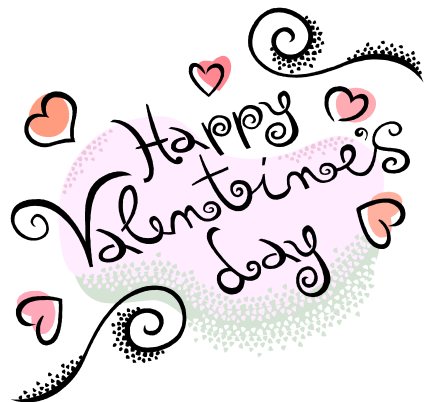




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Tuesdays @ 9 am
Thursdays @ 9 am & 7:45 pm
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Sunday School Sundays @ 10:15 am
Pioneers 2nd & last Sunday @ 1 pm
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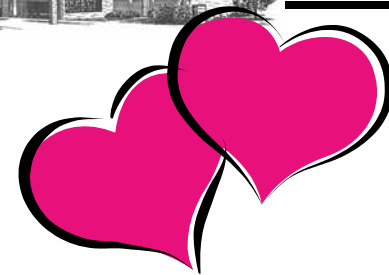
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that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him
shall not perish but
have eternal life.”**

John 3:16



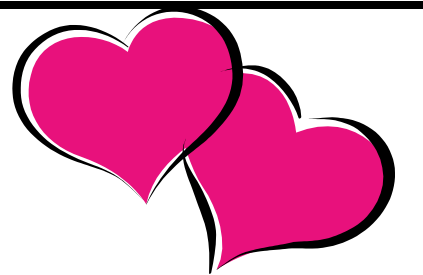
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2013 Lent Schedule

Ash Wednesday Wednesday, February 13
Worship with Holy Communion at 12 pm or 7 pm
This is the same service at both times.

Midweek Lenten Services

Thursdays, February 21, 28, March 7, 14, & 21
FREE Dinner 5-6:30 pm
Worship 7 pm

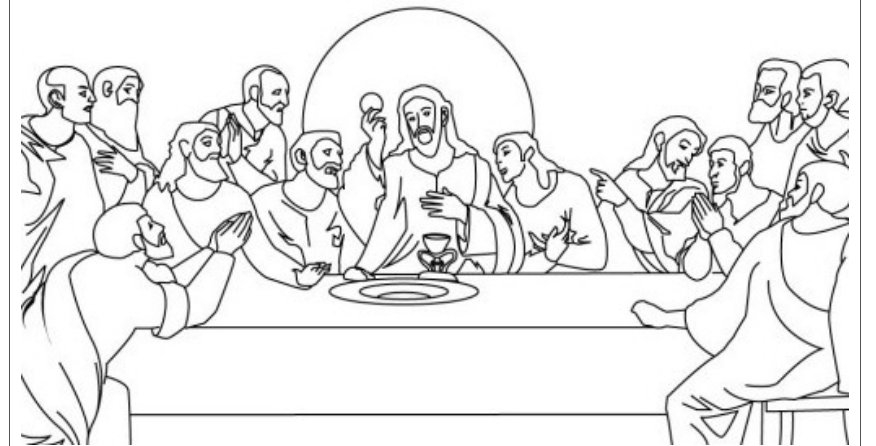
Palm Sunday Sunday, March 24
Worship 9 am

Maundy Thursday Thursday, March 28
Worship with Holy Communion at 12 pm & 7 pm
This is the same service at both times.

Good Friday Friday, March 29
Good Friday Worship 12 pm
Tenebrae Service 7 pm

Easter Sunday Sunday, March 31
Sunrise Service 7 am
Easter Breakfast 8 am
Song Service with Holy Communion 9 am

*There will be no Bible Class on Tuesday, March 26, Thursday,
March 28, or Sunday, March 31.
There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.*





From Our Pastor

The Season of Lent

On Wednesday, February 13, at both noon and 7 pm, we begin our celebration of the season of the Church Year called Lent. It is a time when we meditate on the work of redemption which Jesus accomplished for us on Calvary, in the spilling of His innocent blood. Lent offers the opportunity for confessing our sins and repenting of them. It is a season for rejoicing in the sacrifice our Lord made for us and for all sinners so that we could be free from guilt and condemnation, and free to serve our God with thankful hearts.

Listed below is our schedule for midweek worship during Lent, at which time we will meditate on the topic “*Jesus of Nazareth is Passing By*,” and consider how we may properly respond to a visit by our Lord Jesus:

Ash Wednesday, February 13 (noon & 7 pm) Luke 18:35-43 **"He's calling for you."**

How did blind Bartimaeus react when he heard that Jesus was passing by?

Thursday, February 21 (7 pm) Luke 22:39-47a **"What prophets and kings longed to see."**

What was the response of the disciples as Jesus prayed in Gethsemane?

Thursday, February 28 (7 pm) John 18:1-27 **"Facing the enemy."**

What was the attitude of the soldiers who arrested Jesus?

Thursday, March 7 (7 pm) Mark 15:1-15 **"His verdict and our own."**

How did Pilate speak to the King of the Jews?

Thursday, March 14 (7 pm) Matthew 27:27-44 **"He is your King"**

Why did the people insult Jesus as He hung on the cross?

Thursday, March 21 (7 pm) Luke 23:26-31 **"Why me?"**

How did Simon of Cyrene respond when he came face-to-face with the Savior?

Holy Week:

Palm Sunday, March 24 (9 am) **"Worship at the Cross"**

Maundy Thursday, March 28 (noon & 7 pm) John 13:18-30 **"He knows your heart."**

What was Judas' reaction when Jesus called him to repent of his sin?

Good Friday, March 29 (noon) Luke 23:39-43 **"He stands at the door and knocks."**

Why did one thief have a change of heart after he talked to Jesus?

Good Friday, March 29 Tenebrae (7 pm)

Easter Sunday, March 31 Sunrise (7 am)

Easter Sunday, March 31 Song Service (9 am) Luke 24:13-32 **"Abide with us, Lord."**

How did the disciples from Emmaus respond to their risen Lord?

As we consider our theme for Lent, it gives us opportunity for soul-searching and faith-building. How do we respond to Jesus - with indifference, anger, fierce opposition, abject fear, humility, overwhelming joy, grace-inspired service? Learn both good lessons and bad from some of the people who met Jesus as He carried out the critical work of rescuing sinners from eternal death.

Jesus of Nazareth is passing by. Please take time this February and March to gather in God's house to worship our Savior. Don't let this opportunity to grow in faith pass you by.

Pastor Roger Riedel

A Short Story

I Need More... Faithful Friends



A friend is someone who knows all about me and likes me anyway. Have you heard that description of a friend? How would you define what a friend is? Are you happy with the friends you have? Do you wish you had more friends, or different kinds of friends, or that your friendships were healthier or more helpful?

People might define friends in various ways, but one thing is certain. God designed people with a need for friendship. When He created the first man, He offered this observation:

"It is not good for the man to be alone" (Genesis 2:18). We naturally feel the need that God observed, but faithful friends might be hard to come by.

In the internet world friends often call each other *BFF's*—Best Friends Forever. But those same friends often turn on each other and end up more as enemies than as friends. No matter how well someone knows you and likes you, there really is no friend who knows all about you. Your innermost secrets remain locked within you, and there are deeper feelings than anyone could ever understand.

God wants you to know what you might have suspected all along. He does know all about you. He observes that you need someone to whom you can pour out your heart, and He is willing to be that one.

But do you want God to be a BFF, when deep down you know what He knows about you? As His own Word says, *"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves"* (1 John 1:8). Few of us would make such a claim, but the good news is that God still wants to claim us as friends, despite our shortcomings.

That is why Jesus Christ, God's Son, came into the world long ago. He came to do what only the best of friends would do—He came to lay down His life for you. He came to stand in for you and take whatever punishment God's justice demanded for your sins. And God accepted His own Son's sacrifice to wipe out the guilt of your sin.

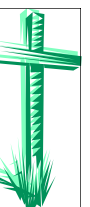
That is why God invites you to see Him as your best friend. He knows all about you, and He knows everything that you need. He extends His love to you without conditions, for the sake of His Son's death on the cross.

You will not find a more faithful friend than God. Look to the living God and learn more about His faithfulness and His love. The more you learn, the more you will find that He is a true Friend that you can always trust.



John 15:13

**Greater love has no one than this,
that he lay down his life for his friends.**



Northern Wisconsin District

Seminars for Christian Service

Saturday, March 16, 2013 8 am-3 pm

At Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton


Christian Community– Family Matters– Our Youth– Women’s Ministry– Worship & Music-Outreach & Evangelism– Financial Planning– Special Ministries– Technology in the Church– Christian Education– Bible Translations

Please see the back table in the fellowship hall for more information and for registrations.

Please let Christine in the office know before March 1 if you’ll be attending.

Great Need, Great Opportunity

Pastor Robert Smith, who serves on a committee helping to oversee WELS mission work in Latin America, reports on a recent trip to Haiti.




The highlight of the trip was seeing about 25 orphans baptized. Missionary Terry Schultz and National Pastor Rona baptized the young children; I had the privilege of baptizing one of them. We rejoiced, as did the angels, at so many new children of God! We have great spiritual opportunities in Haiti. We have already baptized around 200 children in Haiti. Worship services will be conducted soon. National Pastor Rona Abraham, Missionary Terry Schultz, and I agreed to help implement the translation of more outreach materials into Creole.

At one orphanage we saw the fish pond supplied by WELS donations. We could see the fish swimming around; they will soon be big enough to eat. We also met with various orphanage directors who came together at the orphanage. They had an opportunity to ask questions and make comments. They asked about WELS mission work in Latin America. A key step is to start holding worship services in the Leogane area. Pastor Rona has started making arrangements for a monthly worship service to be held in the new year. We also saw a need for more instructional materials. In Leogane we visited two orphanages. One of the orphanages did not have much for buildings or things for the orphans. As I was walking around, I came across the cooking area. I saw the wooden pieces of a bed, and the headmaster explained that they had to use this wood because they didn’t have anything else to cook with. I believe that there is a great need for us to supply more and better food to the orphanages, and for us to arrange more visits from WELS nurses. We continue to take steps to make sure that our donations are providing for basic necessities in addition to Christian instructional materials. We need to open up the doors and get more help to the orphans and orphanages. For more information about the mission work being done in Haiti, visit www.wels.net/missions/haiti.

Tour of China

Retired WELS pastor, James Humann, will be hosting a 16-day tour to the People’s Republic of China, and Hong Kong, June 24 – July 9, 2013. This tour leaves from the west coast and includes a 4-day cruise on the famous Yangtse River. Pastor Humann invites you to join him on this adventure of a lifetime. For a colorful brochure describing the daily itinerary, tour conditions and costs, please e-mail Pastor Humann at JHumann383@aol.com and include your name and mailing address. You may also call him at 253-839-9055.

Wisconsin Church Destroyed by Fire



The little white country church stood amid the farms and fields for 99 years, and many in the congregation spent their whole lives worshipping there. So on Saturday night, Jan. 12, when a gas explosion and fire destroyed St. John’s, Colfax, Wis., many felt they lost a piece of their own history and the community lost a landmark. Thankfully, nobody was in the building at the time of the explosion. Six area fire departments helped to battle the blaze well into Sunday morning. According to local news reports, nothing appears to be suspicious, but the fire is still under investigation at the time of this writing. Rev. John Toppe, pastor at St. John’s, says many in the congregation are shocked, but not in despair. “It’s tragic, but we will go on, because we know God’s promises where he says he will make all things work for our good,” says Toppe. The church building was insured, so the congregation will be able to rebuild. St. John’s members will be able to worship at St. Paul’s, Ridgeland, Wis., which is about 20 miles away and also served by Toppe, until they find a place to worship in the Colfax area. Christian Aid and Relief has contacted the congregation to offer assistance should it be needed. More information is available at weau.com.

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Committee & Group Members

Church Council

President: Robert Wedell

Recording Secretary: Nathan Klusmeyer

Elder’s: James Schroeder

Treasurer: Roger Jansen

Financial Secretary: Vacant

Maintenance: Tom Jones

Education-Communication: Kevin Bohn

Stewardship: Everett Schulz

Outreach: Kenneth Kasper

Pastor Roger Riedel

Church Secretary

Christine Bohn

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DuWayne Bartel

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Scott Hill

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Mike Purtee

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Robert Wedell, Officer

M/M Woodruff, Counters

Bernice Baranyk, Counter

M/M Keihl, Counters

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Kevin Bohn, Maintenance

Robert Mitchell, Outside Custodian

Daniel Baranyk, Outside Custodian

Pat Campbell, Custodian

Education– Communication Committee

Kevin Bohn, Chairman; Pioneers

Pastor Roger Riedel

Barb Bartel

Beth Riedel

Bev Walker

Karin Hetcher, JAM Session

Meg Kubasta, JAM Session

Robert Mitchell, Sunday School

Emily Bohn, Library

Emily Riedel, Library

Lynn Anderson, Sound System

Christine Bohn, Pioneers

Librarian/ Historian

Emily Bohn

Emily Riedel

JAM Session

Karin Hetcher, Leader

Megan Kubasta, Leader

Pastor Roger Riedel

Kevin Bohn

Pioneers

Pastor Roger Riedel

Kevin Bohn, Trainmaster; Troopers/Spinners

Christine Bohn, Caravan Counselor

Beth Riedel, Sunbeams/ Buckaroos

Sunday School

Robert Mitchell, Superintendent

Pastor Roger Riedel

Beth Riedel, Music; 2/3 yr old

Karin Hetcher, 4K/5K

Emily Riedel, 4K/5K Assistant

Victoria Hill, 1/2 grades

Jan Schroeder, 1/2 grades

Ahnsharee Klusmeyer, 3/4 grades

Samantha Hill, 3/4 grades Assistant

Christine Bohn, 5/6 grades

Tammy Mitchell, Substitute

LuAnn Sittig, Substitute

Megan Kubasta, Substitute

Sound System

Kevin Bohn

Lynn Anderson

Rebecca Bohn

Megan Kubasta

Zachary Kubasta

Sara Wilcox

Computer Music

Sara Wilcox, HymnSoft Operator

Outreach Committee

Kenneth Kasper, Chairman

Pastor Roger Riedel

Bernice Baranyk

Worship Committee

Pastor Roger Riedel

Marilynn Chesbrough, Chairperson

James Schroeder, Elder’s

Jean Bartel, Organist

Verona Kloehn, Oganist

Beth Riedel, Organist, Sunday School

Megan Kubasta, JAM Session

Sara Wilcox, Choir

Choir

Sara Wilcox, Director

Jean Bartel, Accompanist

Beth Riedel, Accompanist

Organists

Jean Bartel

Verona Kloehn

Beth Riedel

Ladies Aid

Phyllis Schnabl, President

LaVerne Keihl, Treasurer

Jean Bartel, Secretary

Bernice Baranyk & Donna McKay, funeral committee

LWMS

Marilynn Chesbrough, Reporter

Barbara Bartel, Spiritual Growth

Evening Guild

Pat Campbell, President

Marilynn Chesbrough, Vice President

Mary McKay, Treasurer

Bev Walker, Secretary

Jackie Tesch, Cradle Roll

Sewing Circle

Edith Bruskewitz, Coordinator

Audit Committee

Lynn Anderson

Raymond McTavish

Watson Woodruff

Stewardship


Everett Schulz, Chairman

Pastor Roger Riedel

Long-Range Planning

Men’s Club

Nominating Committee



NEW MEMBERS

Kenneth Doubek
Kenneth & Marie Kasper
Char Vanier
Daniel & Janet Farchione

CONFIRMATIONS

Gus R. Hetcher
Joshua L. Klamm
Sandra L. Klamm
Nina L. Brown
Emily McLeod, *Cheyenne Kraus*

BAPTISMS

Caleb D. Hansen
born 8/26/2011 baptized 9/18/2011
Anna Leigh Wakeman
born 10/26/2011 baptized 11/6/2011
Mackenzie Grace Sigourney
born 12/27/2011 baptized 2/5/2012
Joseph R. Riedel
born 3/18/2012 baptized 3/19/2012
Re-affirmation of baptism 4/8/2012
Jackson K. Wedell
born 4/10/2012 baptized 4/22/2012

BURIALS

Elvin Bartel died 4/4/2012
Louise Lindmeyer died 6/22/2012
Herold Dehling died 9/20/2012

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

	(1/12-12/12)	(9/10-8/11)	(9/09- 8/10)
	2012	2010-11	2009-10
<u>Worship Service Attendance</u>			
<i>Sunday</i>	7271	7007	7312
<i>Thursday</i>	769	764	708
Total	8040	7771	8020
Average	155	149	154
<i>Special services</i>	<i>1356 (19 services)</i>	<i>1372 (19 services)</i>	<i>1477 (20 services)</i>
<i>Average</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>74</i>

Bible Class Attendance

Average weekly attendance 40

Membership	December 2012	9/2011	9/2010
Total Membership	287	299	299
Communicant Membership	247	252	254
Sunday School	40	47	43

Communed 2012

Members	2653
Avg. per communion Sunday	102
Visitors	163

TRANSFERS OUT

Aaron & Cora Wakeman,
William, Andrew & Anna
to Christ Lutheran, N. St. Paul, MN
Christianna Payne
to Eternal Love, Appleton, WI
Greg & Judy Lurvey
to Lord of Life, Friendswood, TX
Arlene Quimby
to Lord of Life, Friendswood, TX
Korey Johnson
to Good Shepherd, West Bend, WI

RELEASED

Raquel Bohn, *Dalton & Tucker*
Sue Henke
Corey Meyer
Judy Raatz, *Alexandria & Chad Jr. Meyer*
Bill Phillips
Brandon & Barbara Raatz, *Ulrich & Visara*
Brooke Raatz
Deborah Raatz
Theresa Raatz, *Shayne*
Patricia Ridarelli, *Emily, William & Holly*
Bill & Tina Ziolk
Kristen Kugal



Letter from the Lutheran Mobile Clinic 12/2012

Krismasiya Bwino!

I hope this letter finds you happy and healthy! I am glad to say that I am now quite healthy after a few weeks of not being so. It seems that I had a virus that was making me ill, but it has now run its course. I am so thankful that Maria was here to keep things running smoothly when I was unable to do much more than get out of bed.

I wish I could tell you that we have a functioning borehole at our clinic in the village of Thunga, but we still have not been successful with that. Two weeks ago, the driller made an attempt but was not able to find any water at a depth of 55 meters. For various reasons, such as equipment breakdown and hard rains causing impassible roads, we will wait. We hope that soon after the Christmas holiday they will be making another attempt. For now, we continue to pray that we will have a borehole that functions all year (including the dry season) very soon.

The kwacha has continued to devalue slightly. Diesel costs about \$7 a gallon right now. Because the dollar is strong compared to the kwacha, it is helping the Lutheran Mobile Clinic, but the Malawians are feeling the fuel cost acutely. We are occasionally unable to find diesel for a week but then the next week it is available again. The Malawi president has stated that she does not see any problem with the fuel situation, but when talking to the average Malawian, there is much frustration.

The number of patients we are seeing in our clinics is on the rise as usual for this time of year. We are seeing lots of patients with malaria and upper respiratory infections. Epilepsy continued to be in our top five diagnoses for November and I expect it will be the same in December.

This has been a year full of blessings for LMC! We have a wonderful, caring and competent staff. We are also blessed with excellent temporary staff that fills in for our staff during illnesses and vacations. We have Pastor Mabedi who leads devotion at our Mwalaulomwe Clinic on Thursdays and competent laymen that lead devotions at our Chiwamba Area clinics. We were always able to get to our clinic sites. We've enjoyed the support of our mission family who encourage us and lend a listening ear. Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Kari & Maria

Central Africa Medical Mission

For more information about the Lutheran Mobile Clinic, please visit www.wels.net/node/37453.



Anniversaries

2/2 Scott & Victoria Hill (16)
2/26 Steve & Heather Jansen (12)



Birthdays

2/1 Donna McKay
2/3 Gloria Raatz
2/5 Carson Sigourney
2/7 Emily Bohn
2/8 Nathan Klusmeyer
2/10 Colleen Zahn
2/11 Woody Woodruff
2/12 Carol Greathouse
Jean Lemke
2/14 Michelle Wedde
2/19 Wally Zorn
Jackie Putskey
2/20 Jan Schroeder
2/21 Trish Reitz
Clifford Subbert
2/22 Bev Walker
2/24 John Benz
2/26 Bob Wedell



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 peacelutheran@centurytel.net.

*Your Father knows
what you need before
you ask Him.*

-Matthew 6:8





Church News



Pine Car Derby



Sunday, February 24, 2013 at 1 pm

Cheer on your favorite car or get your own Pine Car and enter the Open Class of the Pioneers 2013 Pine Car Derby! Join the fun as we race our way to victory!

Please see Kevin Bohn (920-765-2146) to get a car if you'd like to enter the Open Class.

The Open Class is open to anyone, any age, who isn't a Pioneer.

The cost to enter the Open Class is \$5.00 to cover the cost of the car and awards.

Midweek Lenten Dinners

Our midweek Lenten Dinners will be on Thursdays, February 21, 28, March 7, 14, and 21. If you are interested in hosting a midweek meal, please use the sign up sheet on the back table in the fellowship hall. Please see Christine Bohn (920-787-3856) with any questions about our midweek meals. And, even if you don't host, your entire family is invited to join us on those evenings from 5-6:30 pm for a free meal and great fellowship prior to our midweek Lenten worship services. Bring a friend or neighbor!

The Dictionary Project

Thank you to all who brought in dictionaries for Pastor Lawrenz. They were sent on November 8 and arrived in Africa on December 3. It cost \$60.95 to send, paid by the Ladies Aid.

We were thanked very much; here are some quotes from the Pastor's thank you letter:

"Wonderful books, so much needed by our Malawi pastors."
"I work with three different pastoral groups, 14 Malawi pastors and two evangelists"
"I had each pastor take a book"
"You have especially blessed my collection of books to give away"
"When I started to give away books, the dictionaries were always the first to go."
"I give you so many, many, many thanks for the books."
"You have done a wonderful thing."

Missionary Pastor Stephen Lawrenz was in Zambia for 21 years, and for the past five years, he has been in Malawi, working with the Lutheran Church of South Africa (Mbreesa Jere).

Thank you again, Joyce Woodruff & the Ladies Aid
If you would like to read his complete letter, please talk to me. -Joyce

Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church Library Fundraiser

Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, February 16

5-7 pm



On the menu: Salad, spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread & dessert
Suggested Donation: \$5

Buy your ticket in advance—
see Emily Riedel, Emily Bohn,
or stop into the church office.
*Tickets will also be
available at the door.*

We are raising money to purchase an area
rug for the church library.

Thank you for helping us
reach our goal!

Sunday School Christmas Program

Some members expressed a desire to have the Children's Sunday School program held on Christmas Eve instead of the Sunday before Christmas. We would like to have your input. Please complete the following form and return it to Christine Bohn by February 15, 2013.

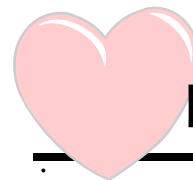
I prefer the Children's Christmas Program to be held on:

_____ Sunday before Christmas

_____ Christmas Eve

_____ Either day is fine with me

Name: _____



Board of Elder's & Bible Studies

Board of Elders

A list of the members of the Board of Elders is on page three.

Elders concern themselves with the total spiritual life of the congregation. 2012 continued to be an active year for our Elders.

Help was provided to Pastor Riedel in scheduling and coordinating our worship services. Thanks to many of you who volunteered to serve as Worship Elders, Greeters, Ushers, Organists, Lay Altar Assistants, Sound Technicians and Computer Technicians. Our Worship Committee did an outstanding job working with Pastor in planning the service format and selecting the music. Input from the committee was a big help to Pastor Riedel in preparation of our worship services. See page three for a list of committee members.

Shut-ins were visited and served by Pastor and other volunteers. Thanks to all of you who took time to visit and comfort our shut-ins. Thanks also to those who routinely transport members who are not able to drive themselves.

I want to thank everyone for their time, talents and support you have given our church. Every member has contributed in their own way and everyone is appreciated for everything they have done. We have many opportunities to serve our LORD. People are the engine of our church. If there is an area in which you would be interested in serving, please let me know. We particularly need more Worship Elders.

Working with Pastor to restore inactive members continued to be a major effort in 2012 and will continue to be in 2013. I urge each of you to personally and lovingly encourage our fellow members, who have strayed from hearing God's Word, to return and worship with us. A visit, phone call or note from you means so much more to a straying person than a contact from Pastor Riedel and the Elders. Think about it; is there anything more important than a person's eternal soul? After numerous contacts and visits are made, we thank our Lord that some of our straying members will return to worship again with us. Sadly, some will not be interested in returning to worship with us and will be removed from our membership roll.

In His service,

Jim Schroeder (920-787-4331)
Chairman, Board of Elders

Bible Studies

There are a variety of opportunities to dig into God's Word at Peace. Please feel free to attend the following courses. And if there is a topic you wish to study, let Pastor know- he is always looking for input. As we gather around the Word, we grow in knowledge and faith, and we are equipped for service in God's kingdom.

Bible Information Class (BIC) – This is an overview of basic Bible doctrine. It is designed for those who wish to join our congregation, but is great for anyone who wishes to "beef up" on their knowledge of the basic teachings of Scripture. Call Pastor to schedule this class.
Sundays at Peace – Our Sunday morning study meets under the balcony from 10:30-11:15 am. Men and women of all ages and Bible knowledge are invited to attend.

Tuesday & Thursday – Our Tuesday morning study meets in the "chapel room" from 9-10 am. A duplicate of our Tuesday class, Thursday morning class meets at the Lakeshore Restaurant from 9-10am. Men and women of all ages and Bible knowledge are welcome.

Confirmation- Level 1 Confirmation is a brief study of the Old & New Testaments. The course, "From Promise to Glory," uses an interactive DVD to make learning visual, stimulating, and fun. The class is an overview of the Bible's history, walking the students through God's promise of salvation in the Garden of Eden, to the glorious home in heaven for which we are preparing. Level 1 is for first year Confirmation students and is meeting on Mondays at 6 pm.

Level 2 Confirmation is our "traditional catechism class." Designed to be more in-depth, this class takes the students deeper into the doctrines, or teachings, of God's Word. We study the chief parts of the Bible as outlined in Luther's Catechism. Level 2 is for 2nd and 3rd year students and meets on Wednesdays at 6 pm.

PeaceMakers- PeaceMakers is a support group for those whose loved ones have gone to heaven. Participants share their cares and concerns with each other. Gathering around the Word, we consider how Jesus conquered death and gives us eternal life. The purpose of this group is to encourage Christians that: 1) through faith in Jesus, death is the door to heaven, 2) we are not alone in our sorrow, and 3) Christians are here to support each other. *PeaceMakers* meets in Pastor's office on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of every month at 1 pm.

Sunday School– Sunday School is where you'll find the younger sect of our congregation. We offer classes for all children, 2 years old through 8th grade on Sunday mornings, September– May, at 10:15 am.

4th Sunday Teens– This teen Bible Class, led by Victoria Hill, is designed for all teens, 7th-12th grade, and meets on the fourth Sunday of each month, September– May from 10:15-11:15 am. This class deals with a variety of every day life situations in a hands-on, practical way.

For more information on any of the Bible Classes offered at Peace, or for current topics, please talk to Pastor Riedel.

Committees

Education— Communication Committee

Pioneers are in their seventh year at Peace, with 3 leaders and 16 Pioneers. The JAM Session meets twice a month on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 5 pm. Sunday School, in addition to class, hosts coffee hour, participates in a Christmas Program and sings often during church services. Level 1 Confirmation is meeting on Mondays and Level 2 is meeting on Wednesdays. PeaceMakers continues to meet every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 1 pm. Tuesday Bible study is held at 9 am & Thursday Bible study is held at Lakeshore at 9 am, with growing attendance. There is also Bible Class on Sundays at 10:30 am.

FunDay Sunday will be on February 17 at 11:30 am. Hopefully lots of members of the congregation can join us! We are bringing back the ever-popular chili cook-off! Bring your favorite board game and a dish-to-pass to this fun event. See Beth Riedel (787-7078) to enter the chili dinner.

Dates have been set for this year's VBS! Join us Monday, July 16– Friday, July 19 from 9 am– 12 pm. Lunch will be provided free of charge! Invite your friends and neighbors!

The church picnic on Sunday, July 21 will close our VBS week. Remember that the church service will move to 10 am that morning!

The church librarians have been very busy and will continue to be busy! They are having a bake sale on Sunday, January 27 and also are hosting a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, February 16 from 5-7 pm. They are looking to purchase a large room-size rug for the library and need your help to raise \$200! They also are busy planning the 2013 Fall Librarians Conference, which will be held here at Peace on September 21. Check out the church website at wautomapeace Lutheran.org. We are currently getting ready to re-vamp our church website, so be on the look-out for announcements about that very soon! We are on Facebook- become a fan! We will post what's going on at church regularly.

I would like to thank Bev Walker, Barb Bartel, Beth Riedel, Karin Hetcher & Christine Bohn for serving on the Committee & to everyone who works in any aspect of this committee.

The goal of the EDU Committee is to reach each and every one of our members with the Word of God. Education is not just for the children of congregation, it's for each one of us!

We hope to keep growing in the Word!

Kevin Bohn (920-765-2146)

Education-Communication Committee Chairman

FROM THE TREASURER

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and financial gifts to prevent Peace from going over a "fiscal cliff". With God's blessings on the offerings received through January 6, we not only avoided borrowing money, but we also paid back all we owed to our designated funds. This puts us in a good position to meet our budgetary needs for 2013. To do this, though; our offerings will have to average \$3634 a week, slightly more than they averaged last year.

The 2012 Extended (September – December) Financial Statement and Budget Report are included with this newsletter on pages 10-11. Submitted by Roger Jansen (920-622-6165)

Treasurer

Finance Committee

The function of the Finance Committee is to count the weekly offerings, along with any other money that comes into the church, and deposit the money into the church's bank account. The envelope amounts are then entered into a computer database that keeps track of all members offerings for the year. The end-of-year offering statements are then generated from this program.

The weekly money counting teams consist of the Financial Officer and the Money Counters. The Counters separate the loose money from the envelopes, open envelopes and makes sure the amount on the envelope equals the amount in the envelope; they add up the amount of loose money and envelope money. The Officer adds up the envelope total and makes sure it equals the amount of money taken out of the envelopes, endorses any checks, makes out the deposit slip, and deposits the money at the bank.

Please see page 3 for a list of Counters & Officers.

The Finance Committee is headed by the Financial Secretary. The duties of the Financial Secretary include entering weekly offerings into the database, generating weekly and monthly reports for the Treasurer and any other reports that may be needed by the council, generating year-end offering statements, ordering envelopes and distributing those envelopes to members.

Mary McKay (920-787-3167)

Assistant Financial Secretary



Financial Reports

September 1– December 1, 2012 Statement

REVENUES	BUDGET	ACTUAL
General Fund	61,278.00	67,989.19
Interest	22.00	.23
Total Revenues	61,300.00	67,989.42
EXPENDITURES		
Pastor-salary	13,196.67	13,196.68
Mileage Allowance	966.67	1,315.35
Housing Equity	.00	.00
Organist	1,050.00	720.00
Office Sec.	5,300.00	5,177.50
Custodian	1,600.00	2,130.00
Treasure/Financial Secretary	333.33	166.67
Social Security Tax Paid	1,643.33	1,601.66
Health Insurance	5,666.67	5,924.00
Pension	666.67	512.00
Guest Pastor/Organist	400.00	470.00
Electricity	1,500.00	1,689.26
Heat	2,333.33	1,749.89
Water & Sewer	733.33	840.03
Telephone	183.33	254.85
Bldg. & Grds.	4,000.00	3,616.51
Insurance (BLDG, LIAB, WC)	375.00	945.00
Local Missions		
Communication - Education Budget	2,826.67	3,595.18
Outreach Committee Budget	400.00	608.74
Stewardship Committee Budget	.00	.00
Church Supplies Budget	200.00	259.17
Worship Committee Budget	250.00	.00
Evening Guild Budget	133.33	190.45
Financial Secretary Budget	.00	.00
Office Budget	1,588.33	623.72
Treasurer Budget	80.00	86.39
School Tuition	4,000.00	4,500.00
Missions	8,800.00	8,800.00
WLCFS	600.00	600.00
Institutional Min.	600.00	600.00
Camp Phillip	600.00	600.00
LWMS	.00	.00
Peace Improvement Fund	1,200.00	1,200.00
Misc./Other	73.34	190.00
Total Expenditures:	61,300.00	62,163.05

Therefore, as God's chosen people,
holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with
compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness & patience.

Colossians 3:12

Financial Reports

2012 Extended Financial Statement

BEGINNING BALANCE – September 1, 2012 (checking acct)		1,978.18	
RECEIPTS			
General Fund	67,989.19		
Gifts	2,448.55		
Checking Acct. Interest	0.23		
Reimbursements	451.87		
Memorial	75.00		
Total Receipts		70,964.84	
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS		72,943.02	
EXPENDITURES			
Pastors Salary	13,196.68		
Mileage Allowance	1,315.35		
Housing Equity	-		
Organist	(720.00) 679.30		
Office Secretary	(5,177.50) 4,636.95		
Custodians	(2,130.00) 2,009.66		
Treasurer/Financial Secretary	(166.67) 157.25		
Social Security & Withholding Tax	2,581.64		
Health Insurance	5,924.00		
Pension	512.00		
Guest Pastor/Organist	470.00		
Electric	1,689.26		
Heat	1,749.89		
Water & Sewer	840.03		
Telephone	254.85		
Bldg. & Grds.	3,616.51		
Insurance (BLDG,LIAB,WC)	945.00		
Local Missions			
Communication/Ed Budget	3,595.18		
Outreach Committee Budget	608.74		
Stewardship Committee Budget	-		
Church Supplies Budget	259.17		
Worship Committee Budget	-		
Evening Guild Budget	190.45		
Financial Secretary Budget	-		
Office Budget	623.72		
Treasurer Budget	86.39		
School Tuition	4,500.00		
Missions	8,800.00		
WLCFS	600.00		
Institutional Min.	600.00		
Camp Phillip	600.00		
LWMS	-		
Peace Improvement Fund	-		
Misc./Other	190.00		
Non-Budget Expenditures	712.38		
Total Expenditures		61,944.40	
ENDING BALANCE – December 31, 2012 (checking acct)		10,998.62	
Funds Balance in the checking acct	19,322.55		
Total Usable Funds		(8,323.93)	
FUNDS BALANCE			
Pastor education	193.19		
JAM Session	610.30		
Sunday School	21.50		
Hymnals	20.30		
Library	-		
Choir	765.13		
Hearing Devices	200.30		
Pioneers	695.92		
Organ Fund	1,661.07		
Student Assistance	1,018.17		
Playground Equipment	219.38		
LWMS	-		
Improvement Fund	6,751.29		
Outreach	-		
Evening Guild	-		
Storage Bldg Fund	6,856.00		
Website	260.00		
Ladies Aid	50.00		
Total Checking Acct.	19,322.55		
Bldg & Grds			
Bath room	686.21 *		
Misc. repairs & supplies	2,930.30		
* Paid from Improvement Fund			



Committees & Groups

Maintenance Committee

Projects we've completed this year:

- * Updated both women's bathrooms
- * Fixed the kitchen cabinets
- * Updated all fluorescent light fixtures
- * Updated the wiring in the back Sunday school rooms
- * Painted the two back entrance ways
- * Replaced rotten wood and stained bell tower
- *Had the parsonage chimney tuck-pointed
- *Covered speaker wires

Thanks to Bob Mitchell and Dan Baranyk, our outside custodians, for volunteering their time to keep our grounds looking great!

A list of committee members is on page three.

Our hope for 2013 is that we are able to get the roof replaced over the Sunday School rooms, get the parking lot seal-coated, and get our storage shed built.

Tom Jones (715-249-5629)

Maintenance Committee Chairperson

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee was established about six years ago with the purpose of assisting the pastor with planning of worship services. A lot of organization and planning goes into every service conducted in our church.

Pastor Riedel is the leader of the planning. We first must hear and read all the Old Testament readings, the Gospel readings, the Psalm and the sermon text before planning any of the hymns, special music, etc.

We meet monthly, usually the first Monday, to plan all the services for that month. It can be a very long process, especially during the Lenten season including Holy Week where many services are conducted. Advent and the Christmas season is also very involved.

See page 3 for a list of committee members.

If anyone has any questions or input regarding our service planning, please talk with any of the members of this Committee. This is your church and all members are encouraged to voice their opinions and concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilynn Chesbrough (920-787-2519)

Worship Committee Chairperson

PEACE LUTHERAN LADIES AID

Peace Lutheran Ladies Aid meets every 1st Thursday of the month at 1 PM, March– December.

During the business meeting, we report on shut-ins visited, birthday and anniversary cards sent, and funeral luncheons served.

Our fundraising (cookie dough, cinnamon rolls, cheesecakes, and various non-food items) allows us to give to various missions such as Camp Phillip, Calvary Academy, Central Africa Medical Mission, East Fork Lutheran School, and Christian Life Resources, and Friends of China. We also operate a scholarship fund for students from Peace that attend WELS colleges.

Each September we have a salad luncheon to celebrate the beginning of fall.

Please see page 3 for a current list of our officers.

We would love to have new Ladies of Peace join us for prayer, Bible study, fellowship, and service.

Come, join us! We have a great time working for the Lord!

Phyllis Schnabl (920-293-8322)

Acting President



Greeting Card Counter

The Ladies Aid Card Counter is busy as usual! All-occasion cards are available at all times. Most are still \$0.50 each. We sold over 200 boxes of our \$1.00 Christmas cards. Thank you! All the money goes to our mission projects.

We are still collecting cancelled stamps for WLCFS-Milwaukee. Labels for Education (Betty Crocker, Ziploc bags, Kleenex, Cottonelle, Campbell's, Glad, Post, V8 and Dannon UPC's), Kwik Trip milk caps and Moola 5 cent labels go to Montello's St. John's Lutheran School. There is a box on the Card Counter for stamps and labels. A few or a lot, we take and deliver them. We are also selling nice dishcloths. The price has gone up, as everything has, but everyone says they are worth it.

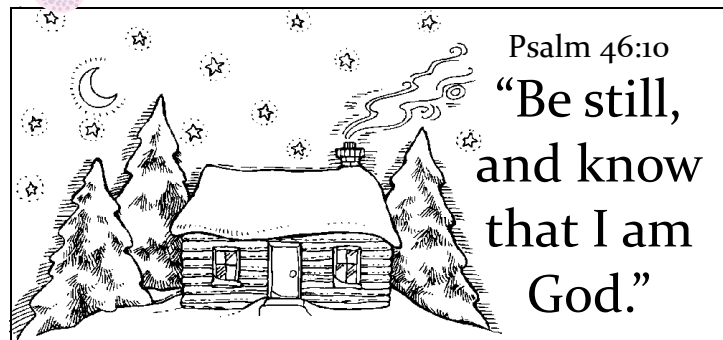
Thank you to everyone for buying cards and saving labels and stamps.

The profits from our counter all go to missions.

Joyce Woodruff (920-787-2685)

Ladies Aid Card Counter

Groups



LWMS

(Lutheran Women's Missionary Society)

Peace Ev. Lutheran Church is a member of the Wolf River Circuit of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS). The purpose of LWMS is to support our Synod missionaries in whatever way we can. We host two Rallies each year where all the ladies (and some men attend) of the Circuit are invited to meet. During these rallies we are encouraged by each other, special programs involving speakers from our Northern Wisconsin District and World Missionaries, and wonderful fellowship among the members. Members of Peace are a big part of the attendance. We just should add that Barbara Bartel is also a member of the Wolf River Circuit Board as a Spiritual Growth woman.

In 2012, our Spring Rally was held in Sugar Bush (rural New London) hosted by Grace Ev. Lutheran of Sugar Bush and Messiah Ev. Lutheran of Shiocton, with eight of our ladies attending, and our Fall Rally was held at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of East Bloomfield (rural Fremont) with eleven ladies attending. We are always so glad to attend!

None of our members were able to attend the annual Convention of LWMS in 2012, which was held in Winston-Salem, NC. It was mainly the cost and distance that made it impossible for us to attend. However, in 2013 the 50th National Convention is planned to be held in La Crosse, WI and members of Peace are making arrangements to attend!!! We have three hotel rooms reserved and invite all ladies of our congregation to attend. It's a wonderful experience to sing with and commune with over 1,200 (at least) ladies in the opening service. WOW! Please let me know if you are interested and we can fill you in on everything. Thank you, again, for our congregational monetary support of this organization, as well as your prayers which we offer regularly in our services. You cannot imagine what your support and love of our Savior to the world does to encourage our missions. We thank the Lord for you.

In His Service,
Marilynn Chesbrough (920-787-2519)
LWMS Reporter



Peace Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers 2012-2013



With each year that passes, I am amazed at how the Pioneers has touched the lives of not only the families and the youth who participate, but mine as well. Seven years ago, I stood up in front of a group of ten kids and stuttered my way through our very first meeting. How time has calmed my nerves, and given us, as leaders, opportunities to share our lives with these kids in ways I never imagined! We are leaders, yet learn so much from them.

The Lutheran Pioneers, a national organization, affiliated with WELS, but completely self-sufficient (no synod money goes to either the Boy or Girl Pioneers), was started over 50 years ago, in response to the Scouting movement. People in the WELS wanted to give our youth someplace to experience a group like the Scouts without the underlying doctrinal errors found in the Scouts. They developed the Pioneers.

I would like to thank the members of the congregation for supporting us and knowing how important the Pioneers ministry is. It gives the kids a sense of belonging here. It gives them the hope of faith and the fun of being with other Christians.

We begin our seventh year at Peace with ten Girl Pioneers, six Boy Pioneers and three leaders. Beth Riedel is our Sunbeams/Buckaroos leader (girls and boys, kindergarten- 2nd grade), Christine Bohn is our Girl Pioneers leader (grades 3-8), Kevin Bohn is the Trainmaster (boys, grades 3-8) and Trooper/Spinner advisor (high school/ junior leaders).

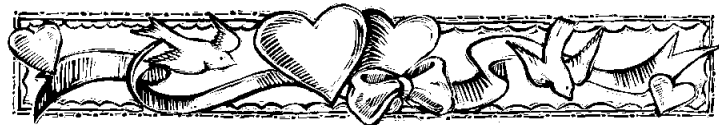
Only a few months into our year, and we've already done so much! The Lutheran Girl Pioneers National Convention was held here at Peace in September, Pioneer Sunday was on Veteran's Day in November, and the Girl Pioneers hosted Advent by Candlelight. In 2013, we are planning a career day, a lock-in, our annual Pine Car Derby, camping and so much more! Looking back, we see the fun we've had; looking forward, we see unlimited possibilities for our group. If you or someone you know would like to help at meetings, or if there is a child in your life, ages Kindergarten and up, who would like to join Pioneers, please give us a call!

Kevin & Christine Bohn (920-765-2147)

christinebohn@rocketmail.com

Beth Riedel (920-787-7078)

Peace Pioneers Leaders



Groups

JAM Session

JAM (Jesus And Me) Session meets the first and third Wednesday of each month from 5:30-7 p.m. Anyone from 8th grade through high school is invited to join us. We begin with a light supper, Pastor leads us in devotion and we either have a fun activity or work on a service project.

We have had a busy year. In January, Karin Hetcher and Pastor took 7 teens and friends out to Camp Phillip for the Winter Teen Retreat and we made and sent out care packages for members in the military. In February we hosted coffee hour and March we served one of the Lenten meals. April found us teaming up with the Pioneers to help prepare and serve Easter Breakfast. In May we wrapped up our "year" with a bowling party down at Dogger's. We have not usually met during the summer months, however, in June, Gus Hetcher and Ben Mitchell joined a group from St. Mark in DePere and made the trip to Knoxville, Tennessee for the International Youth Rally. They returned with such enthusiasm for their faith and excitement of the whole experience.

We began meeting again on a regular basis in September. Five teens and Pastor attended the Fall Teen Retreat at Camp Phillip. In the fall we helped a few of our members with some yard work and had a bake sale to help raise funds for our activities. October found us venturing out to a Corn Maze. A good time was had by all. November and December we collected toys for the Holiday Toy Drive and baked cookies which were delivered to our shut-ins when we went caroling. The group has also participated in worship services by singing a couple of the Psalms.

We have a busy few months ahead which will include hosting coffee hour, serving a Lenten meal, a trip to Wisconsin Dells, a bowling party, helping with Easter Breakfast and making care packages for the troops. Megan Kubasta (787-4275); Karin Hetcher (787-7053)
JAM Session Leaders

Evening Guild

The purpose of our organization is to help in the furtherance of the kingdom of God, to assist the youth, to support missions, to contribute to charities, and to perform the duties of an altar guild. Please see page 3 for a list of our officers. We meet the second Tuesday of each month, September-May, at 6:30 pm.

The duties we perform are as follows:

1. Setting up and taking down communion.
2. Ordering wine, wafers, and cups for communion.
3. Ordering candles for the altar.
4. Change paraments and banners with the seasons of the church year.
5. Order flowers (poinsettias, Easter lilies, palms, or upon request) & supply flowers when needed.

6. Put up Lenten, tenebrae, Easter crosses.
7. Clean all brass.
8. Host coffee hour, an Advent and Lent dinner.
9. Share duties with the Ladies Aid for funerals and the Ladies Christmas party.
10. Send cards to ladies who are in the hospital.
11. Send out and keep current records for the cradle roll.
12. Keep track of all memorials given to the church.
13. We also help out at different church events.

This past year, we had the opportunity to help at the Lutheran Girl Pioneers National Convention and with VBS. What a wonderful time! God also gave all the ladies of Peace the opportunity to gather as one family to serve Him through our LWMS rallies.

We invite all members to share flowers on the altar with any special occasion.

Once again we were able to strip the altar on Maundy Thursday in remembrance of our Lord's suffering and death.

We work with the Ladies Aid for our annual cookie dough fundraiser, plus we have a Bake Sale the first week in December. Funds from these fundraisers go to Camp Phillip, WELS Mission for the Children, African Medical Mission, Comfort Ministry, and also to the Multi-Language Ministry. We enjoy sharing our time and talents with our brothers and sisters in faith. We would love to have you join us for awesome fellowship and the serving our Lord.

Pat Campbell (920-765-0681) *red.pjc44@yahoo.com*
President

Church Library

In 2012, we attended one WELS-Church Librarians Organization (WELS-CLO) conference in the Spring. We missed the fall one because it was the weekend before the Girl Pioneer National Convention (held here at Peace last September). We will be hosting the fall WELS-CLO Conference on Saturday, September 21. We are looking for helpers, so if you're available that day, please speak to either librarian about open jobs.

We are holding a bake sale on Sunday, January 27 and we are also hosting a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, February 16 from 5-7 pm. We are doing these things to raise money to buy a rug for the library. Our goal is to raise \$200. You can get your tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner from either librarian or from the church office. The suggested donation for each ticket is \$5. Everyone who comes to the Spaghetti Dinner will have their name entered into a door prize drawing. There will be several prizes, including 4 tickets to the Pioneers-sponsored Timber Rattler game on June 8! Be sure to join us for your chance to win.

Our goals for 2013 include purchasing the rug for the library, purchasing new items for the library (including new DVD's for all ages), and beginning a summer story hour. Please watch for information about story hour coming soon! The Church Library is always interested in what you want! If there is a book, DVD or CD that you would like to have in our library, please let either Emily know your suggestion! We look forward to serving you and the Church Library! Emily Bohn (920-765-2146); Emily Riedel (787-7078)
Librarians