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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 to: peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com.



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Voters' Meeting
 Sunday, August 4
 at 10:15 am



Anyone can find the **dirt** in someone. Be the one who finds the **gold**.

Proverbs 11:27

WANTED

Peace Memorabilia

Do you have any old (or not so old) newspaper articles, pictures, or memorabilia about Peace? We'd love to scan them into our historical files.

If you have anything historical in nature, please bring it to the church office, we'll scan it and you can take it back home with you.

Peace Lutheran Pioneers invite you to Beach Day @ the Schroeders' August 4 at 11 am



Join the Peace Lutheran Pioneers for a day of lakeside fun! Kevin's manning the grill, Jim's ready to take you on a pontoon ride, and the water will be warm! Enjoy the day talking on the porch or swim the afternoon away! All ages are invited.

Bring a dish-to-pass and sunscreen. Drinks, brats, hot dogs, & all the fixin's will be provided. See Christine in the office for more information!

A Note from Our Pastor...

Why do many teaching materials and instructional books start with the Commandments? It is the first part in Luther's Catechism and even in our hymnals pages 286-294 the Ten Commandments take the first spot. The first things you likely learned in Catechism class was the Law of God.

Why? Isn't the gospel supposed to dominate our preaching and our teaching? For our newsletters these next few months (with few exceptions), I thought it fitting to write a bit about this thing we as Lutherans subscribe to as an accurate exposition of what the Bible says, The Small Catechism. August is a month of preparation for our journey.

The Ten Commandments is a fitting place to begin instruction for a few reasons. God's Law shows our sin. Like looking in a mirror, we see the things we have left undone and the things we have failed to do. We see the true extent of our woeful condition. Commands broken, more like disintegrated by us.

We see what exactly God has saved us from: the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life. Logically, the consequences for sinning against a holy, righteous and eternal God would also be eternal. The Commandments punches and puts to death what needs to be punched and put to death, our defenses for ourselves. 'I'll try better tomorrow.' 'Won't my good deeds balance out my bad deeds?' and "My sin is not as severe as the next guy's sin." The Law convicts us. The law was given to the lawbreaker. The law was given to me.

We see what Jesus kept perfectly for us. We see how God sees us, because Christ stands in our place. God sees the holy commandment keeper, and if that is what God sees that ought to be what dominates our preaching and our teaching. Look the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

The Commandments do even more. They show the believer what love looks like: love for God and love for neighbor. If these commandments of God would be dehydrated into one raisin the word that would result after such a process is, 'love.' The law of God is endlessly beautiful. A non-stop instruction into things wonderful. For these reasons, and perhaps more, The Ten Commandments takes up a large portion of our catechism books.

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August-at-a-glance

Birthdays

8/3 Timothy Lois
8/11 Eryn Lemke
8/12 Helen Timmermann
8/16 Terry Proctor
Aria Eckert
8/17 Dale Ast
8/24 Bryon Eckert
8/26 Tom Klusmeyer

Anniversaries

8/5 Jason & Betsey Welty (24)
8/18 Megan & Tom Kubasta (28)
8/22 Brendan & Tanya Rooney (9)
8/25 Don & Helen Timmermann (67)

Events & Meetings

8/4 Voters' Meeting 10:15
Beach Day @ the Schroeders' 11 am
8/22 Red Cross Blood Drive 11am-4:30pm

UPCOMING

1st day of Sunday School: Sept. 8
1st day of Pioneers: Sept. 29

Trust in the Lord
with all your heart
and lean not on your
own understanding.
Proverbs 3:5



Dear members of Peace,
Greetings in Jesus' name! Thank you for supporting our mission to WELS/ELS military service members, veterans, and their families with your generous financial gift our Ammo Can Campaign during Military Appreciation Month. Your gift of \$347 on 6/18/2024 directly impacts Christian warriors and their families. Let me share with you how your support is making a difference so far this year. Our first workshop for veterans and first responders was held in Milwaukee in partnership with Institutional Ministries. Our second workshop was held in Tacoma WA in July. Four military contact pastors were awarded our Chaplaincy Scholarship for chaplaincy courses offered at Martin Luther College. Building Bridges, our 5th annual spiritual retreat will be held in Texas this November. Your financial support allows us to offer this four-day retreat to our Christian warriors at no cost and to assist with travel, when needed.

Thank you for standing shoulder to shoulder in service with us through your prayers, encouragement, and support.
Thank you for your faithful support!

He Reigns,
Brad Price, president and CEO
Lutheran Military Support Group

The Peace Pantry

The Pantry is open during office hours, on Sunday mornings, and by appointment for anyone who needs it.
We are accepting donations for the Pantry. Most needed items include new, unopened personal hygiene products (such as shampoo & deodorant) and household cleaning supplies (like dish soap & laundry detergent).
See Christine in the office with any questions.

You Are Needed!



We are in need of people to learn how to run the sound/video equipment for church services. Please talk to Kevin Bohn (920-765-2146) if you would like to help fill this need.

Lutheran Girl Pioneers 70th Anniversary Convention



Leaders, girls (Travelers and up), women wanting to know about LGP, past leaders, pastors, and friends of LGP are all invited to join us on **Saturday, October 5th at St. Paul's, Franklin WI.**

Come to early registration on Friday night for fun and fellowship, and stay through the closing banquet on Saturday night!

You can register one of two ways:

- To register & pay online with a credit card, go to:
form.jotform.com/241947890424061
If you don't want to go to the convention, but would like to join us for worship and the banquet, you are able to do that here as well.
- To register & pay with a check, see Christine Bohn in the church office for a paper registration.

Call the LGP National Office at 608-781-5232 if you have any questions!

Your sister in Christ,
Christine Bohn, LGP Executive Director

PS: We are still accepting nominations for women to serve on the National Council. If you are passionate about LGP and the future of this amazing ministry, we need you! Call 608-781-5232 if you have any questions about serving on the National Council.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, August 22 11 am-4:30 pm
If you are able to help at the registration table, please see Christine in the office.