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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.


 For
 unto us
a Child is Born
 unto us
 a **Son** is given
 and the government
 shall be upon his shoulder
 and his name
Shall be called
Wonderful Counsellor
THE MIGHTY GOD
The everlasting father
THE PRINCE OF PEACE
 ISAIAH 9:6


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Advent and Christmas Schedule

- Sunday, December 1
Advent by Candlelight 1 pm
- Thursdays, December 6, 13, 20
Midweek Advent Dinner 5-6:15 pm
Midweek Advent Worship 6:30 pm
- Saturday, December 21
Christmas for Kids 11:30 am- 2:30 pm
- Sunday, December 22
Children's Christmas Program 9 am
- Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Eve Worship 7 pm
- Wednesday, December 25
Christmas Day Worship 9 am
- Thursday, December 31
New Year's Eve Worship 6:30 pm



Christmas for Kids Saturday, December 21 11:30 am- 2:30 pm

Kids 4K and up are invited to join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus! We'll eat lunch together before we make crafts, participate in an escape room, and most importantly learn all about the birth of Jesus! Invite a friend or two! This fun event is free!
 See Christine (920-787-3856) for more information!

A note from former Peace Pastor Chris Sulzle



To our very dear ones,
Hello everyone! We've kept you all in our thoughts and prayers. We hope this update finds you in good health and also enjoying time with your own dear ones. Chris and I aren't very adventurous, but we'll share some of God's best blessings in 2023-24. Our family news:

Dave & Katie Sulzle (North Mankato, MN): Sophia (21) engaged to Jacob Otto, wedding in 6/2025; Ava (19) at Bethany Lutheran College; Christian (16), Caitlyn (13), Hazel (11), Joel (8), Adam (6), August (4) homeschooled

John & Heather Sulzle (New London WI): Aliya (18) MLC; Nathan (16) Fox Valley Lutheran HS; Lily (13) Emanuel Lutheran School

Pete & Paula Sulzle (Cottonwood AZ): Camden (22) Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary- engaged to Katie Butler, wedding in 6/2025; Hope (21) MLC, engaged to Jason Horn, wedding in 7/2025; Alana (20), Noah (18) MLC; Gabriel (16), Josiah (14) Luther Prep

Rachel & Kent Jarcik (Williston ND): Lydia (18) Bethany Lutheran College; Miriam (17) Great Plains Lutheran High School, Watertown SD

Tina & Greg Breinling (Rapid City SD): Jeffery (9) Cotton (6) St. Paul's Lutheran School

Matt & Liz Sulzle (Scarville IA): Jacob (15) Scarville Lutheran HS; Jonah (13) Malachi (10) Scarville Lutheran School

Chris helps out at church by making shut-in calls, also serving as our council secretary and financial assistant. He sings in the choir and we both play chimes. I am a half-time organist/pianist and choir director and music planner. It's a joy to serve in God's church.

Chris' days are full of reading, cooking, baking, gardening, saw-sharpening, bird-feeding, fishing, hunting, and property maintenance. My days are full of household jobs, planning church music, playing the piano, reading, and cooking only when I absolutely have to.

May God grant you all a very happy Thanksgiving and a most blessed Christmas!

With much love, Christi and Deb Sulzle

Ladies, please join us for

Advent by Candlelight

A ladies-only event for girls & women
Sunday, December 1 at 1 pm



Come for great fellowship,
yummy appetizers and desserts,
and to remind yourself that
Christmas begins with Christ!

Christmas at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

The Seminary Chorus, a 70-voice men's choir composed of students at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, will present its annual Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 8, at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. in the campus auditorium. Featured will be traditional and contemporary anthems for choir and hymns and carols for the audience. There are no advanced ticket sales; a free will offering is appreciated. The seminary is located 11831 N. Seminary Dr. in Mequon. Find more information on Facebook and at wisluthsem.org.

The Peace Pantry

The Pantry is open during office hours,
on Sunday mornings, and by appointment
for anyone who needs it.

We have been experiencing a higher-than-usual visitor count lately.

We are especially in need of holiday-type foods (canned pumpkin, cranberry sauce, stuffing mixes, instant mashed potatoes, etc.), easy-to-eat foods (Chef Boyardee, canned food that have pull tabs), cereal, and new home care products (such as dish soap, laundry soap, and sponges) and new hygiene products (like shampoo, toothpaste, and hand soap). We also accept monetary donations.

Thank you to everyone who donates to the Peace Pantry. Your donations directly affect our community!

See Christine in the office with any questions.



December-at-a-glance

Anniversaries

12/30 Rod & Judy Nelson (67)

Sunday School

Sunday, 12/1, 8, 15 9-10:15 am
Saturday, 12/21 9-11:30 am
Christmas Service Rehearsal

Calendar Notes

- * No Thursday worship on December 26.
- * No Sunday School or Catechism classes on December 22 or 29.
- * No Bible Class on December 24 or 31.
- * The church office will be closed for Christmas 12/23-1/3. If you need Christine for any reason during this time, please call 920-765-2147.

Birthdays

- 12/3 Jerika Rooney
- 12/5 Pam Leifer
Kenneth Doubek
- 12/11 Bob Boelk
Neal Roebke
- 12/13 Karen Beyer
Sandra Frye
- 12/18 Mindy Lane
Aaron Ewald
- 12/19 Jim Lichtenberg
- 12/23 Everett Schulz
- 12/24 Christine Anderson
Dawn Wedell
Karin Hetcher
- 12/25 Christine Bohn
- 12/26 Gene Wedde
- 12/27 Russ Nero
Mackenzie Sigourney
- 12/28 Jim Mosier

Thrivent Action Grants



Do you have a Thrivent account that qualifies for Action Grants? Don't let them go to waste! See Christine in the office for projects and activities that could use Action Grants at church (like the church picnic, VBS, Christmas for Kids, the Peace Pantry, or building and grounds projects).



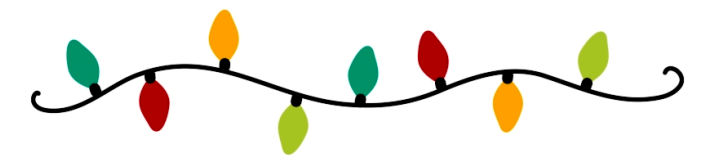
Flowers for the Altar

If you want to donate flowers to beautify the altar, please see Doreen Walton.

Game Night

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 6 pm

Everyone is invited to join us for Game Night, starting on November 6! Bring your favorite game and come for some fun and fellowship!



Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays at 4:15 pm

Ladies of all ages are invited to join us for Bible study! Join us to study the book of Esther. Please see Jan Schroeder (920-787-4331) for more information.