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November 2020

Please remember the following things when you come to church:

Masks are required inside the building
If you don't have a mask, we have disposable and fabric re-usable ones

Please socially distance in the sanctuary
Families can sit together with no restrictions; Sit every third pew & stay six feet apart

Offerings
Leave your offering in the plates at the end of the aisle

Please use the hand sanitizer when you enter the building and whenever you touch any commonly touched surface. Wash your hands with soap and water frequently and try to not touch your face.

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Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Wednesday, November 25 7 pm
No worship on Thursday, November 26



VOTERS' MEETING November 1 at 10:15 am

Voters: please plan on attending the Voters' Meeting on November 1. Three positions are up for election.

The nominees to fill these positions are:

Bob Boelk

Joshua Klamm

Pastor Tom Klusmeyer, *Incumbent*

Guy Oelke

Bob Wedell, *Incumbent*

Please see Terry Proctor, president, or any councilman for more information.

Advent by Candlelight December 6 at 1 pm *The Greatest Gift*



Please RSVP to Christine (787-3856) to guarantee a spot at Advent by Candlelight. Seating will be limited due to COVID-19 restrictions.

If you are interested in being a speaker during the program at Advent by Candlelight, please see Christine Bohn (920-787-3856). You do not have to memorize anything.



Happy Thanksgiving???



They thanked God for allowing them to survive and prosper.



The Israelites were freed from Egypt.



Thank God for all your earthly and heavenly blessings!

Think about that first Thanksgiving celebration. The pilgrims fled religious persecution in England. Those pilgrims endured a 66 day journey from Europe to the new world. During the trip, many of them died. But when they got to the new land, their troubles were just beginning. The winter that year was extremely harsh. These people were not equipped to survive in the wilderness by hunting, fishing, trapping or even growing crops. Even more of them perished in the winter weather. In spring by the grace of God an Indian named Samoset helped the pilgrims learn to live off the land and farm using fish for fertilizer. That fall, the pilgrims and the Indians gathered for a three-day feast and festival to thank God for allowing them to survive and prosper in this new land.

Does that sound familiar? The Israelites were freed from Egypt by the LORD's mighty hand. Their journey to the Promised Land was fraught with danger, some of it their own sinful doing. But when they reached Israel the problems were not over yet. They still had to drive out the heathen nations inhabiting the land to make it their own. But through it all, God remained with them in gracious protecting and providing love. The Lord raised up leaders for his people in Moses and Aaron. God's pillar of fire and cloud led his people night and day. Manna from heaven fed their bodies. The bronze snake healed them from certain death. Water came from a rock—twice!—to quench their thirst.

And what does our journey through life look like? It is no less full of ups and downs than Israel's or the pilgrims of the first Thanksgiving. We daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. Family disappoints us and we have problems with them. Friends sometimes desert us at the worst times. Death tears people from us. Our own sins sting our hearts. Life this side of heaven is a challenging journey. But we know exactly how and where that journey ends: with Jesus in heaven. No matter what happens to us between now and next Thanksgiving, even if we die, we know things will be all right. We know Jesus is with us on our journey every step of the way. He holds us in the palm of his hand even when danger and troubles threaten all around us. Trust in your Savior. Thank God for him and for all of your earthly and heavenly blessings today!

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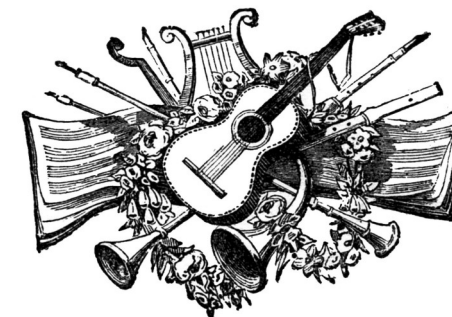


A Short Story

Hallelujah!

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever."*

Psalm 118:1



Psalm 118 is an "Hallelujah" psalm, meaning "Praise the LORD!" Long ago, God's people sang the words of this psalm toward the end of their Passover meal. It was a special occasion time for the God's people to remember how he had rescued their nation from slavery in Egypt; it was a picture of God's rescue of all people from their slavery to sin. The Passover meal reminded each generation how much God truly loved them.

Would disaster continue to interrupt their lives? Would prosperity be withheld? Would earthly death continue to pick away at their loved ones? Yes, yes, and yes. Yet the people sang out praise and thanks to their merciful God for deliverance from all these trials of life. . . and more: "Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved" (Ephesians 2:4,5).

It is the custom in North America to gather this time of year to celebrate *Thanksgiving*. Whether you are with family, friends, or celebrating alone, take the time to give thanks to our Savior-God for his mercy and deliverance from death through Jesus. Jesus shows us that God is good. Even when times are tough, Jesus proves that his love for us endures forever.



On this Veterans' Day and every day,
for your service and sacrifice,
we honor and thank you!

*Be strong and of good courage;
do not be afraid, nor be dismayed,
for God is with you wherever you go.*
Joshua 1:9



News You Can Use

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



Every marriage has its “moments.” That’s why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one Biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Couples may subscribe to receive the videos in a weekly e-mail. To subscribe, visit: welscongregationalservices.net/ministry-resources/marriagemoments/



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Home Missions Funds Three New Missions



WELS Board for Home Missions met in September and authorized funding for three new missions as well as two restarts. An additional congregation will receive support from Home Missions but no funding.

“Moved by the love of our Savior, Home Missions wanted to move forward because we know the Lord hasn’t directed us to just share the gospel when life is humming along but to share the gospel of Jesus Christ in difficult times as well,” says Rev. Keith Free, administrator of WELS Board for Home Missions. The new missions being funded include:

- **Amarillo, Texas:** Located 130 miles from the nearest WELS church, a group of 15 members form the core group reaching out in Amarillo. The pastor from Lubbock comes to Amarillo twice a month.
- **North Liberty, Iowa:** This is a multi-site ministry with Good Shepherd, Cedar Rapids. A dedicated group of 20 began worshipping in July 2017 at a community center. Home Missions funding will allow Good Shepherd to call a second pastor to help its outreach efforts.
- **West San Antonio, Texas:** Ten families from Our Savior, San Antonio make up the core group at this new mission, which began worshipping together in March 2020. They held three in-person services with an average of 40 in attendance before the pandemic hit.

The three restarts that Home Missions is now supporting include Dix Hills, N.Y.; Santa Clarita, Calif.; and Burlington, Iowa (unsubsidized).

For more information, visit wels.net/homemissions.



Church News



Thanksgiving Food Drive October 18- November 15

As we embark upon the holiday season, let us all take into account how very blessed we are! As we give thanks for our blessings, let’s remember those in our community who are in need. Because that number is higher than any of us would like to admit, the Lutheran Pioneers are once again collecting food for a Thanksgiving Food Drive. We will make up boxes and deliver them the week of November 16 to needy families from our church and community.

If you would like to help deliver the boxes during the week of November 16, please talk to Kevin Bohn (920-765-2146).

If you know of any family that could benefit from a Thanksgiving Dinner box, please let Kevin or Christine Bohn know. **All names will be held in the strictest of confidences.**

See below for a list of food items that we will be collecting.

Thank you! Your Peace Lutheran Pioneers

Please place these items in the freezer in the fellowship hall:

Whole Chickens/small turkeys/hams	Butter	Frozen whipped topping
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All these items can be placed on the table in the fellowship hall:

Canned pumpkin	Jell-O	Pudding mixes	Condensed milk
Sugar	Brown sugar	Flour	Marshmallows
Stuffing mix	Instant potatoes	Canned yams	Cream soups
Raisins/Craisins	Seasonings/ spices	Salt/pepper	Non-stick spray
Cornbread/ biscuit mix	Quick bread mixes	Broth/bullion	Canned veggies
Cranberry sauce	Jarred gravy	Pie crust mix	Peanut butter/jelly

From November 8-15, you can donate fresh items and put them in the refrigerator in the fellowship hall.

We will accept:

Carrots	Celery	Onions	Potatoes
Oranges	Apples	Eggs	1/2 gallon of milk

Peace Pantry Hours

The Peace Pantry is open during regular office hours during the week and by appointment. Due to COVID-19, those who utilize the pantry will receive pre-packed bags/boxes. Call Christine at 920-787-3856 for more information.



Holiday Season Office Hours

Regular hours are: Tuesday-Friday 8 am-4 pm

The church office will be closed: November 25-27 for Thanksgiving

The office will also be closed: December 22-January 1 for Christmas

Please call Christine at 920-765-2147 if you need office assistance during that time.





Pioneers News

At our first meeting in September, we had 13 kids join us, ages 4K through 12th grade! The girls made yarn dolls and the boys built wooden fire truck toys. We also went on a nature scavenger hunt (until it rained on us!) and finished our fun afternoon with a boys vs. girls game of Pictionary.



The Lutheran Pioneers meet the last Sunday of each month at 11:30 am. Lunch is included! If you know any child that would benefit from joining Pioneers, please encourage them to join– or to reach out for more information. Kids do not have to be a member of Peace to join!

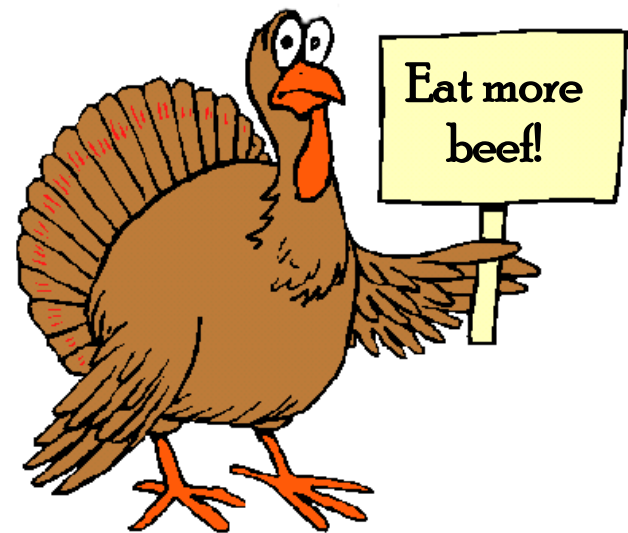
Your Pioneers Leaders,
Christine, Kevin, and Becca Bohn

Stewardship Committee

Christian Stewardship means sharing God's gifts and talents that were given to us.

The Stewardship Committee, together with the Building Grounds Committee, is raising funds to re-pave our parking lot. Together we can raise enough money to beautify and provide a safe parking lot for our congregation and visitors. Prayerfully consider making an offering to this important fund! Be sure to mark your offering "Parking Lot Fund" to ensure it gets to the right place. Please see Bob Lang (414-313-0662) or Fred Bohlmann (414-975-2651) for more information.

Serving in Christ,
Bob Lang, *Stewardship Chair*



You shall not fear the terror of the night
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that roams in darkness,
nor the plague that ravages at noon.
Psalm 91:5-6

Have a Positive Thanksgiving!

According to the CDC, traveling increases the chances of getting COVID-19, so many of us will not be "going away" for Thanksgiving, but that doesn't mean that we have to "cancel" holidays or celebrations!

Your attitude is most important! Change how you think about things and positivity will radiate through! Instead of thinking, 'I can't go see my grandchildren this year', change your thoughts to, 'What can I do right where I am?' Maybe it's taking an elderly neighbor your famous pumpkin pie. Maybe it's calling shut-ins from church to say hello and ask how they are doing. Maybe you put together care packages for folks you know in the military or away at school with goodies and treats and send them off. Maybe it's enjoying the quietness of an evening. Maybe it's video calling your sister and chatting the night away. Maybe it's making a prayer list and faithfully praying over those on your list.

God is control of our world- we have nothing to fear. Our days may look a little different right now and our traditions may be put on hold, but that's no reason to put off starting new traditions! What positive thing will do this Thanksgiving?



News About Our Church Family

Sunday School Corner

Every Sunday 10:15 am- 11:15 am

Sunday School is in full-swing! We are keeping our kids safe by encouraging socially distancing, not sharing supplies, and our wonderful custodian has been disinfecting our rooms each week.

Our yearly Children's Christmas Service will be on Sunday, December 20 at 9 am. We will be rehearsing during Sunday School times on November 29, December 6, & 13. We will have one Saturday practice on December 19 from 9-11:30 am.

October Lessons for 4K- 6th Grade

Date	Lesson
October 25	Crossing the Red Sea
November 1	Quail and Manna
November 8	Giving of the Law
November 15	Ruth's Faith
November 22	The Birth of Jesus
November 29	Rehearsal for Christmas Service



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

11/1 Zachary Kubasta
11/3 Denis Hotzel
11/6 Darlene Travers
Greg Hintz
11/8 Del Meyer
Harold Potthast
11/20 Jim Schroeder
11/22 Sharon Westphal
11/30 Violet Tews



Anniversaries

11/7 Larry & Doreen Walton
11/15 Mike & Joy Woreck (12)



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.



Visit the Church Library

Our church library is brimming with seasonal books for all ages.

If you're looking for Advent and Christmas books, look no further! For babies and toddlers, we have many Christmas board books like "Touch and Feel Christmas" by Heather Hemming and "Angel! Angel!" by Cherie Pless Ditmann. For older children, check out "Mary, Did You Know?" by Mark Lowry. Adults aren't left out! From "Luther's Christmas Book" to the devotional "Celebrate Jesus! At Christmas: Advent through Epiphany" there are so many choices for your reading pleasure! Utilize our library and grow in faith!