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# Messenger of Peace

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information about people and events  
that are part of the Peace ministry and  
with articles that encourage Christian  
living.

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## Do the Work of Our Ascended King! *He did not leave us without help.*

When Jesus left his first disciples by ascending into heaven, they were a little confused. But Jesus had made his will for his followers of every age crystal clear just before his departure. "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Jesus' work of saving the world from sin, death and the devil was completed by his Easter resurrection. Jesus still had work to do, but it was not work to be done by him visibly on earth. Jesus worked with his followers, "until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen." At this point the disciples had been thoroughly instructed by Jesus. It was time for them to go with the Word to the world.

Without seeing Jesus here with us, we can easily become discouraged and listless in doing the work he asks of us. The kingdom of God has many enemies, and they seem to be growing in both number and strength. How can we keep up the work Jesus wants us to do of sharing him with such a world? Centuries after the ascension, Jesus still isn't back yet. We are still waiting to see him keep his last promise to us. How does that make you feel? Are you impatient because you cannot wait to leave this world that seems to grow more sinful and corrupt with each passing day for the unending joy of heaven? Are you afraid of Jesus' return because you do not know when it will be or what it will be like? Or do you wonder if your life has been more sinful than sanctified? We can so easily be overcome by fear and anxiety as we wait here for Jesus' return.

Thanks to the Holy Spirit, the Word of God remains powerful and effective to advance the kingdom of grace in hearts and minds until the last day of this world. We are equipped by our ascended Savior to do his work. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." We have that power in our hearts. It is called faith, simple trust in Jesus and his promises. He has kept all of them perfectly for us. Why would he not keep his promise to uphold and strengthen us through the Word and sacraments until he returns in glory? Because of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the forgiveness Jesus won for us on the cross and guaranteed by God the Father in the empty grave of Easter. That changes our hearts impatiently waiting for Jesus. Faith calms our hearts. Now worry and fear over the work Jesus has given us to do flees from us. Jesus has ascended to prepare a place for us in heaven. We keep ourselves busy until then by studying the Word, growing in our godly living and sharing the good news of Jesus with others.

Your ascended Savior brings you the forgiveness you need for the moments you have become so earthly minded that you have forgotten about the goal of getting out of this world to be with him in heaven. Jesus offers you that renewed focus in the remembrance of your baptism. He brings it to you in the Lord's Supper. In his Word, Jesus renews your trust in his forgiveness and the promises he kept completely for you. The Holy Spirit renews your confidence in the completed work of your crucified, risen and ascended King to encourage and equip you for doing his work. God bless your celebration of Ascension Day!

## Ever Wonder? Answers to Important Questions.



### Why Should I Get Up in the Morning and Live Life?

I always wanted to be a morning person. You know, the kind of people that whistle on the way to the shower and sing while they dress. Unfortunately, I am not that kind of person. I am one whose addiction to the snooze button almost always has me rushing around in the morning, trying not to be late for the day's events.

God's Word is like an alarm that is ringing. Every time we have lust in our hearts, it rings. Every time we utter an obscenity, it rings. Every time our mouths are full of coarse joking, we hear it ring. The temptation is to hit the snooze button of our conscience and continue sleeping in sin. But snoozing through the alarm of God's holy will is more serious than showing up late for a meeting. If we ignore what God commands, we are in for a rude awakening. In the Bible, we read, **"God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient"** (Ephesians 5:6). No matter how much we cover our heads with the blanket of denial, we cannot and will not escape the alarm of God's justice.

God's alarm is ringing for us, **"Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you"** (Ephesians 5:14).

Jesus is the light of the world. He came to dispel the darkness that shrouded us by sin and death. His light shone brightly when he was lifted up on a cross to die in order to take away our death. And his light exploded in brilliance when he rose from the dead to prove that he is the world's Savior. Through the good news of God's Word, the light of Jesus Christ shines on us to awaken us from the slumber of sin and darkness of death.

I have work to do on my morning routine. I need to strive to not keep hitting the snooze button. But praise be to God for Jesus, whose light from the cross and empty grave shines on us. Led by his light, we can get up in the morning to live life, **"always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"** (Ephesians 5:20).



# Easter at Peace



## 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.

## Thank You!



Thank you to the Pioneers for hosting Easter breakfast, to everyone who helped at Easter for Kids, to all those who hosted mid-week Lenten meals, and to everyone who volunteered their time to make sure all our Lent and Easter events and worship services went off without a hitch!

## Knitters and Crocheters

May 14 & 28, 2-4 pm

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

## 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.

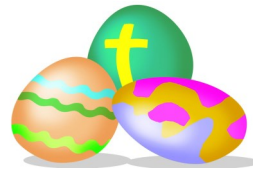


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# Easter for Kids



Church was busy for Easter for Kids on Saturday, April 9th! With 8 helpers, plus lots of parents sticking around, we were able to reach 18 kiddos (10 were visitors!) with the message of Jesus' resurrection!

The families registered for the day with Mrs. Hetcher. Then the kiddos got to color Easter eggs with their names on them that we hung on the Sunday School door.

Mrs. Schroeder started our morning off with a lesson in Holy Week in the front of the church. Then, the 3 year-olds were off to play games and color with Mrs. Bohn, while the older kids played games with Mrs. Landwehr and Miss Becca. Snack time with Mrs. Welty was so much fun! All the kids made their own "Empty Tomb" snack.

The kids decorated Easter buckets, and then they were off to play Bingo in the fellowship hall with bingo-caller Allison. Shyann and her friend Riley hid 500 (!!) plastic Easter eggs at the Peace Playground and the kids filled their bags to the brim with brightly colored, candy-filled eggs! Thank God for a sunny morning! We closed this jam-packed morning with one last Easter egg- an empty one. Even though it was empty, it was the most important one they found... it reminds us of the empty tomb on Easter morning and our Savior who loves us so much that he would sacrifice his life for us, so that we may receive full forgiveness of sins and can someday be with Him in heaven! What a great love story!

Everyone left with a full heart, knowing Jesus' love for them, and a goody bag filled with reminders of our fun day.

**Thanks to all our helpers:** Karin Hetcher, Cassie Peil, Jan Schroeder, Linda Welty, Rebecca Bohn, Jane Landwehr, Shyann Royston, Allison Quist, and Christine Bohn.

**Thanks to everyone who came,** invited friends, and to all the parents for bringing their kiddos!

## God's Blessings on our confirmands!

Tanya Rooney  
Skyler Royston  
Shyann Royston

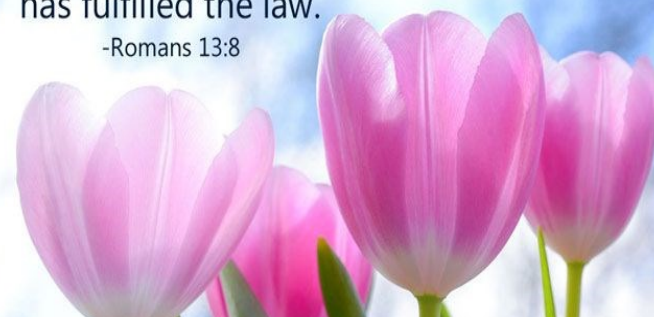


Owe no one anything except

*to love one another,*

for he who loves another  
has fulfilled the law.

-Romans 13:8



## May Birthdays

5/7 DuWayne Bartel  
Larry Walton  
5/11 Ray Tetzloff  
5/13 LuAnn Sittig  
Nate Sigourney  
5/14 Darryl Ast  
5/15 Casey Wedde  
5/17 Robin Rudolph  
5/19 Wade Proctor  
5/20 Julie Powers  
5/24 Marion Treichel  
Pat Johnson  
5/28 Marilyn Chesbrough  
5/31 Lisa Bartel



## May Anniversaries

5/19 Ray & Julie Tetzloff (42)  
5/20 Eugene & Michelle Wedde (27)  
5/28 Eric & Rebecka Richards (11)

*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.

With our final month of Sunday School approaching, do not give up on meeting together! The Sunday School teachers are busy making sure that our final lessons hit home! Our last day of Sunday School will be on May 21. Don't miss this day- we'll have games, food, and more!

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 May lessons:

Date	Lesson
May 1	The Apostles Before the Council
May 8	Persecution
May 15	Saul's Conversion
May 22	Our Last Day!

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.

Christine Bohn (920-765-2147)  
Sunday School Superintendent

## God's Blessings on our Grads!



Emily Bohn, Mid-State Tech College  
Sandra Klamm, UW-Green Bay  
Kaylee Lemke, Wautoma HS  
Bailey Blader-Lucht, Wautoma HS  
Casey Wedde, Wautoma HS



*Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will succeed.*

Proverbs 16:3