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# Messenger of Peace

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Messenger of Peace is a publication of Peace Lutheran Church, Wautoma, Wisc.


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



Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:1-2



125th Anniversary Trivia Answers 1. Anton Maulwurf 2. Iowa 3. 1901

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## Annual Report Articles

Committee chairmen and organization leaders:

Please have your annual report to the church office, either via email at [peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com](mailto:peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com) or hard copy, no later than January 12.

Please see Christine in the office if you have any questions.

Thank You!

## Church Anniversary Commemorative Cookbook

Please help us create a keepsake cookbook commemorating our 125th anniversary! Please submit recipes to Christine in the church office (either via hard copy or email at [peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com](mailto:peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com)) no later than June 30. You can bring in as many recipes as you want in the following categories: apps & beverages, soup & salads, veggies & side dishes, main dishes, breads & rolls, desserts, cookies & candy, and this & that. Please include your name and what categories your recipes belong in. Cookbooks will be for sale starting in October. We will use the funds raised to purchase a new nativity outdoor set for the church. See Christine for more information.



**The Lord has done great things for us,  
 and we are filled with joy. (Psalm 126:3)**  
*Celebrating 125 years of God's blessings at Peace*



## Baptism



*St. Paul says in Titus, chapter 3, "[God] saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying."*

Writing about the gift and blessings of holy baptism this first month of the year seems fitting. Take all of the scripture passages about this sacred act [Matthew 28:19-20, 1 Peter 3:21, Acts 2:38, Romans 6:3, the Titus passage above] and answer this question honestly: Is baptism something people do for God, or is baptism something God gives to people? It is the latter.

Many insist on making baptism a work, or their work. They sadly craft hierarchies. Some make baptism about the amount of water, the source of water, the faith of the one being baptized, or the faith of the one baptizing. These variables push the essential pieces of Jesus' gospel command out of focus. God has made this beautiful thing so easy and simple. It is about water and Word. Sins are washed away, Christ's righteous robe given, adoption into God's family. The Lord is active; man is passive. While we were still sinners God saved us and while we were still dirty God washed us.

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus, so what would he have done? He would have us baptize and teach, teach and baptize until he comes again. Baptism is God's saving activity, how he has set out to make an individual his very own. We thank our Lord for this gracious water of life.

Pastor Nathan Laska

## 125th Anniversary Trivia

1. What was the name of our first pastor?

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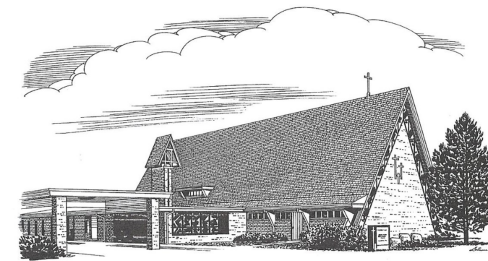
2. What synod did Friedens (what Peace was called before we became Peace) apply for membership in on September 29, 1900?

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3. What year was the first church building was dedicated?

\_\_\_ 1900 \_\_\_ 1906 \_\_\_ 1901

Answers on the back page.



## 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 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.



## Game Night

January 15 at 6 pm

Everyone is invited to join us for Game Night! Bring your favorite game and come for some fun and fellowship! See Christine in the office for more information.



## Contact Information Needed

Please get any changes/updates to your address, phone numbers, email addresses to Christine in the office by January 26. THANK YOU for helping keep our data base current!

## January-at-a-glance

Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in Him. (Psalm 62:5)

### Sunday School

1/5 Simeon & Anna  
 1/12 the woman of Samaria  
 1/19 Jesus heals the paralyzed man  
 1/26 the young man of Nain  
 2/2 in the upper room

### January Game Night

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 6 pm  
 No game night on 1/1

January 15, 2025

### Birthdays

1/1 Dayna Lemke  
 1/10 Boone Welty  
 1/18 Chelsi Eckert  
 1/19 Julie Tetzloff  
 Joshua Wedde  
 1/21 Jack Snyder  
 1/25 Char Vanier  
 1/27 LouAnn Treichel  
 1/28 Kialah Eckert

## 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.

## Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays (beginning January 14) at 4:15 pm

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