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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



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

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.

“Come ye after me,
and I will make you to
become fishers of men.”

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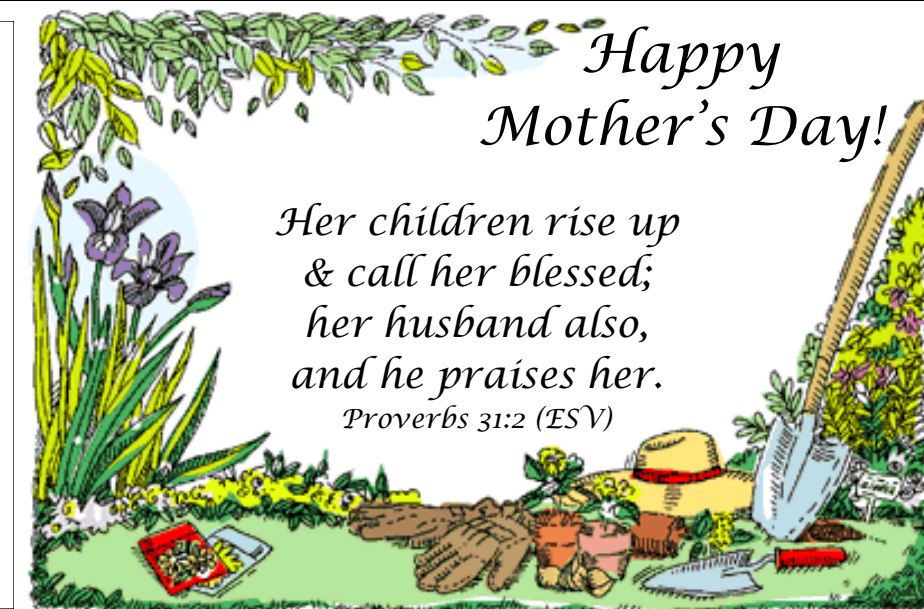
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Camp Phillip Sunday, April 7, 2013

Thanks to Matthew Bown, program director at Camp Phillip,
for coming to Sunday School on April 7 and having a “campfire” with us!

For information about Camp Phillip, please visit their website at www.campphillip.com or call 787-3202.



Singing



Matthew leading our “campfire.”



Mrs. Schroeder & TJ
being crocodiles.



Being the 12 men who
went to spy on Canaan.



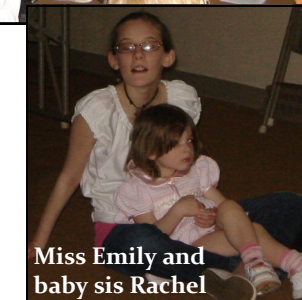
We have our “Cs” ready!



Snapping crocodiles!

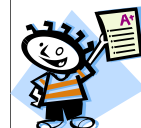


Big hugs all around
during one of the songs




Miss Emily and
baby sis Rachel

The Final Exam

 It's that time of year again, isn't it? Grade school, high school, college, trade school or technical college, university – wherever students are studying, the day of final examinations must arrive. It always does. That is our opportunity to show our teacher, instructor, or professor how much we have learned over the past months of study.

We had an interesting 'final exam' in our church on April 21st. It was the culmination of several years of study, quizzes, and testing. In a public question and answer forum, students presented themselves for confirmation in Christian faith and doctrine. These young disciples of the living Lord demonstrated a faith that is built on the very words of God and a knowledge of the truths of holy Scripture.


The confirmands spoke about the comforting fact that the Bible is God's own unshakable Word, powerful and true in every way. The two main teachings of God's Book are the Law - which condemns us to hell because of our sins; and the Gospel - which comforts us with the forgiveness of sins we receive through faith in our Savior, Jesus Christ. (Romans 3:23-24)

 Their examination also included questions on the Sacrament of Holy Baptism – God's simple-looking but powerful little bath which connects the baptized person to Jesus' cross. Baptism forgives sin, creates new faith in the heart of an infant, and strengthens faith in the heart of one who is baptized at an older age. (John 3:5, Acts 2:38-39, Titus 3:5)

In addition, we discussed the Sacrament of Holy Communion – God's sacred meal in which repentant Christians who have received thorough instruction about Jesus' Supper miraculously receive with the unleavened bread and grape wine the very body and blood of Jesus. In the Lord's Supper, Jesus personally forgives the communicant of his sins, strengthens his faith, and assures the repentant Christian of his eternal home in heaven through faith in Christ. (1 Corinthians 10:16 & 11:23-26, Matthew 26:26-28)

Tests at the close of the school year and the public confirmation of young Christians are only 'final exams' in one sense. Students and confirmands have reached a milestone in their lives by completing a prescribed course of study. But personal growth and knowledge are not finished at this crucial time in their lives. We are always learning and growing and applying lessons we have learned to the days ahead.

But there is a day that approaches which can correctly be referred to as "The Final Exam." Some unwisely blow it off as trivial and irrelevant, and in the process judge themselves as the fools they are. Others cower in terror and guilt, totally unprepared as that day looms ever closer. Still others prepare on a regular basis to meet the Lord - reading and studying God's Word, worshiping in God's house and receiving the Sacraments, growing in faith and knowledge of God's redeeming love for them in Christ Jesus.

 Student of the Word, this is my encouragement for you (myself included): Please carefully study the whole text book for God's final exam. The following passages are just a few notes to assist you in preparation for the day on which you will meet the Almighty.

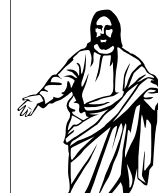
2 Timothy 3:14-15 *Continue in what you have learned...from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.*

2 Peter 3:18 *Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

Hebrews 10:25 *Let us not give up meeting together...but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

Revelation 2:10 Jesus says, "Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life."

Revelation 22:7,12 Jesus says, "Behold, I am coming soon!"

 Get ready. There will be a test. One day soon we will face our righteous, heavenly Father. Confessing our sins to Him with repentant hearts, and believing in Jesus as our Savior from sin, we can rest assured of an "A+" on the day of our 'final exam.' Not because we studied so hard or were such great students, but resting purely on the grace of our Lord. The Holy Spirit has created faith in our hearts to believe in Jesus, who has rescued us from our sins and opened heaven's doors to all who trust in Him alone for salvation and eternal life.

Ephesians 2:8-9 - *It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.*

Pastor Roger Riedel

2013 First Quarter Financial Statement

BEGINNING BALANCE – January 1, 2013 (checking acct) 10,998.62

RECEIPTS

General Fund	57,856.66
Gifts	4,214.60
Checking Acct. Interest	3.18
Reimbursements	17.00
Memorial	100.00
Total Receipts	62,191.44

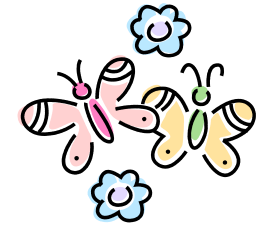
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS 73,190.06

EXPENDITURES

Pastors Salary	10,169.01
Mileage Allowance	-
Housing Equity	610.00
Organist	(810.00) 748.03
Office Secretary	(4,265.00) 3,717.72
Custodians	(1,520.00) 1,403.71
Treasurer/Financial Secretary	(250.00) 230.88
Social Security & Withholding Tax	2,120.92
Health Insurance	4,932.00
Pension	568.00
Guest Pastor/Organist	523.80
Electric	1,217.92
Heat	1,503.00
Water & Sewer	625.41
Telephone	186.16
Bldg. & Grds.	2,322.99
Insurance (BLDG,LIAB,WC)	-
Local Missions	-
Communication/Ed Budget	1,085.87
Outreach Committee Budget	45.00
Stewardship Committee Budget	20.74
Kitchen Supplies Budget	127.90
Worship Committee Budget	-
Evening Guild Budget	80.10
Financial Secretary Budget	424.96
Office Budget	433.52
Treasurer Budget	281.01
School Tuition	4,500.00
Missions	5,700.00
WLCFS	300.00
Institutional Min.	300.00
Camp Phillip	450.00
LWMS dues	75.00
Peace Improvement Fund	-
Misc./Other	17.00
Non-Budget Expenditures	3,377.00
Total Expenditures	48,097.65

ENDING BALANCE – March 31, 2013 (checking acct) 25,092.41

Funds Balance in the checking acct	21,027.15
Total Usable Funds	4,065.26



FUNDS BALANCE

Pastor education	193.19
JAM Session	752.10
Sunday School	171.50
Hymnals	20.30
Library	-
Choir	765.13
Hearing Devices	200.30
Pioneers	837.72
Organ Fund	1,661.07
Student Assistance	1,018.17
Playground Equipment	219.38
LWMS	323.00
Improvement Fund	7,651.29
Storage Bldg Fund	7,214.00
Total Checking Acct.	21,027.15



First Quarter Budget 1/1/2013-3/31/2013

REVENUES	2013	1ST QTR	ACTUAL
General Fund	189,000.00	47,250.00	57,856.66
Interest	0.00	.00	3.18
Total Revenues	189,000.00	47,250.00	57,859.84
EXPENDITURES			
Pastor-salary	40,676.00	10,169.00	10,169.01
Mileage Allowance	4,000.00	1,000.00	.00
Housing Equity	610.00	152.50	610.00
Organist	2,700.00	675.00	810.00
Office Sec.	15,600.00	3,900.00	4,265.00
Custodian	4,800.00	1,200.00	1,520.00
Treasure/Financial Secretary	1,000.00	250.00	250.00
Social Security Tax Paid	5,322.00	1,330.50	1,405.61
Health Insurance	18,000.00	4,500.00	4,932.00
Pension	2,100.00	525.00	568.00
Guest Pastor/Organist	1,200.00	300.00	523.80
Electricity	5,000.00	1,250.00	1,217.92
Heat	7,000.00	1,750.00	1,503.00
Water & Sewer	2,600.00	650.00	625.41
Telephone	750.00	187.50	186.16
Bldg. & Grds.	13,500.00	3,375.00	2,427.03
Insurance (BLDG,LIAB,WC)	5,000.00	1,250.00	.00
Local Missions			
Communication - Education Budget	8,859.00	2,214.75	1,085.87
Outreach Committee Budget	1,200.00	300.00	45.00
Stewardship Committee Budget	0.00	.00	20.74
Kitchen Supplies Budget	600.00	150.00	127.90
Worship Committee Budget	500.00	125.00	
Evening Guild Budget	500.00	125.00	80.10
Financial Secretary Budget	460.00	115.00	424.96
Office Budget	2,300.00	575.00	433.52
Treasurer Budget	280.00	70.00	281.01
School Tuition	13,500.00	3,375.00	4,500.00
Missions	22,800.00	5,700.00	5,700.00
WLCFS	1,200.00	300.00	300.00
Institutional Min.	1,200.00	300.00	300.00
Camp Phillip	1,800.00	450.00	450.00
LWMS	75.00	18.75	75.00
Peace Improvement Fund	3,600.00	900.00	900.00
Misc./Other	268.00	67.00	17.00
Total Expenditures:	189,000.00	47,250.00	45,754.04



Church News

DNR Warden Visits the Pioneers

DNR Warden Carl Messman, Wautoma, joined us for our meeting on April 14. He talked about ecosystems (and how humans and beavers can change them), types of animals found in Wisconsin (including bobcats--did you know they were here?), how to tell a predator from a prey by their teeth, how to tie four different types of knots essential for camping, and how to use a compass.



DNR Warden Carl Messman

Talking about Wisconsin's ecosystem and how it has changed

Having fun with a raccoon pelt

Different kinds of teeth help us to know if an animal is a predator or a prey.

Warden Messman brought pelts of native Wisconsin animals



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!





Church News

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.



Peace Librarians Attend Spring Conference

On Saturday, April 13, our two church librarians, Emily Riedel and Emily Bohn, attended the WELS-Church Librarians' Organization (WELS-CLO) Spring Conference at St. Peter's, Fond du Lac. Emily and Emily enjoyed browsing through the NPH book sale, attending the presentations and talking with the WELS-CLO president, Sharon Bell-ing, about the upcoming Fall Conference that will be hosted by Peace on September 21. They also got to take a tour of the St. Peter's church and school.



WHAT'S NEW IN LWMS

Again, as I have so often said before, "Thank you members of Peace for your generous offerings to the Wolf River Circuit of LWMS." Such support is used, by God's grace, for missionary projects that help spread God's Word here in the United States home missions and mis-sions around the world.

Five ladies from Peace will be attending the 50th Anni-versary International LWMS Rally in La Crosse, June 27 -30. A grateful "thank you" to the members of Evening Guild and Ladies Aid for supporting these ladies by re-imbursing them for the registration fee assessed each attendee. The fee is \$75 per person and that is a great financial help as each attendee is responsible for their own transportation, lodging and meals. A wonderful mission outreach for Peace. Members attending are Bernice Baranyk, Susie Frohman, Bev Walker, Marilynn Chesbrough and Verona Kloehn.

We just completed our Wolf River Spring Rally on Sat., April 13. The rally was held at Emanuel Ev. Lu-theran Church, New London. Pastor Timothy Flunker addressed the rally members with his expert knowledge and personality to work with Hispanic people every-where. He speaks Spanish fluently and is a great teacher and coordinator for congregations with Spanish -speaking people needing to hear and learn God's Word.

News on our Befriend a Mission Program (BAM): Peace has been assigned three new missionaries to support in prayer, cards, and other acts of kindness and love. These missionaries are:

Pastor Youn Soo Park of Hold Trinity Lutheran Church in Des Moines, WA (Korean)

Pastor Benjamin Zahn, Amazing Grace Lutheran Church in Myrtle Beach, SC

Adam Gawel, Wuhan, China
(notice the absence of title due to sensitive security reasons)

We will try to update members of Peace on news from these missionaries as we receive them.

All members of the LWMS continue to strongly support the Central Africa Medical Mission (CAMM). Please keep them and all our missionaries for Christ in your prayers.

The Fall LWMS Wolf River Circuit Rally will be held at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Waupaca. Date will be determined.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilynn Chesbrough (920-787-2519)
Reporter



News About Our Church Family

Baptisms

Andre Stern, infant son of Renee Winkelmann, born on Feb. 11, 2013, baptized on Sunday, March 31. Godparents: Larry Anderson & Nicole Winkelmann

Confirmations

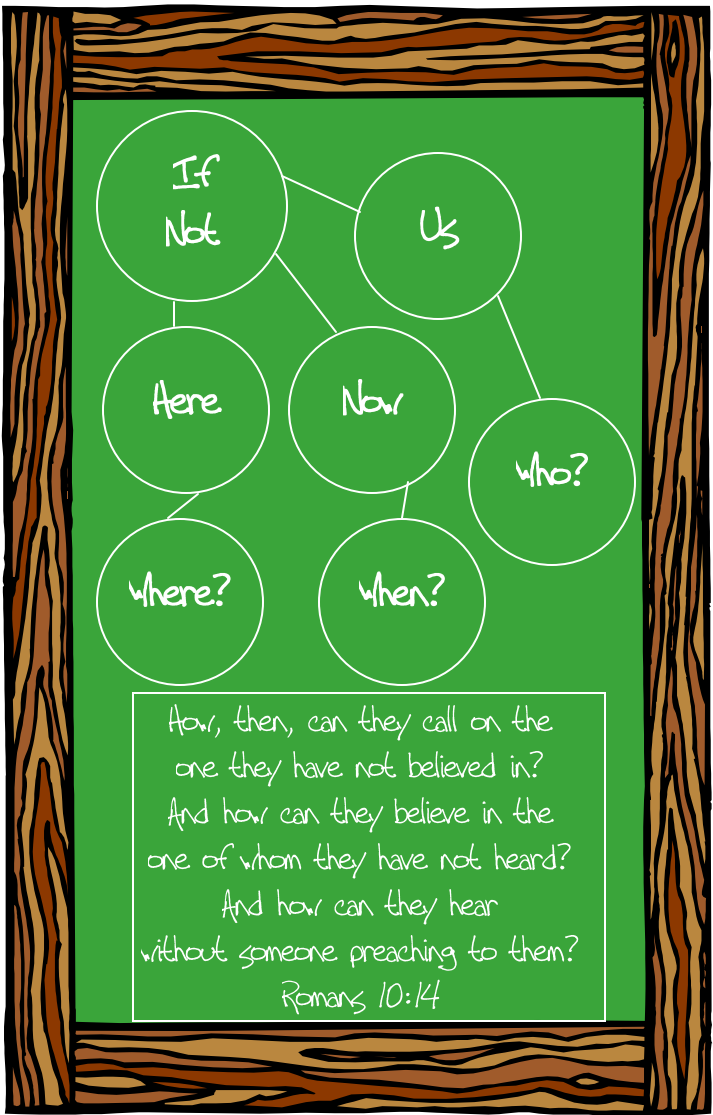
God's blessings on our recent confirmands:
Emily Riedel
Nolan Trinrud

Graduates

God's blessings on our 2013 graduate:
Wes Hetcher, Wautoma High School

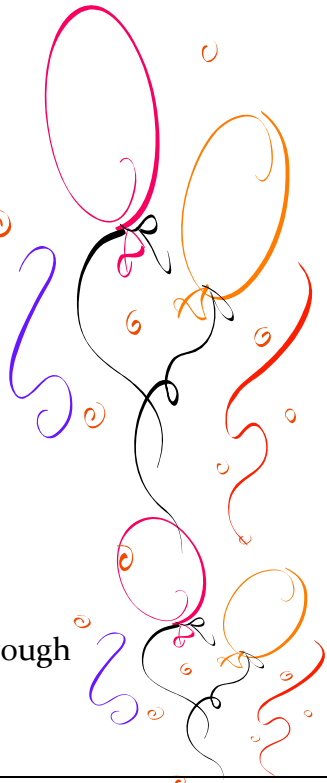
New Phone Number

Allen & Marion Treichel
608-335-1570 (Al)
608-333-6581 (Marion)



Birthdays

- 5/1 Arden Fenner
- 5/3 Lenny McKay
- 5/7 DuWayne Bartel
Ellen Hetcher
- 5/10 Tyler Roebke
- 5/13 Nate Sigourney
- 5/14 Darryl Ast
- 5/15 Casey Wedde
- 5/16 Judah Hansen
- 5/20 Ruth Sampson
- 5/23 Dallas Krueger
- 5/24 Ray McTavish
Marion Treichel
Pat Johnson
- 5/28 Marilynn Chesbrough
Verona Kloehn
- 5/31 Lisa Bartel



Anniversaries

- 5/10 Bob & Marilynn Chesbrough (22)
- 5/14 Jim & RaeAnn Bower (47)
- 5/20 Eugene & Michelle Wedde (18)
Peter & Trish Reitz (6)



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.

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!