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every Thursday @ 7 pm
Bible Study Sundays @ 10:30 am
Tuesdays @ 9 am
Thursdays @ 9 am & 7:45 pm
PeaceMakers 2nd & 4th Wed. @ 1 pm
Sunday School Sundays @ 10:15 am
Pioneers 2nd & last Sunday @ 1 pm
JAM Session 1st & 3rd Wednesday 5 pm



Messenger of Peace is a publication of:
Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Wautoma, Wisconsin.

Purpose

Messenger of Peace serves the Peace Ev.
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 third Sunday of
each month. Put in the office or email it to:
peacelutheran@centurytel.net.

**"For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him
shall not perish but
have eternal life."**

John 3:16

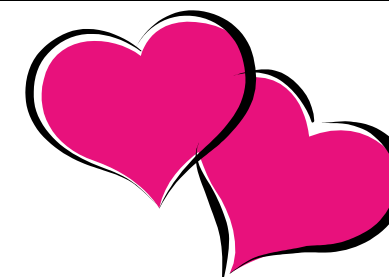


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2013 Annual Report



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PeaceMakers Grief Support Group

What Is PeaceMakers?

PeaceMakers is a support group for those who have lost a loved one. Participants are able to share their cares and concerns with others who are dealing with the same emotions. Gathering around the Word, we are able to consider how Jesus conquered death and gives us eternal life.

What Is PeaceMakers Purpose?

The purpose of this supportive group is to encourage fellow Christians that:

1. Through faith in Jesus, we realize death is the door to heaven
2. We are not alone in our sorrow
3. Christians are here to support each other.

When Is PeaceMakers?

PeaceMakers meets in Pastor's office on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 1 pm.

Who Can Come to PeaceMakers?

Anyone who has lost a loved one. This includes if you've lost a child, a spouse, or a really good friend- even if it was years ago.

If you'd like more information about PeaceMakers, please see Pastor Riedel.

You do not have to be a member of Peace to come to PeaceMakers, so if you have a friend or family member, who is not a member of Peace, who would benefit from such a group, feel free to invite them (you could join them, too!).



Ladies Group Meeting

Saturday, February 8 9 am



Mornings With Mommy

Be sure to join us for Mornings with Mommy on
Monday, February 3 & Monday, February 17 at 10 am.
Register at www.wautomapeacelutheran.org.



Piercing the Darkness



If you have ever been suddenly aroused from a deep sleep by an unexpected flip of a light switch in your bedroom, then those words ‘piercing the darkness’ really mean something to you. Or if you can recall how a summer thunderstorm brought a quick, bright burst of lightning which shot you bolt-upright in bed by its brilliance, than you know what I mean with those words ‘piercing the darkness.’ And if you have been shocked out of a sinful stupor by the stunning and radiant beams that flow from the mouth of our omnipotent Lord, dear Christian reader, than you have certainly experienced the words, ‘piercing the darkness.’

Throughout this season of Epiphany the light that has come into this cold, dark, and wicked world shines with a brilliance that reaches every human heart. Not everyone reacts in the same way, but the light does inspire some sort of reaction from every single sin-loving, God-hating sinner that has ever walked the dusty streets of this godless earth. Some cower in fear, rightly expecting severe judgment from the King of kings. Others lash out violently, irrationally plotting against the One who alone brings hope and healing to troubled consciences and hearts. Still others, whom the Holy Spirit has graciously touched through the power of the life-changing, light-emitting good news of the Gospel, embrace the light with the God-given gift of faith.



Jesus lovingly turns on the light of His Word and invites us to follow Him in faith. He says, **“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”** John 8:12 (NIV1984) The Lord who came to bring light to us sinful creatures is the One who actually is light. His life of perfect obedience and His blood so freely spilled on the cross have paid our debt to the holy God. Jesus has earned forgiveness of sins for all people, and calls on everyone to believe it. To those whom the Holy Spirit has reached, something amazing has happened: sinners who had been lost in sin and blind to the message of God’s salvation have seen a great light! The Gospel of Jesus Christ has pierced the darkness of our sin and unbelief. We are no longer enemies of the Lord, but His friends. More than that, we are members of God’s family, through faith in Jesus. Peter describes Christians this way: ***You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.*** 1 Peter 2:9 (NIV1984)

I don’t know about you, but for me, once the lamp has been turned on, it can be difficult to fall back asleep. That is true in our lives of faith, as well. And we dare not fall asleep in our faith, only to drift off into the darkness again. Since our Lord, in grace, has shined His Word into our hearts and lit us up with the fire of the Holy Spirit, we are surrounded by the light of salvation. Jesus’ atoning sacrifice has rescued us from eternal darkness and redeemed us for a life of love, obedience, and service in our heavenly Father’s kingdom. Walk in the light of God’s Word. Run away from temptation and sin, those things we have committed under cover of darkness. Flee in faith and Christian love to our Lord.



The Spirit-inspired words of the apostle Paul offer both a fitting reminder and encouragement to us all. ***You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord.*** Ephesians 5:8-10 (NIV1984) With God’s help, we now live and will continue living in the light of God’s Word, until we bask in the eternal light of Jesus’ glory.

Pastor Roger Riedel

A Short Story



Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ

“We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ).

John 1:41

Many expressions of love and affection will be exchanged once again this Valentine’s Day. Yet, there is no greater act of love than the life, death and resurrection of Christ Jesus for our salvation. The whole of Scripture revolves around this one supreme act of unconditional love!

But why is it that Christians associate the title Christ with God’s love in Jesus? What does the word Christ mean? A look at God’s Word will help explain this. The Gospel of Matthew begins by recording the genealogy of Jesus, *“...and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.”* (Matthew 1:16).

As Matthew sets the tone for his Gospel, he is careful to note that Jesus was revered as Christ. This familiar title is actually a form of the Greek word *chrío* meaning “to pour or anoint.” To anoint was to pour sacred oil over someone’s head as a visible sign that God had set him aside for a special task. Jesus bore the title Christ because he was the one God anointed to be the world’s Savior.

The Gospel of John in the first chapter reveals Jesus, the Word made flesh, and describes Andrew’s excitement at having met Jesus: *“The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (that is, the Christ)”* (John 1:41). Andrew bursts forth in joyful acclamation, using the title Messiah which is the Hebrew equivalent of Christ, “the Anointed One.”

The Gospel writer John is keen to point out that from the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry the hope of the ages was intimately associated with salvation in Jesus. Yes, at the time of his baptism Jesus was consecrated for his messianic ministry in a remarkable way...*“heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased”* (Matthew 3:16-17). Jesus was anointed by the Spirit of God and received the clear approval of his heavenly Father. Talk about divine endorsement!

Because Jesus is The Anointed One, he is the one foretold in ancient prophecy who would bring salvation, redeeming us from the curse of sin! There is no greater act of love—true love! Now that’s a magnificent valentine!

2014 WELS International Youth Rally



June 25-28, 2014

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Visit: www.wels.net/events
or search Facebook for WELS International Youth Rally
for more information– or see Megan Kubasta, JAM Session leader.

2014 National Worship Conference July 22-25, 2014 Carthage College, Kenosha



The WELS Worship Conference is the largest Lutheran worship conference in North America.

The conference is designed not only for congregational worship leaders, but anyone interested in the various aspects of worship. It will feature sessions on music, architecture, visual art, liturgy and preaching.
Visit www.wels.net/worship/2014-national-worship-conference for applications to sing in the three choirs (grade school, high school, adult). Registration for the conference will begin in March.

John 15:13



New Student in Pre-Seminary Program

Sue and her husband Mark serve in India. Sue writes about one young man who lived in the church's children's home for several years and has now decided to begin studying for the ministry.

For the first time ever, a 'graduate' of our children's home entered our church body's worker training program as a pre-seminary student.



Teja is 18 years old. He's the youngest of the 39 new students. Teja always wears a smile. But his life has not been easy. His father was a fruit vendor at a train station and was involved in a train accident. He recovered but took up some bad habits, did not care for the family, deserted his wife and later

died. Teja's mother, a Hindu, was not able to care for Teja and his sister, so she moved near to Teja's uncles. Teja had some experience with a Sunday School in his previous village and, at age 11, he sought out a Sunday School in the new area. The Lord led him to Lord of Lord's Lutheran Church where he joined the Sunday School. Even in this new area, his mother was not able to support the family. Teja was brought to Lord of Life Children's Home where he continued to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. After Teja "graduated" from the home, Pastor Macaulay encouraged him to attend our 2013 pre-seminary class.

Teja's road to becoming a pastor will be a long and challenging one. For 2 years he will attend classes one week a month. Then it will be 2 weeks a month for 5 more years. During that time, he will not only study the Bible and sermon preparation, but he will also learn English so that he can use Bible study materials that are available in English. In between school sessions, Teja works in a local dental hospital to help support his family.

Please remember Teja in your prayers. The story of Teja illustrates that not all the children in our homes are "orphans." Although our first priority is to accept those children who have lost both of their parents, we do accept half-orphans and other very needy children regardless of religion, when we have room. In our homes all of our children hear about Jesus Christ in regular devotions and attend worship services in the local CELM Lutheran congregation.

For more information about this and other world and home missions, please visit:
www.wels.net/aom/missions.



Committee & Group Members

Church Council

Robert Wedell
Nathan Klusmeyer
Watson Woodruff
Roger Jansen
Everett Schulz
Tom Jones
Kevin Bohn
Everett Schulz
Donald Nelson
Pastor Roger Riedel

Church Secretary

Christine Bohn

Organists

Jean Bartel
Verona Kloehn
Beth Riedel

Treasurer

Roger Jansen

Audit Committee

Pastor Russell Kloehn
Robert Mitchell
Lynn Anderson

Budget Committee

Roger Jansen
Lynn Anderson
Dallas Krueger
Everett Schulz

Finance Committee

Everett Schulz, Chairman
Mary McKay, Asst. Financial Secretary
Robert Wedell, Officer
M/M Watson Woodruff, Counters
Bernice Baranyk, Counter
M/M Robert Keihl, Counters

Board of Elders

Watson Woodruff, Chairman
Pastor Roger Riedel
DuWayne Bartel
Jim Bower
Roger Jansen
Jim Schroeder



"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'"

Isaiah 52:7

Lay Altar Assistants

Lynn Anderson
Nathan Klusmeyer
James Lichtenberg
James Schroeder
Robert Wedell

Worship Committee

Pastor Roger Riedel
Marilynn Chesbrough, Chairperson
Watson Woodruff, Elder's
Jean Bartel, Organist
Verona Kloehn, Organist
Beth Riedel, Organist; Sunday School
Megan Kubasta, JAM Session
Richard Vollrath, HymnSoft Operator
Sara Wilcox, Choir

Education- Communication Committee

Kevin Bohn, Chairman; Pioneers
Pastor Roger Riedel
Barb Bartel
Beth Riedel
Bev Walker
Ahnsharee Klusmeyer
Meg Kubasta, JAM Session
Robert Mitchell, Sunday School
Emily Bohn, Library
Emily Riedel, Library
Christine Bohn, Pioneers

Library Committee/Historian

Emily Bohn, Librarian
Emily Riedel, Librarian
Pastor Roger Riedel
Kevin Bohn

JAM Session

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
Ahnsharee Klusmeyer, Assistant

Sunday School

Robert Mitchell, Superintendent
Pastor Roger Riedel
Beth Riedel, Music; 2/3 yr old
Emily Riedel, 4K/5K
Rebecca Bohn, 4K/5K Assistant
Jan Schroeder, 1/2 grades
Ahnsharee Klusmeyer, 3/4 grades
Christine Bohn, 5/6 grades

Sound System

Kevin Bohn
Lynn Anderson
Rebecca Bohn
Megan Kubasta
Zachary Kubasta
Richard Vollrath
Sara Wilcox

Computer Music

Richard Vollrath, HymnSoft Operator
Sara Wilcox, HymnSoft Operator

Maintenance Committee

Tom Jones, Chairman
Kevin Bohn, Maintenance
Daniel Baranyk, Groundskeeper
Robert Mitchell, Groundskeeper

Outreach Committee

Pastor Roger Riedel

Stewardship Committee

Everett Schulz, Chairman
Pastor Roger Riedel

Long-Range Planning

Mornings with Mommy

Ahnsharee Klusmeyer, Program Director
Christine Bohn, Assistant
Pastor Roger Riedel
Everett Schulz

Choir

Sara Wilcox, Director
Jean Bartel, Accompanist
Beth Riedel, Accompanist

Evening Guild

Pat Campbell, President

Ladies Aid

Bernice Baranyk, Acting President
Donna McKay, Secretary

LWMS

Marilynn Chesbrough, Reporter
Barbara Bartel, Spiritual Growth

Men's Club

Nominating Committee



NEW MEMBERS

Kim & Gloria Runge (12/2012)
DuWayne & Luella Pliner
Marvin & Marion Mischka
Richard & Linda Ihlenfeld
Ken & Rosie Kerl
Walton & Carol Miller
Robert & Nancy Lang
Martin Kujath
Ryan Peterson

CONFIRMATIONS

Emily Rose Riedel
Nolan Riley Trinrud

BAPTISMS

Boone Davis Welty
born 1/10/2013 baptized 2/17/2013
Erica Michelle Rooney
born 2/20/2013 baptized 3/17/2013
Andre Nathaniel Stern
born 2/11/2013 baptized 3/31/2013
Wade Nathan Proctor
born 5/19/2013 baptized 5/21/2013
Anisia Marie Barzano (not a member)
born 9/25/2013 baptized 9/27/2013
Isabella Rose Henke (not a member)
born 5/19/2013 baptized 12/7/2013



WEDDINGS

Larry Anderson & Nicole Winkelmann 8/10/13
Justin Barzano & Kassondra Ramey 9/28/13
Karen Klamm & Jeffrey Beyer 12/29/13

BURIALS

Noel Stubbe died 4/14/2013 (no service)
Marjorie Bell died 5/21/2013 burial 5/30/2013
JoAnne Kraus died 9/15/2013 burial 9/24/2013
Lauraine Raatz died 9/16/2013 burial 9/19/2013

TRANSFERS OUT

Sue Robinson
to Grace, Neenah
Irene Dehling
to St. John, Waterloo, WI
Phyllis Kimpel
to St. Peter's, Fond du Lac, WI
Jeff & Karin Hetcher
Emma & Gus
to St. Paul, Platteville, WI

RELEASED

Nadine Warsek

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Worship Service Attendance

	2013	2012	(9/10-8/11) 2010-11
<i>Sunday</i>	6496	7271	7007
<i>Thursday</i>	930	769	764
Total	7426	8040	7771
Average	143	155	149
Special services	1305 (19 services)	1356 (19 services)	1372 (19 services)
Average	67	71	72

Bible Class Attendance

Average weekly attendance 40

Membership	December 2013	12/2012	9/2011
Total Membership	290	287	299
Communicant Membership	247	247	252
Sunday School	30 (2yo– 6th grd)	40	47

Communed 2013

Members 2140 (2012: 2653)
Avg. per communion week: 89 (2012: 102)



News About Our Church Family

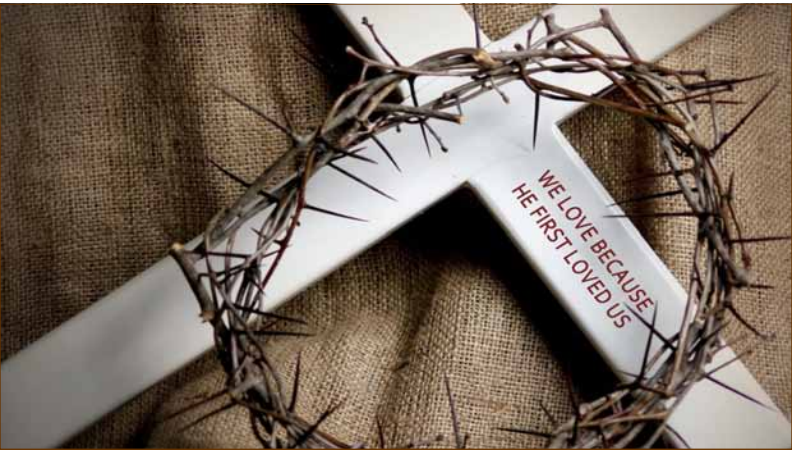
Weddings



Karen Klamm & Jeffrey Beyer
Sunday, December 29, 2013

New Email Address

Bob & Marilyn Chesbrough
chesmar71@gmail.com



Just for Fun

Thanks to Woody Woodruff for our laugh this month!



"May I still use my forever stamps?"



Anniversaries

2/2 Scott & Victoria Hill (18)
2/26 Steve & Heather Jansen (14)



Birthdays

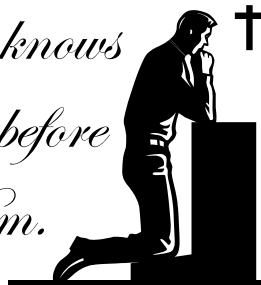
2/1 Donna McKay
2/3 Gloria Raatz
2/5 Carson Sigourney
2/7 Emily Bohn
2/8 Nathan Klusmeyer
2/10 Colleen Zahn
2/11 Woody Woodruff
2/12 Carol Greathouse
Jean Lemke
2/14 Michelle Wedde
2/19 Wally Zorn
Jackie Putskey
2/20 Jan Schroeder
Erica Rooney
2/21 Trish Reitz
Clifford Subbert
2/22 Bev Walker
2/24 John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

FunDay Sunday

Sunday, February 2, 2014 11:30 am



Join us for tailgating fun before the big game! Bring a side dish or dessert-to-pass (brats and drinks will be provided), your favorite board game and a friend or two! Fun for ALL ages!

Enter the chili cook-off or just come sample the chili and vote for your favorite!

See Beth Riedel for more information about the chili cook-off.

Please call the church office for more information.

Church Offerings

December 22-31, 2013

General Fund	\$6391.82
Midweek Service Funds	\$2640.25

Roof	\$250.00
Doors	\$459.18
Garage	\$40.82
Tuition	\$230.00

Reimbursements	\$24.32
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December 2013 Offering Totals

General Fund	\$15689.01
Midweek Services	\$4014.25
Special Offerings	\$5909.18

Funds	
Garage	\$40.82
Roof	\$200.00
Tuition	\$795.00
Parking Lot	\$100.00

Memorials/Gifts	
In memory of E. Ohmann	\$100.00
Anniversary Gift	\$109.18



Pine Car Derby

Sunday, February 24, 2013 at 1 pm

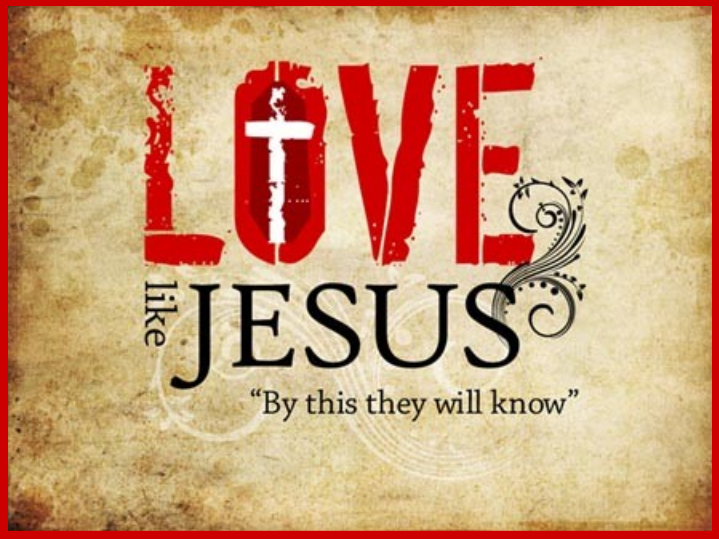
Cheer on your favorite car or get your own Pine Car and enter the Open Class of the Pioneers 2013 Pine Car Derby!

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.



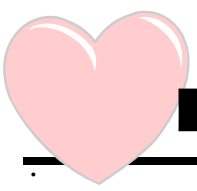
Is Your Family Involved?

It's never to late to join in on the fun we have here at church with our various youth groups!

Sunday School every Sunday at 10:15 am
Classes for ages 2 years old- 6th grade; teens are invited to join the Bible Class held under the balcony at 10:30 am
Contact: Bob Mitchell 920.291.5166

Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers
2nd & last Sundays at 1 pm
The Pioneers is a youth ministry, open to ages Kindergarten and up, that serves to teach life and leadership skills, and to nurture Christian friendships that last into eternity.
Contact: Christine Bohn 920.765.2147

JAM Session 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 5:30pm
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.
Contact: Megan Kubasta 920.787.4275



Board of Elders & Bible Studies

Board of Elders Annual Report

Elders concern themselves with the total spiritual life of the congregation. 2013 continued to be an active year for our Elders. Please see page 3 for a complete list of the Board of Elders membership.

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 Jean Bartel (organist), Marilyn Chesbrough (choir), Verona Kloehn (organist), Megan Kubasta (Sunday School), Beth Riedel (organist), Jim Schroeder (Elders), Rich Vollrath (Hymnsoft) and Sara Wilcox (choir) was a big help to Pastor Riedel in preparation of our worship services.

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 2013 and will continue to be in 2014. 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 have returned 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; yet we continue to pray for their return.

In His service,



Watson Woodruff (920-787-2685)
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, women, and teens at all levels of Bible knowledge are invited to attend.

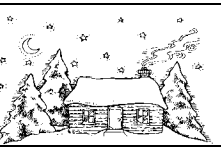
Tuesday & Thursday - Our Tuesday morning study meets in the "chapel room" from 9-10 am. A duplicate of our Tuesday class, Thursday morning class meets at the Lakeshore Restaurant from 9-10:30 am. Men and women of all ages and Bible knowledge are welcome.

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 6th grade on Sunday mornings, September- May, at 10:15 am. 7 & 8 grade students are invited to join Pastor's Bible study under the balcony.

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



Psalms 46:10
"Be still,
and know that I am God."

Education— Communication Committee

Pioneers are in their eighth year at Peace, with 4 leaders and 17 Pioneers. The JAM Session meets twice a month on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Sunday School, in addition to class, hosts coffee hour, participates in a Christmas service 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 2 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.

The church librarians have been very busy and will continue to be busy! This past year, they held a bake sale, a spaghetti dinner, bought a large rug for the library, hosted a monthly summer story hour, and hosted the fall Librarians' Conference in September.

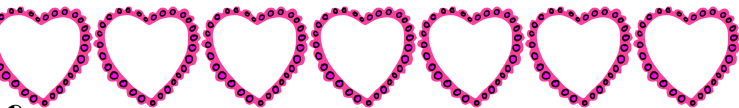
Check out the church website at wautomapeacelutheran.org. We re-vamped our church website this year, so check out all the cool changes we made. Many thanks to Pastor Klusmeyer for being our non-paid webmaster! We are on Facebook-become a fan! We post what's going on at church regularly.

I would like to thank Bev Walker, Barb Bartel, Beth Riedel, Ahnsharee Klusmeyer & 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



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



Maintenance Committee

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 2014 is that we are able to get the roof replaced over the Sunday School rooms, get the parking lot seal-coated, replace the damaged carpet in the front entry way with tile and replace the two back doors.

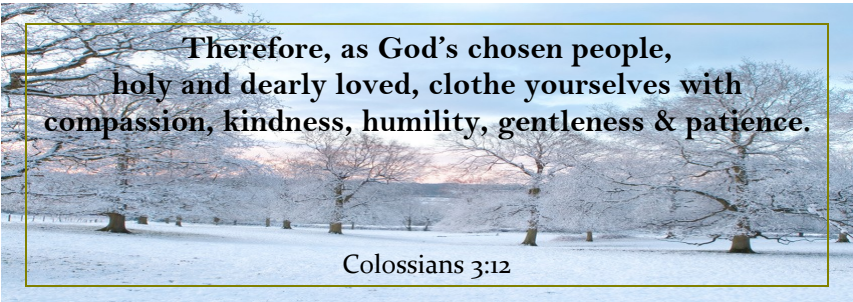
Tom Jones (715-249-5629)

Maintenance Committee Chairperson

Financial Reports

2014 Budget

REVENUES	2013 Budget	Actual	Proposed 2014
General Fund	189,000	194,202.68	192,000
Interest	0	9.40	0
Total Revenues	189,000	194,212.08	192,000
EXPENDITURES			
Pastor-salary	40,676	40,676.00	41,425
Mileage Allowance	4,000	5,028.50	4,000
Housing Equity	610	610.00	621
Organist	2,700	2,340.00	2,700
Office Sec.	15,600	16,382.50	15,600
Custodian	4,800	4,445.00	4,800
Treasure/Financial Secretary	1,000	875.00	1,000
Social Security Tax	5,322	5,350.68	5,288
Health Insurance	18,000	19,728.00	21,500
Pension	2,100	2,272.00	2,400
Guest Pastor/Organist	1,200	1,143.20	1,200
Electricity	5,000	4,850.44	5,000
Heat	7,000	6,231.15	7,000
Water & Sewer	2,600	2,758.14	2,800
Telephone/Internet	750	765.21	1,500
Bldg. & Grds.	13,500	10,567.33	10,600
Insurance (BLDG,LIAB,WC)	5,000	5,498.00	6,000
Local Missions			
Communication - Education Budget	8,859	6,239.64	8,000
Outreach Committee Budget	1,200	423.17	1,200
Stewardship Committee Budget	0	20.74	0
Kitchen Supplies Budget	600	500.15	500
Worship Committee Budget	500	500.00	300
Evening Guild Budget	500	478.62	500
Financial Secretary Budget	460	528.45	460
Office Budget	2,300	2,480.19	2,300
Treasurer Budget	280	357.44	350
School Tuition	13,500	13,500.00	20,090
Missions	22,800	23,680.00	19,200
WLCFS	1,200	1,200.00	0
Institutional Min.	1,200	1,200.00	0
Camp Phillip	1,800	1,800.00	1,800
LWMS	75	75.00	75
Peace Improvement Fund	3,600	3,600.00	3,600
Misc./Other	268	342.00	191
Total Expenditures:	189,000	186,446.55	192,000



Financial Reports

2013 Financial Statement

Beginning Balance January 1, 2013 10998.62

Receipts

General Fund	188,103.68
Gifts	9,913.60
Checking Acct. Interest	9.40
Reimbursements	2,097.00
Memorial	1,530.00
Special Offering	7,109.18
Total Receipts	208,762.86

Total Available 219761.48

Expenditures

Pastors Salary	40,676.00
Mileage Allowance	5,028.50
Housing Equity	610.00
Organist (2,340.00)	2,160.97
Office Secretary (16,382.50)	14,323.20
Custodians (4,445.00)	4,104.95
Treasurer/Financial Secretary (875.00)	808.08
Social Security & Withholding Tax	8,425.94
Health Insurance	19,728.00
Pension	2,272.00
Guest Pastor/Organist	1,143.20
Electric	4,850.44
Heat	6,231.15
Water & Sewer	2,758.14
Telephone	765.21
Bldg. & Grds.	10,167.60
Insurance (BLDG,LIAB,WC)	5,498.00
Local Missions	
Communication/Ed Budget	6,980.47
Outreach Committee Budget	423.17
Stewardship Committee Budget	20.74
Kitchen Supplies Budget	500.15
Worship Committee Budget	628.89
Evening Guild Budget	478.62
Financial Secretary Budget	528.45
Office Budget	2,480.19
Treasurer Budget	357.44
School Tuition	13,500.00
Missions	23,680.00
WLCFS	1,200.00
Institutional Min.	1,200.00
Camp Phillip	1,800.00
LWMS dues	75.00
Peace Improvement Fund	
Misc./Other	342.00
Non-Budget Expenditures	7,547.50
Total Expenditures	191,294.00

Ending Balance December 31, 2013 (checking account) 28467.48

Funds Balance in the checking acct	27,889.42
Total Usable Funds	578.06



Committees & Groups

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee was established approximately seven 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, of course, the leader of the planning. We first must hear and read all the Old Testament and 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. Some months are very involved and lengthy, including Lenten, Advent and Christmas seasons.

Members of the Worship Committee include: Pastor Riedel, Watson Woodruff (Elder's), Beth Riedel (Sunday School and organist), Jean Bartel (organist), Verona Kloehn (organist), Sara Wilcox (choir director), Megan Kubasta (JAM [Jesus and Me]), Richard Vollrath (Hymnsoft operator), and Marilyn Chesbrough.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilynn Chesbrough (920-787-2519)
Worship Committee Chairperson

Church Library

In 2013, we hosted the fall WELS-Church Librarians Organization (WELS-CLO) conference. Thanks to everyone who assisted with that successful day!

We hosted several church-wide fundraisers and raised enough money to purchase the area rug that's in the library. We also held a monthly summer story hour which we hope to do again this next summer.

Our goals for 2014 include summer story hour and hosting an NPH book fair.

You will also want to be watching for a new bookshelf in the library coming soon! It will be a Family Resource Center and will include a binder with local and congregational resources, games, movies, music, books, and devotionals that are all

family-friendly.

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

Evening Guild

As the Evening Guild finishes another year, we have the opportunity to share duties and fellowship with the Ladies Aid during funerals.

As a group, we had two successful projects: our cookie dough sale and our bake sale. Both support our mission work. Our group supported the following ministries: Camp Phillip, WELS Mission to the Children, Africa Medical Mission, Comforter Ministry, Multi-Language Publications, as well as supporting ministries within our congregation.

Thank you to all for adorning our altar with your beautiful flowers.

As we go forth in our journey, may God's love and light guide each of us as well as direct our journeys. God's blessing to everyone in 2014.

Pat Campbell (920-765-0681)

President

Greeting Card Counter

We are still selling all-occasion cards: \$0.50, \$0.75 and 3 for \$1. What a bargain!

Thank you to everyone who purchased Christmas cards. Profits go to our mission projects.

Cancelled stamps are sent to WLCFS, all the food. Paper, milk labels and tags go to St. John's school in Montello. A thank you from them stated, "All the things we are able to purchase for the school with these funds are the non-budgeted items that couldn't be purchased without all those who care and save labels, caps, etc for us."

The deposit box for labels, caps, tags and stamps is on the counter with some pictures of what is to be saved.

Thank you for purchasing cards, and saving stamps, food labels (Labels for Education), and milk caps.

Joyce Woodruff (920-787-2685)

Ladies Aid Card Counter

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 are active in a lot of areas at church: There are two teen retreats, in the fall and in January, that our teens attend at Camp Phillip. Each fall, we help members with yard work. In December, we collect toys to be donated to the Waushara Christmas Project. We also baked goodies and delivered them to shut-ins when we went caroling, along with the Pioneers, to area nursing homes. We hosted coffee hour. We team up with the Pioneers to help prepare and serve Easter breakfast. Megan Kubasta (787-4275) *JAM Session Leader*

LADIES AID

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

We served 2 funerals, 2 coffee hours, a dinner for the Councilmen's Conference, and 2 midweek dinners.

We visit eight shut-ins each month and at Christmas time, we gave each one a small gift.

The Sewing Circle disbanded this year. We sorted the leftover fabric and unfinished quilts. Marion Treichel finished several of those quilts and took them to Lutherans For Life in Waukesha.

We filled out our mission projects by sending monies to some of our favorite missions plus the LWMS missionary Adam Gavel in China, and ministries from Peace including Mornings with Mommy and Hannah Klusmeyer, who is teaching in China.

Our Greeting Card Counter is not there to make a profit, but to give Peace members an opportunity to remember family and friends with beautiful, inexpensive, religious cards on their special days.

We have great fun, also! A trip to the Paine Art Museum & Gardens in August, a picnic in September, our Christmas party in December, and our monthly meetings are opportunities to create friendships!

God has saw fit to send a number of stumbling blocks this year. We feel it has taught us to have faith and that by working together, anything is possible!

We started the year with Sue Robinson as President. She moved and was replaced by vice-president Phyllis Schnabl, who couldn't finish her term due to illness. Marion Treichel was elected president. Her term ended at the end of December and Bernice Baranyk was appointed acting president.

Bernice Baranyk (920-787-0318) *Acting President*

LP Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers

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. Eight 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 and Lutheran Girl Pioneers, national organizations, affiliated with WELS, but completely self-sufficient (no synod money goes to either the Boy or Girl Pioneers), were started about 60 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.

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.

Our eighth year at Peace, we celebrate with ten Girl Pioneers, seven Boy Pioneers and four 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) and we welcome this year Ahnsharee Klusmeyer as our assistant.

Our underlying theme this year is service. You will notice that our Pioneers have gotten into the service spirit! One project, the Peace Pantry, is up and running, and you will begin to notice others soon! We are learning that our service comes from what Jesus did for us! In October we hosted our annual Chili Dinner, in November we collected food and mittens and in December the Girl Pioneers hosted Advent by Candlelight and together with JAM Session, we went caroling to area nursing homes. In 2014, we are cleaning the church kitchen, having our annual lock-in, helping lead worship on Pioneer Sunday, hosting 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)

Beth Riedel (920-787-7078)

Ahnsharee Klusmeyer (920-539-3560)

LWMS

(Lutheran Women's Missionary Society)

Peace is a member of the Wolf River Circuit of the LWMS. The purpose of our organization is to support our Synod missionaries in whatever way we can (prayers, offerings, special gifts/cards). The Circuit hosts two rallies each year where all churches of the Circuit are invited. The rallies include fellowship among members, speakers from our Northern Wisconsin District and World Missionaries. Members of Peace are a large part of the attendance.

Barb Bartel is the Circuit's Spiritual Growth woman.

In 2013 our Spring Rally was held at Emanuel Lutheran in New London, with Pastor Tim Flunker as special speaker. Pastor Flunker is a traveling theological educator with a special talent working with Spanish speaking people.

Our Fall Rally was held at Immanuel Lutheran in Waupaca with Dean and Mary Schroeder relating their experiences as part of a group of WELS members known as TILM (Truth in Love to Mormons) in canvassing in Utah in June of 2012.

Our 2013 LWMS Annual Convention was held in La Crosse on June 27-30. This was the 50th Annual Convention of LWMS and held in the city where the First Convention was held. Five members of Peace attended this convention – Bernice Baranyk, Marilyn Chesbrough, Susie Frohman, Verona Kloehn, and Beverly Walker. The theme of the convention was "Like a Tree Planted by Streams of Water". What an indescribable experience we all had- singing in an auditorium with nearly 2,000 other WELS members and receiving the Lord's Supper in that same service was spiritually overwhelming! The missionary speakers and workshops were a joy to be a part of. We thank the members of the Evening Guild and Ladies Aid for providing the funds for our registration fee to attend. For lodging, meals and transportation we shared our expense.

We thank the Lord for you, the members of Peace, for your monetary support of LWMS, as well as your prayers. Please consider joining us as our next Rally, which will be held in April at Bethlehem Lutheran in Hortonville.

Marilynn Chesbrough (920-787-2519)

LWMS Reporter

Mornings with Mommy

We have been meeting on the first and third Monday of each month. So far, we have been able to serve and get to know 10 families. We have had a lot of fun singing and playing together, working on arts and crafts, and exploring fine and gross motor skills.

If you are interested, we still have some cookie cookbooks for sale for \$10. They make great gifts! We have brochures and business cards available to hand out to people you think could benefit from this program. Please see me, Everett Schulz, or stop by the church office to pick some up. The Lord is blessing us by allowing us to get to know some young families in our community and it only seems to be growing from here. Thank you for all of your prayers and financial support. We are truly blessed through you!

Ahnsharee Klusmeyer (920-539-3560)

Mornings with Mommy Program Director

Sunday School

We have classes for 2 years old through 6th grade (7 & 8 graders are invited to assist the Sunday School ministry or attend Bible Class).

Please see page three for a list of our staff.

We have started using a new curriculum specifically designed for Sunday School use. The teachers and students are enjoying using this resource. Please check your child's papers when they get home from Sunday School to see what they're learning. Sunday School is an extension of your family! We are here to assist families in their job of teaching and preparing these young Christians for life. If you ever have questions or issues about anything that your child is learning, please contact us! We encourage you to visit your child's class, to talk to your child's teacher and be as involved as possible!

Coming up, we will be singing for church services and we will be hosting coffee hour in March- watch for letters home about these things! The Sunday School staff would like to thank everyone who supports our ministry, financially, with prayers, and with service.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any concerns.

Bob Mitchell (920-291-5166)

Sunday School Superintendent