

Messenger of Peace

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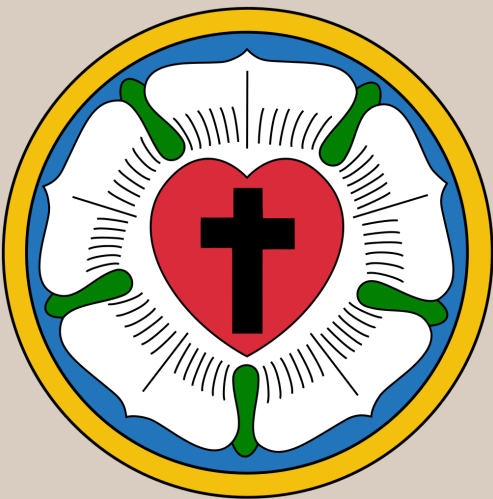
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Purpose: *Messenger of Peace* serves the Peace Lutheran Church family with information about people and events that are part of the Peace ministry and with articles that encourage Christian living.

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God's Word is our great heritage
 and shall be ours forever;
 To spread its light from age to age
 shall be our chief endeavor.
 Through life it guides our way;
 in death it is our stay.
 Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
 we keep its teachings pure
 Throughout all generations.

Voters' Meeting Sunday, November 7 at 10:15 am

In an age of ANXIETY,
 we believe that peace comes from Jesus Christ,
 our Lord and Savior.

In an age of CONFUSION,
 we believe that the Bible is the Word of God,
 inerrant and infallible.

In an age of DOUBT,
 we believe that Jesus was conceived by the Holy
 Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

In an age of GUILT,
 we believe that Jesus died on the cross to remove
 the power of sin, death and Satan from our lives.

In an age of FEAR,
 we believe that Christ rose bodily from the grave to
 lead us to eternal life.

In an age of SELF-CENTEREDNESS,
 we believe that God acts through his Word and the
 Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion.

In an age of CONSTANT CHANGE,
 we believe in the unchanging Holy Trinity -
 Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

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"God doesn't love us because of our worth; we are of worth because God loves us." (Martin Luther)

Listen to the Messenger of the Gospel By Worshipping God!

The word “worship” itself comes from two Old English words meaning to ascribe value to something. In our weekly worship at church and in our daily devotion and prayer lives, that is exactly what we do for God. We say he is worthy of our praise and honor. And why shouldn't he be? Our triune God has literally given us everything we have for both our physical and spiritual lives. By the breath of his mouth, God our Father brought forth every aspect of our universe in all its vast and still not completely discovered or understood array. He still richly and daily provides for all of our bodily needs in the ways he sees fit. The height of his love was shown to us in sending Jesus his only Son into our world to undo the curse of sin brought into the world by our parents Adam and Eve. The sinless life, atoning death, and first fruits resurrection of Jesus from the dead are the foundational core of our faith. Everything in the Bible points to him. But without the working of the Holy Spirit on our hearts, we would never know this work was meant to save us. Through that precious message of the gospel in the Word, Holy Baptism, and Holy Communion, saving faith grows and is strengthened. And believing all of this is thanks to the Holy Spirit. And it is that message the angel faithfully brings to us. John writes, *“Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people.”*

That message has not changed since God imparted it to us through human hands all those centuries ago. And the Word they still shall let remain until the end of time: *“For the grass withers and flowers fall, but the Word of our God stands forever.”* Nothing in society around us or even in our own hearts can change the Word. Anyone who tries is met with this stern warning at the end of Revelation: *“I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book (all of the Bible): If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.”*

But that has not stopped people, even us at times, from trying to change the Bible to make it more palatable to our sinful natures. As long as the message of the Bible, the unconditional gospel, endures, so will the opposition to it. The sinful nature is hostile to God. It wants us to find every loophole, every loose understanding of the Word, to make our sins permissible. The world encourages us to do whatever makes you happy. It says what is ok for me does not have to be ok for you. And the only close-minded people are those who try to hold onto some outdated objective code of what is right and wrong rather than a personal ethos.

Don't let that be you! Refuse to be found an enemy of the Word! Repent of your sinful slithering around God's law. Trying to find the loopholes in the Word only leads to pain and separation from the God who loves you in Christ. Find in Jesus the forgiveness for putting the Word low on the totem pole of your life. Find in the Word the comfort your soul craves. Flee to Christ your righteousness and see in him the forgiveness for all of your sins he won for you by taking your sins upon himself on the tree of the cross. The everlasting gospel still has meaning for our hearts. As long as there is sin, we need Christ our Savior. Listen to his messengers. Give God the glory in your life by keeping his Word out of humble thankful love for his gift to you of salvation in Christ.

A blessed Reformation Day to you!

Pastor Steven Tews

“God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does.” (Martin Luther)



“Jump roping capital of the World!” a sign in Bloomer, Wisconsin once read. “I am king of the World!” shouted the director of the movie *Titanic* after it won several Academy Awards. “USA! USA! USA!” shouted millions of Americans after our Olympic hockey team beat the Russians in 1980 and then went on to win the gold. We want to be the best in the world at something and to be able to shout: “We are number one!”

It is not all bad to be proud of our accomplishments. After all, it is God who has blessed us with our talents, and we want to express our appreciation for them. On the other hand, we need to realize that being first, last, or somewhere in between is not really all that important. What really matters is the attitude of our hearts.

God has something very special to say on this subject. *“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves”* (Philippians 2:3). As we pursue being the very best, we can be, it must never be at the expense of others. Nor should it be with the attitude that we are more deserving of what we have than others.

The perfect example of humility is Jesus. St. Paul wrote, *“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross”* (Philippians 2:5-8)!

We have all failed to meet that standard of God's expectations perfectly—having an attitude the same as Christ's. Fortunately, Jesus humbled himself to take our place and bring us close to God.



“I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I can do no other. So help me God. Amen.” (Martin Luther)

Potential New World Mission Fields Identified

More than 7,000 people groups in the world live without access to the good news of Jesus Christ. With these unreached people groups and the Great Commission in mind, three world missionaries were tasked with researching where WELS might have the opportunity to plant new world mission fields. Three groups were identified as potential mission opportunities:

Ethnic Thai in Thailand

While WELS has had a presence in Buddhist Thailand before, the Thai people have been largely unreached by previous efforts. The Thai are very proud of their language, history, culture, and religion, and leaving Buddhism for another religion is considered an abandonment of what it means to be Thai. WELS has a small foothold with the Thai people. WELS is in a unique position to build on a foundation already laid in Thailand to reach this new group.

Wolof people in Senegal

The country of Senegal in Western Africa has a population of almost 17 million people. The Wolof tribe makes up about 40-45 percent of the total population and is less than 0.01% Christian. Despite the fact that Senegal is an overwhelmingly Muslim country, the constitution staunchly defends freedom of religion and is a relatively peaceful and stable place.

Tequila Villages of Mexico

It appears this may be one of those places where little to no gospel ministry is occurring at this time. While WELS has partnered with a national church in Mexico before, this area is largely unreached by confessional Lutheranism.

World Missions is also exploring outreach opportunities in London. More than 50 WELS-connected families have been identified for a potential new congregation there. With the Lord's blessing, it is the prayer that such a congregation could provide a springboard for further work on the continent.

Plans are currently being made for more thorough follow-up research as well as multiple exploratory trips to each location. Learn more about WELS World Missions at wels.net/missions.

Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. (Mark 8:30)

Tell People About Him Now

It might sound surprising, but Jesus often told his disciples not to tell anyone about him. Something dramatic would happen, proving that Jesus was the Son of God, and the disciples would be excited to talk about it. Jesus would advise them to be silent instead. That's because Jesus knew that the religious and political leaders of his day would hear about what he did, find him a threat, and conspire to put him to death. Jesus knew that had to happen at a certain time, and when it was too early, he did not want his disciples to precipitate those events.

At a certain point in his ministry, when he knew it was the right time, Jesus entered Jerusalem very publicly, encouraged people to talk about him, and ended up going to the cross.

He gave his life—the innocent for the guilty—and won forgiveness for the whole world. You can talk about that now. You can tell people about Jesus now. There may still be opposition, but Jesus' work is complete, and there's nothing the opposition can do about it. So, at every opportunity, go ahead and tell people who Jesus really is. You don't have to worry about Jesus' warning not to tell anyone about him. That was then, and this is now.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank you for accomplishing your work in exactly the right way at exactly the right time. Give me opportunities to talk about what you have done for everyone. Amen.

Daily Devotions are brought to you by WELS and www.WhatAboutJesus.com.

**"I have held many things in my hand and I have lost them all;
but whatever I placed in God's hands, that I still possess."** (Martin Luther)

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.



Knitters and Crocheters

Knitters & Crocheters meet the second and fourth Saturday at 2 pm. Please call Linda Welty at 715-927-2455 for more information.

All skill levels and ages welcome!

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.

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 and start watching live! Please see Kevin Bohn with any questions or concerns!

Bible Study Opportunities

SUNDAYS AT 10:15 AM

Through videos and discussion, we will explore how to reach out to others with the saving love of Jesus— one by one.

WEDNESDAYS AT 6 PM

Bible Information Classes: "Your Questions, God's Answers"

TUESDAYS AT 9 AM & THURSDAYS AT 7:30 PM

Join us as we study the book of John



Please talk to Pastor for more information about any of these Bible classes.



"If grace depends on our cooperation then it is no longer grace." (Martin Luther)


Pioneers October & November Activities

October 31 11:30 am- 2:30 pm
Reformation Celebration!

November 14
Veterans' Day
Singing in church at 9 am
Coffee Hour at 10:15 am

November 28 11:30 am- 2:30 pm
Christmas Already?

Please see Christine Bohn (920-787-3856) for more information.

 **Red Cross Blood Drive**
Wednesday, October 13, 2021
12-5:30 pm
If you are able to help at the registration table, please see Christine in the office.



Sunday, October 31
3-5 pm

Anyone interested in having a "trunk" or donating candy, please call Heather Tews at (262) 312-8562.



Ladies, Save the Date!
Advent by Candlelight
"The Perfect Gift"



Sunday, December 5 at 1 pm

Ladies of all ages are invited to join us for this once-a-year event. Enjoy an afternoon full of God's Word, music, beautiful decorations, yummy desserts, and great fellowship. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join you.

RSVPs to Advent by Candlelight are due by November 28.

There is limited seating, so be sure to RSVP early.

We need your help! If you would like to be a table hostess or a reader during the program portion of the event, please see Christine in the office.

"I see nothing in Scripture except Christ crucified." (Martin Luther)



October Birthdays

10/1 Linda Welty
10/12 Judy Benz
10/16 Guy Oelke
10/21 Trent Nelson
10/23 Larry Anderson
10/28 Donna Boelk
10/30 Tom Fendler



October Anniversaries

10/1 Nate & Jennie Sigourney (16)
10/4 Joe & Sue Siegel (35)
10/11 Bob & Donna Boelk (52)
10/18 Dan & Alisa Lemke (3)



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.



"Let the wife make the husband glad to come home and let him make her sorry to see him leave." (Martin Luther)

Sunday School Corner

Sunday School meets every
Sunday from 10:15-11:15 am.

We are one month into our new Sunday School year and are having so much fun learning about how much Jesus loves us! The Sunday School kids will sing during church on Sunday, October 31. Families will receive a letter home about this soon! We hope all our kids will be in attendance!

Lessons for October

Date	Lesson
October 3	Hannah & Samuel
October 10	Saul is Chosen
October 17	David & Goliath
October 24	Jonah
October 31	Reformation

November 7 3 Men in a Fiery Furnace

Children are encouraged to invite their friends to join us for any class! 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



Matthew 7:12