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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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FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY
AND PEACE IN BELIEVING,
SO THAT BY THE POWER
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YOU MAY ABOUND IN HOPE.

ROMANS 15:13

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Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 10
Worship at 9 am

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 14
Worship at 12 pm or 6:30 pm

Good Friday

Friday, April 15
Worship at 12 pm; Tenebrae 6:30 pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 17
Sunrise Service 7 am; Breakfast 8 am;
Song Service 9 am



Spring Clean Up Saturday, April 30 at 9 am

All ages can come help beautify the church grounds and buildings. There will be jobs inside and out. Many hands make light work! See Larry Walton or Kevin Bohn with any questions.

Why Is Holy Week So Important?

The week of worship beginning on Palm Sunday is called Holy Week for a very good reason. In that week, we celebrate the most important teachings of the Bible: the institution of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, the crucifixion and death of Jesus our Savior on Good Friday and on Easter, his resurrection from the dead.

It is natural for Easter to be the most important day of the church year. In the early Christian church, Easter was the only important day of Holy Week. Remembering Jesus' suffering and death was part of the celebration, but the early Christian emphasis on the living Christ and his upcoming return made the day of Jesus' resurrection more important than the day he died.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday did not get their own special services until about the fifth century. At that time, Christians began to again make pilgrimages to the Holy Land. While they were there, they naturally wanted to follow Jesus' steps to the upper room and Calvary. That procession, which is still a part of Holy Week observances in Jerusalem, made a deep impression on European pilgrims. The custom was soon carried back home with them.

Maundy Thursday took its name from the "new command" (Latin: *mandatum*) Jesus gave his apostles after he washed their feet. The institution of the Lord's Supper that night shows the depth of Jesus' love and gives his Church the power to live out the new command.

The Good Friday service was an austere *tenebrae* (darkness) service on Friday evening. That quiet mood of reflection would continue until late Saturday. Just after midnight, the bells began to ring and the church began its celebration of the Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord.

In Luther's day, the custom of reading the Passion History accounts was also a part of Holy Week. The accounts of Matthew, Mark, and Luke were read on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; John's account was reserved for Good Friday. Customs have changed through the centuries. What hasn't changed is the importance of Holy Week and the deep spiritual value it holds for believers. Let this holiest week of worship lead you to remember the holiest events of our Christian faith!

Pastor Steven Tews



What's so Important About Jesus Dying and Rising from the Dead?

"I don't want to die. I want to live." A man I had known for about 25 minutes said these words to me as we were flying over the Caribbean Sea between Puerto Rico and Antigua. We were in the middle of a horrific lightning storm. Ten seconds before he said this, our airplane had lost all power and began to dip rather suddenly towards the deep blue expanse of water beneath us. Thankfully, the airplane regained power after only a few agonizing seconds, and we quickly climbed back to our cruising altitude.

"Death scares me," he went on, "because I know nothing about it. I only know how to live."

Choosing between something you know nothing about and something you know quite a bit about is a pretty easy decision. Most everyone feels more confident with what they are familiar with. That's why this gentleman was not the first person to express himself in this way. He most certainly will not be the last. Who can feel more confident about dying than living since we only know about life and not death?

Jesus had never died either. But as he hung on his cross, he knew it was coming. In fact, he had told his followers the day before *that "it was for this reason (dying) that he came to this hour"* (John 12:27).

Jesus chose death, and he did so with you in mind. Jesus chose death to prove to you that those who follow him have no reason to be afraid of death.

If the pilot of our airplane had guaranteed the passengers before that flight that we would land safely, that he had flown through worse storms and made it, that the backup generators on the plane would keep any power outage from harming us, we would have been much more confident despite the storm.

Jesus makes a much greater guarantee when he tells us we don't have to be afraid of death. And he proved it by living after he died. The dead body of Jesus was placed in a grave on Friday evening, but he rose from the dead three days later.

When you follow Jesus, death's scare is taken away. The living Jesus gives you the confidence that your grave will be empty, just like his was. He tells all his disciples, *"Because I live, you also will live"* (John 14:19).

Jesus' death and resurrection are important because it guarantees for his believers that they too will rise from the dead and live forever!

Girl Pioneers International Pine Car Derby

Saturday, April 23 at St. John's, Princeton
Registration 10 am- 12 pm

Races and craft judging begin at 12 pm

Join us for a fun day of racing and fellowship! Cars from all over, including the winning cars from Peace, will be there! There will be a concession stand, benefitting the St. John's caravan.

See Christine Bohn for more information!



Boy Pioneers International Pine Car Derby

Saturday, April 23 at St. John's, Watertown
Registration & Dinner starting at 5 pm

Races and craft judging begin at 6 pm

For more information, visit the Lutheran Pioneers website at www.lutheranpioneers.org

Pray for Ukraine

Lord God, in this world of darkness and evil, the light of your saving gospel continues to shine. Through that good news you have brought people around the world from the darkness of sin and death into your marvelous light. But evil exists and Satan's work in this fallen world continues. As many in Ukraine are experiencing unimaginable hardships and suffering, we ask that you would be with them. Protect them; provide for them; and, above all, strengthen their faith and trust in you and your promises. We commend them to your gracious care, knowing that you have promised to be with them always. Even though they are now walking through the shadow of death, enable them to fear no evil. We ask you, in your love and wisdom, to restore peace and safety to those now enduring the horrors of war and bloodshed and to continue to let your gospel message be the comfort and hope that so many desperately need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



To help the churches and pastors of our sister synod in Ukraine help their neighbors, visit wels.net/give-ukraine.

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.



New Hymnals

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.

Peace Pantry Hours



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

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

Knitters and Crocheters

April 9 & 23, 2-4 pm

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



Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, April 22
11 am-4:30 pm

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



Plan now to join us for the WELS Women's Ministry Conference at Luther Prep in Watertown on July 21-23, 2022. We will dig into Ephesians and learn about the richness of God's grace. Grace that moved Jesus Christ to the cross and won us by his blood. Find out how that truth shapes and impacts us as women in the church, home, and workplace.

For more information, visit wels.net/event/2022-wels-womens-ministry-conference/



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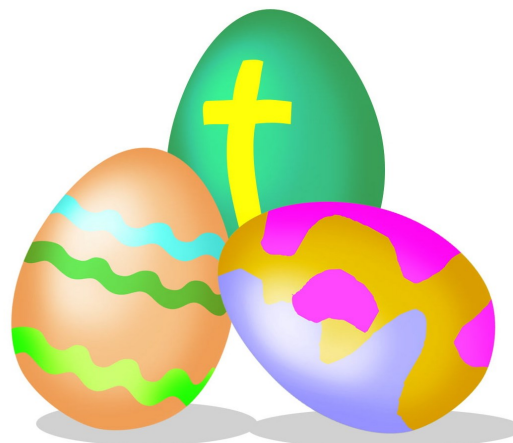
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Easter for Kids

When? Saturday, April 9
 At? 9-11:30 am
 Who? All Kids,
ages 4K and up

Kids, ages 4K and up are invited to join the fun as we celebrate Easter! Learn about why we celebrate this holiday, make crafts, play games, and so much more! This event is free and friends are welcome!

Want more information? Call Christine at 1-920-787-3856.



Easter Breakfast

The Pioneers are hosting Easter Breakfast and need donations! Check out the list of items we need for Easter breakfast on the back table in the fellowship hall. Be sure to join us on Easter morning as we celebrate our Risen Savior together! See Christine or Kevin Bohn with any questions!



*Lutheran Women's
Missionary Society*

Wolf River Circuit

Spring Rally

Saturday, May 7, 2022
 Presenter: Pastor Paul
Pastor Paul is the pastor to the International Friendship Center

*The LORD will guide you always.
(Isaiah 58:11)*

Registration begins at 8:15 am
 Lunch included; Child care available

*Hosted by Peace
Lutheran Church*

If you would like to help at this rally, please see Sheryl Bohlmann or Jan Schroeder.



Coffee Hour

If you would like to host coffee hour, please sign up on the sheet on the table at the back in the fellowship hall.



April Birthdays

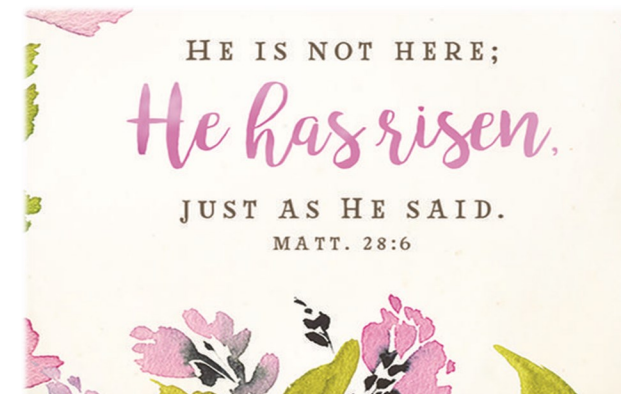
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- 4/2 Teri Jo Fendler
- 4/4 Cindy Roebke
Steve Jansen
- 4/6 Emily McLeod
- 4/10 Hannah Klusmeyer
Jackson Wedell
- 4/13 Bailey Blader-Lucht
- 4/15 Pat Campbell
Nancy Klusmeyer
- 4/16 Brooke Blader-Lucht
- 4/19 Timothy Powers
- 4/21 Linda Hannemann
- 4/27 Darlene Jansen
- 4/28 Rebecka Richards
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April Anniversaries

- 4/8 Dick & Chris Anderson (50)
- 4/22 Roger & Darlene Jansen (55)
- 4/30 Timothy & Julie Powers (39)

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

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

Has spring sprung yet? Some days it sure feels like it, others are still cold and dreary. But, you know what is never dreary? Sunday School! The Sunday School teachers plan lessons, worksheets, and crafts for each Sunday, ensuring that we not only teach our lessons, but we apply it to our daily lives! Sunday School is so important to all of our kids.

The Sunday School kids will be singing on Palm Sunday. Watch for a letter home about it!

If your child is unable to attend class, contact their teacher and she will get lesson materials to you to use at home!

Here are our April lessons:

| Date | Lesson |
|----------|---------------------------------|
| April 3 | Jesus' Ascension |
| April 10 | the Gift of the Holy Spirit |
| April 17 | No class- Happy Easter! |
| April 24 | Healing of the Lame Man |
| May 1 | The Apostles Before the Council |

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