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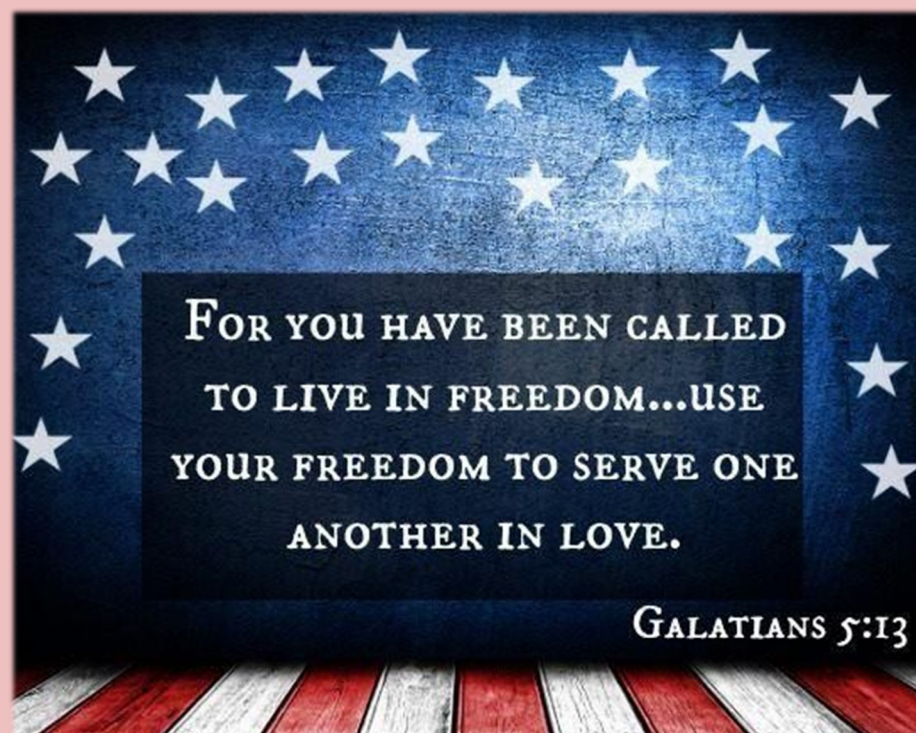
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Did You Know...

You can use the Peace Playground and the Disc Golf course all week long? Bring your kids or grandkids and enjoy our beautiful property!



God [★] bless [★]
America

2 Corinthians 3:17

*Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the
Lord is there is liberty*



Celebrate Your Freedom in Christ!

If I ask you what comes to mind when I say 'truth, justice and the American way,' what would you say? Superman, of course! When Clark Kent turns into Superman, you often see him tearing open his shirt to reveal the big red 'S' on his chest. Jesus could have done the same thing in the synagogue at Nazareth. He could have had that same big red 'S' on his clothes, but it would have been for Savior instead of Superman. Jesus became human on a mission to save us. In Luke chapter 4, Jesus fully revealed that mission when he proclaimed his role as Savior to the people: Hear the good news! The captives are freed.

Jesus became human to do that for us: grant us our freedom. Jesus explained when he read from Isaiah. *"The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.'"*

The slavery Jesus freed us from was not physical. We were bound by the chains of our sinful flesh. Those chains drag us away from God and down into the devil's traps. It doesn't just happen once, but over and over again. Clank, clank: You're drunk. Rattle: You lied to your family. You worry about things you can't control. You gossip about friends and family. You feed that secret addiction. The rattle of sin's chains gets so loud sometimes it seems like all other thoughts are drowned out. It's the worst kind of prison sentence, and we gave it to ourselves! The devil wants us to believe that we can't be forgiven. "There's no way out," he sneers. "You're stuck like this forever." What he says is partially true. We cannot escape from our sins or their final consequence on our own.

Because of sin, no one escapes from the chains of death. The prison of the grave is the harshest of them all. We will all die one day, no matter how advanced technology gets. There will never be a magic pill to erase death. When this earthly life ends, the devil wants to hold us captive forever in hell. There we would be stuck in the endless guilt and shame of our sins with no way out. But Jesus would not give the devil that satisfaction.

Jesus took on human flesh in the world's greatest rescue mission. The Father pointed to Jesus as our chosen deliverer at his baptism. He anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit, and Jesus explained why he was anointed to the people at Nazareth. *"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."* Jesus smashed our chains of sin forever with his death on the cross, that once-for-all sacrifice. ALL of your sins are forgiven. The devil can't haunt us with the rattling chains of our old sins anymore. Jesus silences the chains and makes them fall away. Their power over us is gone.

Jesus also gives us the power to resist those old sins. The devil tries to get us to fall into them again with his old friends guilt and shame, but we know better. Jesus gives us the courage to stand up to the attacks of the devil. Now we can say with confidence, "Get behind me, Satan!" when he tries to haunt us with our old sins. As Jesus' children, we want to live in harmony with God's will, fighting against our sins. The power to resist gossip, drunkenness and addictions comes from the cross. Now we can leap for joy without the weight of those awful chains pressing down on our hearts. Jesus frees us from the maximum security prison of our sins with his death on the cross, the key to our freedom.

God's plan to free us did not stop at Calvary. Jesus' resurrection on Easter morning cut through the chains of death like the hottest blowtorch. Thanks to Jesus, our slavery to sin is over forever.
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How Can I Know the Bible is True?

Have a headache? Take two leeches and call me in the morning. If you consult a medical text from a couple of centuries ago, that may be the remedy you find. Today a textbook would probably tell you to pop a couple of aspirin. Tomorrow... Lasers? Magnetics? Who knows what advancements or discoveries will change how a simple headache is treated? It is amazing how much the science of medicine has changed even over the course of the last hundred years. How will we ever know when we have really found the answers?

66 - 40 - 1500 - 1: What do those numbers mean? The Bible is made up of 66 books that were written by 40 writers over the course of 1500 years. But in all of those books, only one message is found. The message? We have a problem (and it isn't a simple headache). Our problem is our sin and the guilt that it brings. That one message is also about the remedy for our problem—God sent Jesus, a perfect Savior, to die for our sin and guilt. Now believers in Jesus have the promise of eternal life in heaven. That simple message of salvation is repeated throughout the Bible, from Moses' writing in Genesis to the writings of the apostle John in Revelation. How amazing that so many different writers from different times record a single message that reveals the world's only true Savior from sin!

Maybe it isn't all that amazing: *"For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, through human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit"* (2 Peter 1:21). The very same God who loved us enough to send his own Son to die for us made sure that we would know about Jesus by having his message written down. Because God had men record his Word, the Bible is unlike any other book. We are told that *"all Scripture is God-breathed"* (2 Timothy 3:16). God himself spoke through, breathed into these writers, so their words are really God's Word. Since the Bible is God's Word, we can trust that it is true.

God is speaking to us through the words that he caused to be written in the Bible. Join us for worship and Bible study, where we gather to hear what important things he has to say to all of us!



It's True— You Are Different!

You are my witnesses, declares the Lord. You are my servant, whom I have chosen, so that you may know me and believe in me, so that you will understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, and after me there will not be another. -Isaiah 43:10

"Today you are You, that is truer than true.
There is no one alive who is Youer than You." - Dr. Seuss

Dr. Seuss wrote those words in a book about birthdays—celebrating the fact that each of us is unique, with different abilities, and interests. And it's true! There's no one quite like you, no one with the same interests or abilities.

Read Isaiah 43:8-13. God is talking about his believers. He says they're unique and different—and it's true! You and I are different from those who don't know Jesus. God says that people without faith in Jesus are blind and deaf—even though they have eyes and ears.

"Today you are you, that is truer than true..." And God made you to be special, unique, and different. God bought you with the blood of Jesus and brought you into his family through Holy Baptism.

And there's more! You know God's truth. You know the truth about how God created us to love and serve him, and that we sinned against God. You know the truth about salvation—that Jesus died and rose from the dead to win forgiveness, and that he freely shares this forgiveness. That's why God says the words in Isaiah 43:10.

We have God's truth. And he made us to be unique and different. He has made us his witnesses—that we may talk about our Savior to a world that cannot know him any other way.

Closing Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for making me your witness. Thank you for giving me certain truth in your Word, that I know where I came from, how you saved me, and where I'm going. Give me the words and the confidence to be your witness. Amen.

Think about it:

1. What is one way that a Christian is different from someone who doesn't believe in God?
2. How did God make you his witness?

<https://wels.net/family-devotion/fd20220620/>



Lutheran Girl Pioneers International Convention 2022 Saturday, October 1 St. John's, Watertown, Wisc

Join other leaders and supporters of LGP in Watertown for our biannual Convention. Workshops, fellowship, worship, and lots of great food await attendees. Girls ages 3rd grade and up can attend too! For more information, visit www.lgp.org or speak to Christine in the office!



Plant your roots in Christ and let Him be the foundation for your life. Colossians 2:7

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Instead of dreading death as a one-way ticket to prison in hell, we can look forward to the absolute freedom from sin heaven provides. We don't need that magic pill to erase death. Jesus has already erased it for us. This world, so imprisoned by sin, will give way to the perfect freedom of eternal life with Jesus.

He has even allowed us to be a part of sharing that freedom with others. Jesus gave us the keys to the chains of sin and death. He wants us to proclaim freedom from them to others. Our Savior is their Savior, too, and he wants them to know it. Jesus wants them to enjoy the same freedom from sin's guilt and shame that we have. In grace, God has given that message of freedom to you and me so we can share it. If you could save someone from a car accident, you would do it wouldn't you? This rescue mission is so much more important than that. We have the greatest freedom in the world, even greater than living in the United States. Jesus has given us that good news so that we can do what he did: proclaim freedom to people who still wander around weighed down by the chains of sin. Jesus has given you the power to free them from that awful weight! As we celebrate our freedoms as Americans on July 4th, let us celebrate daily the precious freedoms Jesus has guaranteed for us—forgiveness of sins, eternal life and salvation.

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Peace Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School

Anchor of Hope

July 11-15, 2022 8:30 am- 1 pm



Kids ages 4K- 8th grade are invited to this fun, free VBS! We'll have games, crafts, music, and so much more! This event is free and you can bring friends!

Breakfast and lunch included.

Email the church office at peacelutheranwauto-ma@gmail.com to register early or for more information.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please see the back table in the fellowship hall if you are able to help at VBS, or could donate items needed. Call Christine at 920-787-3856 or see Tim Quinn with any questions or concerns.

Church Picnic

Sunday, July 17

Worship at 10 am, picnic to follow
Join us for food, fellowship, and lots fun!
Bring a dish-to-pass and a friend!



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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Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers Awards Breakfast

On Sunday, June 5, the Peace Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers celebrated Pioneers' Sunday. They sang *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* and helped with "The Lord's Prayer Presentation" during the service. After church, the kids received any awards they earned throughout the year and families, friends, and congregants enjoyed a breakfast of egg bake, baked goods, fresh fruit, and a build-your-own-yogurt-parfait bar.

The Pioneers had a great year, with 14 boys and girls joining our program.

Did you know that you don't have to be a member of Peace to join the Pioneers? We encourage our Pioneers to bring friends along to meetings and outings. If you know any child who would benefit from joining the Pioneers, please talk to Christine in the office.

Thank you to our congregation for realizing the incredible benefits our church reaps with an active Pioneers ministry. We appreciate your support!



Singing during church



The Lord's Prayer Presentation



Awards & Breakfast



The Lutheran Boy Pioneers:
Jonathan K., Wade P., Ian P.,
Matthew T., Sam T., Myles K.
Trainmaster: Kevin Bohn
Missing: Jackson W.



The Lutheran Girl Pioneers:
Mackenzie S., Allison Q., Anna K.,
Rose T.
Caravan Counselor: Christine Bohn
Missing: Shyann R., Jerika R., Mya L.



2021-2022 Peace Pioneers



June Birthdays

7/9 Joshua Klamm
7/10 Richard Anderson
7/21 Ken Kasper
7/23 Wendy Winkelmann
7/24 Richard Vollrath
7/27 Steve Held
7/28 Allen Treichel
Bob Lang



July Anniversaries

7/10 Allen & Marion Treichel (67)
7/14 Christopher & Jennifer Stoffregen (1)
7/22 Isa & Joe Breihan (27)
7/22 Bob & Dawn Wedell (44)
7/31 Clifford & Delores Bliske (57)

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

Summer is a much quieter time for the Sunday School staff, but it's not all without work! You'll notice the bulletin boards will be updated, rooms will be cleaned, tables re-arranged, and teachers beginning to dig out the lessons we will be teaching, planning crafts and other activities. We are also in the beginning stages of planning for our annual Children's Christmas Service (yes, believe it or not, that work begins in the summertime!).

We will be welcoming back Rebecca Bohn as our 4K/5K Sunday School teacher in the fall. She will teach in the room off the nursery. She's so excited to be teaching again after a few years off.

Mark your calendars for the first day of Sunday School for the 2022-2023 school year: September 11, 2022.

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

Volunteer Opportunities

There are lots of volunteer opportunities available at church this summer! If you would like to volunteer, see Christine in the office!



Coffee Hour (8/21) Host coffee hour after church
Red Cross Blood Drive (8/25) Registration table
Vacation Bible School (July 11-15)

Various jobs- see the sign up sheets on the back table in the fellowship hall

Church Picnic (7/17) See Christine in the office for details

August Fest booth (8/13) Work the booth downtown Wautoma

Serve one another in love. (Galatians 5:13)