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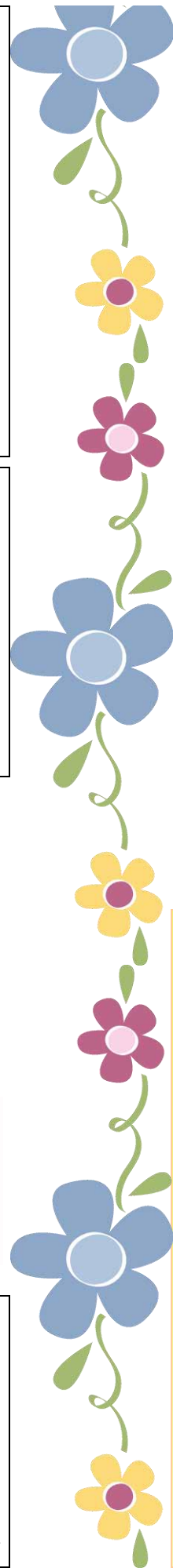
**Worship** every Sunday @ 9 am  
 every Thursday @ 7 pm  
**Sunday School** every Sunday @ 10:15 am  
**Bible Study** Sundays @ 10:30 am  
 Tuesdays @ 9 am  
 Thursdays @ 9 am & 7:45 pm  
**Choir** every Wednesday @ 7 pm  
**PeaceMakers** 2nd & 4th Wed. @ 1 pm  
**Confirmation** Level 1 Mondays @ 6 pm  
 Level 2 Wednesdays @ 6 pm  
**Pioneers** every second & last Sunday 1 pm  
**JAM Session** 1st & 3rd Wednesday 5:30 pm  
 (Teen youth group, 8th-12th grade)



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**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](mailto:peacelutheran@centurytel.net).



## Easter Reflections

by Helen Steiner Rice

With our EYES we see the beauty of Easter  
 as the earth awakens once more ....  
 With our EARS we hear the birds sing sweetly  
 to tell us Spring again is here ....  
 With our HANDS we pick the golden daffodils  
 and the fragrant hyacinths ....  
 But only with our HEARTS can we feel the  
 MIRACLE of GOD'S LOVE  
 which redeems all men ....  
 And only with our SOUL can we make  
 our "pilgrimage to God"  
 and inherit His Easter Gift of  
 ETERNAL LIFE.



## How Can I Put Myself in Your Place?

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In the 15th & 16th centuries, a peculiar arrangement existed in England. A companion was assigned to the crown prince to take punishment in his place. Since only a king could discipline his son, his surrogates were stuck when the monarch went away on business and the heir to the throne acted out. Enter the *whipping boy*. He bore the brunt of his royal buddy's mischief. The hope was that a friend's suffering would prick the conscience of the future king and curb his unruly behavior. Here's what I don't get. It was an *honor* to take a beating on behalf of a naughty prince.

That kind of servitude seems absurd today. In a tit-for-tat society, people receive what they have coming to them one way or the other. So we make assumptions about people and their lot in life. We are tempted to screen for worthiness before we help. But followers of Jesus appreciate that being a servant is, by definition, unfair. God proved it. The ruler of everything saw what we needed. God *begot* something of himself in our place. He wasn't deterred by the fact that we brought misery on ourselves. He was intent on altering the consequences and giving us a new life. Jesus served by sacrificing himself for all people. That changed everything for you and me. It saved us and made serving others essential to the Christian way of life. It begs us to ask, how can I put myself in your place? How can I make things better for you?

The opportunities are everywhere. Children are poor. Older folks run out of resources. Mere acquaintances share the same living space just to get by. Mental health issues are prevalent. The disabled live isolated from the rest of the community. People look a little desperate. This is not some far-off land. This is the neighborhood I walk every day and maybe yours too. On bad days we just want to take care of our own. On better days we insist that someone should do something.

I know. Getting tangled up in someone else's neediness is scary. But it's what servants do. Never underestimate the difference we can make by showing up, because the alternative for some folks is nothing at all. Doing right by them is a delicate matter. We are talking serving; not rescuing, accusing, or bossing around. Their dignity is already in tatters. Approaching them with humility, kindness and respect can thaw the chill that exists between people from different worlds. When suspicion dissolves and trust forms, we can roll up our sleeves and have the privilege of putting ourselves in their place and making things better for them. And because so few people are really acquainted with Jesus, our service can be a very nice introduction.

But, please expect Christian service to be a one-way street. Some acts are voluntary and some get compensated. Some are celebrated and others go unnoticed or are quickly forgotten. None of that matters. What makes serving others so liberating is that there is nothing in it for us. There's no hidden agenda. There's no expectation of a payoff. There are no strings attached. Yet, large or small, acts of service are deeply satisfying because they fulfill what our Lord ordained us to be. "*We are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing*" (2 Corinthians 2:15). Serving others is all about honoring our King.

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Let the little children  
 come to me ....

LUKE 18:16



## The Aftershock

You don't have to live near the San Andreas Fault in California in order to have experienced an earthquake. In the last 30 days (March and the end of February), over 8,000 earthquakes of varying magnitude have shaken a number of places around the world, 5 of which were registered as significant.

It is not always the earthquake itself that presents the greatest threat, however. Often it is the aftershock, or vibrations in the ground after the initial tremors, that inflicts even more of an impact on people and communities.

Let me tell you about one historic earthquake. To say that this quake "rocked the world" is a bit of an understatement. Perhaps it is more accurate to say that the earthquake which took place in Jerusalem around 30 AD shook the history of this world, and its aftershocks continue to be felt to this day.

You will find the report very interesting:

**Matthew 27:50-54** (NIV1984) <sup>50</sup> *When Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, He gave up His spirit. <sup>51</sup> At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. <sup>52</sup> The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. <sup>53</sup> They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people. <sup>54</sup> When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely He was the Son of God!"*

To many in our world, the fact that the Son of God died while secured with nails to rough, wooden beams on a hill outside of Jerusalem is uninteresting, at best. But to Christians, this single event in history is one of the most important happenings of all time. Christians correctly understand this as the almighty LORD of the universe sacrificing His only Son to pay the ultimate price for human sin and guilt. Jesus Christ suffered the agonizing pain of hell as He hung on Calvary's cross for those three awful, unnaturally dark hours.

It bends all human reasoning completely askew to consider how God the Father could abandon God the Son on that day we rightly commemorate as Good Friday. But know this and believe it: Jesus suffered and died for you, dear reader. His blood was spilled for your sins. Trust in Him as your Savior. Believing in Him as the Lamb of sacrifice, the guilt and shame you have amassed against God's holy demands have been erased. With blood. Christ's holy blood. For the blood of Jesus, God's Son, purifies us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:7).

What a monumental, history-shaking moment. The LORD's promise to defeat the devil and to eradicate the power of sin had finally come to fruition. The impossible list of Old Testament sacrifices was neatly and perfectly completed in this one, absolutely faultless offering. The old evil foe was crushed. The curse of sin was paid. Peace with the Almighty had been won. This was demonstrated in the miraculous shredding of the mighty curtain in the Temple, as our Savior willingly gave up His final breath. That tall and wide and heavy curtain which separated the priests from God's presence in the Most Holy Place (the Holy of Holies), for the very first time, stood open. What a picture of peace! What a wondrous display of the powerful accomplishment achieved by Christ in His death. We now have been reconciled with the almighty God through the blood of Christ. Heaven is our home through faith in Jesus Christ. *"For the dwelling of God is with men. He will live with them* (Revelation 21:3)."

The earthquake which rocked Jerusalem to its core was followed by a powerful aftershock. The graves of dead Christians were opened and they were raised to life, given another opportunity to witness to this world's only Savior. And a ranking Roman soldier, who witnessed the horrifying yet strangely comforting events on Calvary, confessed with his lips that this Jesus was not just another condemned criminal: *"Surely He was the Son of God!"*

After the earthquake, the aftershocks continued to shake hearts and lives. Many who had initially rejected Jesus' testimony, later believed in Him after He rose from the grave. Even some of the brazen religious leaders who had so violently opposed Him, calling for His death by crucifixion, later confessed Jesus Christ as their Lord (Acts 21:20)!

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## A Short Story

### I Need More...STRENGTH

After several attempts of twisting and tapping, the lid just wouldn't budge. "Honey, can you open this for me?" Her teenage son is eager to flex his muscles. He opens the jar and hands it back to his mother.

Life is sometimes like that jar, isn't it? Sometimes we just don't have the strength we need to tackle what's in front of us. Not the strength it takes to move a piano or to change a flat tire, but the strength we need to raise our children or to stay married to someone who is so difficult to live with. We need the strength it takes to go to work and deal with people who are rude, inconsiderate and lazy, or to walk to the mailbox that contains bills we'll have difficulty paying.

#### I need more strength!

*"Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth...He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak...Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."* (Isaiah 40:28-31)



What should we do when we need more strength? Hand that jar over to the Lord. He has all the strength we need and so much more. After all, he is the One who created the earth and everything in it. More than that, this strong, wise, loving God came to earth in the person of Jesus Christ. The all-powerful God came in human weakness to rescue us from sin and death. He was condemned and crucified. Weakness, right? No! Strength! Jesus used his strength to remain on that cross until every last sin of ours had been paid for. His empty tomb proves it. *"Jesus was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead"* (Romans 1:4). Death has been defeated! The guilt of sin before God has been removed! By trusting in Jesus, life in heaven is waiting for us.

Need more strength? The One who created the earth has it. The One who died and rose for you has it. He is the One who gives us the strength to face each day with fresh confidence. Find that strength in his Word. And then be ready to soar. Be ready to soar on eagles' wings with renewed strength! Be ready to soar on eagles' wings through every challenge of life! Be ready to soar on eagles' wings to the home that Jesus has prepared for you in heaven!



#### Answers to "Can You Outsmart a Sunday Schooler?"

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| 1. (d) all of the above (Matt. 21:8-9)                    | 2. (d) kiss (Matt 26:49)                      |
| 3. (d) all of the above (Matt 26:57; 27:11-13; Luke 23:7) | 4. (c) Simon of Cyrene (Matt 27:32)           |
| 5. (c) 3 (Luke 23:38; John 19:19)                         | 6. (b) Joseph of Arimathea (Matthew 27:57-60) |
| 7. (c) 3 (John 19:25)                                     | 8. (d) Mary Magdalene (John 20:1)             |
| 9. (a) an angel (Matthew 28:2)                            | 10. (b) the linen clothes (John 20:6)         |



## LWMS Convention



The 50th annual Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) convention will be held June 27-30 in La Crosse. The location was chosen because the very first convention was held in the same area, across the Mississippi River in Winona, Minn.

Jackie Hieb, LWMS president, says that while LWMS is traditionally a women's organization, men are welcome to attend the convention, too, to learn more about WELS mission work.

The convention will be displaying replicas of past convention banners. In addition, attendees are encouraged to wear vintage dress for the Saturday evening banquet and entertainment, and

LWMS members will be performing an original musical taking viewers through 50 years of change in LWMS and its continuous focus on missions.

"Worshiping with over a thousand fellow believers at the opening and closing services is like a small taste of heaven. Hearing from missionaries, their wives, and nationals is inspiring and motivating. I guarantee if you come to one convention you'll want to come to every one. The joy and love for mission work and sharing Jesus is contagious," says Hieb.

The early bird registration deadline is April 1, and the fee is \$75. After April 1, the fee is \$95 and the deadline is May 1. To register, visit [www.lwms2013convention.com](http://www.lwms2013convention.com).

### Can You Outsmart a Sunday Schooler?

#### Jesus' Crucifixion & Resurrection

**Galatians 2:20** "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me."

Christ's crucifixion and resurrection are the most important events to ever happen in the world.

Scoring: 8+ - smarter than a Sunday schooler; 5-7 - are you still in Sunday school?; 4 or less - go back to Sunday school.

**1. The week before his crucifixion, Jesus entered Jerusalem and was greeted with:**

- A) hosannas B) strewn garments C) branches of a tree D) all of the above

**2. Jesus was betrayed with a:**

- A) handshake B) pointing finger C) face slap D) kiss

**3. Jesus was tried before:**

- A) Caiaphas B) Pilate C) Herod D) all the above

**4. Who helped carry Jesus' cross?**

- A) Peter B) Roman soldier C) Simon of Cyrene D) a slave

**5. The sign Pilate put on Jesus' cross said "The King of the Jews" in how many languages?**

- A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4

**6. Who gave his tomb for Jesus to be buried in?**

- A) Nicodemus B) Joseph of Arimathea C) Peter D) Lazarus

**7. How many Marys stood at the foot of the cross?**

- A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4

**8. Who came first to the tomb on the first day of the week?**

- A) Peter B) John C) Mary, Jesus' mother D) Mary Magdalene

**9. Who rolled the stone away?**

- A) an angel B) the women C) Jesus' disciples D) Roman soldiers

**10. What was left in the tomb?**

- A) nothing B) the linen clothes C) some spices D) an angel



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But the rippling aftershocks of that earthquake are not confined to time or the area around Golgotha. For even in our hearts today, we feel the powerfully resonating tremors that rocked the world on that first Good Friday. We, too, stand forgiven in the blood of the Lamb. Our guilt has been removed! We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Listen to His cry: "It is finished (John 19:30)!" He died for you! See the place where they laid His lifeless body. Hear the angel's early morning Easter announcement: "He is not here. He is risen (Matthew 28:6)." Jesus lives! For you. And He is preparing a home in heaven for you and for everyone who clings to Him in faith.

Treasure the Word daily, dear Christian, using the Gospel to guide your steps in a life of joyful service to the Lord. Run in gratitude and faith to your loving, living Savior. And spread the Word. The aftershock of Jesus' death and resurrection will continue to shake hearts and lives until He returns in glory.

Pastor Roger Riedel

## Name that Tree!

Groups and committees are able to put their non-budgeted requests on the tree via the Stewardship Committee and the congregation is able to donate to these various groups in very specific ways. But we need your help! We need a name for our tree. On the back table in the fellowship hall, put your suggestion on a leaf, and place it in the basket. Please see Everett Schulz (414-940-3293) for more information or with any questions. THANK YOU!

## Blue Ribbon Kids Day



If anyone is interested in helping at the Pioneers booth at Blue Ribbon Kids Day on the morning of Saturday, April 6, please see Christine Bohn (920-765-2147).

We will be scheduling our helpers in one hour increments, so please let Christine know what times you'll be available.

*Blue Ribbon Kids Day is a free family-friendly event and is held at Parkside Middle School, Wautoma, from 8:30 am- 12 pm.*

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and Waushara County celebrates families at this annual family fun and resource fair. The free event features lively entertainment, hands-on activities and informational exhibits for parents and children, including fire trucks and ambulances, bouncy castles, clowns, petting zoos, face painting and good old-fashion fun.



Join the Peace Lutheran Pioneers for our annual trip to see the

## Timber Rattlers Baseball Game

**Saturday, June 8th**

Tailgating at 4 pm Game at 6:35 pm

*Fireworks immediately after the game*

**Only 80 seats available!**

\$6 per ticket

*\$5 parking fee, per vehicle*

Bring a lawn chair and a dish-to-pass. The Pioneers will supply brats, hot dogs, soda, water and all paperware. Please see Kevin Bohn (920-765-2146) to reserve your tickets!





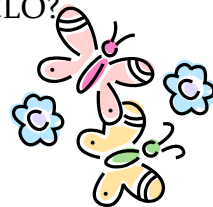


## Save the Date!

**WELS Church Librarians' Organization  
Fall Conference to be Held at Peace  
Saturday, September 21, 2013 9 am- 3 pm**  
**Speakers:**

**Ren Kremer**, from *Kremer Publishing*  
"Amish Churches and Schools"

**Anna Bartsch**, former missionary to Bulgaria  
Our church librarians, Emily Riedel and Emily Bohn, are thrilled to announce that the Fall 2013 WELS Church Librarians' Organization (WELS-CLO) Conference will be held here at Peace on Sept. 21, 2013. Watch the *Messenger of Peace* and the bulletins for updates! Want to help out at the Conference or have questions about the WELS-CLO? Please see Emily Riedel or Emily Bohn.



## Outreach News

Good News! Our worship times were shared with listeners of 102.3 WAUH radio, over the last 1 1/2 weeks before Easter. We are thankful for having had that blessing. Additionally, Peace held it's first Easter for Kids on the 16th of March. Despite having had a light turn out, fun was had by all. Later this month information will be shared on new Peace Lutheran Church T-Shirts- watch for updates in the bulletin. Also, the month of May will feature two formal opportunities to invite friends to join us for worship. These are a Friendship/Name Tag Sunday and our Ascension Service with an Ice Cream Social following. Please give prayer and thought to you could invite.

Finally, we are looking for more input on evangelism work and would like to have a committee formed before summer. Please give prayerful consideration to whether this might be YOUR calling. Contact Ken Kasper, Outreach Chairman, for more information at (715) 942-6273.

### Thought for April:

**The phrase "Keep The Faith" doesn't mean keep it to yourself!**



## Pioneers Pine Car Derby

With about 65 people in attendance, the Pioneers 7th Annual Pine Car Derby, held on Sunday, February 24, was a success! With many first-time entrants in our Open Class, the races were fast and there were several upsets! After seven years of first place racing, Kevin Bohn lost to not only six other people, but his to biggest rival Pastor Riedel, after losing a tire during one of his last heats. First place for speed in the Open Class went to Roger Jansen, a first-time entrant, with an average speed of 190.9 miles per hour.

The Buckaroos and Sunbeams (our Kindergarten-2nd graders) winner was TJ Klusmeyer, followed closely by his sister Kali (who told me that next year, TJ gets less weights and she gets more!). The Pioneers division is for all Pioneers, grades 3 and up. The speed winner was Emily Bohn.

Consider joining us next year for a great afternoon of racing, fellowship, snacks and fun!

*Thank you to our judges, Mike Purtee, Connie Odegard, and Judy Schulz. Thank you to our wonderful announcer and cheer captain, Bernice Baranyk.*

*Thank you to our cheerleaders, Judy Schulz and Lu Sittig.*

### Speed Results

Open Class	Bckrs/Snbms	LP/LGP
1. Roger Jansen	1. TJ Klusmeyer	1. Emily Bohn
2. Connie Odegard	2. Kali Klusmyer	2. Rebecca Bohn
3. Mason Sittig	3. Mary Riedel	3. Emily Riedel
4. Pat Campbell	4. Karri Kragin	4. Tucker Bohn
5. Shawn Purtee	5. Ben Sigourney	5. Sam Riedel
6. Pastor Riedel		6. Korri Kragin
7. Kevin Bohn		7. Hunter Thomas
8. Rachel Riedel		8. Kaleb Kragin
9. Jason Welty		9. Susan Riedel
10. Abby		10. Issy Silvas



## Baptisms

**Sunday, February 17, 2013**

Boone Davis Welty, born 1-10-2013, infant son of Jason & Betsey Welty

**Sunday, March 17, 2013**

Erica Michelle Rooney, born 2-20-2013, infant daughter of Michael & Cheryl Rooney

## HYMN WRITERS WANTED!

Any hymn writers out there? Two WELS members are again sponsoring a "Hymn Writer Challenge." The challenge is to write an original hymn text about the role of a Christian father as spiritual leader in his home, based on the following Martin Luther quote:

*"Therefore this [authority over your children] has been given and instituted so that you raise your children and teach them God's Word, to know God, fear and believe in him. In this way a father should actually be the bishop and pastor of his own home. For to him by rights belongs the same office, over his children and servants, that a bishop has over his people."*

*(translated from Luthers Sämmtliche Schriften, 1894, Vol. III, p.194, exposition of Gen. 10:1-12)*

- Entries must be submitted by Apr. 30, 2013.
- The first place prize is \$300.00.
- For entry forms, more info, or to read the winning hymn texts from previous years, visit [www.hymnwriterchallenge.com](http://www.hymnwriterchallenge.com) or write to P.O. Box 562, Waupun, WI 53963.

## Arbor Day Clean Up



Everyone is invited to join us for our annual Arbor Day Clean Up on May 4 at 9 am. Bring your rakes, shovels, work gloves and chainsaws.

Want to help, but outside work is too much? There are plenty of closets that need to be cleaned and window sills to be dusted! A light lunch will be served.

Please see Bob Mitchell (920-291-5156) with any questions!



## Birthdays

- 4/1 Bernice Baranyk
- 4/2 Teri Jo Fendler
- 4/4 Cindy Roebke  
Steve Jansen
- 4/6 Emily McLeod
- 4/8 Ole Anderson
- 4/10 Jo Kraus  
Hannah Klusmeyer
- 4/11 Kathy Stubbe
- 4/12 Beatrice Broehm
- 4/13 Bailey Blader-Lucht
- 4/15 Pat Campbell  
Nancy Klusmeyer
- 4/16 Brooke Blader-Lucht
- 4/19 Nathan Klapoetke
- 4/21 Ardis Spuhler  
Brayden Klapoetke
- 4/22 Jackson Wedell
- 4/24 Roger Odegard
- 4/27 Darlene Jansen
- 4/28 Rebecka Richards
- 4/29 Morgan Rohrbaugh



## Anniversaries

- 4/8 Dick & Chris Anderson (41)
- 4/22 Roger & Darlene Jansen (46)
- 4/25 Harry & Jeannette Thom (60)



*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](mailto:peacelutheran@centurytel.net).*



## Church Library Hours

Thursday & Sunday:  
Before & after the service  
Monday-Friday: 9 am- 3 pm