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# Messenger of Peace

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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](mailto:peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com).



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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!



**Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers**

## **Friends and Family Day at the Lake**

**Sunday, August 7 11 am  
at the Schroeders' on Silver Lake**

Everyone is invited to join us on beautiful Silver Lake for swimming, a cook out, and plenty of great fellowship!

Bring a dish-to-pass, a swimsuit, towel, & sunblock.

Pioneers will supply drinks, brats, & hamburgers with all the fixin's.

Call Kevin at 920-765-2146 for more information.





## Renewed by God!

In just a little over a month from now, change will be in the air. School will have started. The air will get cooler. Daylight will be in shorter supply. The leaves will change from green to brilliant shades of orange, yellow and red. Harvest will be starting. Fall is soon upon us. Change is coming. The same is true for us as Christians—change has come! The old sinful self inside of us has died with Christ. It is replaced by the new self God has given to us. Changed in this beautiful way, **set your hearts on things above because your new self is renewed by God!**

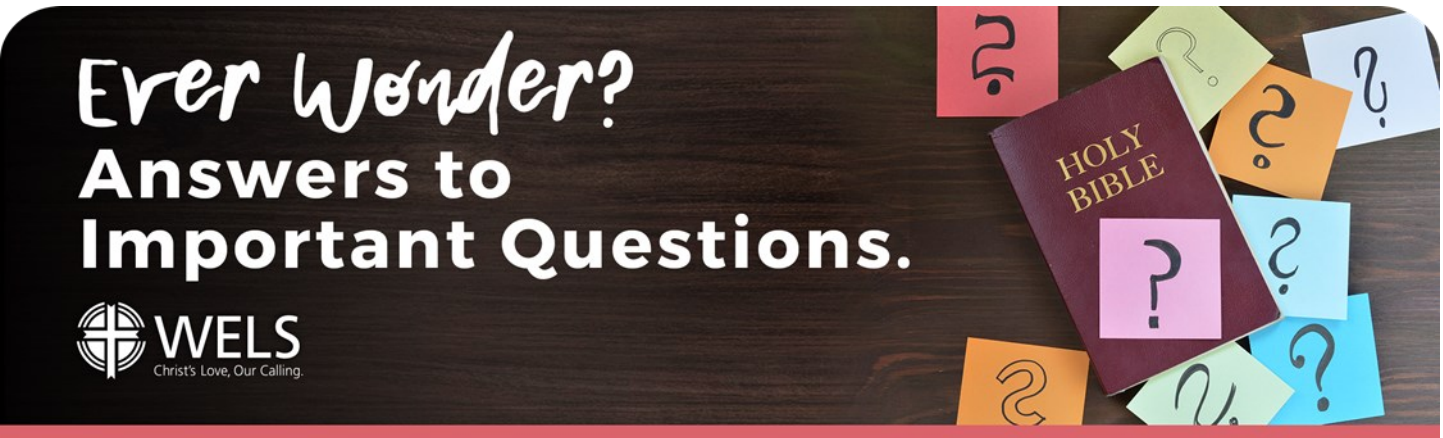
The risen Christ has changed our perspective on life in this world. We no longer want to blend in with the sinful status quo we see all around us each day. Instead, we have the best motivation to be different, set apart for a higher calling by the renewal of Christ. ***"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God."*** Because Jesus has risen from the dead, that event has made all the difference in our lives of faith. Jesus has kept every one of his promises to us. We can be confident of our salvation. New life after death in heaven awaits us. And to a certain extent we have been granted the privilege of living that new life already now in the midst of this sinful world.

We are completely renewed. ***"Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator."*** When you come in from a long day of work outside on a sweltering August day, the first thing you want is a shower and a change of clothes. It feels so good to be clean and dry, free from all the sweat and grime of the day. Nobody in their right mind would want to go right back outside and get all sweaty and dirty again. This is how our spiritual renewal looks to God. The spiritual clothes of our hearts have been changed.

Our old evil ways are banished from our hearts. We do not want to go right back to them after all God has done for us. In his Word, we learn of God's undeserved love for us in Christ. He has washed us clean in the blood of Jesus, forgiving all of our sins. We are redeemed and restored believers. Sin is no longer a welcome guest in our hearts and minds. We daily fight against it with all of our hearts at every opportunity. And we do this out of grateful love for Jesus and his holy life, sacrificial death and resurrection. Because of Jesus, our hearts are no longer set to look toward this world for purpose in life. We now joyfully set our minds on things above because we are renewed by Christ not for this life, but for everlasting life in heaven.

We eagerly await Jesus' return in glory on the clouds. For on that last day, the youngest day of our eternal existence in heaven, the glory Christ has won for us will finally be completely ours. Now we have it in part, but then we shall have it and have it to the fullest. We can look forward to that day with the joy Paul gives. ***"When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."***

At times in life when everything seems to be going wrong, it can easily look like that glorious day will never come. But rest assured, dear Christian friends, that beautiful day is coming and it is coming soon. For all of God's promises to us are yes in Christ. So keep on fighting the battle against your old sinful selves each day. At times the battle is hard and this side of heaven we will not always emerge victorious, but keep fighting the good fight of faith against your sinful nature. Jesus has changed your perspective on that battle. Set your hearts on things above because your old self has been crucified with Christ. Continue to fight and eagerly await the return of your Savior because your new self is renewed in God!



## What's a Good Bible Reading Plan?

"Where do I begin?" is a question I have often asked. Whether it's building a barbeque pit, fixing the kitchen sink, or helping my children with school projects, I have often asked, "Where do I begin?" and, "How can I finish?" The same can be true of reading your Bible. It helps to have a plan and know what to look for.

To begin with, realize that the Bible is a special book. In fact, it is the most special of all the books ever written. The Bible was given to us by God as he enabled men to write down the very words and thoughts of God. With that in mind, ask God to help you understand what he is saying when you read it.

Second, understand the purpose of why God gave us the Bible. The apostle Paul writes, ***"Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."*** The Apostle John wrote, ***"These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."*** The purpose of the Bible is to give us hope and life. When you read it, look for the true hope that God offers you in Christ. Look for everlasting life that God promises to his people—to you and me through his Son Jesus.

Third, you might ask, "Where do I start?" I suggest you read Genesis, where God gives life and hope to real people who really lived in ancient times. Then I suggest you read one of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John) to learn more about Jesus, the promised Son of God. From there, you may read the Psalms, which are prayers and hymns of God's people. You may also read Acts, where the story of the early Christian church is told. Read Romans and the other letters that follow it. Though these were written 2,000 years ago, they are still fitting for us today.

At times, the Bible will trouble or confuse you. But as you read it, continue to focus on Jesus through whom God gives us life and hope. And if you would like some help understanding the Bible, we can help. Please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Tews with any questions!





## Aid Distribution in Ukraine

As Russia continues to wage war against Ukraine, the effort to support WELS' brothers and sisters in Ukraine has been blessed by our Lord Jesus. WELS has received more than \$1.4 million from individuals and groups to support the Ukrainian Lutheran Church (ULC), WELS' sister church body in the Ukraine, and its efforts to help those affected by the conflict.

WELS has sent more than \$300,000 in aid to Ukraine. As the conflict continues, and as needs arise, additional funding will be sent. WELS also is anticipating significant rebuilding costs when, Lord willing, the war ends.

Rev. Roger Neumann serves the Board for World Missions as the WELS liaison to Ukraine. He maintains regular contact with ULC leaders and provides updates about how the aid is being used and how doors are opening to share the gospel, even in trying circumstances. These are just a few examples of the many ways people are hearing about the love of Jesus through your gifts.

- A member of Resurrection Lutheran in Kiev was able to get an additional package of food for a 72-year-old neighbor who is struggling to buy food.
- Liudmyla, a retired member of the ULC church in Kyiv, was able to receive medications needed.
- Food and medical supplies are being distributed to people in need around ULC congregations.
- After an outpatient hospital in Berezhuvate was destroyed, a ULC church member who is a dentist was provided with funds to purchase tools and medicine to help those who need it.
- Bishop Horpynchuk, the head of the ULC, delivered toiletries to members and visitors in Kyiv.

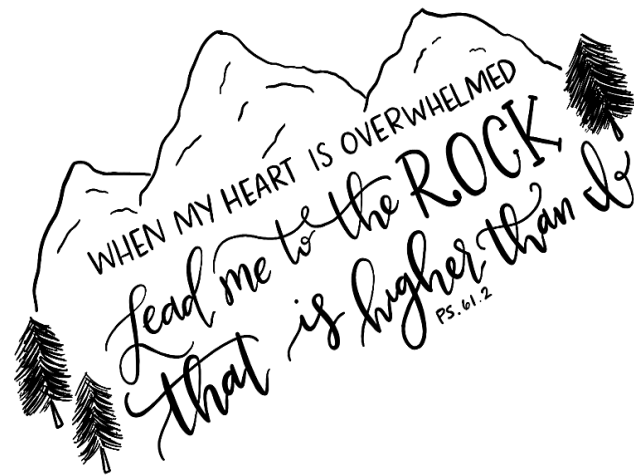
We thank our heavenly Father for the generous gifts that we've received, for Rev. Neumann's faithful contacts, and for WELS World Missions' partnership with the ULC. To learn more or to support the relief efforts in Ukraine, visit [wels.net/ukraine](https://wels.net/ukraine).

## 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! Registration is now open! For more information, visit [www.lgp.org](http://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



## LWMS Gathers in Person for 59th Convention

After making the difficult decision in 2021 to hold the 58th annual Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) convention as a virtual event, LWMS was thrilled to again meet in person in Rochester, N.Y., on June 23-26. More than 500 attendees from WELS and Evangelical Lutheran Synod congregations joyfully gathered under the theme "Set Free in Christ," based on John 8:32.

Next year's convention, the milestone 60th, will be in La Crosse, Wis., June 22-25, 2023. The theme will be "Peace Like a River." Learn more about LWMS at [lwms.org](http://lwms.org).

## Why Lutheran Pioneers?

The Peace Pioneers strive to be a group that not only has tons of fun (which we do!), but instills a love for our Savior and teaches our youth how to show that love in every aspect of their lives.

I see friendships that may not be as strong (or at all), if not for Pioneers. I see older Pioneers taking a genuine interest in younger Pioneers. I see adult leaders hugging Pioneers that they may not have gotten the chance to know. I see Pioneers talking easily about Christ to each other and to their non-Pioneer friends. I see love for each other. I feel love. And that is exactly what I had hoped for when we started this ministry. I wanted children and families to feel like they belong here- 'cause they do!

Ask any Pioneer why they come back every year. Ask leaders why they work hard all year. It's all about love. Jesus' love for each of us and our response to that.

Please consider registering your child, aged Kindergarten-high school. We have children of all ages! The Pioneers is an open ministry which means we encourage our Pioneers to invite their unchurched friends. If you know anyone who isn't a member of Peace, but would benefit from the Pioneers, please see Christine.

Pioneers reaches families easily because of our "fun," and then keeps them because the kids make friends, the parents trust the leaders, and everyone hungers for the same truth—the truth that is expressed at EVERY Pioneers meeting and outing—the truth of Jesus.

All Sunday school students families, ages 5K and up, will be receiving a letter along with a registration form soon! If you don't receive one, or need extras for friends, let any Pioneers leader know.

We meet once a month on the last Sunday (with a few exceptions— including our first meeting). We have lunch together; our meeting will follow.

**Our first meeting will be on Sunday, September 18 11:30 am– 2:30 pm.**

Kevin & Christine Bohn (920-765-2146 or 920-765-2147)

## Church Picnic

The church picnic wrapped up our VBS week on July 17. The VBS kids sang during the service. After church was our church picnic, followed by Bingo and a kid's fishing game. Thanks to all who came and to everyone who helped: Fred & Sheryl Bohlmann, Hannah Klusmeyer, Pastor & Nancy Klusmeyer, Kevin & Christine Bohn, and Jan Schroeder.



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## Vacation Bible School

We had our annual Vacation Bible School the week of July 11-15. We had 18 kids (eight of them were visitors!) join us for this fun week! Our theme was Anchor of Hope. The kiddos learned five different Bible lessons (Noah's Ark, Jesus Calms the Storm, Peter Sinks When He Doesn't Trust Jesus, Paul and Luke are Shipwrecked, and Jonah), which all pointed to why Jesus is our anchor.

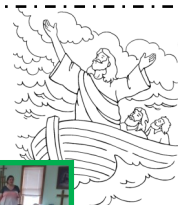
**Thank you to all who helped:** Barb Bartel, Sheryl Bohlmann, Christine & Rebecca Bohn, Pastor Tom Klusmeyer, Jane Landwehr, Jan Schroeder, Pastor & Heather Tews, Larry & Doreen Walton, and Linda Welty.



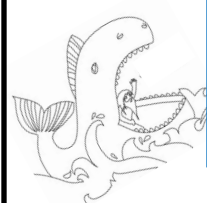
Each day during VBS started with a devotion and singing.



Then it was onto lessons.



Games were so much fun!



Crafts were a favorite activity each day.



Breakfast and lunch time!



Adventure time emphasized our theme for the day.



All our VBS kids!

We have this  
**HOPE** as an Anchor  
FOR THE SOUL...  
Hebrews 6:19

Each day ended with a closing devotion and singing.



## August Birthdays

8/4 Joy Woreck  
8/11 Eryn Lemke  
8/12 Helen Timmermann  
8/16 Terry Proctor  
8/17 Dale Ast  
8/26 Pr. Tom Klusmeyer  
8/30 Susie Frohman



## August Anniversaries

8/5 Greg & Mindy Hintz (16)  
8/5 Jason & Betsey Welty (22)  
8/18 Megan & Tom Kubasta (26)  
8/22 Brendan & Tanya Rooney (7)  
8/25 Don & Helen Timmermann (65)

*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](mailto:peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com).*



## Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, August 25  
11 am-4:30 pm

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

## 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 3K/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 taking 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.



**Sunday School**  
MAKES A DIFFERENCE

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

