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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ at Peace,

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, let us go to the house of the LORD!" The time has come for us to once again begin worship in our church building. Our regular worship schedule will resume on Thursday, May 28 at 7 PM, following the guidelines approved by our church council (see page 4).

Some may feel that these measures are too extreme. Such measures, however, may put other people's minds at ease. Let us all be patient and loving with one another as the family of faith that we are. If new regulations are put in place by the government, we will make sure to follow them.

Please, do not feel obligated to worship in person with us if you are fearful of getting sick, are not feeling well or are considered high risk. We will continue to post worship videos and materials on our website, receive offerings through the mail, and take appointments for private communion if that is your desire at this time.

Continue to pray that the Lord keep us safe, that the pandemic passes quickly and that through these strange days, our faith is strengthened as we rely more firmly on God's promises, and that many more turn to Jesus as their only hope and salvation.

In Christ,
Pastor Tews

Happy Father's Day!



Maybe that expression fills you with love for your Dad. Maybe it brings back tons of warm childhood memories. But what if your father wasn't around, or wasn't a great influence on your life? Perhaps your eyes flood with tears because Dad has died, and you wish for one more day on earth together before you are reunited in heaven. Love abundantly. Father's Day will always be bittersweet for me. We buried my Dad the day before Father's Day. But even if your earthly father wasn't going to win any parenting awards, we all have a father to be thankful for when Father's Day rolls around each year.

We have a heavenly Father who brought us into being as the crown of his creation and gave us this vast, breathtaking universe not just to live in, but to take care of as his stewards. Our heavenly Father richly and daily provides for our every bodily need. But the depth of his loving kindness towards us goes far beyond "our daily bread."

Our heavenly Father loves us so much he selflessly sent his only-beloved Son Jesus Christ into our world to be our Savior. And that salvation meant so much more than saying a few words. That salvation meant Jesus facing temptation on every hand, just as we do every day, and doing so without ever being stained by even a hint of sin—body, mind or soul. That love meant being deserted by God the Father on his cross to suffer and die to forgive our sins. That love meant that God the Father, out of love for Jesus and for us, raised his Son from the dead to perfect eternal life, for Jesus and for all who believe.



Because Jesus has accomplished his saving work which the Father sent him to do, our relationship with God the Father takes on a whole new meaning. Jesus' blood shed on the cross signed our adoption papers to reconcile us to God the Father and make us his beloved children once more. Those adoption papers were hand delivered to us by the Holy Spirit on the day of our baptism. By God the Father's grace, we are his dear children through the work of his Son.

So no matter what the word 'father' brings to mind in earthly terms for you, you can always have a happy Father's Day. Use that day to celebrate the heavenly Father who created and sustains you, who sent his Son to reconcile you to himself, and who eagerly desires to spend eternity with you in his heaven. Happy Father's Day!

Pastor Steven Tews

**As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.
Psalm 103:13**

An Unexpected Mission Field



Every congregation has them. Every member in our congregations knows them. They may be out of sight, but in Christian congregations, they should never be out of mind.

"They" are members of our congregations who, for a variety of reasons, have slipped away from worship and active membership in our congregations. "They" are people we know—close friends, acquaintances, family members—who at one time worshiped regularly, communed often, and participated in the life and work of our congregations, but who are now rarely, if ever, seen in church.

The reasons are many and varied. Some have disagreements with the pastor or other church members and simply stop coming to worship. Some become disillusioned with one or more of the teachings of the church and decide they will protest by their absence. Some become so busy with other activities and interests that they no longer consider worship as a priority. Others, like plants that slowly die from lack of water and nourishment, let their faith wither and weaken to the point where they no longer see the need or value in hearing the Word. Still others have made life-style choices that they know are simply not compatible with what should characterize the life of a faithful, practicing Christian.

The reason for their absence is not as important as the reality. These are people who have drifted away from worship, away from Word and sacrament, and away from fellowship with their spiritual brothers and sisters.

The Scriptures have much to say about people who have drifted away. Jesus' story of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32) acknowledges the reality that people stray and emphasizes God's desire to forgive and welcome them back. Jesus' parable of the sower (Mark 4:1-20) illustrates that, yes, some people are brought to faith but can leave their Savior because of a lack of spiritual nourishment or an abundance of other interests and cares. The parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin (Luke 15:1-10) highlight the searching love of a God who does not want to lose those who have wandered away. The apostle Paul, in one of his most emotion-filled letters, agonized over the fact that the Galatian Christians surrendered the truth and abandoned the gospel. He wrote not simply to condemn their unfaithfulness but also to bring them to repentance and win them back.

The God-given mission of the church is to seek the lost. Knowing that, we rightly dedicate much effort and resources to reaching the unchurched and those who have never known their Savior. But that same zeal for missions should lead us also to recognize that we have a ripe mission field right in our own congregations, among family, friends, and neighbors who once worshiped with us but have now strayed.



We all have been out of church for two-ish months! All of us are returning. So maybe now is the perfect time to call on those we know who hadn't been coming church. Let them know that you love them. Let them know that when they return, they are welcome and God will bless them in more ways than they could ever imagine.

If you have questions or concerns about what to say when contacting people, please see Pastor Tews.

By Mark G. Schroeder



News You Can Use

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

Camp Phillip

WE ARE HAVING SUMMER CAMP!!!

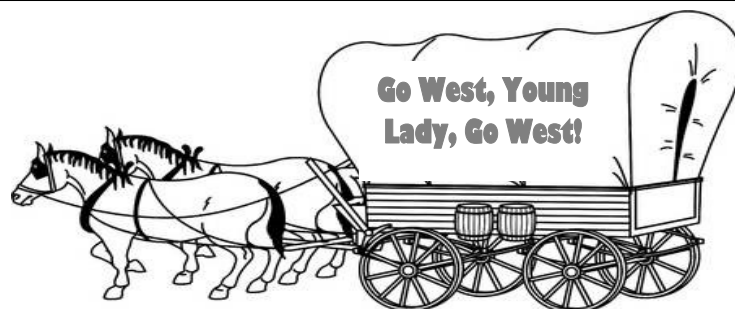
It is quite true that camp will look different this summer, but we believe it will still offer the relaxation in creation and renewal in Christ that we've been blessed to share for almost 40 years now. We believe children will be benefitting from camp in a whole new way. We have devoted ourselves to learning the regulations and guidelines for what it would take to run camp, and we are prepared to go beyond what is being suggested out of care for our campers.

To have or not have summer camp was an incredibly tough decision, made with much prayer and research. Whether or not you choose to join us at camp this summer, please keep us in your prayers! For more information about Camp Phillip, visit their website at campphillip.com.



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.



The 2020 LGP International Pine Car Derby has been rescheduled and is on the move!

Join our caravan of caravans as we head out West to the fun frontier town of Watertown, So. Dakota!

We'll have a rootin' tootin' good time at our 2020

International Pine Car Derby

on Saturday, September 19

hosted by caravan 619 of St. Martin's, Watertown, SD

The derby will be held at Great Plains Lutheran High

School, 1200 Luther Lane N.E. in Watertown.

Call or email the Lutheran Girl Pioneers National Office
for more information!

608-781-5232 girlpioneers@gmail.com

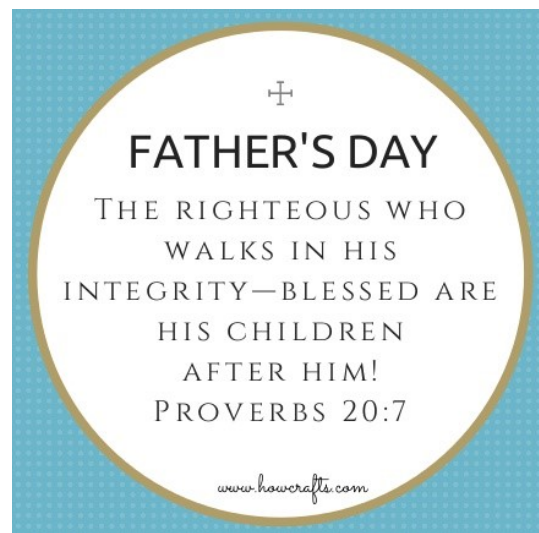
Lutheran Girl Pioneers 2020 International Convention

October 2-3, 2020

at St John's Lutheran Church & School

Watertown, Wisconsin

Registration opens Summer of 2020

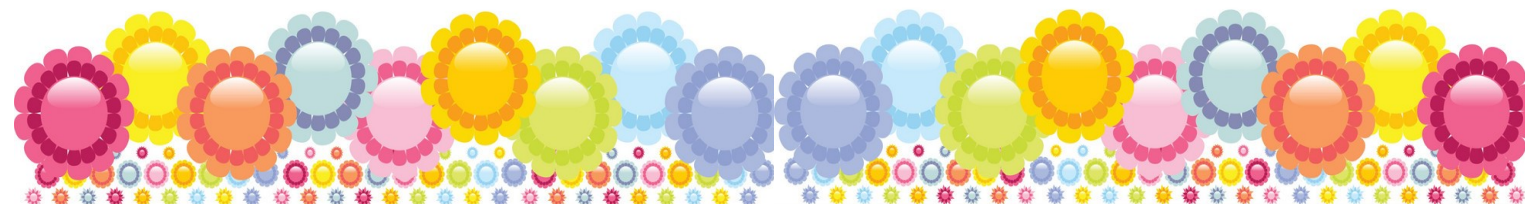


Church News

Ministry and Church During the Safer-at-Home Order

These past few months have certainly been different than we are used to. But, did you know that things didn't stop completely at church? As we re-open slowly and with the upmost concern for our membership and community, now is a great time to thank those who didn't hesitate to take care of the things that needed to get done at church, even during this pandemic.

Thank you so much to everyone who has assisted, worked, or volunteered at or for church during this crazy time.





Re-Opening Peace

Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church Recommendations Concerning Worship During COVID-19 Pandemic

As approved by Church Council May 18, 2020

- Resume worship services on May 28, 2020.
- Hold one worship service on Thursday night, using precautions outlined below.
- Hold one worship service on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. If necessary, in order to limit gathering of more than 50 people, two worship services on Sunday will be considered, 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in place of 9:00 a.m.
- If feasible, entrance doors will be propped open to allow continuous flow of fresh air and limit contact with door handles. Sanctuary temperature and pest infiltration will need to be addressed.
- Wearing of masks and gloves will be optional. Masks will be provided for those attendees requesting them.
- Four hand sanitizer stations will be placed at entrances.
- Service folders will not be handed out by ushers, but instead be placed in stacks for pickup by an individual from the back of the sanctuary. Hymns and Liturgy will be included in the service folder so no hymnals will be needed. Service folders should be taken home after the worship service, not left at church. All hymnals will be removed from the sanctuary. Music will be provided by an organist or a Hymnsoft Operator.
- The drinking fountain and kitchen will be roped off. Individual bottles of drinking water will be provided.
- Tables and chairs will be removed from the Fellowship area.
- Usher(s) will guide people where to sit. Seating will be in every third pew. Households can sit together but others need to be spaced at least 6 feet apart. Pews and bathrooms will be sanitized between worship services.
- Offering plates will not be passed, but will be posted at the back of the sanctuary.
- For Communion, Pastor may distribute both bread and wine. The Communion wafer will be placed in the communicant's hand by Pastor or a Lay Altar Assistant. The individual cup of wine will be taken from the tray by the communicant. Households can commune being next to each other but spacing will be provided for others when taking Communion. Continuous distribution Communion will be evaluated, i.e. people approach using the center aisle, receive the bread and wine, and return to their respective pews using the side aisles.
- At the conclusion of worship, in order to provide safe spacing, Pastor or an usher will signal individuals when to leave their pew. There will be no shaking of hands or congregating in the Fellowship hall.



News About Our Church Family

Sunday School Corner

As summer encroaches upon us, we will be taking a break from Sunday School, although we will be sending Sunday School lessons through June to families.

The Sunday School staff has been and will continue to be committed to serving our littlest lambs. We will be meeting soon to discuss our plans for next year.



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.

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



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

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| 6/1 | Doreen Walton |
| | Sheryl Bohlmann |
| | Jennie Sigourney |
| 6/4 | Samuel Tews |
| 6/7 | Bob Sittig |
| 6/8 | Melissa Wedell |
| 6/10 | Matthew Tews |
| 6/11 | Kaylee Lemke |
| 6/14 | Nancy Quinn |
| 6/21 | Dan Lemke |
| 6/22 | Benjamin Sigourney |
| 6/23 | Roger Jansen |
| 6/25 | Judy Schulz |
| 6/26 | Rod Nelson |



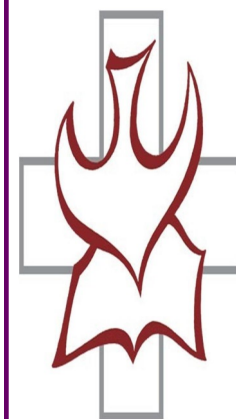
Anniversaries

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| 6/3 | Nate & Ahnsharee Klusmeyer (15) |
| 6/4 | Jim & Jan Schroeder (54) |
| 6/6 | John & Judy Benz (56) |
| 6/11 | Jack & Marilyn Snyder (60) |
| 6/14 | Kevin & Christine Bohn (23) |
| 6/15 | Jim & Karen Mosier (57) |
| 6/16 | Carlyle & Phyllis Schmidt (58) |
| 6/17 | Pastor Tom & Nancy Klusmeyer (43) |
| 6/21 | Tom & Linda Welty (51) |
| 6/22 | Don & Marlene Nelson (47) |
| | Neal & Cindy Roebke (36) |
| 6/24 | Pastor Steven & Heather Tews (8) |
| 6/29 | Jeff & Marilyn Dehling (30) |



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.

Congratulations Confirmands!



Thomas Jackson Klusmeyer

The everlasting God is a dwelling place, and His eternal arms are under you. *Deuteronomy 33:27a*

Benjamin Edward Sigourney

My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. *John 10:27-28*

**God's Blessings
on these young men!**