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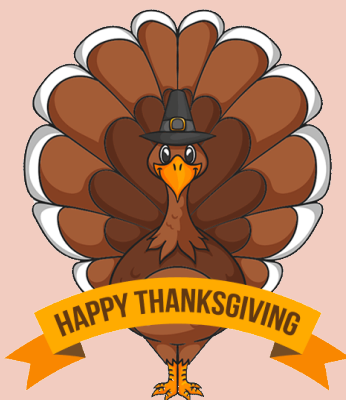
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Purpose: *Messenger of Peace* serves the Peace Lutheran Church family with information about people and events that are part of the Peace ministry and with articles that encourage Christian living.

Articles: Please forward information and articles to Christine in the office by the 3rd Sunday of each month. Email it to: peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com.



OH, GIVE THANKS TO THE
LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD!
FOR HIS MERCY ENDURES
FOREVER.

PSALM 107:1



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



Advent by Candlelight "The Perfect Gift"

Sunday, December 5 at 1 pm

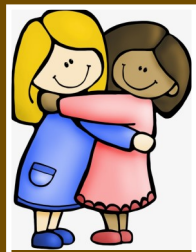
Ladies of all ages are invited to join us for this once-a-year event. Enjoy an afternoon full of God's Word, music, beautiful decorations, yummy desserts, and great fellowship.

Please invite your friends and neighbors to join you.

RSVPs to Christine at 920-787-3856 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, please see Christine in the office.





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Think of all the gifts you enjoy- then list them!



Hug God tightly with a thankful heart!

HAVE YOU HUGGED GOD TODAY?

By retired Pastor Norris Baumann

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Some people I know are "huggers" and I'm comfortable with that. Hugs are usually given to someone you like and care about. Friends who haven't seen each other for a very long time often hug each other. Husbands and wives hug each other to show they care. Children and parents/grandparents hug each other to express the deep love they have in their hearts.

Think again of the question you just read above-have you "hugged" God today? It would be impossible for you or me to actually hug the one true God of the universe. He's too big. Heaven and earth cannot contain him, so how could we ever hug him? God is also spirit. Yet, dear friends forever, in our hearts we can "hug" our dear Lord every day of our lives. He has done so much for us. He has given so many things, too numerous to keep track of. There's always something for which we can and need to thank our generous God. Think of all the earthly gifts that we enjoy. Try this to be amazed how generous he is: Begin with the letter A in the alphabet, continue all the way to the letter Z and list one or more things/blessings, be they physical or spiritual after each letter. For example, we have apples, Bibles, cats, dishes (on which to eat the gift of food), electricity, faith, etc.

Of course as each of us goes through our personal list of blessings, it will be the spiritual blessings for which we most of all want to "hug" God. The writer of Psalm 118:1 reminds us, **"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love (mercy) endures forever."** We know this verse makes a great table prayer, but especially keeps before our eyes the greatest reason for which we can thank God: **"his love endures forever."** He clearly proved such enduring love when he sent Jesus to our sin-reeking thankless world to live perfectly in our place and then die selflessly in our place and for everyone else as well. At Jesus' cruel cross we see, through the eyes of faith, God's outstretched arms "hugging" the whole world of countless sinners. God's love in this manner by which heaven was won for each of us truly **"endures forever."**

For this reason alone, we always have something for which to be deeply thankful! Even when earthly blessings fade away, our bodies grow weak and wear out, and our house is a nursing home or care center, we'll still have it all because of "Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus." We can always "hug" God, thank God, even when things go terrible wrong in life. Look up Romans 8:28. Then hug God tightly with a thankful heart.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship with Communion

Wednesday, November 24 at 6:30 pm

No Worship on Thursday, November 25



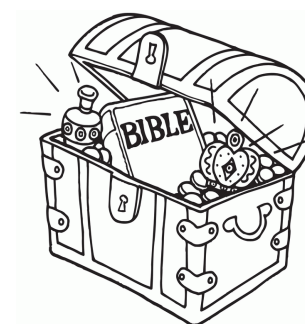
I Need More Money!

Someone once asked John D. Rockefeller, "How much money is enough?" "Just a little more," he answered. At the time, he was one of the wealthiest men in the world.



Those who've heard that story and Rockefeller's answer, usually divide into two groups: they either think of him as a greedy miser ("He has more money than he knows what to do with!") or an honest pragmatist ("Hey, he's just telling the truth—even if you're rich, a little more is always nice."). Don't we all occasionally find ourselves thinking, "I need more money!"?

There's nothing wrong with financial security, but how much is enough? If you are pricing a vacation home in Florida and feel frustrated that you don't have enough to buy a Ferrari too, that's one thing. If you lost your job and can't pay the bills, and it's getting tough to put food on the table, that's something else.



This is a complicated issue. It's not easy to properly distinguish between real needs and selfish greed. Do you really need more money? Maybe. Maybe not. When it comes to finances, the best advice comes from Jesus Christ. Our Savior said, **"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"** (Matthew 6:19-21).

According to Jesus, a lot of folks expend an enormous amount of time and energy in pursuit of earthly treasure and financial security, but for what? In the end—if a bad economy, a poor decision, or unforeseen disaster doesn't claim it, time certainly will—you can't take it with you.

That makes heaven the only worthwhile investment. And here's the great news: Jesus lived, died, and rose again to provide all the heavenly treasure for you. Peace with God—now and forever—that's what he freely gives.



Put your trust in Jesus. Find in him real treasure and eternal security. What more do you need? Besides, Christians know that the Lord will always provide. We've got his Word on that: **"Do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well"** (Matthew 6:31-33).

Do you really need more money? You don't need to answer that question. Put your trust in Christ—seek first his kingdom and his righteousness—and let him answer the question for you.

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Report

Fall circuit meeting at Bethlehem, Hortonville

October 16, 2021

The Wolf River Circuit of the LWMS met in Hortonville on October 16. Peace was represented by Barb Bartel, Marilyn Chesbrough, and Jane Landwehr.

Following a morning devotion, the speaker, Pastor Dunn from St. Peter in South Milwaukee, shared his experiences with the synod's language immersion training program. He explained that 'language immersion' simply means that participants spend two to five weeks in a place where another language is spoken. One rule is that each participant must sign a contract to speak only the language that is spoken in that place. Pastor Dunn took part in three language immersion programs to improve his Spanish. He spent five weeks in Ecuador, five weeks in Argentina, and two weeks in Mexico. Each participant lives with a family and spends the mornings in classes. They may explore the area on their own, but must only speak the language of the area.

The LWMS supports this training because it teaches and reinforces being bilingual, encourages confidence in using that language, and connects to the culture and customs of the people. It also allows participants to experience the foods, idioms, and enriched vocabulary, and expands one's world view.

Even with his experiences in Spanish immersion, Pastor Dunn was nervous when he was called to preach in Spanish at St. Peter's. He has served there for five years and preaches in Spanish and English each Sunday.

St. Peter's is a historic church established in 1860 by German immigrants. Due to the changing neighborhood, Spanish-speaking people are served and thankful for the opportunity to hear the Word of God in their own language. The congregation has benefitted by hosting English as a Second Language classes and welcoming multigenerational families to their church. They are currently challenged to serve immigrants from Thailand, although none of the members speak the native language of Thailand. What a blessing the Lord presents!

May He continue to bless this ministry and the men and women who benefit from the language immersion training program.

Peace Lutheran will host the spring 2022 circuit meeting. Watch for more information coming soon!



Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God.
Philippians 1:3

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

November 13 & 27, 2-4 pm

SPECIAL CRAFT EVENT: Come make a



woven star ornament on Saturday, November 13th at 2 pm. If you are interested in participating, please contact Linda Welty so she can have enough supplies

for everyone. **Please bring:** Glue (fabric glue is best but white glue will work) and 16 small binder clips, paper clips, or clip clothespins.

Any questions, please call Linda Welty at 715-927-2455. All skill levels and ages welcome!

Greeting Cards

Thanksgiving greeting cards now available!

Individual cards are \$0.50 and all proceeds support the Circle of Peace mission work. We also have a refreshed assortment of birthday, wedding/anniversary, thank you, new baby/baptism, get well/thinking of you and sympathy cards.

Soon Christmas cards will be available in box sets and individual cards!

Thank you for supporting Circle of Peace through your purchases!



A Christmas for Kids event

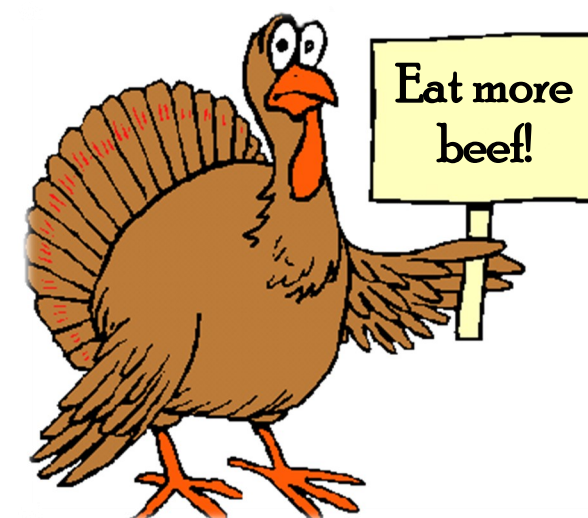
Saturday, December 18

11:30 am- 2:30 pm

Kids, ages 4K and up, are invited to join us for this fun afternoon of games, crafts, a scavenger hunt, and learning about the Light of the World!

Bring a friend!

This event is free and lunch is included. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We are looking for volunteers to help at this event. We need kitchen helpers and station leaders. Please see Christine in the church office for more information.



Waushara Holiday Project
Angel Tree



The Christmas season is approaching! To help the holiday be brighter, we are gathering toys for distribution to Waushara County children.

How does it work?

Remove tag from the Angel Tree (located in the fellowship hall). Purchase an age-appropriate gift the child. Return the unwrapped gift, with tag attached, to the church no later than November 29. The Waushara Holiday Project will pick up the gifts and distribute them to children in need.

Please see Christine in the office with any questions!

Women’s Choir Members

We are searching for women who would like to sing one song during the Children’s Christmas Worship service on December 19. Please see Christine in the office if you’d like to participate.
We will rehearse on Sundays in December.



Thanksgiving Food Drive
October 31- November 14



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 15 to needy families from our church and community. If you would like to help deliver the boxes during the week of November 15, 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 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	Condensed milk	Sugar
Brown sugar	Flour	Marshmallows	Stuffing mix
Instant potatoes	Canned yams	Cream soups	Raisins/Craisins
Seasonings/ spices	Salt/pepper	Non-stick spray	Pie crust mix
Cornbread/ biscuit mix	Quick bread mixes	Broth/bullion	Canned veggies
Cranberry sauce	Jarred gravy	Oil	Peanut butter/jelly
Candies or cookies	Sparkling juice		

From November 7-14, 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
			Bread



November Birthdays

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



November Anniversaries

11/7 Larry & Doreen Walton
11/15 Mike & Joy Woreck (13)



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.

Contact Updates Needed

Did you get a new email address this year? Changed cell numbers or moved to a new home?
Please let the church office know any information changes so that our records are up-to-date!

You can email changes to peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com, call at 787-3856, or drop off a copy of changes during regular office hours.

Thanks for helping us stay current!

Sunday School Corner

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

We have been having great attendance for Sunday School– thank you, parents, for realizing how important Sunday School is to all our children!

We are busily preparing for the Children’s Christmas Service. Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 19! We are already practicing our songs! Just a reminder that we will NOT have Sunday School on December 19 or 26.

Lessons for November

Date	Lesson
November 7	3 Men in a Fiery Furnace
November 14	Daniel in the Lion’s Den
November 22	Simeon & Anna
November 28	Christmas Rehearsal
December 5	Christmas Rehearsal

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



If you would like to purchase a hymnal for the sanctuary in honor of or in memory of someone, please see Christine in the office.