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2021 Annual Report



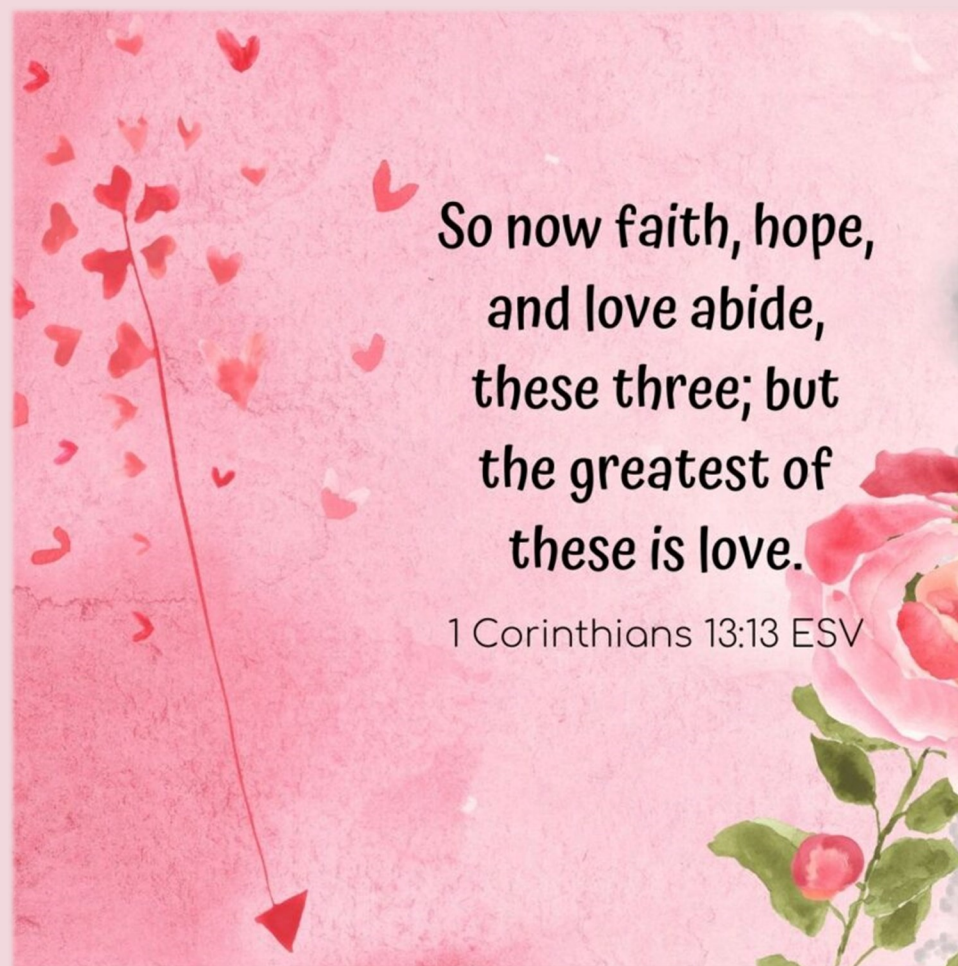
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Purpose

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

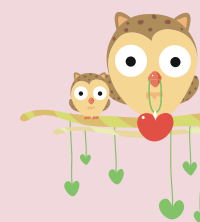
Articles

Please forward information and articles to Christine in the office by the third Sunday of each month. Put in the office or email it to: peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com



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Voters' Meeting

Sunday, February 6 at 10:15 am



Ever Wonder? Answers to Important Questions.



How can God forgive me for all the bad things I've done?

I forgot Valentine's Day! I had no excuse. There were plenty of reminders. My wife asked, "Should we go out to eat or to a movie for Valentine's Day next week?" and "Wouldn't that make a good gift for Valentine's Day?" Still, I forgot Valentine's Day. That was five years ago. Thankfully, my loving wife has forgiven me for my mistake.

My mistake was relatively minor. But sometimes, we are wronged by others in ways that are very difficult to forgive and impossible to forget. Have you been forsaken by a close friend? Is your connection to parents or children strained? Does your marriage have forbidden subjects, subjects that only reopen old wounds? Forgiveness was offered, but the hurt feelings don't just disappear. To forgive and forget is what you want, but sometimes the hurt is so deep that after forgiving, you still remember.

A friend once told me that every time I hurt or offend anyone, I also offend God. With the strain, my mistakes have placed on other relationships, what hope exists for a good relationship with God? If forgiveness from friends is uncertain, how can I hope for God's forgiveness?

I can have this hope because, thankfully, God thinks differently from the way you and I think. ***"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD*** (Isaiah 55:8). The forgiveness won by Jesus' death on the cross is different. ***"As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us"*** (Psalm 103:12). ***"For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more"*** (Jeremiah 31:34). Through Jesus, God forgives, and God forgets!

That is the good news we are reminded of every week when we worship. It is the very best news. We hope you will join us in celebrating God's forgiveness, either online or in-person!



Christmas at Peace



From mid-week Advent worship services to Advent by Candlelight, from the Sunday School children's Christmas service to Christmas day worship, Peace Lutheran Church is filled with Jesus' love during the Advent and Christmas seasons! **Thank you** to everyone who practiced Bible passages with children, read for Advent by Candlelight, decorated (and then undecorated) the church, and invited family, friends, and neighbors to join you at services or events.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)



Church News



Pine Car Derby

Sunday, February 27, 2021
at 1 pm

Cheer on your favorite car or get your own Pine Car and enter the Open Class of the Pioneers 2021 Pine Car Derby!
Join the fun as we race our way to victory!

Pine Car Registrations 12:30-1 pm
Races start promptly at 1 pm

Please see Kevin Bohn (920-765-2146) to get a car if you'd like to enter the Open Class.
The Open Class is open to anyone, any age, who isn't a Pioneer. The cost to enter the Open Class is \$5 to cover the cost of the car.

I have loved
YOU *with an*
EVERLASTING
Love.
I have DRAWN
YOU *with*
loving-kindness
Jeremiah 3:3



Anniversaries

2/14 Steve & Kay Held (18)
2/26 Steve & Heather Jansen (22)



Birthdays

2/1 Donna McKay
2/2 Pastor Tews
2/3 Gloria Raatz
2/5 Carson Sigourney
2/6 Mike Woreck
2/7 Emily Bohn
2/9 Don Nelson
2/12 Jean Lemke
Emma Anderson
Riley Anderson
2/14 Michelle Wedde
2/19 Jackie Putskey
2/20 Jan Schroeder
2/22 Bev Walker
2/24 John Benz
2/25 Sue Ratzburg
2/26 Bob Wedell



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.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, February 24 11-4:30 pm
If you would like to work the registration table for an hour, or the whole time, please talk to Christine in the office.

Thank You!

Thank you members of Peace, chairmen of committees, presidents of groups, and everyone who contributed articles and information to this year's Annual Report.



Committee & Group Members

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Pastor Steven Tews

Administrative Assistant

Christine Bohn

Church Custodian

Tom Jones

Organist

Jean Bartel

Treasurer

Joshua Klamm, Treasurer
Karin Hetcher, Assistant

Audit Committee

Budget Committee

Long-Range Planning Committee

Finance Committee

Robert Wedell, Chairman
Hannah Klusmeyer, Asst. Fin. Secretary
Jim Lichtenberg, Counter
M/M Rodney Nelson, Counters
M/M Don Timmermann, Counters
Beverly Walker, Counter

Board of Elders

Pastor Tom Klusmeyer, Chairman
DuWayne Bartel
Roger Jansen
James Lichtenberg
Everett Schulz
Don Timmermann
James Schroeder (retired in 2021)
Robert Wedell
Beverly Walker, Deaconess
Pastor Tews

Head Ushers

Robert Boelke
Fred Bohlmann
Jim Lichtenberg
Tom Klusmeyer
Guy Oelke
Robert Wedell

Lay Altar Assistants

Steven Held
Tom Klusmeyer
James Schroeder
Robert Wedell

Shut-In Ministry

Tom Klusmeyer, Chairman

Worship Committee

Pastor Steven Tews
Marilynn Chesbrough, Chairperson
Jean Bartel, Organist
Megan Kubasta
Tom Klusmeyer, Board of Elders'

Choir

Hymn Boards

Education- Communication Com.

Timothy Quinn, Chairman

Audio-Visual

Kevin Bohn
Megan Kubasta
Allan Metzger, Hymnsoft operator
Ian Proctor
Wade Proctor
Robin Rudolph, Hymnsoft operator
Jennie Sigourney
Richard Vollrath

Confirmation

Pastor Steven Tews

Library Committee

Lou Ann Treichel, librarian

Pioneers

Christine Bohn, Caravan Counselor
Kevin Bohn, Trainmaster
Rebecca Bohn, Leader
Emily Bohn, Leader

Sunday School

Karin Hetcher, Superintendent
Heather Tews, 2/3 year old
Christine Bohn, 4K-6th grade
Jane Landwehr, 4K-6th grade
Jan Schroeder, 4K-6th grade
Pastor Steven Tews

Teen Group

Vacation Bible School

Christine Bohn, director

Webmaster

Pastor Tom Klusmeyer

Building & Grounds Committee

Larry Walton, Chairman
Kevin Bohn, Maintenance
Tom Jones, Custodian
Mike Woreck, Outdoor groundskeeper

Safety & Security Committee

Kenneth Kerl, Chairman
Fred Bohlmann
Kevin Bohn
Robert Lang
James Schroeder
Pastor Tews

Safety & Security Drill Committee

Ken Kerl, Kevin Bohn, Judy Nelson,
Beverly Walker

Church Cleaners

Jan Schroeder, Coordinator
Fred & Sheryl Bohlmann
Kevin & Christine Bohn
Steve & Dawn Kohler
Carl & Jane Landwehr
Nancy & Bob Lang
Pam Leifer
Jim & Karen Mosier
Rod & Judy Nelson
Sue Ratzburg
Bob & Luann Sittig

Outreach Committee

Fred Bohlmann, Chair
Kevin & Christine Bohn
Hannah Klusmeyer
Pastor and Nancy Klusmeyer
Jim & Jan Schroeder

Peace Pantry

Christine Bohn, Manager

Stewardship Committee

Robert Boelk, Chairman

Men's Club

Circle of Peace Ladies' Group

Sheryl Bohlmann, president
Jan Schroeder, vice-president
Barb Bartel, treasurer
Doreen Walton, secretary
Pat Campbell, sunshine committee
Marilynn Chesbrough, LWMS reporter
Beverly Walker, Deaconess

Altar Care

Allan Metzger

Altar Flowers

Larry & Doreen Walton

Card Counter

Jennie Sigourney

LWMS

Marilynn Chesbrough, Reporter

2021 Ministrations and Church President

NEW MEMBERS

Tim & Julie Powers
transfer from Divine Peace, Milwaukee

CONFIRMATIONS

Alayna Jo Kuerschner
Christopher & Jennifer Stoffregen, *adult confirmation*
Robert Barforth, *adult confirmation*

BAPTISMS

WEDDINGS

7/14/2021 Christopher Stoffregen & Jennifer Bruce

TRANSFERS OUT

Tim Sina, *transfer to Bethlehem, Oshkosh*

RELEASED

Joseph Siegel, *released by request*

BURIALS

Albert "Mike" Grunert
born 9/29/1929; died 1/4/2021
Marilyn Snyder
born 7/9/1935; died 3/7/2021
Ruth Barforth
born 8/26/1938; died 5/11/2021
Randy Wilcox
born 8/3/1953; died 7/1/2021
Evelyn O'Brien (*former member of Peace*)
died 7/22/2021
Marion Mischka
born 9/11/1944; died 10/13/2021
Judy Schulz
born 6/25/1950; died 12/30/2021

Membership Statistics

Worship Service Attendance

	2021	2020*	2019	2018	2017
Sunday	3723	2655	4559	4998	5537
Thursday	847	751	1281	1474	929
Special	823	475			
Total	5393	3881	6527	6552	7011
Average	104	92	126	126	135
Special services average	51	48			
Bible Class Attendance	Average weekly attendance		16		

Membership

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Total Membership	223	226	237	235	244
Communicant Membership	192	195	205	208	213
Sunday School (2 y/o-8th grd)	20	21	23	17	24

Holy Communion

Avg. per communion week 85 (2020: 91; 2019: 91; 2018:88; 2017: 93)

**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, only 42 weeks in 2020 had in-person worship and are counted for our attendance statistics. There were 10 special in-person services in 2020 (regular year: 16).*

Church President's Annual Report

As we enter 2022, I am honored to be serving as the congregational president. We look back into 2021 and thank Terry Proctor who served as church president until December 2021.

Your church council works to ensure that the business of the church is taken care of in a Godly manner. Please reach out to any of us on the council with any questions or concerns that you have.

I pray that during my tenure:

- We continue to serve our congregation and visitors with worship services on Thursdays and Sundays, including posting Sunday services and special services on our Facebook page and on the website
- We continue to have an active shut-in ministry
- We continue to assess the Christian education needs of our congregation, and work towards meeting the needs of our church and community

2022 Budget

Pastors' Salary	42536.00
Milage Allowance	2970.00
Housing equity	815.00
Employer SS	6100.00
Health Insurance	26436.00
Pension	4528.00
Organist	4500.00
Office Secretary	25500.00
Custodian	3500.00
Maintenance	2700.00
Treasurer/Fin. Secr.	1500.00
Guest Pastor/Organist	1000.00
Electricity	6000.00
Heat	5100.00
Water & Sewer	3000.00
Telephone/Internet	2000.00
Building & Grounds	15500.00
Insurance (Bldg/Liab/WC)	6200.00
Local Missions	
Com-Edu	5000.00
Pioneers	3500.00
Outreach	750.00
Stewardship	100.00
Kitchen	500.00
Worship Comm.	475.00
Circle of Peace	500.00
Financial Secr.	400.00
Office	6000.00
Treasurer	400.00
School Tuition	15300.00
Synod Missions	20000.00
Camp Phillip	1800.00
LWMS Dues	85.00
Improvement Fund	1000.00
Misc.	105.00
Total	\$215,800.00

Our God is Love

"How much do you love me?" Brenda asked her two-year-old son. Jonah held out his hands about a foot apart and said, "I love you this much."

Paul turned to Jonah's twin sister and asked her, "Hannah, how much do you love me?" Hannah extended her hands as far apart as they would go. "I love you this much," she said.

Four-year-old Kevin was watching closely. When Brenda and Paul asked him how much he loved them, they expected him to copy the actions of his younger brother and sister. Instead, he spread his arms out in front of him as wide as possible and then curled them down and behind his back until they met. Kevin said, "This is how much I love you, all the way around."

Brenda and Paul looked at each other in amazement. Kevin understood that the greatest love is all-encompassing!

If your sweetheart asks you how much you love her on Valentine's Day, you probably should not just stretch out your arms. You probably shouldn't even curl them behind your back, unless you have a gift hidden there! Yet, it is in the outstretched arms of Jesus that we know the love God has for us—all of us.

Perhaps you have seen pictures of Jesus with his arms spread wide on the cross. ***"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins"*** (1 John 4:10).

Valentine's Day is a good day to express your love for the special people in your life. It is also a good time as Christians to remember that ***"We know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them"*** (1 John 4:16).



2021 4th Quarter Financial Statement

Beginning Balance	\$110,941.18		
Receipts			
General fund	244,692.74		
Gifts	58,658.66		
Chk Acct Interest	143.99		
Reimbursements	204.00		
Memorials	940.00		
Total Receipts	\$304,639.39		
Total Available Funds	\$415,580.57		
		FUNDS BALANCE	
Expenditures			
Pastor Salary	41624.00	Pastor Education	6643.09
Milage Allowance	2975.84	JAM Session	482.32
Housing Equity	814.50	Sunday School	512.97
Organist	3707.88	Hymnals	5365.88
Office Secretary	19399.35	Library	427.36
Custodians	3377.70	Choir	531.90
Maintenance wages	3121.46	Pioneers	1204.58
Treasurer/Fin. Secr.	1200.56	Organ Fund	1661.07
SS & Withholding tax	9383.31	Student Assistance	1068.17
Health Insurance	26436.00	LWMS	503.00
Pension	4528.00	Improvement Fund	30977.73
Guest Pastor/Organist	1138.64	Website	20.00
Electric	5729.80	VBS	141.00
Heat	4348.30	Parking Lot	7053.93
Water & Sewer	2939.57	Flower fund	226.01
Telephone/Internet	3475.05	Tuition fund	500.00
Bldg & Grds	9708.65	Outreach	405.95
Insurance (bldg., liab, wc)	6550.00	Shut In Ministry	0.00
Local Missions		Computer/Peripherals	238.89
Comm/Edu	4409.18	AV	0.00
Pioneers	2461.80	Coffee Hour	0.00
Outreach	1051.22	Altar Candle fund	0.00
Stewardship	55.00	Kitchen fund	11874.02
Kitchen	719.79	Tree rings	50.00
Worship Comm	465.12	Banners	1100.00
Circle of Peace	207.62	Security System	662.00
Fin. Secr.	335.97	Carpeting	257.00
Office	7675.91	Men/Word Conference	500.00
Treasurer	178.23	Jesus Cares Ministry	1060.00
Tuition	10824.00	Peace Pantry	3234.81
Synod Missions	20000.00	Easter for Kids	40.00
Camp Phillip	1800.00	Total	76,742.68
LWMS dues	85.00		
Misc./other	85.00		
Non-budget exped.	114145.83		
Total Expenditures	\$314,928.29		
Ending balance- 12/31/21 (checking acct)	\$100,652.28		
Funds balance in the chk acct	\$76742.68		
Total usable funds	\$23909.60		



Church President and Board of Elders

- We grow our youth ministries
- We reach out to our community through various outreach opportunities
- We continue to assess the needs of congregation and community and provide the necessary re-sources as we are able
- I am able to support each council committee in their work to share the gospel through their various means

Please see page three for a complete list of councilmen.

May God bless our endeavors in 2022, as he has in the past, and may he be with each of you.

Kevin Bohn (920-765-2146), Church Council President

Board of Elders' Annual Report

Please see page 3 for a complete list of the Board of Elders membership.

Purpose:

- Concern for the total spiritual life of the congregation.
- Visit, counsel and encourage members who have shown a lack of concern for the hearing of God's Word.
- Maintain decency and order in the church services.

Thank you to those who:

- Prepare for worship services--worship committee, custodian, cleaners, altar care, altar flowers, snow shovelers, communion prep, bulletin prep.
- Transport members to worship services.
- Help during worship services--ushers and head ushers, lay altar assistants, organists and Hymnsoft operators and sound technicians.
- Create worship service DVDs and distribute them to members after the services, most notably Don Timmermann.
- Visit and comfort members in homes, hospitals, nursing homes and care facilities.
- Finally, a massive thank you to Jim Schroeder who has been involved with the Elders since 2007 and is now retiring from that position. Thank you for the hundreds of letters and visits that were made on behalf of the congregation and for the detailed way in which everything was recorded and carried out. I'm glad that you'll still be around for advice!

Goals moving forward:

- Explore ways to spiritually grow all our members.
- Evaluate methods of welcoming/integrating new members.
- Consider and implement ways to engage members who are inactive.
- Introduce the new hymnal/hymns in the most beneficial way for members.
- Implement (with Outreach committee) services for people with special needs.

Personal thoughts:

- * November 2021 I was asked to join the Elders and become the chairman.
- I feel inadequate because my ministry at Camp Phillip since 1983 was, mainly, a ministry to youth. Also in 30+ years I never found the time to become a very active member of Peace or get to know its members very well. I accepted the challenge because I'm especially interested in the Elder's main purpose which is a concern for the total spiritual life of the congregation.
- I welcome the help my far more experienced Elders will continue to provide.
- I ask all our members to lovingly encourage and pray for each other--we are a spiritual family.
- I invite comments or questions on how Elders can serve you better.
- If you are interested in serving in any areas for which Elders are responsible (e.g. sound technician, Hymnsoft operator, usher, etc.), please let me know. Training will be provided.

In His service, Pastor Tom Klusmeyer (920-312-1148), Board of Elders chairman

Committees

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee for 2021 has not yet met. The Audit Committee Report will be in an upcoming edition of "The Messenger."

Building & Grounds Committee

No report submitted.
See page 3 for a list of our committee members.
Fred Bohlmann (414-975-2651)
Outgoing Building & Grounds Committee Chair

Education–Communication Committee

There are 17 groups or activities that are included in this Committee. Several have their own reports. Our church website at is an interesting place to get information about Peace. Visit it at www.wautoma-peace.lutheran.org and tell us what you think!
In 2021, we updated the church's wi-fi, making it easier to use in all the rooms of the church, including the back Sunday School rooms. We provide members with the Forward in Christ, My Devotions, and Meditations. The monthly viewing of the WELS Connection and Kids' Connection (in Sunday School) is also part of our effort to keep members informed of things happening around the Synod.

Consider joining us for Bible class. It is important that each of us members of Peace take an active part in the church and encourage others as well, so we are all growing in our faith.
2021 proved to be another challenging year, but we persevered! Sunday School and Bible studies met in-person, we were able to have VBS and Pioneers.

Our prayer for 2022 and beyond is to keep our focus on Jesus and do our best, safely, to reach every member of our congregation with the saving love of Jesus through the Christian education opportunities we offer here at Peace.

A list of our committee members is on page three.

Tom Welty (715-927-0550)

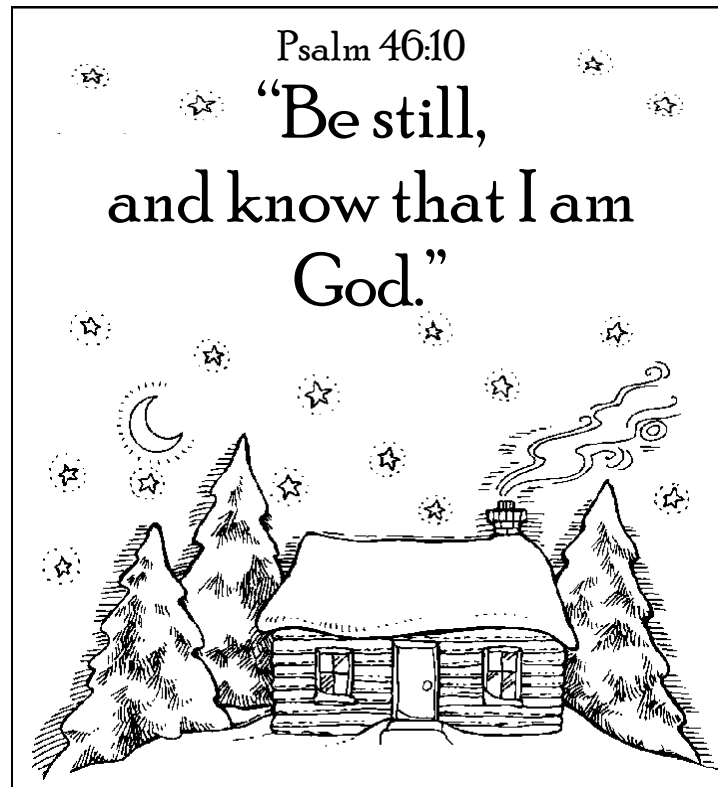
Outgoing Education-Communication Chair

Finance Committee

No report submitted.

Please see page three for a list of committee members.

Robert Wedell (715-228-3957), Financial Secretary



Outreach Committee

As the pandemic closes out year two, 2021 has been a year of progress for the Outreach committee!

In 2021, we have had a Worship at the Cross service (in hopes of doing this more often!), assisted with VBS, had a booth at Wautoma's AugustFest, had a Trunk or Treat, assisted with the Pioneers' Thanksgiving food drive, had a Angel Tree (in conjunction with the Waushara Holiday Project), had a coloring page in the Argus' Christmas Coloring Book, assisted the Girl Pioneers with Advent by Candlelight, and had a Christmas for Kids event.

See page three for a list of committee members.

Outreach is something all of us can do, like invite your neighbor about an event at church. Let your light shine brightly wherever you go!

Kevin Bohn (920-765-2146)

Outgoing Outreach Chair

Groups

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is held each summer for the youth of our church and community. This year we were able to meet in person after having to have a "virtual" VBS last year due to the pandemic. We were so happy to be able to be back, knowing how important VBS can be to our families faith journey.

We went "Soaring High!" during VBS this summer. Day one we went panning for gold in the American River in California where we learned about the journey of the wisemen to Jesus. Day two we went to the Yellowstone National Park where we learned about Peter and John helping the poor. On day three, our final day, we journeyed to the shores of Lake Michigan where we learned about Paul and Silas joyfully praising God in a prison! Each night, we enjoyed dinner together, a lesson, music, crafts, and games.

We closed our week with our annual church picnic, complete with brats and burgers, kid's games, and bingo.

Thank you to everyone who helped at VBS and everyone who came! We had a fun three days growing in our faith together.

Watch for dates for VBS and Church Picnic 2022 to be announced soon! Plan on joining us for the fun!

Christine Bohn (920-787-3856), VBS Director



Groups

LWMS

(Lutheran Women's Missionary Society)

No report submitted.

Marilynn Chesbrough, Reporter

Knitters & Crocheters

The knitters & Crocheters started up after COVID in September. We meet the second and fourth Saturdays from 2-4 pm.

In addition to knitting and crocheting, the group has had a no-sew pumpkin-making demonstration and Christine Anderson demonstrated using a hand loom to make knitted hats.

After a winter break, we will start meeting again in March 2022.

Join us for a fun afternoon!

Linda Welty (715-927-2455)

John 15:13

**Greater love has no one
than this, that he
lay down his life
for his friends.**

Peace Pantry

The Peace Pantry strives to show our love and thankfulness to Jesus by serving our community by helping to fulfill the basic food needs of our friends and neighbors.

The Peace Pantry is located in the Fellowship Hall. It is a well-stocked cupboard filled with everyday items that may be taken anonymously whenever anyone is in need of something. It is open to everyone in our community and there are no fees and no requirements.

The Pantry is open Tuesday-Friday 8 am- 4 pm and by appointment. Due to COVID-19, we do recommend that you call the church office at 920-787-3856 before coming, but walk-ins are always welcome.

Thank you to everyone who has donated so generously this past year to the Pantry.

In Jesus' Service,

Christine Bohn (920-765-2147), Manager

Sunday School

We love to share the good news of Jesus' love with everyone we meet and one way we do this is through Sunday School. Our teachers and children are awesome.

In addition to lessons from the Old and New Testaments each Sunday, the boys and girls sang on Reformation Sunday, memorized their recitations and practiced the songs for the children's Christmas service every Sunday in December, providing us with a great message to end the calendar year, and will begin working on their Palm Sunday song soon!

Our teachers love sharing God's word with all the children. I would especially like to thank Christine Bohn, Jane Landwehr, Jan Schroeder, and Heather Tews for the time and effort they put into working with our little lambs.

Why is Sunday School so important? During each class time, the kids learn a Bible lesson, and they learn why it's important to know, even two thousand years later! They learn how to use a Bible, how to find verses in the Bible, they learn hymns and other spiritual songs, and they also have fellowship with each other, developing Christian friendships with each other.

Please feel free to contact Pastor Tews, your child's teacher, or me if you have any questions or comments regarding Sunday School. I look forward to working with all the teachers and students as we all prepare for that time when we will spend eternity praising our Lord!

The Sunday School staff would like to thank everyone who supports this ministry financially, with prayers, and with service.

Karin Hetcher (920-787-9232)

Sunday School Superintendent

Teen Group

The Teen Group is a youth group for teens, 7th grade -12th grade. We currently don't have a leader. If you are interested in this position, please see Pastor Tews.

Committees/Groups



Safety & Security Committee

Like everything in our daily lives since mid-2020, Covid has impacted the Safety and Security Committee. We had just reached a point in 2020 when we were going to begin weather, fire, and safety drills when Covid started. Since then, the committee has not been active.

Since the inception of the committee and implementation of the Occupant Emergency Plan the congregation has yet to conduct a fire, weather, or disruptive person drill. The goal for 2022 is to determine the wishes of the church council and congregation and move forward from there.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Kerl (608-697-3096)

Safety & Security Committee Chairman

Stewardship Committee

2021 Recap:

- Raised funds to replace our parking lot
 - Served ice cream sundaes after the Ascension worship service
 - Changed the Thursday night service times on the highway signs and took one sign down (we discovered that most people just go to our website to find out service times!)
 - Attended the yearly councilmen's meeting in Redgranite and learned about the new hymnals, pastors' books, and the coordinating software
 - Assisted with decorating for Christmas
 - Gave Christmas gift cards to church employees
- The Stewardship Committee encourages people to volunteer for church groups and for functions.
- Robert Boelk (920-450-8970)

Worship Committee

No report submitted.

Please see page 3 for a list of our members.

Marilynn Chesbrough (920-787-2519)

Worship Committee Chairperson



Audio-Visual

2021 was certainly a busy year for the AV crew at Peace!

We post the entire Sunday worship service on the Peace Facebook page each week. Pastor's sermon is posted on the Peace website. We make and deliver DVDs & bulletins weekly to shut-ins without internet access. Heartland House and Welcome Home Assisted Living both play our service for residents each week.

We installed new cameras, software, and a computer that will enable us to record and post our services online. We purchased the proper licenses to be able to do this.

We are looking forward to using the new Playlist (which will take the place of Hymnsoft) when it is released.

Please see page three for a list of AV volunteers.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering to run the sound system during church or learning HymnSoft. You will receive full training— it's not hard at all! All ages (even kids!) can volunteer to run the sound system. You can serve as often as you'd like. We will work with your schedule!

Please see Kevin Bohn for more information about either of these fun volunteer positions.

Kevin Bohn (920-765-2146), AV Coordinator

Altar Care

The main duties of the Altar Care committee are to change the paraments and banners at the appropriate times, and fill the oil candles. We also do the cleaning of the altar such as cleaning the glass on the altar and dusting.

Please see page three for a list of our members.

This committee is overseen by the Circle of Peace.

Allan Metzger (262-443-9107), *Altar Care*

Bible Classes

We have Bible classes that meet on Tuesdays at 9 am, Thursdays at 7:30 pm, and Sundays at 10:15 am.

Beginning in January, we will study the gospel of Matthew on Tuesdays and finish the gospel of John on Thursdays. Sunday mornings we will dive into the new hymnal and accompanying resources.

If you haven't been to a Bible Class lately, please join us. If there is another time that would work better for a group to meet for Bible study, please talk to Pastor.

We will try to accommodate you as best we can.

Let us continue to grow together in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Come and be blessed!

Pastor Steven Tews

Card Counter

Our greeting cards and boxed card sales support the mission and functions of our Circle of Peace.

We are happy to provide a low-cost option for greeting cards that also supports our church!

This past year has been a work-in-progress, as we have a new greeting card display holder that has allowed more styles of cards to be displayed than with our prior display counter. We will continue to offer seasonal cards including Valentine's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Confirmation, Graduation, Reformation, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, along with our wide variety of every day cards like Thinking of You, Get Well, Birthday, Sympathy, Wedding, Anniversary, New Baby and Baptism.

Plans for 2022 are to update the storage area of the cards that are out-of-season to improve the fellowship hall aesthetics. Thank you to all who have supported Circle of Peace through this endeavor.

Jennifer Sigourney (715-228-3579)

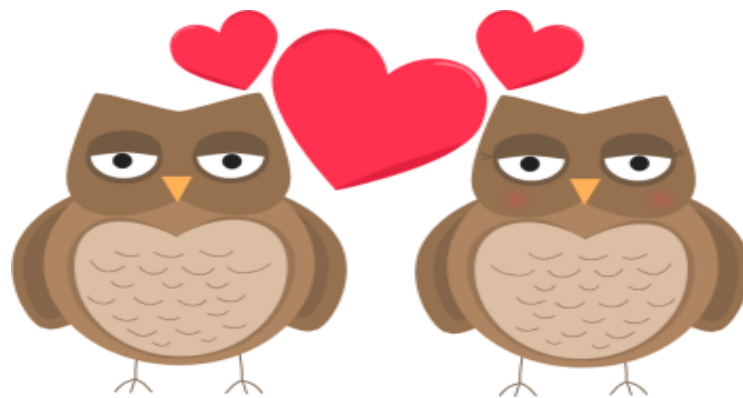
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Catechism

Pastor is blessed to have 3 students in Bible Information Class (adult catechism) this year.

In a typical catechism year, students follow a 3-year curriculum. In the first year, we study Bible history. The second and third year, we go through Martin Luther's Small Catechism in its entirety, very deeply the first year and in more of a review the final year.

If you know of any children in our community in 5th-8th grade who would be interested in catechism, please speak with Pastor Tews.



Church Volunteer Cleaners

The congregation has several volunteers that vacuum church to help out our custodian Tom Jones. We are thankful for their service.

The responsibility of our volunteer cleaners is vacuuming the sanctuary, dusting, and cleaning the upstairs balcony.

Please see page three for a list of helpers.

If you could help in this capacity, vacuuming for about five Sundays the whole year, please contact Jan Schroeder.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered!

Jan Schroeder (920-787-4331), *Coordinator*

Church Library

No report submitted.

Lu Ann Treichel (920-647-1423), *Librarian*



Circle of Peace

Please see page three for a list of our officers.

Circle of Peace is our ladies' organization that encourages and supports Christian fellowship. The motto of Circle of Peace is **"Gather, Grow, and Go."** We are involved with mission support, fund raising, Christian charity, scholarships, Christian institutions, community outreach, cheer correspondence, and caring for the altar with flowers.

Some highlights of the past year: goodie bags for the shut-ins, harvest fest, the pie auction, silent auction, art class, pantry support, trunk or treat, and Jesus Cares outreach.

This is a wonderful fun group of ladies who meet every 2nd Thursday of the month. All ladies are welcome!

Sheryl Bohlmann (414-975-0179),

FSBohl1989@gmail.com

Circle of Peace president



Flower Altar Care

Our job is to help keep flowers on the altar, to help the Lord's house look beautiful for services.

We also decorate for Easter and the harvest table in the fall.

We encourage anyone who would like to put flowers on the altar to please do so-for birthdays, anniversaries, remembrances of loved ones, etc. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board next to Pastor's office. You do not have to order flowers from a florist. Many people have their own gardens and those flowers are welcome!

We would love to see more people do this!

This committee is overseen by the Circle of Peace.

Larry & Doreen Walton, *Flower Altar Care*

Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers

The Lutheran Pioneers and Lutheran Girl Pioneers are international organizations, affiliated with WELS, but completely self-sufficient (no synod money goes to either the Boy or Girl Pioneers). The Lutheran Boy Pioneers is based in Watertown and the National Office for the Lutheran Girl Pioneers is not only located in Wautoma, it's run by our own Caravan Counselor, Christine Bohn, who serves the National LGP as the Executive Director.

In 2021, the Pioneers cleaned the church kitchen, held our local Pine Car Derby, hosted Advent by Candlelight, and so much more! We collected food items to make Thanksgiving Food Baskets and gave away 12 of them this year! Thank you to everyone who donated to this amazing project.

In 2022, we will continue to follow the guidelines set before us regarding the pandemic, but we are optimistic that we will be on the other side of this before too long. Be sure to watch for activities and events hosted by the Pioneers! Everyone is invited to any and all of our regular meetings or fun events!

I would like to thank the members of our congregation for supporting us and knowing the importance of the Pioneers ministry. It gives the kids a sense of belonging here. It gives them the hope of faith and the fun of being with other Christians.

Please see page three for a list of our leaders.

We have 12 kids in Pioneers for the 2021-22 year.

If you or someone you know would like to help at meetings, or if there is a child in your life, ages Kindergarten and up, who would like to join Pioneers, please give us a call! There is no charge to join the Pioneers!

Your Pioneers leaders,

Kevin & Christine Bohn (920-765-2147)

Emily Bohn (920-765-2144)

Rebecca Bohn (920-765-2145)

