much appreciated. Designate “Sound System” on your offering envelope if you would like to help cover this expense.

Men of His Word (MOHW) Conference

On Saturday, February 8, Pastor Tews, Fred Bohlmann, Bob Lang, Jim Schroeder, Bob Sittig, Don Timmermann and Larry Walton traveled to Oshkosh to attend the MOHW Conference. Almost 700 men attended the uplifting and enlightening presentations and enjoyed the Christian fellowship and music. The date for the 2021 Conference is February 20, 2021. There is no cost to attend as fees are covered by donations.



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

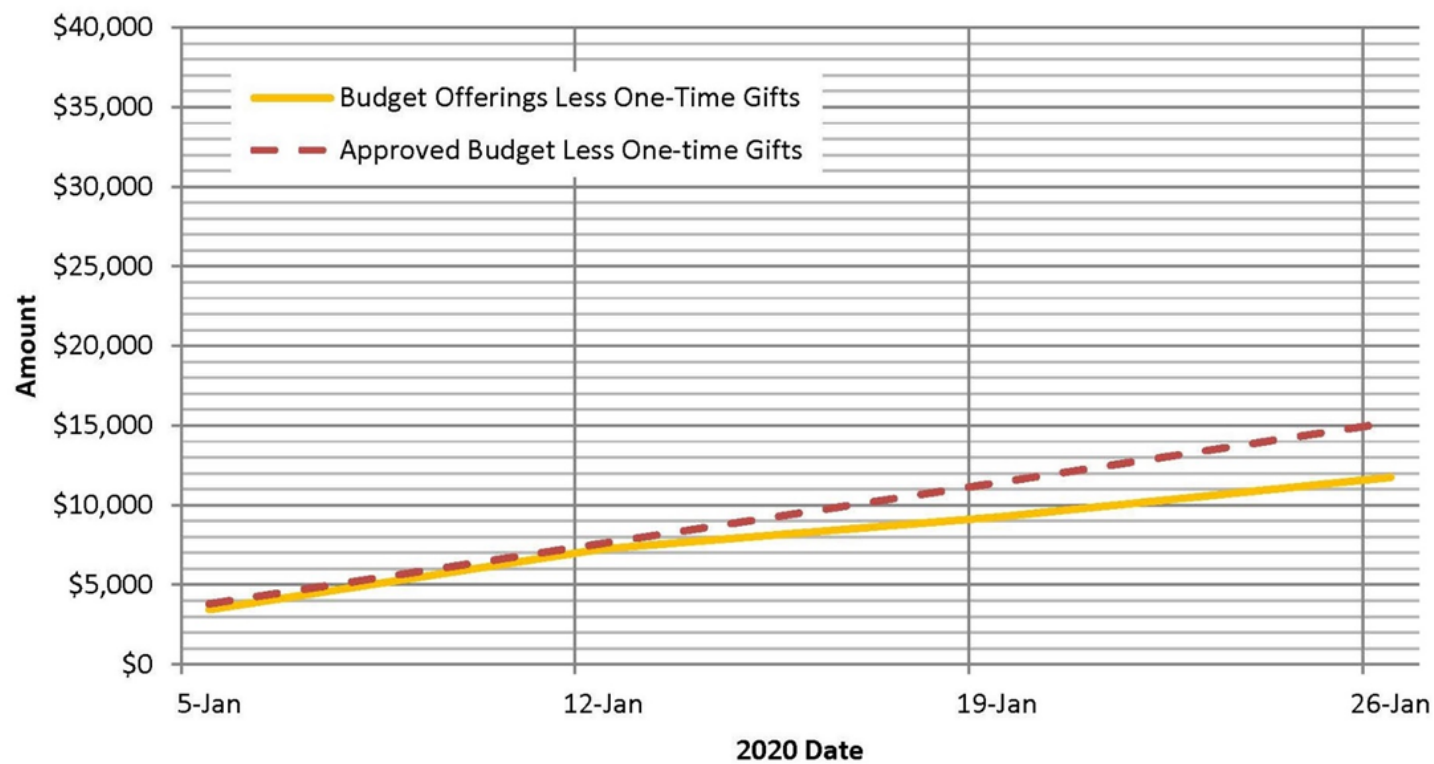
Please no bar soap and no expired foods.



Budget Financial Performance

Our current expense offerings toward our approved budget for January 2020 are shown in the chart below. Some of our older members take advantage of the recent tax rulings for a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) that allow donations to be transferred directly from their IRA to our church. Contributing in this way avoids both Federal and Wisconsin income taxes on the distribution. In order to present a more realistic picture of offerings performance, both the offerings numbers and the budget numbers are adjusted to reflect these one-time distributions. Low worship service attendance in January likely contributed to the budget shortfall of \$3,458.

2020 Offerings vs. Approved Budget Less One-Time Gifts



Pioneers News

The Pioneers have been busy! In January, we cleaned the church kitchen. We had lots of helpers so it took no time at all! Everyone was rewarded for their hard work with donuts! We also took a trip to the Appleton PAC to see The Blueman Group. Twenty six Pioneers and guests made the trip.

At the beginning of February we had a pine car work day. The kids got to cut out and sand their cars, get help with design and, of course, had lots of time to socialize!

Our Pine Car Derby is on Sunday, February 23 at noon. Join us for lunch and cheer on those cars to victory! Be on the look-out for our late Spring/ Summer schedule to be released soon! There will be many opportunities for Pioneers and Pioneers-supporters to get together!



News About Our Church Family

Sunday School Corner

Sunday School is every Sunday, Sept-May, 10:15-11:30 am
Don't let the winter blues keep you away from church and Sunday School! The Sunday School staff is still busy planning and leading classes for our little lambs.

Date	Topic
March 1	The temptation of Jesus
March 8	Jesus turns water into wine
March 15	Rejected in Nazareth
March 22	Fishers of Men
March 29	Jesus calms the storm
April 5	In the Upper Room

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 (920-240-6201)
Sunday School Superintendent



Cards in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 5 1 pm

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

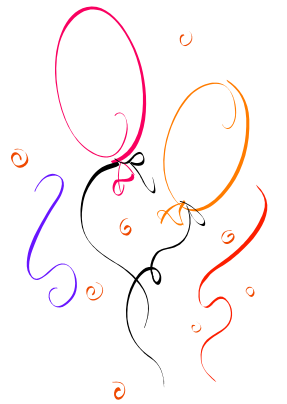
**Do not merely listen
to the word, and so
deceive yourselves.
Do what it says.**

James 1:22



Birthdays

- 3/7 Marie Kasper
Rebecca Bohn
- 3/9 Joyce Woodruff
- 3/11 TJ Klusmeyer
- 3/13 Jean Bartel
- 3/15 Clifford Bliske
- 3/16 Judy Nelson
- 3/19 Violet Wangerin
- 3/21 Thurman Matney
- 3/23 Megan Kubasta
Kevin Bohn
- 3/25 Phyllis Dassow
- 3/26 Dorothy Sullivan
- 3/30 Don Timmermann



Anniversaries

- 3/3 Russ & Mary Ann Nero (47)
- 3/3 Robin & Jeff Rudolph (25)



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.

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.

