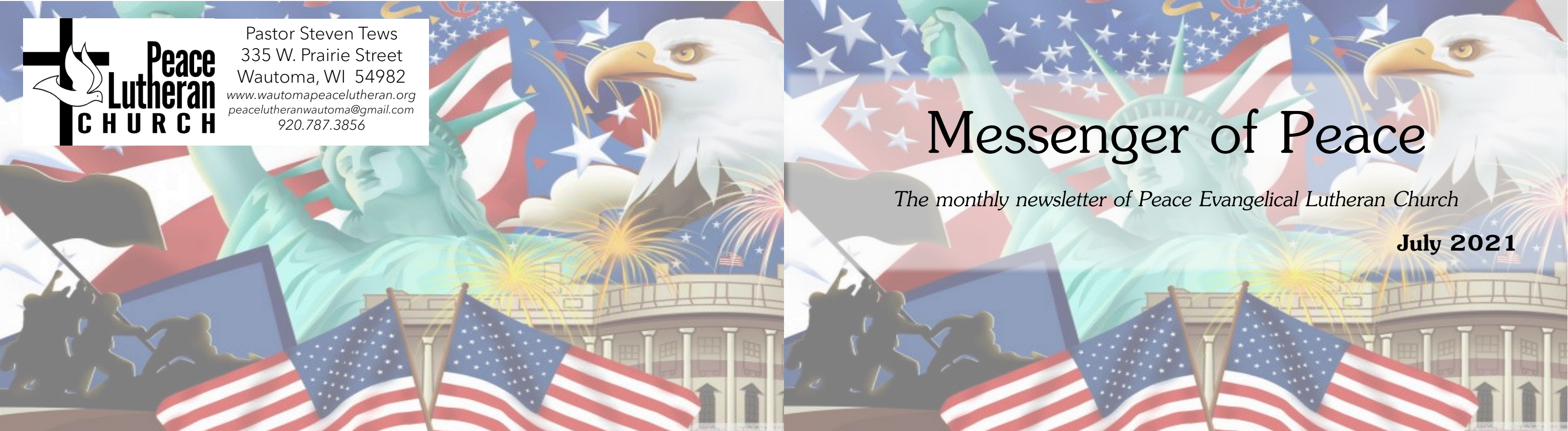




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Messenger of Peace

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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.



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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).

Hear the Good News of Jesus! You are free!



Why would freedom be valuable to us? We live in America, where everyone is born free with certain inalienable human rights. We end up taking most of our rights for granted. But being free, spiritually free, is not a right. It is a privilege which can only be bestowed on us by Jesus. We were not born into that freedom. In fact, we were born into exactly the opposite situation. From the moment we were conceived on, sin enslaved us in prisons dark. We had imposed this captivity on ourselves by our disobedience and God the just judge had pronounced his sentence: The wages of sin is death. From this prison, there was no chance of our escape.

Our sins had broken us. Nothing makes a person feel more hopeless than knowing something is wrong with our lives and not knowing how or being able to fix it. All of those problems can be traced back to our sinfulness. Sin means we live in a broken and decaying world. By its very nature sin tries to erode our spiritual growth. Eventually it will also claim our physical health because God has also told us our sins will be the death of us. Sin breaks every aspect of our lives: our relationships, our families, our work, our marriages, and even our own inner peace. All of that can leave us feeling pretty hopeless. We were in spiritual prison for life, and sin will always follow us for the rest of our earthly lives. Nothing could be more depressing than that knowledge.

But we have the good news of a Savior who arrived in our world to undo the curse of sin. Jesus brought with him the light and life and healing our souls in spiritual prison were craving. The disobedience of our parents Adam and Eve would be undone by the holy work the Second Adam, our Savior Jesus, came to do. Jesus broke the fabric of space and time to enter our world for the express purpose of fixing our broken, captive state. Take heart, for your Lord Jesus has overcome the world and its pressing temptations just for you. Hear the good news! Because of Jesus suffering and dying on the cross, all of your sins have been forgiven. Even the dark, foreboding prison of death cannot expect to claim us for everlasting isolation from God. For Christ has burst forth from death in his triumph of the resurrection. Jesus has truly done everything to free us from the hold sin tries to maintain on our lives.



Hear the good news of Jesus and enjoy it! You are freed once and for all from the prison of your sins. The effects of sin which hurt our hearts and ruin our relationship with God and others are overcome by Jesus. Isaiah proclaims it to us plainly. The Suffering Servant of the Lord, the Savior, has come to grant us freedom. ***"The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners."*** That is the

sweetest message our ears will ever hear. Whether it feels like your relationships, your family, your work or your marriage has been damaged beyond repair by your sins, do not be afraid. That is not true. Christ has redeemed you from your sins. He has freed you from their destructive ways. Make no mistake: You are free and freed to change your sinful life by the forgiving love of Jesus. That is good news indeed!



The headline read: *"Faithful guard dog unfaithful."* The story provided the details: a store owner was robbed; the wily thief tested the guard dog's faithfulness with a juicy steak, and the dog failed the test.

Faithfulness is questionable in pets and humans: "Dog bites child." "Spouse deserts partner." "Employee accepts rival company offer." "Cat destroys owner's furniture."

Is anyone trustworthy? Is anyone ever completely faithful to his word?

The Bible says, ***"God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord"*** (1 Corinthians 1:9).



God's faithfulness can be seen in his daily preservation of the world. He makes grass grow and trees bud. He sends sunshine and rain. He provides plants and animals as food to keep us alive. He even does all this without our asking.

God is faithful to his promise: ***"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease"*** (Genesis 8:22).



God's faithfulness is what comforts us when we are feeling guilty. He promises that he forgives us because of what Jesus did to rescue us from our sins. God's faithfulness is what comforts us when we are afraid of death. He promises us eternal life because Jesus defeated death when he rose from the grave. Whatever you are facing or afraid of, you can take comfort in God's promises because he is always faithful.

Invite a friend or neighbor to join you at church on Thursday or Sunday, or online on our Facebook page or website.



REACHING EVERY NEIGHBOR, EVERY NATION July 11-17, 2021

Join your brothers and sisters in Christ from around the world for **Taste of Missions**, an online missions experience.

Get to know our home and world missionaries like you never have before, and experience mission work firsthand through short video updates, live Q&A sessions, activities and recipes for the entire family, daily devotions, and a live worship service where we commission new missionaries on July 17.

Each day's recommended videos and live events will be promoted our website's homepage, in emails to registered attendees, and on the WELS Missions Facebook page.

Visit <https://tasteofmissions.com/> to learn more or to register!



Synod Convention Update

The synod convention is scheduled to meet at Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, on July 26-28.

Last January, because of the many unknowns caused by COVID-19, the Conference of Presidents changed the location and the format of the convention. The location was changed to Watertown from Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, Mich. (since Michigan restrictions were tighter at the time and anticipated to be tighter in July). Instead of the normal 400 delegates attending in person, the Conference of Presidents decided that about 100 delegates would attend in person, and the remaining delegates would attend virtually. A plan is in place to enable remote delegates to vote on reports and resolutions that come before the convention.

This means that floor committees, which address all of the various areas of the synod's work, would need to do their work virtually in advance of the convention. Many of those committees have already begun their work, and all committee work will be done by July 3. The committee resolutions will then be presented to the convention in July for discussion and action.

In addition to committee work, elections for various synodical positions will also be done electronically in advance of the convention. All delegates will participate in these elections, scheduled to begin on Monday, June 21, and conclude on Tuesday, July 13.

Even though the format is different, the Conference of Presidents has worked hard to make both the election process and the convention business process as normal as possible.

You are welcome to review convention information, including the *Book of Reports and Memorials*, the slate of candidates for elections, and delegate information, at

wels.net/2021synodconvention.

Serving together with you in Christ,
WELS President Mark Schroeder

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!

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!



Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, August 14, 2021
12-5:30 pm

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



Peace Pantry Hours

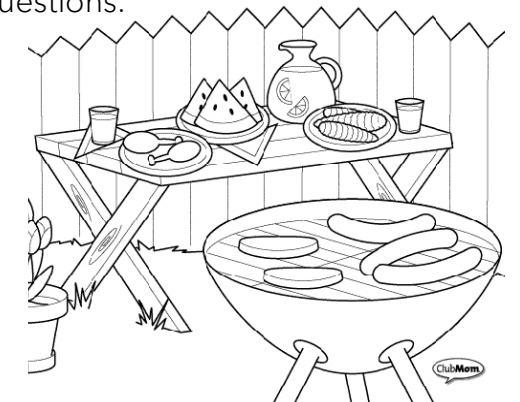
The Peace Pantry is open during regular office hours during the week and by appointment. The pantry is open to our members and the community.

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.



Pioneers July Activities

- Friday, July 9- Sunday, July 11
Pioneers' Camp Out at Camp Phillip
- Wednesday, July 14- Sunday, July 18
Lutheran Boy Pioneers Family Adventure Days, Pine Ridge Campground, Waldo
- Sunday, July 25- Saturday, July 31
Lutheran Girl Pioneers National Camp, Camp Bird, Crivitz
- Save the date for our Pioneers' Leader Meeting on August 15 at 10:15 am.
- Please see Christine Bohn (920-787-3856) for more information on any of these events!



Voters' Meeting
Sunday, August 1 at 10:15 am

Take Up Your Cross

What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Mark 8:36

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July Birthdays

- 7/9 Joshua Klamm
- 7/10 Richard Anderson
- 7/21 Ken Kasper
- 7/23 Wendy Winkelmann
- 7/24 Richard Vollrath
- 7/27 Steve Held
- 7/28 Allen Treichel
Bob Lang



July Anniversaries

- 7/10 Allen & Marion Treichel (66)
- 7/22 Isabel & Joe Breihan (26)
- 7/22 Bob & Dawn Wedell (43)
- 7/31 Clifford & Delores Bliske (56)



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

Summer and Sunday School on pause until the fall doesn't mean your family should "take a break" from church! There's plenty to do around here this summer for families, from all the Pioneers activities (bring a friend!) to VBS, the church picnic to worship every Thursday and Sunday!

Sunday School staff is busily preparing for the fall! 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

