

# Messenger of Peace

*The monthly newsletter of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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**How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.**

- 1 John 3:1 -



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**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: [peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com](mailto:peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com).

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**Vacation Bible School**  
July 19-20-21, 2021  
5-7:30 pm



Kids ages 4K-8th grade can join us for crafts, singing, games, dinner, and closing campfire each day as we soar high learning about Jesus' love for us!

*We will be outside the majority of the time, weather-permitting. While inside, we will follow local & state health guidelines.*

If you would prefer to do VBS at home (similar to last year's VBS), let the church office know by July 4 and we will put together at-home VBS kits for you.

If you would like to help with VBS or have any questions or concerns, please see Christine (787-3856).



## Celebrate the Love of Your Heavenly Father for You!



Becoming God's children was not high on our priority list. We were born children of sin, children doomed to eternal death in hell. And our lives showed it. We lived in open rebellion against God, even if it was crying in our parents' arms when we did not get our way. Like that stubborn sheep who does not want to come into the barn for the night, we would have rather spent our lives outside in sin than in the arms of our loving Father, God. If it hadn't been for God sending the Good Shepherd Jesus into the world, we would have remained ungrateful outcasts doomed to hell.

But God showed to us his infinite mercy and compassion. ***"How great is the love the Father lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!"*** In no way did we earn or deserve this love. When your birthday rolls around each year, have you done something to deserve the gifts, cards and well wishes? You didn't have any control over when you would be born, but the gifts still come to you. The gift the Father gave to us is far greater than any earthly birthday gift. His gift of being called a child of God was freely given to you. Its effects last a lifetime on this earth and for an eternity in heaven. Earthly gifts wear out, but the Father's gift of being a part of his family continues to pour out blessings throughout your life.



When did we receive this gift? It actually came to us twice: once in a general way, then later on in a very personal way. On Good Friday, all of us were made right with God again. Jesus' death on the cross made us God's children. The fallen relationship between God the Father and the crown of his creation was repaired that day. The adoption papers were signed. At our baptisms, God personalized his love for each one of us. As the Holy Spirit created faith in us, God put those adoption papers in our hearts and signed our individual names on them in Jesus' blood. You can be certain that you are God's own redeemed child. You **are** a child of God!

The blessings of being a child of God lasts us a lifetime. We can look forward to the rest of our lives being filled with all the privileges of being a child in the household of our heavenly Father. We can talk to him in prayer whenever we want. We have the confidence that our Father hears our prayers and takes them into account as he plots the course of world history. When we sin, we can confess it to God, asking for forgiveness, knowing it is there through Jesus. When bad things happen in our lives we can have the confidence that our Father will work them all out for our good. We know our Savior Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a room for us in our Father's house where we will one day live as his children forever. By making us his children, God has given us a new lease on this life and the guarantee of eternal life with him in heaven.

The world just doesn't get it. People who do not have the peace of being children of God in their hearts look at us in a bad light. *"How can you believe everything in the Bible? So much of it is outdated or doesn't make any sense. God is just a crutch for you people. Look at you, trying to be a goody two-shoes! What's the point? As long as you do more good than bad, you will end up in heaven, right?"* John explains to us why that situation exists. ***"The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him."***

People without the love of Jesus in their hearts will never understand why we live our lives the way we do. Without Jesus, they can't. But by living lives reflecting our status as God's children, we lead them to notice the differences and wonder why we are different. That wondering just might give you the opportunity to share Jesus with someone someday. Then they, too, can know the joy of living as a child of God.



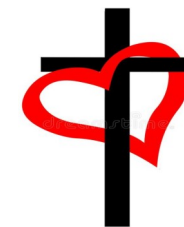
Mr. Know-it-all has bad manners. You start to say, "The Mariners have a good chance to win it all this year because...." Mr. Know-it-all butts in, proclaiming loudly, "But their veterans get too tired, and they don't have a home run hitter." You can't have a normal conversation with Mr. Know-it-all. He wants to interrupt every sentence.

We don't like know-it-alls. We realize that one person cannot be an expert in every subject. Nobody can know it all.

There is someone who does know it all! Jesus' disciple Peter said to him, ***"Lord, you know all things"*** (John 21:17).

Wasn't Jesus a man just like us? How could he know all things? Peter understood. Peter was talking to Jesus after his resurrection. Can an ordinary person do that? How could Jesus rise from the grave after the brutal treatment he endured?

Peter knew. Jesus is true God and true man. As God, he knows all things. Does that comfort you or terrify you? Peter felt terrified that Jesus knew he had denied him three times. Peter longed for comfort. Jesus also knew how to forgive. He knew his death paid for Peter's sins.



Jesus truly knows every evil thought that comes from our hearts. He knows every secret sin that burdens our conscience. He has the knowledge that can damn us. Jesus also knows that he came to rescue us from that punishment.

Thank God if you can say with Peter, ***"Lord, you know all things, you know that I love you"*** (John 21:17).

We invite you to gain more knowledge about your Savior! Our church offers free Bible classes for every ability and background. You can join us for worship in-person every Thursday at 6:30 pm and Sunday in-person or on our Facebook page (search @PeaceWautoma) at 9 am.

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## To Our Graduates: Step Forward in Faith!

By Glenn L. Schwanke, *Forward in Christ* Volume 108, # 5, May 2021

Your heart is pounding in those tense moments before the ceremony begins. Gowns are donned, caps straightened. You march into the auditorium. You fidget nervously while speakers go on a little too long. You walk across the stage, share a handshake, take your diploma. You walk back to your seat and flip your tassel from right to left.

Graduate, what are your next steps? Do you hope to become a pastor or a teacher, a writer or graphic designer, or an electrician or a carpenter? Life is full of endless possibilities! At this point in your life, here's a little advice: No matter what path you choose, step forward in faith.

Step forward in faith by giving your very best to your loved ones, your employer, your coworkers –and especially to your heavenly Father who gave you his very best in Jesus.

*"Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that you may be blameless and pure, children of God without blemish among a crooked and perverted generation. You shine among them like lights in the world, as you hold on to the word of life"* (Philippians 2:14-16).

Step forward in faith by remaining thankful for the many blessings your Lord gives you: for the ability to pursue your career; for family and friends; for a roof over your head, and for so much more.

*"Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, by being rooted and built up in him, and strengthened in the faith just as you were taught, while you overflow in faith with thanksgiving"* (Colossians 2:6,7).

Step forward in faith by trusting in the Lord when the storms of life drive you to your knees.

*"Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, because my soul has taken refuge in you. In the shadow of your wings I will take refuge until destruction has passed by"* (Psalm 57:1).

Step forward in faith by never losing sight of that day when the academic gown will be retired for the robes of righteousness, bought and paid for by Jesus. The apostle Paul urges you,

*"Whatever you do, keep working at it with all your heart, as for the Lord and not for people, because you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. Keep serving the Lord Christ!"* (Colossians 3:23,24).

My prayer for you, dear graduate, is the prayer of the psalmist:

*"May the kindness of the Lord our God rest upon us. Establish the work of our hands for us. Yes, establish the work of our hands"* (Psalm 90:17).

Step forward in faith!

### Synod Schools Assignments

To see where our newly graduated Martin Luther College students will be teachers and staff ministers, visit:  
<https://mlc-wels.edu/static/may-2021.pdf>

For Pastor and Vicar Assignments, visit:  
[https://www.wisluthsem.org/rmdevser\\_wls/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-Graduate-and-Vicar-Assignments.pdf](https://www.wisluthsem.org/rmdevser_wls/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-Graduate-and-Vicar-Assignments.pdf)



### URGENT NEED



We are in urgent need of people to learn how to run the sound/video equipment for church services, as well as people to learn how to use the Hymnsoft for when we don't have an organist.

Please talk to Kevin Bohn (920-765-2146) if you can assist in either of these ways.

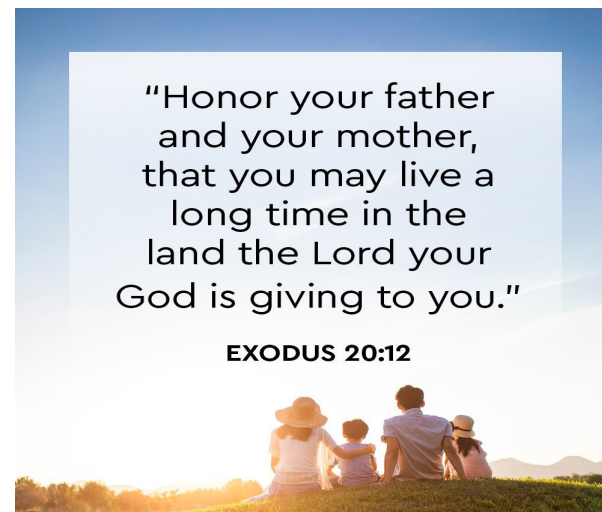
### We're Live!

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!



### Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee is searching for members!

Do you want to help reach our community with the saving grace of our Savior? Then we need you! No experience necessary- all ages and abilities welcome! For more information or to join the committee, **join us on Sunday, June 6 at 10:15 am** in the back Sunday School room. See Kevin Bohn (920-765-2146), Outreach Chair, with any questions.



### Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, June 16, 2021  
12-5:30 pm

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



### Peace Pantry Hours

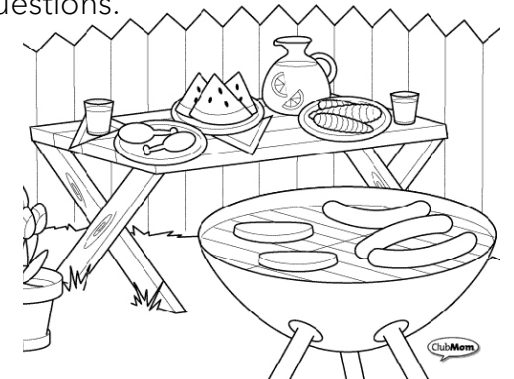
The Peace Pantry is open during regular office hours during the week and by appointment. The pantry is open to our members and the community.

If you, or someone you know, is in need, please utilize our Pantry!

Call Christine at 920-787-3856 for more info.

### Church Picnic

Plan on joining us for our annual church picnic on Sunday, July 25. Watch for details about this church family fun day! See Kevin Bohn (920-765-2146) with any questions.





## PEACE LUTHERAN PIONEERS 2021 SUMMER SCHEDULE

- June 12-18 *Boy Pioneers Voyageur Trip*
- July 9-11 Peace Pioneers Camp Out at Camp Phillip
- July 14-18 *Boy Pioneers Family Camp, Waldo*
- July 25-31 *Girl Pioneers National Camp, Crivitz*
- August 1 Pioneers Family & Friends Swim Party 11 am
- August 8 Leaders' Yearly Planning Mtg 10:30 am
- Sept 26 First Meeting of 2021-22!! 11:30 am

Please see Christine Bohn (920-765-2147) for more information about any of these fun summer events! You do not have to be a Pioneer or a member of Peace to participate!

*Events listed in "italics" are national events.*



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## Recipe Corner Summer Sangria Mocktail



*If you don't know, a mocktail is a non-alcoholic drink. So make a big pitcher of this delicious mocktail and all ages can enjoy!*

### Ingredients:

1 cup grape juice  
1/2 cup orange juice  
1/4 cup cranberry juice  
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice  
1/4 cup lime juice  
ice cubes (you make frozen juice cubes so you don't "water down" your drink)  
Lemon, orange, and lime slices

### Make it:

In a large pitcher, add all the liquids along with the orange, lime, and lemon slices (leave some on reserve to decorate), stir. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours prior to serving. When ready to serve, add ice and more lemon and lime slices to garnish. Serve immediately. Enjoy!

## Did You Know?

You and your family, friends and neighbors are welcome at church anytime! Come make use of the church grounds! Visit our playground, have a picnic lunch at one of our picnic tables, play basketball, or get a group together and utilize the disc golf course! We hope to see you soon!



## June Birthdays

- 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
- 6/19 Alisa Lemke
- 6/21 Dan Lemke
- 6/22 Benjamin Sigourney
- 6/23 Roger Jansen
- 6/25 Judy Schulz
- 6/26 Rod Nelson



## June Anniversaries

- 6/4 Jim & Jan Schroeder (55)
- 6/6 John & Judy Benz (57)
- 6/14 Kevin & Christine Bohn (24)
- 6/15 Jim & Karen Mosier (58)
- 6/16 Carlyle & Phyllis Schmidt (59)
- 6/17 Pastor & Nancy Klusmeyer (44)
- 6/21 Tom & Linda Welty (52)
- 6/22 Don & Marlene Nelson (48)
- 6/22 Neal & Cindy Roebke (37)
- 6/24 Pastor & Heather Tews (9)
- 6/29 Jeff & Marilyn Dehling (31)



*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](mailto:peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com).*

## Sunday School Corner

Our last class was on May 30. After a fun ice cream social, the students participated in the Great Bible Challenge game! We compiled questions from all the lessons we studied this year, divided into teams and the kids got to show us all they remembered! Afterward, we played outside on our fabulous playground.

We asked our teachers and kids what their favorite part of Sunday School was this year. Here are some of their answers: Mrs. Schroeder said, "Teaching the children about Jesus and also being a helper to Mrs. Bohn." Matthew told us "singing 1 million songs!" was his favorite part. Wade, Rose and Jackson all loved the crafts, while Kenzie told us she liked "all the fun activities." Sam said he liked learning about God's Word and Ian said that Pioneers (held right after Sunday School on the last Sunday of the month) was his favorite! Mrs. Bohn said she loved working with Mrs. Schroeder and Mrs. Landwehr, and of course her favorite part was being able to share the love of Jesus with all the kids!

Just because Sunday School is over until the fall doesn't mean your children should "take a break" from church! There's plenty to do around here this summer, from all the Pioneers activities (bring a friend!) to VBS in July, and worship every Thursday and Sunday!

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

