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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, please remember the following things when you come to church:

Masks are required
If you don't have a mask, we have disposable and fabric re-usable available

Please socially distance
 in the sanctuary and fellowship hall
Families can sit together with no restrictions; Sit every other 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

Easter Eggs Symbolize New Life and Resurrection



Eggs have been a part of Easter for a long time. They are symbols of new life in springtime as the trees and flowers start growing again after a long winter. For Christians, Easter eggs symbolize new life and resurrection. The hard shell of the Easter egg symbolizes a rocky tomb out of which emerges a new life.

The tradition of decorating Easter eggs is popular in many countries. Dyeing Easter eggs has been practiced since at least the fifteenth century and may have been practiced earlier than that. Designs range from the elaborate Ukrainian Easter eggs to the home-dyed activity of many children. In many countries eggs are dyed red to represent the blood of Jesus. Typically the colored eggs represent the bright sunshine of spring and the joy of new life. Decorated Easter eggs are often exchanged or given to friends or loved ones to signify the renewal of relationships.



The tradition of hiding eggs seems to have developed in Europe. Early folk-tales tell us that a German duchess decorated eggs and hid them in the tall grass. She invited children to find the eggs and told them that a rabbit (a common springtime symbol of fertility) hid the eggs. The Easter Bunny has remained a part of Easter celebrations to this day.

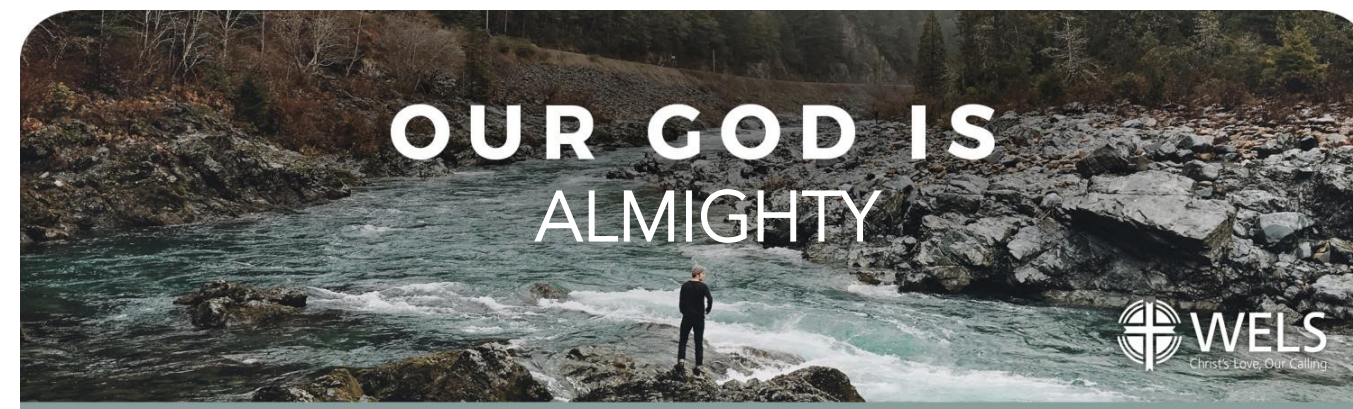
Egg rolling is a popular Easter event for children; the child who gets his or her egg to the finish line without breaking it is the winner. Tradition claims that the egg roll is symbolic of the rolling away of the stone from Christ's tomb on Easter morning.



Although Easter eggs are a popular part of Easter, they aren't what Easter's about. Easter is about the fact that Jesus Christ, who was dead, became alive again. The Easter angel announced, "**He [Jesus] is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay**" (Matthew 28:6). Christ's resurrection assures us that he is true God (Romans 1:4), that our sins are indeed forgiven (Romans 4:25), and that through faith in Jesus we will live forever with him in heaven (John 14:19).

Follow the advice of the Easter angel **to "come and see."** Start your Easter morning by going to church or watching online to hear this wonderful good news again and give thanks to God who gives us life after death. May the true meaning of Easter be your focus joy and delight this Easter and always - whether you have fancy eggs or not.

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How strong are you?



If you want to see incredible physical strength, watch "The World's Strongest Man" competition. To win, the competitors have to do such demanding feats as lift 300-pound, round stones onto a pedestal, flip huge tires over and over, and pull large buses—in the least amount of time.

Such strength pales in comparison to the almighty power of the one true God. God's power isn't limited to a competition, and he doesn't use it to win prizes for himself. God uses his power for our benefit.

The greatest proof of God's almighty power is when Jesus was raised to life after being crucified.



Jesus had the weight of the world on his back in the form of every sin of every person for all time. We rejoice because he was willing to lift the heavy weight of sin off us and endure the excruciating pain of dying on the cross in our place.

Jesus was humbled, but only temporarily. Three days later, God showed his almighty power when Jesus became the only person to overcome sin, death, and hell.

The Apostle Paul writes, "**By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also**" (1 Corinthians 6:14).

Jesus won the victory of eternal life. He gives the hope of heaven to all people. Now that is a feat of strength!

God is not done revealing his almighty power. On the Last Day, Jesus will return to earth to raise our bodies back to life and to reunite them with our souls. We may be weak, but God uses his strength for us. Trust in the power of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Worship with us during the Easter season, either in-person or online on our Facebook page (search @PeaceWautoma). Together we can rejoice in God's almighty power!

A note from the National Office of Girl Pioneers

As many of you know, LGP is in the middle of a fundraiser and have secured a matching grant of up to \$10,000! As we approach the deadline for our fundraiser-- the first time LGP has ever had the opportunity to do such a fundraiser-- I would like to just say how incredibly grateful I am for all of you! Thank you for your donations, for your encouragements, and most importantly, for your prayers. LGP has been blessed, and will continue to be blessed, through your friendships.

Due to the pandemic, only 1/3 of our caravans have registered this year due to city, county, state, and national restrictions. Our store sales are down, as well.

This past year has certainly changed the way we do things, but the one constant that reigns through it all is the love of this ministry that I feel from all of you. We all know that Jesus keeps his promises and He has and will continue to be with each of us during these trying times.

Please continue to keep LGP in your prayers. We know that God works good for those who love him and he will continue to do good things for LGP, I'm certain. Also, please consider a donation- or another donation- to this fundraiser. It ends on Easter Sunday and we are a little over 1/3 of the way there! Can you help us reach our goal? You can donate online at www.lgp.org. You can also mail a gift to: LGP, W10376 Buttercup Lane, Wautoma, WI 54982.

God's richest blessings,
Christine Bohn, *Executive Director*



What impact will my gift have?

Imagine the ability to support and encourage the ministry you love. Lutheran Girl Pioneers (LGP) has been carrying out this ministry around the country and Canada since 1954. What you do today can extend the reach of LGP with resources to grow in membership (girls in Kindergarten through high school) and make a positive impact on these girls, their families and the community.

2021 Virtual Men of His Word Conference Saturday, April 17



Are you feeling disconnected, isolated, alone, separated from others? Social distancing can take a toll on our mental and spiritual health. Even though we can't meet together in person, we invite you to join up to 500 other men for a virtual Men of His Word Conference.

Our keynote (Mike Novotny, lead speaker for Time of Grace) and two presenters will remind us that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ (Romans 8:35) which also binds us to one another. Though we may be separated, we remain united.

The Virtual MOHW Conference will be held online, with the theme, "Separated Yet United". Visit www.menofhisword.org for additional details & online registration (\$15). Please join us for a day of virtual fellowship in God's Word!

Important Motions from the Voters' Meeting on 2/14/21:

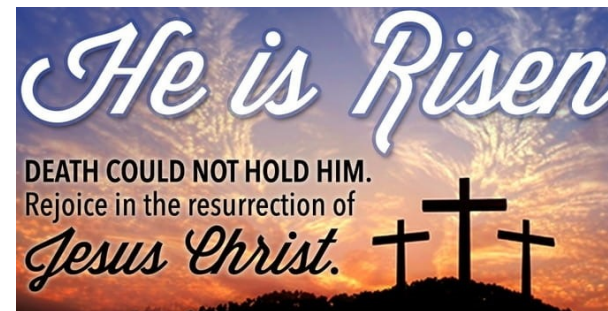
--- All evening services will begin at 6:30 pm beginning March 4

— We are proceeding with the parking lot project (not to exceed \$100,000); council can secure needed loans without further approval

— We will return to pre-pandemic procedures no later than 8/1/21

Peace Pantry Hours

The Peace Pantry is open during regular office hours during the week and by appointment. The pantry is open to our members and the community. Call Christine at 920-787-3856 for more info.



We're Live!

If you can't make it church for worship, you now have the option of joining us LIVE every Sunday on our Facebook page! We are able to live stream and will do so every Sunday at 9 am. If you miss it, you can always go back and watch later!



Be sure to "like" our Facebook page (find us by searching @PeaceWautoma) and start watching live!

Please see Kevin Bohn with any questions or concerns!

Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 28 Worship 9 am

at-home Easter for Kids

Supplies given to families on Sunday, March 28

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 1 Worship with Holy Communion 12 pm & 6:30 pm (same service)

Good Friday

Friday, April 2
Good Friday Worship 12 pm
Tenebrae Worship 6:30 pm

Easter

Sunday, April 4
Sunrise Worship w/ Communion 7 am
Easter Song Service 9 am



Red Cross Blood Drive

Mark your calendars for our next Red Cross Blood Drive on

Wednesday, April 7, 12-5:30 pm.

If you are able to help at the registration table, please see Christine in the office.

Paint Class

Join us for a paint class on Monday, April 12 at 2 pm or 6:30 pm for a paint class taught by Sheryl Bohlmann.



The cost is \$10 per person to cover supplies) and a pantry item for the Peace Pantry. For more information, please see Sheryl Bohlmann (414-975-0179).



Pioneers Pine Car Derby

February 28, 2021

Winners' Circle



SPEED

LP/LGP

- 1st Place Jonathan Kraker
- 2nd Place Emily Bohn
- 3rd Place Anna Kraker
- 4th Place Jackson Wedell
- 5th Place Ian Proctor
- 6th Place Skyler Royston



CRAFT

LGP/LP

- 1st Place Jonathan Kraker
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- 3rd Place Jackson Wedell
- 4th Place Anna Kraker
- 5th Place Skyler Royston
- 6th Place Ian Proctor

SUNBEAMS/BUCKAROOS

- 1st Place Jerika Rooney
- 2nd Place Myles Kraker
- 3rd Place Rose Tews
- 4th Place Matthew Tews
- 5th Place Wade Proctor
- 6th Place Samuel Tews

OPEN CLASS

- 1st Place Terry Proctor
- 2nd Place Dan Kraker
- 3rd Place Sam Kraker

Crowd Favorite Car:

(tie) Dan Kraker and Sam Kraker



Easter Sunrise Surprise

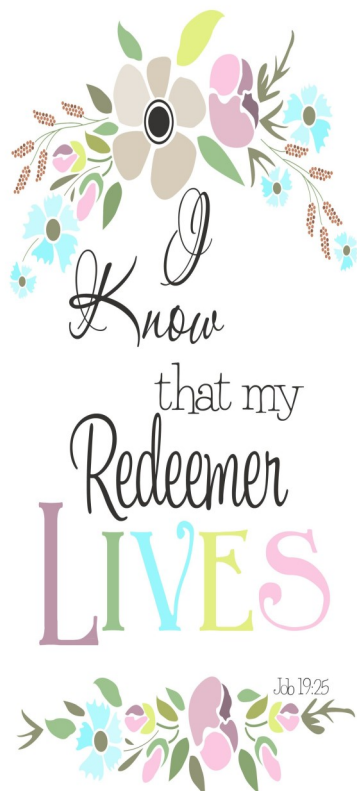
He is not here; he has risen! Luke 24:6a (NIV)
The puzzle is based on Luke 24:1-12 (NIV).

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April Birthdays

- 4/1 Ryan Peterson
- 4/2 Teri Jo Fendler
- 4/4 Cindy Roebke
- Steven Jansen
- 4/6 Emily Mcleod
- 4/10 Hannah Klusmeyer
- Jackson Wedell
- 4/13 Bailey Blader-Lucht
- 4/14 Rose Tews
- 4/15 Nancy Klusmeyer
- Pat Campbell
- 4/16 Brooke Blader-Lucht
- 4/21 Linda Hannemann
- 4/27 Darlene Jansen
- 4/28 Rebecka Richards
- Ian Proctor



April Anniversaries

- 4/4 Ev & Judy Schulz (51)
- 4/8 Richard & Chris Anderson (49)
- 4/22 Roger & Darlene Jansen (54)



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.



Sunday School Corner

Every Sunday 10:15 am- 11:15 am

We will not have Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 4.

April Lessons for 4K- 6th Grade

| Date | Lesson |
|----------|--------------------------|
| April 4 | Happy Easter! (no class) |
| April 11 | Mary Anoints Jesus |
| April 18 | Palm Sunday |
| April 25 | Jesus Before Pilate |
| May 2 | Jesus' Dying Words |

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.



Sunday School
MAKES A DIFFERENCE

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

Confirmation 2021

Sunday, April 11

Alayna Jo Kuerschner

"My flesh and heart may fail,
but God is the rock of my heart
and my portion forever."

Psalm 73:26

